



Gloucestershire

COUNTY COUNCIL

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

1.00 pm

MONDAY

9 JUNE 2014

**Members' Room - Shire Hall,
Gloucester**

MEETING PAPERS



CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

TIME: 1.00 pm
DATE: Monday 9th June, 2014
VENUE: Members' Room - Shire Hall, Gloucester

A G E N D A

ITEM	TOPIC	CONTACT
1.	Appointment of Chairman To appoint a Chairman for the 2014/15 civic year.	Simon Harper
2.	Apologies for absence	Simon Harper
3.	Minutes (Pages 1 - 6) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2014.	Simon Harper
4.	Public Questions To answer any written public questions about matters which are within the powers and duties of the Committee. The closing date/time for receipt of questions is 10.00am on 2 June 2014. To answer any oral question(s) put by members of the public with the consent of the Chairperson. <i>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.</i>	Simon Harper
5.	Members' Questions To answer any written members' questions. The closing date/time for the receipt of questions is 10.00am on 2 June 2014.	Simon Harper
6.	UKIP Motion regarding a revised procedure for dealing with Council questions At the full Council meeting held on 19 March 2014 the following resolution was passed:	Cllr Colin Guyton Tel: 01594 541628

This Council notes the increasing number of questions submitted to Council and Cabinet meetings. There have been close to 100 questions submitted to the last two



Council meetings alone.

The impact on the work of Cabinet Members and senior officers who prepare responses is of serious concern when they should be working on behalf of council taxpayers to deliver quality services to the residents of Gloucestershire.

The Constitution Committee should therefore be asked to consider making a recommendation to the Council that the current rules relating to member questions be amended to ensure that a question is only answered at Council or Cabinet if a member has previously submitted it in writing to the relevant Cabinet Member and, in the opinion of the member, a satisfactory response has not been received within 10 working days.

The Committee to consider appropriate changes to the Constitution and, if necessary, make a recommendation to full Council.

7. Gloucestershire Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Pages 7 - 12)

The Committee is asked to approve the terms of reference and associated scrutiny arrangements for the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee and make an appropriate recommendation to full Council.

Jane Burns
Tel: 01452 328472

8. Audit and Governance Committee - Revised Terms of Reference (Pages 13 - 18)

The Committee is asked to approve revised terms of reference for the Audit and Governance Committee and make an appropriate recommendation to full Council.

Theresa Mortimer

9. Amendments to the Constitution (Pages 19 - 48)

The Committee is asked to approve the proposed amendments to update the Council's Constitution and make an appropriate recommendation to full Council.

Jane Burns
Tel: 01452 328472

NOTES

- (a) **MEMBERSHIP** –Cllr Colin Guyton, Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Cllr Jeremy Hilton, Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, Cllr Nigel Moor, Cllr Brian Oosthuysen, Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Cllr Lesley Williams and Cllr Will Windsor-Clive



- (b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members requiring advice or clarification about whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer: Jane Burns ☎01452 328472 /fax: 425149/e-mail: jane.burns@gloucestershire.gov.uk prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- (c) **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

Simon Harper, Head of Democratic Services

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