



County Council

Wednesday, 6 December 2017 at 10am

Council Chamber - Shire Hall, Gloucester

**Chief Executive**

## **A G E N D A**

### **Chairman's Opening of Council**

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> (Pages 1 - 18)  To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 as a correct record.
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  Please declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests that you may have relating to any specific matters which may be discussed at the meeting by signing the form that is available at the back of the Council Chamber. Completing this form will be acceptable as a declaration, but members may also declare the interest orally if they so wish.
<b>4</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  a) Cllr Jim Parsons To stand in silence as a mark of respect to Cllr Jim Parsons who passed away on 14 September 2017. Jim had been a longstanding member of Cotswold

District Council and had been their representative on the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a number of years.

b) Gloucestershire Archives

UNESCO has informed the Council that an African slave song held by Gloucestershire Archives has been included in the Memory of the World Register. The song came from the sugar plantations of Barbados and was written down in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century by anti-slave trade campaigner Granville Sharp who had Gloucestershire descendants. Although the document is over 200 years old, it is a timely reminder that the fight against modern day slavery continues across the World today.

c) Libraries and Information Digital Innovation display

From self-service machines to 3D printers libraries are using digital solutions to promote smarter working for staff, opportunities for young people to develop coding skills, support businesses and help residents to become digitally confident. A display will be on the landing outside the Council Chamber during the lunch break.

d) ICT support

Staff from ICT will be on hand over the lunch break to provide advice to members.

**5 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item.

To answer any written public questions about matters which are within the powers and duties of the County Council.

**The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 29 November 2017.** Please send questions to the Chief Executive marked for the attention of Stephen Bace (email [stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk)).

To answer any oral questions put by members of the public with the consent of the Chairman. Depending on the nature of the questions asked it may not be possible to provide a comprehensive answer at the meeting, in which case a written answer will be supplied as soon as reasonably possible after the meeting.

Questions received and proposed responses do not accompany this agenda but will be circulated prior to the meeting.



6	<p><b>PETITIONS</b></p> <p>To receive petitions presented by members without discussion.</p>
7	<p><b>CORPORATE PARENTING</b> (Pages 19 - 22)</p> <p>For information and members' questions.</p> <p>Report from Cllr Richard Boyles, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.</p>
8	<p><b>MOTIONS</b></p> <p>The Council's Constitution provides for a maximum of two hours for debate on motions. At the end of the two hour period, those members who have already indicated their intention to speak on the motion being debated at that time will be allowed to speak, the mover of the motion will be asked to sum-up and the vote will be taken.</p> <p>The following motions were received by the closing date of 27 November 2017:</p> <p><b>Motion 800 - Adoption and promotion of electric vehicles</b>  <i>Proposed by Cllr Rachel Smith</i>  <i>Seconded by Cllr Iain Dobie</i></p> <p>This Council notes the great importance of good air quality to public health and wellbeing in Gloucestershire. Poor air quality not only contributes to 40,000 premature deaths in the UK every year, but also limits uptake of cycling, and reduces pedestrian numbers - harming wider public health goals.</p> <p>This Council notes that a leading cause of air pollution is vehicle emissions. This Council further notes that air quality monitoring is a district responsibility, but that air quality issues need a co-ordinated approach between all local authorities in order to reduce unnecessary deaths from poor air quality and cut carbon emissions.</p> <p>Councillors agree that more can be done through this authority to combat poor air quality, and welcome the formation of an air quality task group. Recognising the urgency of the problem of both air pollution and carbon emissions, this Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Commits to moving to electric or low emission options wherever possible for all direct or indirectly operated council vehicles at the earliest opportunity.</li> <li>b) Commits to replacing 10% of the vehicles within its fleet (owned or leased) with electric or low emission vehicles by 2019.</li> <li>c) Commits to establishing principles for use in procurement to encourage use of electric or low emission vehicles by Council contractors.</li> </ol>

- d) Commits to engaging with district councils and other relevant stakeholders to promote adoption of electric and low emission vehicles, including through identifying schemes, funding and other incentives for provision of publicly accessible EV charging points, and EV charging points in new housing developments.

**Motion 801 - Votes at 16**

*Proposed by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson*

*Seconded by Cllr Klara Sudbury*

This Council notes that currently 1.5 million 16 and 17 year olds are denied the vote in public elections in the UK.

This Council recognises that 16 and 17 year olds are knowledgeable and passionate about the world in which they live and are as capable of engaging in the democratic system as any other citizen.

This Council believes people who can consent to medical treatment, work full-time, pay taxes, get married or enter a civil partnership and join the armed forces should also have the right to vote.

This Council therefore requests the Leader of this Council to write to all six Gloucestershire MPs asking that a letter be written to county representatives of the Youth Parliament to express support in lowering the voting age to 16.

**Motion 802 – Increase in the State Pension Age for Women**

*Proposed by Cllr Eva Ward*

*Seconded by Cllr Brian Oosthuysen*

This Council notes that 39,400 women in Gloucestershire born on or after 05 April 1951 have been adversely affected by increase in the State Pension Age (SPA) and that these women have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the SPA. The lack of appropriate notification has resulted in many women not being told about the changes until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls on the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements so that women do not live in hardship due to these State Pension Age changes and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and all the Members of Parliament representing Gloucestershire seeking their support for action by the Government.

### **Motion 803 – Council tax exemption for care leavers**

*Proposed by Cllr Lesley Williams*

*Seconded by Cllr Brian Oosthuysen*

This Council recognises that young people leaving care can be amongst the most vulnerable in our community and it is committed to supporting care leavers to successfully make the often difficult transition to adult life as part of its corporate parenting role.

This Council recognises that managing money and bills for the first time can be a particular challenge for care leavers, with research from the Centre for Social Justice finding that 57% of young people find it difficult to manage their money and avoid debt when leaving care.

This Council believes there is more that can be done to support Care Leavers and all aspects of Local Government have a part to play in giving this support. This Council recognises that it does not set the Council Tax precept for the 6 District and Borough Authorities in the County however each of these Authorities will have Care Leavers living in their Districts.

This Council therefore resolves to write to each of the Authorities asking them to introduce exemptions for council tax for care leavers between the ages 18-25.

### **Motion 804 – Joint working across the Emergency Services**

*Proposed by Cllr Jeremy Hilton*

*Seconded by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson*

This Council welcomes the decision of the Gloucestershire Police and Crime Commissioner to withdraw his bid to takeover the governance of Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

This Council notes that 2017 Police and Crime Act places a duty on the blue light services to work together to provide more effective service to their communities.

This Council notes that Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service has an excellent track record on collaborating with the other emergency services on mutually beneficial projects.

This Council notes that Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue is currently consulting on its draft Integrated Risk Management Plan for 2018-2021

	<p>This Council therefore resolves to support the Cabinet Member for Fire, Planning and Infrastructure in opening up discussions with the Police and Crime Commissioner about opportunities for both services to work together on mutually beneficial projects, with both themselves and also with the ambulance service.</p>
9	<p><b>BLUE BADGE (DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING) SCHEME</b> (Pages 23 - 30)</p> <p>At the full Council meeting on 22 March 2017, the following motion was supported:</p> <p><i>This Council recognises that regulations over who can and cannot get a Blue Badge are getting much stricter. As a Council we believe everyone who needs a Blue Badge should be able to get one.</i></p> <p><i>This Council commits to review its Blue Badge Policy criteria and will invite all relevant community groups and interested partners to an open consultation over how we can make this service more accessible.</i></p> <p>A report from the Chief Executive is attached for consideration by members.</p>
10	<p><b>MEMBER QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item.</p> <p>To answer any written member questions about matters which are within the powers and duties of the County Council.</p> <p><b>The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 29 November 2017.</b> Please send questions to the Chief Executive marked for the attention of Stephen Bace (email <a href="mailto:stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk">stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>).</p> <p>Questions received and proposed responses do not accompany this agenda but will be circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
11	<p><b>SCRUTINY REPORT</b> (Pages 31 - 54)</p> <p>Cllr Patrick Molyneux, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to present the scrutiny report.</p>
12	<p><b>GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17</b> (Pages 55 - 196)</p> <p>Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Chairman of the Pension Committee, to present the Pension Fund Annual Report.</p>

<b>13</b>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT</b> (Pages 197 - 254)</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, to present the recommendations from the meeting held on 9 October 2017.</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>CABINET DECISION STATEMENT</b> (Pages 255 - 274)</p> <p>For information and members' questions.</p>
<b>15</b>	<p><b>INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION STATEMENTS</b> (Pages 275 - 278)</p> <p>For information and members' questions.</p>

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