



County Council

Wednesday, 13 September 2017 at 10am

Council Chamber - Shire Hall, Gloucester

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

Chairman's Opening of Council

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2	MINUTES (Pages 1 - 28) To confirm and sign the following minutes as a correct record: a) Ordinary Meeting – 28 June 2017 b) Extraordinary Meeting for the appointment of Aldermen – 28 June 2017 c) Extraordinary Meeting for consideration of the Ofsted report relating to Children's Services 28 June 2017
3	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 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 by signing the form that is available at the back of the Council Chamber. Completing this form will be acceptable as a declaration, but members may also declare the interest orally if they so wish.
4	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

<p>5</p>	<p>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</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>The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 6 September 2017. Please send questions to the Chief Executive marked for the attention of Stephen Bace (email stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk).</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>6</p>	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>To receive petitions presented by members without discussion.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>CORPORATE PARENTING (Pages 29 - 32)</p> <p>For information and members' questions.</p> <p>Report from Cllr Richard Boyles, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>MOTIONS</p> <p>The Council's Constitution provides for a maximum of two hours for debate on motions. At the end of the two hour period, those members who have already indicated their intention to speak on the motion being debated at that time will be allowed to speak, the mover of the motion will be asked to sum-up and the vote will be taken.</p> <p>The following motions were received by the closing date of 5 September 2017:</p> <p>Motion 797 – Care staff and the National Minimum Wage <i>Proposed by Cllr Jack Williams</i> <i>Seconded by Cllr Iain Dobie</i></p> <p>This Council praises the work of all care staff across Gloucestershire either employed</p>

directly by this Council or through an independent care provider.

This Council notes the National Minimum Wage (NMW) is a right, not a privilege, which all UK workers are entitled to unless covered by a specific exemption.

This Council is concerned that there are still a minority of workers (namely care staff working for independent care providers) that may well be contracted by this Council delivering care who still do not receive their full NMW entitlement.

This Council agrees that under-payment of the NMW – whether as an intentional act or as a result of ignorance or error - is unacceptable.

This Council welcomes a full review of the employment practices of all those care providers being used by this council to ensure that all care staff are paid at or above hourly NMW rates.

This Council requests the findings of this review to be brought back to this Council in the form of a report with recommendations for member discussion by the end of the year.

Motion 799 - Public sector pay

Proposed by Cllr Brian Oosthuysen

Seconded by Cllr Kate Haigh

This Council recognises the important contribution that public sector workers contribute to our communities.

The Council particularly acknowledges the vital work of our emergency services, both in Gloucestershire and across the country, especially in the light of recent tragedies where emergency services have gone above and beyond.

The Council believes that asking public sector workers to continue to accept declining living standards and differentials is not fair or justifiable. Every worker deserves fair pay.

This Council resolves to write to the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State of Communities and Local Government, and Gloucestershire's six MPs to lobby for the lifting of the public sector pay cap, and all artificial limits on pay and conditions in Local Government.

Motion 798 - Gloucestershire flood and community resilience

Proposed by Cllr Kate Haigh

Seconded by Cllr Lesley Williams



This Council recognises that 10 years has passed since the 2007 Gloucestershire floods. In the aftermath of the flood a scrutiny document was produced and a number of flood alleviation works were funded. Now is an appropriate time for this Council to review that report and to consider where further works are needed, and if we are still following best practice. We also ask that any report examines the 1% flood levy specifically looking at how it was used, and what its future is.

This Council also recognises that our resilient communities were a key factor in our response to the emergency. Building such resilience takes time, resources and effort; therefore this Council agrees to review all outstanding resilience procedures to determine the capacity of our communities in the face of future crises.

This Council further believes that the benefits of having the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service embedded in the authority were proven 10 years ago asks that the report also considers how this can be capitalised on in the future.

This Council asks that all reports on this matter are referred to the relevant scrutiny committee for recommendations and then brought back to a meeting of the Council no later than 31 May 2018.

Motion 800 - Adoption and promotion of electric vehicles

Proposed by Cllr Rachel Smith

Seconded by Cllr Iain Dobie

This Council notes the great importance of good air quality to public health and wellbeing in Gloucestershire. Poor air quality not only contributes to 40,000 premature deaths in the UK every year, but also limits uptake of cycling, and reduces pedestrian numbers - harming wider public health goals.

This Council notes that a leading cause of air pollution is vehicle emissions. This Council further notes that air quality monitoring is a district responsibility, but that air quality issues need a co-ordinated approach between all local authorities in order to reduce unnecessary deaths from poor air quality, as well as work together to cut our carbon emissions.

Councillors agree that more can be done through this authority to combat poor air quality, and welcome the formation of an air quality task group. Recognising the urgency of the problem of both air pollution and carbon emissions, this Council:

- a) Commits to moving to electric or low emission options wherever possible for all direct or indirectly operated council vehicles at the earliest opportunity.
- b) Commits to establishing a working group to develop a strategy to (i) replace the GCC fleet of vehicles wherever possible with electric or low emissions vehicles; and (ii) establish principles for use in procurement to encourage use of electric

or low emissions vehicles by council contractors.

- c) Commits to engaging with district councils and other relevant stakeholders to promote adoption of electric and low emission vehicles, including through identifying schemes, funding and other incentives for provision of publicly accessible EV charging points, and EV charging points in new housing developments.

Motion 801 - Votes at 16

Proposed by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

Seconded by Cllr Klara Sudbury

This Council notes that currently 1.5 million 16 and 17 year olds are denied the vote in public elections in the UK.

This Council recognises that 16 and 17 year olds are knowledgeable and passionate about the world in which they live and are as capable of engaging in the democratic system as any other citizen.

This Council believes people who can consent to medical treatment, work full-time, pay taxes, get married or enter a civil partnership and join the armed forces should also have the right to vote.

This Council therefore requests the Leader of this Council to write to all six Gloucestershire MPs asking that a letter be written to county representatives of the Youth Parliament to express support in lowering the voting age to 16.

Motion 802 – Increase in the State Pension Age for Women

Proposed by Cllr Eva Ward

Seconded by Cllr Brian Oosthuysen

This Council notes that 39,400 women in Gloucestershire born on or after 05 April 1951 have been adversely affected by increase in the State Pension Age (SPA) and that these women have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the SPA. The lack of appropriate notification has resulted in many women not being told about the changes until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls on the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements so that women do not live in hardship due to these State Pension Age changes and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and all the Members of Parliament representing Gloucestershire seeking their support for action by the Government.

<p>9</p>	<p>MEMBER QUESTIONS</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>The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 6 September 2017. Please send questions to the Chief Executive marked for the attention of Stephen Bace (email stephen.bace@gloucestershire.gov.uk).</p> <p>Questions received and proposed responses do not accompany this agenda but will be circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT (SHE) ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 33 - 52)</p> <p>Cllr David Norman to present the SHE Annual Report.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>SCRUTINY REPORT (Pages 53 - 64)</p> <p>Cllr Patrick Molyneux, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to present the scrutiny report.</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>CABINET DECISION STATEMENT (Pages 65 - 78)</p> <p>For information and members' questions.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION STATEMENTS (Pages 79 - 82)</p> <p>For information and members' questions.</p>

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