



COTSWOLD
District Council

Tuesday, 13 May 2025

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COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester, GL7 1PX on **Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at 6.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

(Councillors Nikki Ind, Mark Harris, Gina Blomefield, Claire Bloomer, Ray Brassington, Nick Bridges, Patrick Coleman, Daryl Corps, David Cunningham, Tony Dale, Mike Evemy, David Fowles, Laura Hall-Wilson, Joe Harris, Paul Hodgkinson, Andrea Pellegram, Angus Jenkinson, Julia Judd, Juliet Layton, Andrew Maclean, Helene Mansilla, Mike McKeown, Dilys Neill, Nigel Robbins, Tony Slater, Lisa Spivey, Tom Stowe, Jeremy Theyer, Clare Turner, Michael Vann, Jon Wareing, Ian Watson, Len Wilkins and Tristan Wilkinson)

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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. **Election of a Chair**

Purpose

To fulfil Council's obligation to elect a Chair for a term of office until the start of the Annual Council meeting in May 2026. The Chair cannot be a member of the Cabinet.

2. **Appointment of a Vice-Chair**

Purpose

To fulfil Council's obligation to appoint a Vice-Chair for a term of office until the start of the Annual Council meeting in May 2026. The Vice-Chair cannot be a member of the Cabinet.

3. **Apologies**

Purpose

To receive any apologies for absence.
The quorum for Council is 9 members.

4. **Announcements from the Chair, Leader or Chief Executive**

Purpose

To receive any announcements from the Chair of Council, the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive.

5. **Declarations of Interest**

Purpose

To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to items to be considered at the meeting.

6. **Resignation of Leader**

Purpose

To note the resignation of Councillor Joe Harris as Leader of the Council.
Councillor Joe Harris has notified the Proper Officer of his resignation as Leader of the Council effective from Tuesday 20 May 2025.

7. **Election of Leader**

Purpose

To elect a Leader of the Council for a term of office extending to the Annual Council meeting in May 2027.

8. **Announcement of the Leader on Cabinet appointments**

Purpose

For the Leader to update Council on the appointment of the Deputy Leader, the appointment of Cabinet members and the allocation of portfolio responsibilities.

9. **Appointment of Committees 2025/26** (Pages 7 - 16)

Purpose

This report sets out those matters reserved to Council at its Annual Meeting:

To make appointments to Committees for the Civic Year 2025/26

To make appointments to the positions of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees for the Civic Year 2025/26.

Recommendations

That Full Council resolves to:

1. DETERMINE that, in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ("the Act"), the Council shall continue to apply the political balance provisions under the Act to committees as shown in Annex A;
2. APPOINT Councillors to serve on the Council's Committees and working groups as set out in Annex B for a term of office expiring at the next Annual Meeting of the Council;
3. APPOINT Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Council's Committees and working groups as shown in Annex B;
4. NOTE the arrangements for substitutions set out in part 4 of the report.

Annex B to be circulated separately.

10. **Record of Attendance 2024/25** (Pages 17 - 20)

Purpose

For Council to note the record of attendance for Members in the Civic Year 2024/25.

A Member Attendance report will be published as a supplement once Council meetings for the Civic Year 2024/25 are completed.

11. **Appointments to Outside Bodies 2025/26** (Pages 21 - 24)

Purpose

This report provides Council with a current list of appointments to Outside Bodies for the civic year 2025/26.

Recommendations

That Council resolves to:

1. NOTE the appointments to outside bodies by the Leader of the Council in respect of executive functions, as set out in Annex A Table 1;
2. CONFIRM the appointments to the Gloucestershire County Council Economic Strategy Scrutiny Committee and the Gloucestershire County Council Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Annex A Table 2.

Annex A to be circulated separately.

12. **Rural England Prosperity Fund 2025-26** (Pages 25 - 30)

Purpose

To update Council on the award of Rural England Prosperity Funding for 2025/26, to seek approval for the approach to delivery of REPF projects in 2025/26 and to agree the necessary delegations.

Recommendation(s)

That Council resolves to:

1. AMEND the capital programme for 2025/26 to include the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) scheme capital budget of £229,240, which is fully funded from the 2025/26 REPF grant allocation.
2. APPROVE the provisional allocations as set out in para 3.1.
3. DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Environment and the Council's Section 151 Officer to allocate the funding, having regard to the recommendations of the REPF Assessment Panel.

13. **Next meeting**

The next meeting of Full Council will be held on 16 July 2025, the meeting will start at 6.00pm.

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