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## **A G E N D A**

**Chairman's Opening of Council**

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES</b> (Pages 1 - 30) To confirm and sign the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting and Ordinary Meeting both held on 18 February 2015.
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Please see note (b) at the end of the agenda.
<b>4</b>	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> Please see the briefing note, which does not accompany this agenda but will be circulated prior to the meeting.
<b>5</b>	<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b> 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.  <b>The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 18 March 2015.</b>

	<p>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>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.</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>PETITIONS</b></p> <p>To receive petitions, if any, without discussion.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>CORPORATE PARENTING</b> (Pages 31 - 40)</p> <p>For information and members' questions.</p> <p>Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>MOTIONS</b></p> <p>For debate and decision on the day, unless the Chairman decides otherwise.</p> <p>The closing date for the receipt of motions was 10am on Tuesday, 17 March 2015.</p> <p><b>Motion 739 – 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Magna Carta</b>  <i>Proposed by Cllr Richard Leppington</i>  <i>Seconded by Cllr Alan Preest</i></p> <p>June 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta . This is an event of international and national importance.</p> <p>Councils throughout the land are using this as an opportunity to reflect on civic life, and engage young people about how Magna Carta gave rise to the freedoms which they enjoy today.</p> <p>We urge Gloucestershire County Council to organise a suitable commemoration of the event.</p> <p><b>Motion 740 - Climate Change</b>  <i>Proposed by Cllr Sarah Lunnon</i>  <i>Seconded by Cllr Mike Sztymiak</i></p> <p>This motion recognises the adaptation and mitigation work undertaken by Gloucestershire County Council in response to climate change risks. The findings of the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicate that there</p>

are opportunities to substantially and significantly increase the transformation of our carbon intensive economy. Local investment now will bring substantial future savings and opportunities that benefit local economies.

In light of the above, this Council resolves to form and enact policy to develop the 'low carbon economy' that reduces greenhouse gas emissions according to AR5 recommended targets. Actions will include:

- i) Effective adaptation to climate change in the local transport plan, in waste management, in flood management and in energy use.
- ii) Support and investment in employment by promoting innovation and investments in environmentally sound technologies and infrastructure that enable sustainable livelihoods and low-carbon behavioural and lifestyle choices.
- iii) A further promotion of long-term sustainability and conservation to enhance biodiversity and special habitats, whilst also enabling responses in the viability of new and innovative types of agriculture and local energy and food production.

The Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concludes:

- Human influence on the climate system is clear, warming is unequivocal and recent anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases are the highest in history.
- Continued emission of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and long-lasting changes in all components of the climate system, increasing the likelihood of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems. Limiting climate change would require substantial and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions which, together with adaptation, can limit climate change risks.
- Adaptation and mitigation are complementary strategies for reducing and managing the risks of climate change. Substantial emissions reductions over the next few decades can reduce climate risks in the 21st century and beyond, increase prospects for effective adaptation, reduce the costs and challenges of mitigation in the longer term, and contribute to climate-resilient pathways for sustainable development.
- Many adaptation and mitigation options can help address climate change, but no single option is sufficient by itself. Effective implementation depends on policies and cooperation at all scales, and can be enhanced through integrated responses that link adaptation and mitigation with other societal objectives.

### **Motion 741 – Highways**

*Proposed by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson*

*Seconded by Cllr Bernard Fisher*

This Council notes that the current highways contract with Amey has been in place to deliver services from 1 April 2014.

This Council is disappointed that Amey's performance over the course of the year has fallen short of its target and has more often than not been worse than tolerance.



This Council is aware that with all new contracts there is a settling-in period, but after nearly twelve months of operating, this Council will no longer accept system changes and resource issues as a reason for performance falling below the given target.

This Council therefore requires this highways contract with Amey to be closely monitored through the already established cross-party Highways Advisory Group and to see financial penalties imposed if performance targets are not consistently achieved in 2015/2016.

### **Motion 742 - Children's Safeguarding Board**

*Proposed by Cllr Joe Harris*

*Seconded by Cllr Jeremy Hilton*

This Council commends the work of the Gloucestershire Children's Safeguarding Board, but recognises that the membership of the Board is determined by Government statute as set out in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2013) and thus fails to allocate a place or places for locally elected councillors as full members of the Board.

This omission means that councillors and in particular the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People and Strategic Commissioning are not able to take full responsibility for keeping children safe in Gloucestershire.

This Council believes that councillors are held by the public to be ultimately responsible if there are significant failures in the safeguarding process and that it is wrong for councillors to be asked to undertake this role whilst not being provided with full membership on the key body responsible, namely: Gloucestershire Children's Safeguarding Board. Giving full membership rights would: -

- reassure the public that all decisions made by the Board have been subject to the full challenge of locally elected representatives;
- allow local councillors the opportunity to fully influence decisions being made via democratic means;
- improve the Board's deliberations and decisions;
- deliver greater transparency and accountability for the public.

This Council therefore resolves that the Leader of this Council and the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State for Education and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families to amend the statutory guidance to enable full participation by elected councillors in the work of the Children's Safeguarding Boards.

### **Motion 743 – Living Wage for people working on behalf of the Council and the use of zero hours contracts**

*Proposed by Lesley Williams*

*Seconded by Steve Lydon*

This Council notes that 65% of its services are delivered by private and voluntary sector organisations.



This Council notes that many private and voluntary sector employees working on behalf of the County Council are paid less than the Living Wage.

This Council is concerned that employees who provide essential services to Gloucestershire residents, such as care workers, are receiving poor pay and poor terms and conditions for the important service they provide. As a Council we believe that it is our responsibility to ensure that in work poverty is not experienced by anyone employed to work on behalf of GCC.

Therefore this Council requests that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee undertakes a review of the pay, terms and conditions that employees working on behalf of the County Council receive and assess the merits and costs of paying all low paid employees working on behalf of GCC the Living Wage. The review will also investigate the use of zero contract hours by Council contractors and it will establish whether or not the practice of black listing members of Trade Unions occurs in Gloucestershire.

**Motion 744 – A417 Missing Link**

*Proposed by Cllr Mark Hawthorne*

*Secoded by TBA*

This Council notes that the A417 Missing Link remains one of the worst bottlenecks on Gloucestershire's roads, and a continuing cause of serious accidents.

This Council further notes the repeated cross party support from this Council, and from councils across Gloucestershire to addressing this issue.

This Council welcomes the recent commitment from the Department for Transport, but also recognises that there will be much work to do to see the upgrade delivered – and the county's representatives in Westminster will have a crucial role to play in that.

As such, this Council resolves to write to all candidates standing in Gloucestershire at the forthcoming General Election, giving them an opportunity to state their support for this crucial scheme, and to publish responses received.

**9 MEMBER QUESTIONS**

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To answer any written members' questions.

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<b>10</b>	<b>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE</b> (Pages 41 - 50)  For debate and decision on the day, unless the Chairman decides otherwise.
<b>11</b>	<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY</b> (Pages 51 - 62)  For debate and decision on the day, unless the Chairman decides otherwise.
<b>12</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION STATEMENTS</b> (Pages 63 - 64)  For information and members' questions.
<b>13</b>	<b>LOCAL PENSION BOARD OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION FUND</b> (Pages 65 - 70)  For debate and decision on the day, unless the Chairman decides otherwise.

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