



# Gloucestershire

COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council**

**Wednesday, 16 February 2022 at 10.00am**

**Quayside House, Shire Hall, Gloucester GL1 2TZ**

**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.”

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> (Pages 1 - 24)  To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2021.
<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.

<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> (Pages 25 - 28)</p> <p>a) Queen’s New Year Honours To congratulate the people living in Gloucestershire who received awards as part of the Queen’s New Year Honours.</p> <p>b) Roy Birch To stand in silence as a mark of respect to former County Councillor, Roy Birch, who passed away at the end of 2021. Roy served on the County Council for eight years representing the Division of Tidenham, near Chepstow for the Liberal Democrats. He was also a member of the Forest of Dean District Council for 24 years and served on Tidenham Parish Council for 33 years.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b></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><b>The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 9 February 2022.</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>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>CORPORATE PARENTING</b> (Pages 29 - 32)</p> <p>Cllr Stephen Davies, Cabinet Member for Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years, to present the report.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>PETITIONS</b></p> <p>Cllr David Drew to present a petition relating to permit parking in the Horns Road area of Stroud to Cllr Dave Norman, Cabinet Member for Public Protection, Parking and Libraries.</p> <p>Cllr Ben Evans to present a petition relating to a road junction in Churchdown to Cllr Vernon Smith, Cabinet Member for Highways and Flood.</p> <p>Cllr Gill Moseley to present a petition relating to bus services from Ross-on-Wye and</p>

	<p>Ledbury through Newent to Gloucester to Cllr Philip Robinson, Cabinet Member for Economy, Education and Skills.</p> <p>To receive any other petitions from members without discussion.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>COUNCIL STRATEGY</b> (Pages 33 - 68)</p> <p>Pete Bungard, the Chief Executive, will explain how the Council Strategy debate will take place (a flowchart will be displayed in the room).</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne, the Leader of the Council, to present the draft Council Strategy 2022-2026.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK - MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY</b></p> <p>Pete Bungard, the Chief Executive, will explain how the budget debate will take place (a flowchart will be displayed in the room).</p>
	<p><b>a) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b> (Pages 69 - 80)</p>
	<p><b>b) MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY - APPENDIX 1</b> (Pages 81 - 220)</p>
	<p><b>c) BUDGET CONSULTATION REPORT - APPENDIX 2</b> (Pages 221 - 246)</p>
	<p><b>d) BUDGET SCRUTINY - APPENDIX 3</b> (Pages 247 - 260)</p>
	<p><b>e) EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT - APPENDIX 4</b> (Pages 261 - 370)</p>
<b>10</b>	<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, 9 February 2022.</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</p>

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<b>11</b>	<p><b>SCRUTINY REPORT</b> (Pages 371 - 372)</p> <p>Cllr Phil Awford, Chair of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to present the report which provides a summary of recent scrutiny committee activities. Scrutiny Committee Chairs to answer questions:</p> <p>Cllr Philip Awford, Corporate Overview and Scrutiny  Cllr Andrew Gravells, Health  Cllr Stephen Hirst, Adult Social Care and Communities  Cllr Andrew Miller, Children and Families  Cllr Dom Morris, Environment  Cllr Matt Babbage, Economic Growth  Cllr Jeremy Hilton, Fire and Rescue  Cllr Steve Robinson (Vice-chair), Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel</p>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT</b> (Pages 373 - 408)</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Chairman of the Constitution Committee, to present the report from the meeting held on 16 January 2022.</p>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR</b> (Pages 409 - 424)</p> <p>Cllr Colin Hay, Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, to present the report.</p>
<b>14</b>	<p><b>GLOUCESTERSHIRE LGPS 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT</b> (Pages 425 - 616)</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe, Chair of the Pension Committee, to present the 2020-21 Annual Report for the Gloucestershire Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).</p>

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