



Gloucestershire

COUNTY COUNCIL

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WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2013

SHIRE HALL, GLOUCESTER

MEETING PAPERS

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TIME: 10am
DATE: Wednesday, 4 September 2013
VENUE: Shire Hall, Gloucester

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

Chairman's Opening of Council

- 1. MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 20)
To confirm and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Extraordinary Meeting held on 19 June 2013.
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Please see note (a) at the end of the agenda.
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Please see the briefing note, which does not accompany this agenda but will be circulated prior to the meeting.
- 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, 28 August 2013. Please send questions to the Chief Executive marked for the attention of Stephen Bace (email 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. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item.

To answer any written members' questions.

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7. PETITIONS

To receive petitions, if any, without discussion.

8. MOTIONS

For debate and decision on the day, unless the Chairman decides otherwise.

The closing date for the receipt of motions was 10am on Friday, 23 August 2013.

The following motions have been received:

Motion 687

This council resolves to set up an all party task group to investigate the options for unitary working arrangements in Gloucestershire.



The group should consult widely with key stakeholders including the business community, local and voluntary groups, local district, city and borough councils, parish and town councils, neighbourhood partnerships, neighbouring authorities and other public authorities to find their views on whether they are in favour of a unitary authority or authorities.

The work should also consider how best to ensure local democracy is enhanced rather than diminished by exploring and making recommendations on how best to capitalise on our town and parish councils. The group would also draw on good practice elsewhere where local area boards or similar arrangements have been set up.

The group should also provide an estimate of the costs and benefits arising from a change to unitary working.

The group should report back to full council by the AGM of the council with quarterly updates on progress.

Proposed by Cllr Steve Lydon

Seconded by Cllr Brian Oosthuysen

Motion 688

This council commends the public protection work carried out by the trading standards service in Gloucestershire.

This council notes that trading standards is a statutory service that protects the most vulnerable consumers in dealing with 'rogue traders' and also helps legitimate traders to trade well.

This council recognises that over the last three financial years, the county's trading standards service budget and total number of employees has been cut by 50%.

This council is concerned that any further cuts to the current trading standards service may put individuals, communities and public health more generally at risk, and could damage local businesses and the economy.

This council therefore recommends that the trading standards service is protected if possible from further cuts during the life of this council.

Proposed by Cllr Jeremy Hilton

Seconded by Cllr Iain Dobie



9. CORPORATE PARENTING

For information and members' questions.

The Cabinet Member for Children & Young People and Strategic Commissioning to provide an update for members.

10. ADOPTION PANEL

For debate and decision.

To appoint a second member to the Adoption Panel. Cllr Chris Coleman was appointed at the meeting held on 19 June 2013.

11. CABINET DECISION STATEMENT (Pages 21 - 24)

For information and members' questions.

12. INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION STATEMENT (Pages 25 - 26)

For information and members' questions.

13. HIGHWAYS AND RESERVES

At the full Council meeting on 19 June 2013, motion 686 relating to road repairs was referred to the Highways Working Group and for discussion with group spokespersons. A report on the outcome of those discussions was requested for the next full Council meeting.

Report to follow.

14. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT (Pages 27 - 36)

For information and members' questions.

15. SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (SHE) ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13 (Pages 37 - 46)

For information and members' questions.

16. LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN - ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER AND FINDING OF MALADMINISTRATION (Pages 47 - 50)

For information and members' questions.

Report of the Monitoring Officer.

If it is necessary to consider exempt matters, the Council must pass the following resolution to exclude members of the public from the meeting:



That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for this item of business because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

NOTES

- (a) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Please declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests that you may have relating to specific matters which may be discussed at this meeting, by signing the form that will be available at the back of the Council Chamber. Completing this list is acceptable as a declaration, but does not, of course, prevent members from declaring an interest orally in relation to individual agenda items. The list will be available for public inspection. Members requiring advice or clarification about whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer (Jane Burns ☎ 01452 328472, email: jane.burns@gloucestershire.gov.uk) prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- (b) INSPECTION OF PAPERS AND GENERAL QUERIES - If you wish to inspect reports relating to any item on this agenda or have any other general queries about the meeting, please contact

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