



County Council

Wednesday, 15 May 2019 at 10am

Council Chamber - Shire Hall, Gloucester

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

Chair's Opening of Council

“May we find wisdom to carry out our duties, humanity to listen to all, the courage to do what is right and the generosity to treat each other with respect.”

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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE |
| 2 | ELECTION OF CHAIR Cllr Andrew Gravells, the outgoing Chair, will address the Council. To elect the Chair of the Council for the 2019-20 civic year. Following the election, the Chair will make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, sign the Roll of Members as Chair and address the Council. |
| 3 | ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR To elect the Vice-chair of the Council for the 2019-20 civic year. Following the election, the Vice-chair will make the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, sign the Roll of Members as Vice-chair and address the Council. |

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| 4 | <p>MINUTES (Pages 1 - 24)</p> <p>To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2019.</p> |
| 5 | <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Please declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests that you may have relating to <u>any relevant matters</u> due to be discussed at the meeting. You should do this by signing the form at the back of the Council Chamber and you may also make an oral declaration if you so wish. If you become aware of an interest you have during the course of the meeting, you should declare it orally at the time you become aware of it and sign the form at the back of the Chamber at the end of the meeting.</p> |
| 6 | <p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>a) New County Councillor for Churchdown To welcome Ben Evans who was elected at the Churchdown by-election on 2 May 2019.</p> <p>b) Stonewall There will be a display on the Council Chamber landing over lunchtime relating to the work being undertaken by the County Council to achieve a ranking on the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index.</p> <p>c) ICT support Staff from ICT will be on hand over the lunch break to provide advice to members.</p> |
| 7 | <p>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</p> <p>Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item.</p> <p>To answer any written public questions about matters which are within the powers and duties of the County Council.</p> <p>The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 8 May 2019. Please send questions to the Chief Executive marked for the attention of Stephen Bace (email stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk).</p> <p>Questions received and proposed responses do not accompany this agenda but will be available prior to the meeting.</p> |

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| 8 | <p>POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS (Pages 25 - 30)</p> <p>To make the following appointments:</p> <p>a) Chairs and vice-chairs of the Scrutiny Committees and the Audit and Governance Committee.</p> <p>b) Committees, Pensions Board, Fostering Panel and Police and Crime Panel.</p> |
| 9 | <p>CORPORATE PARENTING</p> <p>Oral report from Cllr Richard Boyles, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.</p> |
| 10 | <p>PETITIONS</p> <p>Cllr Paul Hodgkinson to present a petition to Cllr David Norman, Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Parking and Libraries, relating to road safety improvements at Whiteshoots Hill, Bourton-on-the-Water.</p> <p>To receive any other petitions presented by members without discussion.</p> |
| 11 | <p>MOTIONS</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 7 May 2019.</p> <p>Motion 836 – Carbon action plan motion <i>Proposed by Cllr Iain Dobie</i> <i>Seconded by Cllr Jeremy Hilton</i></p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt around the world. • That global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels and atmospheric CO2 far exceeds levels deemed to be safe for humanity. • The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) special report on global warming of 1.5°C, published in January 2019, which tells us that limiting |

Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities.

- That the world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050.
- That the consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanity's number one priority.

This Council further notes that:

- Gloucestershire County Council recently appointed a Cabinet Member with specific responsibilities tied to climate change.
- Gloucestershire County Council is on target to reduce corporate carbon emissions by 60% by 2020/21 against its 2006/07 baseline.
- Bold climate action can deliver economic benefits
- Councils around the world are responding by declaring a 'Climate Emergency' and committing resources to address this emergency.

This Council resolves to:

- Commit towards an 80 per cent reduction in the Council's corporate carbon emissions no later than 2030, striving towards 100 per cent with carbon offsetting by the same date.
- To call on Central Government to provide additional powers and resources to support local and national action towards this 2030 target.
- Lobby national government to commit to 100 per cent carbon neutrality by 2045.
- Consider its contracts going forward to oblige all contractors to report their carbon emissions and to place a 'carbon/environmental cost' on competing bids.
- Do all in its power to adopt, implement and strengthen the Gloucestershire Sustainable Energy Strategy.
- Ensure that our major plans, such as the local transport plan, have clearly identified strategies to reduce carbon emissions.
- Work with district and borough councils to reduce the districts' carbon footprint within their corporate strategies.
- Provide an annual report to the Environment Committee, with a performance update on a quarterly basis.

Motion 837 – Parental leave for councillors

Proposed by Cllr Mark Hawthorne

Seconded by Cllr Carole Allaway-Martin



This Council notes:

- *The under-representation of women at all levels of politics*
- *Nationally only 4% of councils have a policy on parental leave for councillors.*
- *That, whilst proper parental leave is important to all parents, it has been particularly highlighted as an issue affecting women's participation in local government.*

Consequently this Council resolves to task the Constitution Committee to develop policies and, if necessary, constitutional amendments, to give councillors similar rights to parental and adoptive leave as members of staff.

Motion 838 – Gloucester Crown Court

Proposed by Cllr Jeremy Hilton

Seconded by Cllr Colin Hay

This Council notes that Gloucester Crown Court is a Grade II listed building, linked to Shire Hall, but that it is no longer fit for modern day criminal justice.

This Council agrees to write to the Justice Secretary at the Ministry of Justice requesting that a new Crown Court, to handle criminal cases, is built to serve the county of Gloucestershire.

This Council also agrees that a new Crown Court could be part of a new 21st Century Justice Centre, which may also contain Magistrate and County Courts.

Motion 839 – Council Education Trust

Proposed by Cllr Lesley Williams

Seconded by Cllr Brian Oosthuysen

This Council recognises that every child in Gloucestershire deserves the best education possible.

This Council recognises that the County has some schools that do give children an education that equips them for the best possible start in life. However this Council should also recognise that some schools do not meet the required standard to deliver a high quality education.

Gloucestershire County Council continues to play an important part in the education of all young people in the county.

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| | <p><i>This Council also recognises that it is Central Government's intention that all schools should become academies or part of a multi-academy trust.</i></p> <p><i>In preparation for any changes in status to schools in the County, to request that there is a thorough study which would provide an analysis, district by district, of the attainment and achievement of students attending schools in the county. Ideally this study would be done as a peer review.</i></p> |
| <p>12</p> | <p>MEMBER QUESTIONS</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>The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 8 May 2019. Please send questions to the Chief Executive marked for the attention of Stephen Bace (email stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk).</p> <p>Questions received and proposed responses do not accompany this agenda but will be available prior to the meeting.</p> |
| <p>13</p> | <p>CABINET DECISION STATEMENT (Pages 31 - 38)</p> <p>To consider the Cabinet Decision Statement for the meeting held on 24 April 2019.</p> |

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