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## **County Council Meeting Papers**

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**Chief Executive**

## **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 - 26) To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2016.
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Please see note (a) 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.

**The closing date for receipt of question is 10am on Wednesday, 16 March 2016.**

Please send questions to the Chief Executive marked for the attention of Stephen Bace (email [stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto: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 CORPORATE PARENTING** (Pages 27 - 30)

For information and members' questions.

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning.

**7 PETITIONS**

To receive petitions presented by members without discussion.

**8 MOTIONS**

The following motions had been received by the closing date at 10am on Tuesday, 15 March 2016.

**Motion 765 - The Cotswold–Gloucestershire integrity motion**

*Proposed by Cllr Lesley Williams*

*Seconded by Cllr Barry Kirby*

This Council believes that the Cotswolds is an integral part of Gloucestershire's heritage and a key part of its future as a County.

This Council believes that the Cotswolds benefits financially and culturally through its historic bond with the County of Gloucestershire. This Council also notes that Gloucestershire benefits with the Cotswolds being a key part of the County.

This Council asks that the Leader of Gloucestershire County Council write to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government to state this Council's unhappiness with this proposed changes to Cotswold District Council.

This Council asks that the Leader of Cotswold District Council presents their proposals for the Cotswold – West Oxfordshire unitary authority at the June 2016 County Council meeting.



### **Motion 766 - Improving highway tree maintenance**

*Proposed by Cllr Klara Sudbury*

*Seconded by Cllr Bernie Fisher*

This Council notes that there are approximately 8,000 trees on highway land in Cheltenham alone, and many more right across the county.

It is understood, that the highways contract with Amey is under review and that Liberal Democrats have already asked the Cabinet Member to consider improving highway tree maintenance.

This Council asks the Cabinet Member to report back to the Highways Advisory Group on measures to improve the County Council's tree maintenance programme, before reporting back to full Council with a positive action plan.

### **Motion 767 – Sugar and Obesity Strategy**

Proposed by Cllr Steve Lydon

Seconded by Cllr Lesley Williams

This Council expresses its dismay that the Government have added a further delay to enacting its childhood obesity report.

This Council is also aware that it does not include recommendations for a 'sugar tax', which has been proven to reduce the rates of obesity in children.

This Council is alarmed by the rate of childhood obesity across the County, and will write to the Secretary of State to urge them not to delay releasing the childhood obesity report, and to reconsider the 'sugar tax'.

## **9 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

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<b>10</b>	<b>SCRUTINY REPORT</b> (Pages 31 - 40)  For information and members' questions.
<b>11</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION STATEMENTS</b> (Pages 41 - 44)  For information and members' questions.
<b>12</b>	<b>APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT</b> (Pages 45 - 56)  For debate and decision on the day, unless the Chairman decides otherwise.
<b>13</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS PERFORMANCE REPORT</b> (Pages 57 - 58)  For information and members' questions.  To note that senior highways officers from Amey, the Council's highways contractor, will be available immediately following the meeting to answer questions.

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