



Gloucestershire

COUNTY COUNCIL

County Council

Wednesday, 17 March 2021 at 10.00 am

Virtual Meeting - WebEx meeting

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."

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2	MINUTES (Pages 1 - 22) To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2021.
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 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.
4	ANNOUNCEMENTS

	<p>a) Virtual meeting protocol To invite Simon Harper, Head of Democratic Services, to provide information on how the meeting will be run and provide guidance on how to use the WebEx remote meeting software.</p> <p>b) Election 21 To thank those members who will be standing down at the May 2021 election and to wish those members standing for re-election the best of luck.</p>
<p>5</p>	<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, 10 March 2021. 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 circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>CORPORATE PARENTING (Pages 23 - 24)</p> <p>Cllr Richard Boyles, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years, to present the corporate parenting report.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>To receive petitions presented by members without discussion.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>MOTIONS</p> <p>The Council’s Constitution provides for a maximum of two hours for debate on motions. The time limit for member speeches is three minutes and the time limit for proposing a motion is five minutes.</p> <p>In accordance with Procedural Rule 10.2 in Part 4 of the Council Constitution, the Chief Executive will prepare a short accompanying note for each motion in respect of any implications for climate change, resources, human rights and any other pertinent</p>

factors they may wish to include in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework.

Motion 870 - Equalities

Proposed by Cllr Lesley Williams

Seconded by Cllr Kate Haigh

This Council has committed to do all it can to understand and address the systematic prejudices, barriers and biases that affect the lives of Black and Asian Minority Ethnic people.

This Council commits to undertaking an equalities audit when services are designed and commissioned to remove access barriers for all groups with protected characteristics.

This Council investigate adopting the Rooney Rule. This would ensure that Black Asian and Minority Ethnic people are always short listed and interviewed when middle and senior management vacancies occur.

Motion 871 – Special Schools

Proposed by Cllr Patrick Molyneux

Seconded by Cllr Richard Boyles

This Council notes the significant investment into special schools in this year's capital budget, including Alderman Knight in Tewkesbury, and Belmont and Battledown in Cheltenham.

This Council further notes the extremely valuable role these schools play in supporting some of the most vulnerable children in our communities, apologises for the misguided actions of previous councils in seeking their closure, and commits to protect them in future.

Motion 872 – Response to Covid-19 pandemic

Proposed by Cllr Andrew Gravells

Seconded by Cllr Carole Allaway Martin

This Council puts on record its thanks to the NHS teams leading on vaccination in this county, and to the firefighters, other council staff and volunteers who support them, for their exceptional work in delivering the vaccine across our county.

This Council also notes the exceptional efforts throughout the last year of GCC staff in public health, social care and across the council, who have risen to the challenge



of supporting our county at this most difficult time.

Motion 873 – Social care funding

Proposed by Cllr Iain Dobie

Seconded by Cllr Jeremy Hilton

This Council notes that

- Adult social care is the single largest item of county council expenditure. At £157 million next year it represents nearly one third of all spend.
- The social care funding framework is not fit for purpose and is failing the people who rely on it.
- The Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated many of these problems, including increasing levels of unmet need.
- The adult social care funding gap is predicted to total £3.6 billion by 2024/25
- That by 2030, one in five people across the UK are going to be aged over 65 – while in Gloucestershire, we are predicted to exceed one in four.

This Council recalls that:

- The Conservative Government pledged, in its 2017 manifesto, that “where others have failed to lead, we will act” on adult social care funding.
- The Government committed to publishing a green paper on adult social care funding in the 2017 Spring Budget.
- In July 2018, the Government said its green paper would be published by the end of the year.
- In January 2019, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care stated that a green paper would be published in April 2019.
- In July 2019, Boris Johnson promised a long-term settlement to give financial stability to care homes and reassurance to the elderly.
- In December 2019 Boris Johnson reiterated his promise for an imminent plan
- To date, no green paper has materialised.
- In the 2021 Spring Budget, the Conservative Government again failed to announce any long-term support plan for adult social care.

This Council resolves to:

- Write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, expressing the Council’s extreme frustration that the Government has failed to produce any long-term plan for a system creaking under unsustainable pressure.
- Ask the Prime Minister and Secretary of State to urgently publish the social care green paper, and to include a proper consultation on funding options.

Motion 874 - Gloucestershire deserves a return of civic pride

Proposed by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

Seconded by Cllr Joe Harris

This Council notes:

- That highways inspections are meant to take place monthly on A roads, and less frequently on other classes of road.
- That these inspections are meant to pick up potholes across our road network, but also broken, obscured or illegible signs and worn out road markings.
- That such issues are about more than just road safety, but maintaining and restoring a sense of civic pride in our county.

However, this Council also recognises that these issues are routinely left for many months or even years before any action is taken, and often requires councillors or residents to report issues themselves and repeatedly chase for something to be done.

This Council knows that this is not good enough and therefore resolves to carry out a root and branch review of the inspection process to identify why this process is failing and to have a robust plan to ensure that issues are resolved. Because Gloucestershire deserves better.

Motion 875 - Commitment to carry out local inquiry into Covid-19 pandemic in Gloucestershire

Proposed by Cllr Colin Hay

Seconded by Cllr Lesley Williams

This Council notes that, tragically, more than 1,000 people have died from Covid in Gloucestershire, including over 400 in our care homes.

This Council also notes that the Government promised to throw a 'protective ring' around our care homes, yet a hugely disproportionate number of deaths occurred in these settings.

This Council further notes that no council services was unaffected by the pandemic, and that many areas may never return to 'business as usual' again.

This Council recognises that we will be living with the after effects of Covid for some time, and therefore resolves to:

- Hold a local inquiry into this administration's handling of the pandemic in Gloucestershire, including wider aspects of affected Council business.
- To run exercises to test our resilience for future Covid-19 spikes or future

	<p>epidemics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To share all of these results with the public in order to be transparent on areas where this council could improve. <p>This Council also recognises that the Government has committed to a national inquiry, but notes that they have refused to commit to any timescale for this and believes that it's critical this Council puts in place those changes that are needed as soon as possible, so that we in Gloucestershire can protect Gloucestershire's residents.</p>
<p>9</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, 10 March 2021. 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 circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>SCRUTINY (Pages 25 - 42)</p> <p>Cllr Shaun Parsons, Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to present a summary report from the March 2021 cycle of scrutiny committees. Attached to the report is a summary of the comments made by members, co-opted members, partner organisations and senior officers relating to the current scrutiny arrangements.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>CABINET</p>
	<p>a) LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (Pages 43 - 44)</p> <p>Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, to present the recommendation relating to the Local Transport Plan 2020-2041 from the Cabinet meeting held on 27 January 2021.</p>
	<p>b) INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION STATEMENTS (Pages 45 - 48)</p> <p>To consider the decision statements for the period 1 to 28 February 2021.</p>

12 APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (Pages 49 - 78)

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Chair of the Appointments Committee, to present the recommendation from the meeting held on 5 March 2021 relating to the Pay Policy Statement 2020-21.

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