



County Council

Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 10am

Council Chamber - Shire Hall, Gloucester

Chief Executive

A G E N D A

Chair's Opening of Council

“May we find wisdom to carry out our duties, humanity to listen to all, the courage to do what is right and the generosity to treat each other with respect.”

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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE |
| 2 | MINUTES (Pages 1 - 20) To confirm and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting and Extraordinary Meeting, both held on 12 September 2018. |
| 3 | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Please declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests that you may have relating to <u>any relevant matters</u> due to be discussed at the meeting. You should do this by signing the form at the back of the Council Chamber and you may also make an oral declaration if you so wish. If you become aware of an interest you have during the course of the meeting, you should declare it orally at the time you become aware of it and sign the form at the back of the Chamber at the end of the meeting. |

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) First World War - 100 years

The Chairman to advise that he attended the Gloucester Cathedral Service on 11 November 2018 to commemorate the end of the First World War.

b) Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) bed push

To congratulate GFRS on raising in excess of £21,000 for Gloucestershire Hospitals' Oncology Department.

c) 100 years celebration

An event will be held at Shire Hall on 14 December 2018 to celebrate 100 years of suffrage. Women from across the county will be invited to attend including a number who are more than 100 years old.

d) Prince of Wales

The Chairman to advise that he wrote to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

e) Council officers

To congratulate Jo on her appointment as the Chief Executive of North Somerset Council and to welcome Wayne Bowcock on his appointment as Chief Fire Officer.

f) Severe weather in the US

The Chairman to report that he has written to Sheriff Darell Warren of Gloucester County in Virginia following Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael.

g) Gloucestershire Music

The County Youth Orchestra, Duality Winds, Youth String Ensemble and Youth Wind Orchestra all performed in the impressive Birmingham Symphony Hall and Town Hall at the UK's largest youth music festival.

h) ICT support

Staff from ICT will be on hand over the lunch break to provide advice to members.

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item.



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| | <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, 21 November 2018. 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 available prior to the meeting.</p> |
| 6 | <p>CORPORATE PARENTING</p> <p>Oral report from Cllr Richard Boyles, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.</p> |
| 7 | <p>PETITIONS</p> <p>To receive petitions presented by members without discussion.</p> |
| 8 | <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 time limit for member speeches is three minutes and the time limit for proposing a motion is five minutes.</p> <p>The following motions were received by the closing date of 10am on 20 November 2018:</p> <p>Motion 825 – Protecting Gloucestershire Hospitals' walk-in-services <i>Proposed by Cllr Joe Harris</i> <i>Seconded by Iain Dobie</i></p> <p>This Council notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value communities place upon the Accident and Emergency units in both Gloucester and Cheltenham • The enormous and varied contributions made by the seven minor injury units spread across Gloucestershire |

- The great value that communities across Gloucestershire place upon having hospital facilities close by

This Council further notes that all Walk in Centres, Urgent Care Centres, and Minor Injury Units will be rebranded as Urgent Treatment Centres by the end of 2019.

This Council resolves to write to Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, to appeal in the strongest possible terms, that none of the services currently on offer to walk-in patients at any of the nine hospitals are removed, including that Cheltenham General Hospital must not be further downgraded to an Urgent Treatment Centre from an Accident and Emergency department.

Motion 826 – Crisis in Local Government funding

Proposed by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

Seconded by Cllr Lesley Williams

This Council notes:

- The unprecedented times that the country is facing and the job that local government is doing in providing local stability and leadership in these tumultuous times.
- The irreplaceable role that local councils play at the heart of communities, providing key public services that protect the most defenceless in society – children at risk, disabled adults and vulnerable older people – and the services we all rely on, like clean streets, libraries, and children’s centres.
- That councils up and down the UK are at breaking point, with disproportionate reductions in local council funding in comparison to the rest of the public sector.
- That councils had to spend an extra £800m last year to meet the demand on vital services to protect children and that, with an ageing population and growing demand, adult social care faces a funding gap of over £2 billion in the next financial year.

This Council further notes:

- The £1.3bn cut to Councils’ Revenue Support Grant that is due in 2019/20.
- That, according to a cross-party report by the Local Government Association, council services will face a funding gap of £3.9 billion in 2019/20, rising to £7.8 billion by 2024/25.

This Council therefore resolves to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, expressing its dismay that the Government failed to sufficiently address the growing funding gaps with local councils in the Autumn Budget, and requesting that he urgently rectify this mistake in judgement.

Motion 827 – Modern Slavery

Proposed by Cllr Kate Haigh

Seconded by Cllr Brian Oosthuysen

This Council notes that:

- Modern Slavery is one of the great evils of our time and it's happening under our noses. In nail bars, car washes, farms, factories and restaurants, it is estimated that tens of thousands of people in the UK could be victims.

This Council also notes that:

- Collectively, local authorities in England spend more than £40bn per year procuring goods and services. From car washes to cleaning and construction, councils do business with hundreds of different suppliers. Many of those firms will have contractors and suppliers of their own.
- The Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern slavery goes further than existing law and guidance, committing councils to proactively vetting their own supply chain to ensure no instances of modern slavery are taking place.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Adopt the principles of the Co-operative Party's Charter against Modern Slavery.

The Council will:

- 1 Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.
- 2 Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.
- 3 Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.
- 4 Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.
- 5 Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
- 6 Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.
- 7 Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
- 8 Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.

- 9 Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
- 10 Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually Modern Slavery Charter.

Motion 828 – Making Gloucestershire's countryside safe and accessible

Proposed by Cllr Colin Hay

Seconded by Cllr Loraine Patrick

This Council notes the exceptional countryside in Gloucestershire and the significant economic and cultural benefits that this already gives to businesses and residents within the county.

However, this Council recognises that the county's countryside could be made safer and more accessible for people, including walkers, those with limited physical movement and equine users. This Council also recognises that relatively small infrastructure changes could further cement the county's position as a tourist destination of choice for country pursuits. Such improvements could include, but are not limited to:

- 1 Safe connections between walking routes and bridlepaths
- 2 Gates on walking paths and bridleways that are more accessible for all users and easier to open on a horse.
- 3 Well-drained surfaces in gateways
- 4 Parking facilities on popular routes

This Council resolves to send this matter to the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee, for consideration on how the Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership can work with the tourist industry to turn Gloucestershire into an centre of excellence for walkers and equine users, helping businesses develop new and innovative practices.

Motion 829 – Governance of the Fire Service

Proposed by Cllr Dave Norman

Seconded by Cllr Jeremy Hilton

This Council restates its opposition to proposals to transfer the governance of Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue service from the County Council to the Police and Crime Commissioner. We call on the Police and Crime Commissioner to abandon the plan, and, if he does not, for the Home Secretary to reject it.

Motion 830 - Building a Statutory Youth Service

Proposed by Cllr Steve Robinson

Seconded by Cllr Lesley Williams

This Council notes:

- Youth work is a distinct educational process offering young people safe spaces to explore their identity, experience decision-making, increase their confidence, develop inter-personal skills and think through the consequences of their actions. This leads to better informed choices, changes in activity and improved outcomes for young people.
- Cuts to youth services have devastated the lives of young people by damaging community cohesion, making it harder to stay in formal education, and having a negative impact on their health and wellbeing. 83% of youth workers say the cuts have had an effect on crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Youth work as a profession has been eroded and undermined through funding cuts and market reforms, and that overall spending on youth services in England has fallen by £737m (62%) since 2010.

This Council believes:

- Youth services should be made statutory, recognising the important role universal youth work plays in supporting young people to realise their potential.
- There should be a mandated national body with dedicated ring fenced funding to oversee youth service provision across England.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Write to the six Gloucestershire MPs to ask them to support and campaign for statutory youth services.

9 MEMBER QUESTIONS

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| 10 | <p>CHAIR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Following the appointment of Cllr Dave Norman to the Cabinet, to elect a Chair of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> |
| 11 | <p>SCRUTINY REPORT (Pages 21 - 34)</p> <p>Cllr Patrick Molyneux, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, to present the report on recent scrutiny activities.</p> |
| 12 | <p>CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT (Pages 35 - 38)</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Chair of the Constitution Committee, to present the report from the meeting held on 15 October 2018.</p> |
| 13 | <p>CABINET DECISION STATEMENT (Pages 39 - 46)</p> <p>To consider the Cabinet Decision Statement for the meeting held on 10 October 2018 including the recommendation relating to funding for the outline business case for M5 Junction 10.</p> |
| 14 | <p>CABINET MEMBER DECISION STATEMENTS (Pages 47 - 50)</p> <p>To consider the Cabinet Member Decision Statements for the period 1 September to 31 October 2018.</p> |
| 15 | <p>GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18 (Pages 51 - 188)</p> <p>Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Chair of the Pensions Committee, to present the annual report.</p> |

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