



COTSWOLD
District Council

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

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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, 20 May 2026 at 6.00 pm.**

Jane Portman
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Council

(Councillors Mark Harris, Ray Brassington, Gina Blomefield, Claire Bloomer, Nick Bridges, Patrick Coleman, Daryl Corps, David Cunningham, Tony Dale, Paul Evans, Mike Evemy, David Fowles, Laura Hall-Wilson, Joe Harris, Paul Hodgkinson, Nikki Ind, Angus Jenkinson, Julia Judd, Juliet Layton, Helene Mansilla, Mike McKeown, Dilys Neill, Andrea Pellegram, Tony Slater, Lisa Spivey, Tom Stowe, Jeremy Theyer, Craig Thurling, 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 2027. 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 2027. 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 the 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. **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.

7. **Appointment to Committees 2026-27** (Pages 7 - 14)

Purpose

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

- To make appointments to Committees for the Civic Year 2026/27.
- To make appointments to the positions of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Committees for the Civic Year 2026/27.

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.

8. **Record of Attendance 2025/26**

Purpose

For Council to note the record of attendance for Members in the Civic Year 2025/26.

A Member Attendance report will be published as a supplement once Council meetings for the Civic Year 2025/26 are completed.

9. **Appointments to Outside Bodies 2026-27** (Pages 15 - 18)

Purpose

This report provides Council with a current list of appointments to Outside Bodies for the civic year 2026/27.

Recommendations

That Council resolves to:

1. 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 1.
2. NOTE the appointments to outside bodies by the Leader of the Council in respect of executive functions, as set out in Annex A Table 2;

Annex A to be circulated separately.

10. **Notice of Motions** (Pages 19 - 20)

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12, the following Motion has been received:

Motion 2026/003:

Protecting our Cotswolds hospitals

Proposed by: Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

Seconded by: Councillor Claire Bloomer

Motion:

Rural community hospitals in the Cotswolds at Cirencester, Moreton, Fairford and Tetbury provide essential, accessible healthcare close to home. They ease pressure on larger hospitals such as Cheltenham and Gloucester, support older and recovering patients, and ensure that people in rural areas are not forced into long, difficult journeys for routine treatment and rehabilitation.

Any cuts, closures or "temporary" service changes at any of the Cotswolds' hospitals undermine this lifeline. When community hospitals lose services, patients face longer waits, families take on increased travel burdens and already stretched NHS services become even more strained. With thousands of new homes planned and an ageing population in the Cotswolds, we need *greater* investment in our rural hospitals, not further reductions.

We call on this Council to show its support for the future of Cotswolds' NHS services, for the Leader of the Council to write to Gloucestershire's NHS emphasising that all temporary withdrawals of services should be just that - temporary, not permanent and for our local hospitals to be used as much as possible.

Recognising this, Full Council resolves to:

1. Request that the Leader of the Council write formally to Gloucestershire's NHS to seek assurances regarding the long-term future and sustainability local community hospital facilities emphasising that all temporary withdrawals of services should be just that - temporary, not permanent and to advocate for maximum utilisation of local community hospital facilities;
2. Agree the vital role played by rural community hospitals in Cirencester, Moreton-in-Marsh, Fairford and Tetbury in providing accessible healthcare to residents of the Cotswolds.

11. **Next meeting**

The next meeting of Council will be held on 15 July 2026.

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