



# Gloucestershire

COUNTY COUNCIL

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 24 June 2020 at 10.00 am

Please note that this meeting will be held remotely and can be viewed on the County Council website at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

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."

1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
2	<b>MINUTES</b> (pages 1 - 26)  To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2020.
3	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  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.

#### 4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Virtual meeting protocol

To invite Simon Harper, Head of Democratic Services, to provide information on how the meeting will be run and provide guidance on how to use the WebEx remote meeting software.

b) Victims of Coronavirus in Gloucestershire

To take a moment's silence as a tribute to those people in Gloucestershire who have lost their lives during the Coronavirus outbreak including Council employee Richard Edwards. Richard was a long standing and valued member of the Gloucester Integrated Social Care Management Team.

c) People of Paju Province in South Korea

The Chairman has written to the Mayor of Paju Province to thank them for the personal protective equipment they sent to the county in honour of the soldiers of the Gloucestershire Regiment for their service in the Korean War. The equipment will directly help older people in care homes across Gloucestershire, many of that same generation whose young men fought so bravely at the Imjin River.

d) Thank you

To thank the staff of the Council and partner organisations including the NHS, Police, Fire and Rescue, care providers and community organisations for the support and care they have been providing to the residents of Gloucestershire during the Coronavirus outbreak.

#### 5 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

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 questions is 10am on Wednesday, 17 June 2020.**

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))

Questions received and proposed responses do not accompany this agenda but will be circulated prior to the meeting.



<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>CORPORATE PARENTING</b> (pages 27 - 30)</p> <p>Cllr Richard Boyles, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years, to present the corporate parenting report.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>PETITIONS</b></p> <p>To receive petitions presented by members without discussion.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>MOTIONS</b> (pages 31 - 38)</p> <p>The Council’s Constitution provides for a maximum of two hours for debate on motions. The time limit for member speeches is three minutes and the time limit for proposing a motion is five minutes.</p> <p>In accordance with Procedural Rule 10.2 in Part 4 of the Council Constitution, the Chief Executive has prepared a short accompanying note for each motion in respect of any implications for climate change, resources, human rights and any other pertinent factors they may wish to include in accordance with the Council’s Policy Framework.</p> <p><b>Motion 859 – Fast-tracked introduction of ‘School Streets’ schemes</b>  <i>Proposed by Cllr Iain Dobie</i>  <i>Seconded by Cllr Nigel Robbins</i></p> <p>This Council notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As people are being instructed to return to school and to work, the national Government is encouraging everyone to walk or cycle where possible instead of taking public transport or returning to their cars.</li> <li>• The Government has announced a £250 million ‘Emergency Active Travel Fund’ for temporary infrastructure to enable safe cycling and walking – of which, Gloucestershire is receiving £1.442 million (0.57 per cent).</li> <li>• The Transport Secretary issued new Statutory Guidance on 9 May to all Highways Authorities, requiring them to deliver ‘transformative change’ within an urgent timeframe.</li> <li>• Measures listed under the Statutory Guidance include (but are not limited to) ‘pop-up’ cycle facilities, widening footways, ‘school streets’ schemes, and reducing speed limits.</li> <li>• The guidance further states that ‘measures should be taken as swiftly as possible, and in any event within weeks, given the urgent need to change travel habits before the restart takes full effect.’</li> <li>• ‘School streets’ schemes, which close the roads outside schools during drop-</li> </ul>

off and pick-up times, have the multiple aims of: improving road safety for pupils, encouraging active travel to school/ modal shift out of cars, and improving the air quality and environment at the school gates, and are very effective for enabling social distancing outside schools.

This Council further notes that:

- Prior to Covid-19 related changes, 'School Streets' schemes were successfully introduced or were being trialled at multiple local authorities across the UK\*.
- Since the announcement, enthusiasm for 'School Streets' has sky-rocketed, with many more councils introducing these schemes before schools reopened and multiple NGOs calling for the introduction of 'School Streets' to manage social distancing at the school gate.
- Progressive councils are introducing the measures under their own considerable statutory powers, making experimental traffic orders where necessary.
- Gloucestershire County Council has already made a number of road alterations to assist with active travel and social distancing associated with shops, but none specifically targeted at schools.
- It has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to positively impact travel choices, including the associated benefits on health, air quality and road safety.

This Council resolves to:

- a) Work with county councillors, districts, schools and local partners to swiftly identify those schools in the county that could put a 'School Streets' scheme in place.
- b) Work with county councillors, districts, schools and local partners to enable all schools that wish to take part in the 'School Streets' scheme to do so – taking advantage of experimental traffic orders and new statutory guidance over fast-tracked Traffic Regulation Orders where necessary.
- c) In the long term, work with all schools in the county to develop accredited travel plans, which could include enforceable no-idling zones and 'School Streets' schemes.
- d) Measure air quality around a sample of schools in all six districts at child-head height to identify the level of air pollution children are being exposed to at school drop-off and pick-up.
- e) Pilot additional measures to improve air quality near schools in 2020/21, such as 'living green walls' and tree planting, working with local businesses to sponsor these initiatives.

\* Including but not limited to: Birmingham City Council, Bristol City Council, Cardiff Council, The City of Edinburgh Council, Glasgow City Council, Greater Manchester, Leeds City Council, Sheffield City Council, Southampton City Council, City of York Council, and many London Boroughs.



## **Motion 860 - Celebrating Gloucestershire Volunteers**

*Proposed by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson*

*Seconded by Cllr Lesley Williams*

This Council notes that:

- Despite the tragic loss of life caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, including over 550 in Gloucestershire alone to date, this crisis will also be remembered for the enormous acts of kindness and generosity exhibited by Gloucestershire's residents.
- Within hours of setting up Gloucestershire Help Hub, the Council was flooded with offers of help from businesses, organisations and residents, totalling over 3,500 to date.
- Many communities across Gloucestershire established their own support networks to ensure that no member of society went without.

This Council also notes that:

- Gloucestershire County Council staff rose to the challenge of the situation, with many staff changing roles to support the Council's response and most of our social services colleagues dramatically increasing their hours of work to protect our county's most vulnerable residents.
- Without the work of volunteers from outside the Council, Gloucestershire County Council could never have hoped to respond to the thousands of calls for support, including delivering food parcels, collecting prescriptions and combatting isolation and loneliness.

As the lead authority in the county, this Council calls for GCC to establish a series of events to recognise and celebrate the exceptional efforts of residents and public servants, and to establish permanent memorials to acknowledge both the volunteers and the tragic loss of so many members of our community.

## **Motion 861 – Climate change**

*Proposed by Cllr Kate Haigh*

*Seconded by Cllr Rachel Smith*

This Council notes that the response to Covid-19 in the County has been exceptional, with changes to how we do things delivered at a rapid pace.

This Council believes by using existing technology, we can and must change how we do things. As we recover from this health crisis we must also use this new thinking to tackle the climate crisis.

This Council pledges to use the new thinking about how we live and work as a basis for building communities resilient to climate change.



This Council asks the Cabinet member for Environment and Planning who is responsible for climate change strategy to produce a report to Council after consideration by Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee on what lessons the Council has learnt during Covid-19 that the County Council can apply to its policies and practices to meet our climate change targets and produce a cleaner, greener post-Covid County.

- a) The report written to include public consultation on their priorities for building back better.
- b) Lessons learned on how to deliver change at a rapid pace
- c) Referring to key strategies including Vision 2050, Industrial Strategy, Strategic Transport Plan and Council Plan.

**Motion 863 - Establishment of a local contact tracing system to stop Covid-19**

*Proposed by Cllr Rachel Smith*

*Seconded by Cllr Eva Ward*

This Council notes the huge toll the lock-down has taken on the health and wellbeing of people in our county, whilst also noting the extreme importance of lockdown and social-distancing measures to preserve life in the face of the lethal corona-virus.

This Council further notes that a fully implemented, effective and integrated track, trace and isolate system remains our only safe and socially just route out of lockdown and, with people mixing more freely and the r-rate hovering around 1 indicating continued viral spread, is urgently needed.

For the sake of the health of all residents in Gloucestershire, this Council cannot wait for the delayed government track and trace system.

This Council therefore calls for the establishment of a locally based, trusted and reliable contact tracing system in Gloucestershire.

**Motion 862 - Promoting cycleways**

*Proposed by Cllr Lesley Williams*

*Seconded by Cllr Steve Robinson*

This Council is taking advantage of extra funding provided by the Government as a result of Covid 19 to promote alternative modes of travel and to make busy areas physically safer for people to walk and cycle.

This Council recognises that cycling, in the county, has increased by 190% during the last few months.



	<p>This Council recognises that the County already has a large number of cycle routes.</p> <p>This Council recognises that in order to encourage more people, not just enthusiasts, to carry on cycling they need to feel safe and to know where there are dedicated routes that might allow them to travel to work by bicycle.</p> <p>This Council recognises that the typical distance that a person will cycle to work is about 5km.</p> <p>In order to support cycling, and to encourage more cycling this Council proposes that a portion of the ring fenced grant is used to positively promote cycling by communicating routes, both functional and recreational, through extensive publicity.</p> <p>And that this Council considers measures that could be put in place for the safe storage of bicycles in various locations covered lock-ups not just racks.</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>MEMBER QUESTIONS</b></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><b>The closing date for receipt of questions is 10am on Wednesday, 17 June 2020.</b> 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>Questions received and proposed responses do not accompany this agenda but will be circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>SCRUTINY</b></p> <p>Cllr Shaun Parsons, Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to note that formal scrutiny committee meetings will resume next month (July 2020). Through May and June 2020 a series of question and answer briefing sessions have been held for each scrutiny committee to ensure that members remain updated on Council activities.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION CHANGES</b> (pages 39 - 98)</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Chair of the Constitution Committee, to present the report from the committee meeting held on 9 March 2020 and subsequent changes required to the Council's Constitution since that meeting.</p>

**12 APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Chair of the Appointments Committee, to advise that at the meeting held on 6 March 2020, the committee recommended to Council that the Pay Policy Statement for 2020-21 be adopted.

As a result of the cancellation of the meeting of full Council on 25 March 2020, the Chief Executive has approved the Pay Policy Statement to allow it to be published. This decision was taken following consultation with the Chair and Leader of Council under delegated powers to officers (CE1 in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Constitution).

The decision record along with the Pay Policy Statement are available on the Council's website -

<https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?Id=1483>

**13 CABINET**

**a) Cabinet 17 June 2020**

Subject to approval by Cabinet, to consider the following recommendations to Council:

**i) Council Strategy: Looking to the Future 2019-2022**

- To add the following to the Challenges & Opportunities chapter on page 5 relating to Climate Change:  
*Along with councils up and down the country, Gloucestershire County Council has declared a climate change emergency. This recognises the irreversible impact that humans have already had on climate change and the need for bold and timely action to be taken. The County Council has a leadership role, along with other public sector bodies, to reduce carbon emissions across the whole county.*
- To add the following to 'Our Priorities for Gloucestershire' on page 7:  
*Reduce Gloucestershire's carbon emissions by 80% by 2030, and secure a carbon neutral county by 2050.*
- To add the following to the 'Transport, Economy and Infrastructure' section on pages 16-17:  
*We will reduce Gloucestershire's carbon emissions by 80% by 2030, and secure a carbon neutral county by 2050. We will do this by working with our partners through Leadership Gloucestershire to:*
  - *Implement the Gloucestershire Climate Change strategy*
  - *Strengthen the Gloucestershire Sustainable Energy Strategy*
  - *Grow our low carbon economy*
  - *Help our residents, businesses and partners to radically reduce carbon.*



	<p><b>i) Second review of the Statement of Community Involvement for Gloucestershire</b>          To adopt the Second Review Statement of Community Involvement for Gloucestershire in accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).</p> <p>Please refer to the reports published with the Cabinet meeting papers for 17 June 2020 (available for members on Moderngov and on the Council website: <a href="https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&amp;MId=9396&amp;Ver=4">https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&amp;MId=9396&amp;Ver=4</a>)</p>
	<p><b>b) Cabinet 11 March 2020</b> (pages 99 - 106)          To note the Cabinet Decision Statement for the meeting.</p>
	<p><b>c) Individual Cabinet Member Decision Statements</b> (pages 107 - 114)          To consider the decision statements for the period 1 February to 9 June 2020.</p>

**RECORDING MEETINGS, 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:

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