



COTSWOLD
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Wednesday, 25 September 2024

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CABINET

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX on **Thursday, 3 October 2024 at 6.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet
(Councillors Joe Harris, Mike Evemy, Claire Bloomer, Tony Dale, Paul Hodgkinson, Juliet Layton, Mike McKeown and Lisa Spivey)

Recording of Proceedings – The law allows the public proceedings of Council, Cabinet, and Committee Meetings to be recorded, which includes filming as well as audio-recording. Photography is also permitted.

As a matter of courtesy, if you intend to record any part of the proceedings please let the Committee Administrator know prior to the date of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence. The quorum for Cabinet is 3 members.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.
3. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 14)**
To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 September 2024.
4. **Leader's Announcements**
To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.
5. **Public Questions**
To deal with questions from the public within the open forum question and answer session of fifteen minutes in total. Questions from each member of the public should be no longer than one minute each and relate to issues under the Cabinet's remit. At any one meeting no person may submit more than two questions and no more than two such questions may be asked on behalf of one organisation.

The Leader will ask whether any members of the public present at the meeting wish to ask a question and will decide on the order of questioners.

The response may take the form of:

- a) a direct oral answer;
- b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

6. **Member Questions**
No Member Questions have been submitted prior to the publication of the agenda.

A Member of the Council may ask the Leader or a Cabinet Member a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the Cotswold District. A maximum period of fifteen minutes shall be allowed at any such meeting for Member questions.

A Member may only ask a question if:

- a) the question has been delivered in writing or by electronic mail to the Chief Executive no later than 5.00 p.m. on the working day before the day of the meeting; or
- b) the question relates to an urgent matter, they have the consent of the Leader to whom the question is to be put and the content of the question is given to the Chief Executive by 9.30 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

An answer may take the form of:

- a) a direct oral answer;
- b) where the desired information is in a publication of the Council or other

- published work, a reference to that publication; or
- c) where the reply cannot conveniently be given orally, a written answer circulated later to the questioner.

7. Issue(s) Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit and Governance

To receive any recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or to consider any matters raised by the Audit and Governance Committee.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit and Governance Committee have not met since the previous meeting of Cabinet.

8. Petition: Retain the Public Toilets in the High Street/Market Square, Stow-on-the-Wold (Pages 15 - 18)

Purpose

For Cabinet to consider a petition submitted under the Local Petition Scheme (Part F of the Constitution) which has been referred to Cabinet by full Council.

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to either:

1. Agree to the petition request to keep open the public conveniences in the High Street / Market Square, Stow-on-the-Wold and instead close the public conveniences in Mangersbury Road; or
2. Agree to note the petition and take no further action.

9. Green Economic Growth Strategy Refresh (Pages 19 - 70)

Purpose

To agree a refreshed version of the Council's Green Economic Growth Strategy for consultation and to note the adoption by Gloucestershire County Council of the Gloucestershire Economic Strategy.

Recommendations

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Approve the draft Green Economic Growth Strategy for a four-week period of consultation as set out in Section 4.
2. Receive a further report setting out the results of the consultation and any amendments to the strategy arising from it to enable Cabinet to consider the strategy for adoption.
3. Note the adoption of the Gloucestershire Economic Strategy by Gloucestershire County Council's Cabinet.

10. Public Health Funeral Policy (Pages 71 - 82)

Purpose

To consider and approve a new policy in respect of Public Health Funerals

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Approve the Public Health Funeral Policy

11. **Storage of Non-Motor Vehicles and Structures on the Public Highway Policy** (Pages 83 - 102)

Purpose

To consider and approve a new Policy in respect of the enforcement of Storage of Non-Motor Vehicles and Structures on the Public Highway

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Approve the Policy set out in Annex A

12. **Long-Term Empty Property Strategy 2024 - 2029** (Pages 103 - 128)

Purpose

To present an updated Long Term Empty Property Strategy to support the management of long-term empty properties within Cotswold district

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Approve the implementation of the Long-Term Empty Property Strategy for 2024 - 2025

13. **Assets of Community Value - Process Review** (Pages 129 - 144)

Purpose

To evaluate the current procedures and practices involved in the determination of Assets of Community Value (ACV). This review aims to assess the efficacy and transparency of the process by which assets are nominated, reviewed, and ultimately listed or rejected as ACVs. By identifying strengths and weaknesses in the current process, this review seeks to provide actionable insights and recommendations to enhance decision-making, and ensure compliance with legal and policy frameworks, to better serve the interests of the community.

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Consider the recommendations in the annexed review;
2. Agree to the proposal to formally notify ward members on validation of Asset of Community Value nominations.

14. **Menopause Policy** (Pages 145 - 156)

Purpose

To seek members' approval to adopt the updated Menopause Policy & Procedure as shown in Appendix A.

Recommendation

That Cabinet resolves to:

1. Approve the updated Menopause Policy & Procedure for implementation.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with Cabinet Member for the Cost of Living and Inclusion to make subsequent amendments that may be necessary in line with legal changes and best practice.

15. **Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members**

To note the decisions taken by the Leader and/or Individual Cabinet Members.

The schedule of decisions will be circulated at the meeting as a late paper following the Cabinet Member Decision Making Meeting scheduled for 3 October 2024 (2.30pm).

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