



MINUTES OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 24 June 2020 TIME: 10.00 am

VENUE: Virtual Meeting - Web ex meeting

Present

Membership:

Cllr Phil Awford	Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE	Cllr Nigel Robbins OBE
Cllr Matt Babbage	Cllr Colin Hay	Cllr Brian Robinson
Cllr Robert Bird	Cllr Jeremy Hilton	Cllr Steve Robinson
Cllr Richard Boyles	Cllr Stephen Hirst	Cllr Rachel Smith
Cllr David Brown	Cllr Paul Hodgkinson	Cllr Vernon Smith
Cllr Chris Coleman	Cllr Carole Allaway Martin	Cllr Lynden Stowe
Cllr Dr John Cordwell	Cllr Dr Andrew Miller	Cllr Klara Sudbury
Cllr Kevin Cromwell	Cllr Patrick Molyneux	Cllr Ray Theodoulou (Chairman)
Cllr Stephen Davies	Cllr Nigel Moor	Cllr Brian Tipper
Cllr Iain Dobie	Cllr Graham Morgan	Cllr Pam Tracey MBE
Cllr Ben Evans	Cllr David Norman MBE	Cllr Robert Vines
Cllr Bernard Fisher	Cllr Brian Oosthuysen	Cllr Eva Ward
Cllr Andrew Gravells	Cllr Shaun Parsons	Cllr Simon Wheeler
Cllr Kate Haigh	Cllr Sajid Patel	Cllr Kathy Williams
Cllr Terry Hale	Cllr Loraine Patrick	Cllr Lesley Williams MBE
Cllr Tim Harman	Cllr John Payne	Cllr Suzanne Williams
Cllr Joe Harris	Cllr Alan Preest	Cllr Will Windsor-Clive

Apologies: Bill Crowther (Honorary Alderman), Terence Parker, Cllr Keith Rippington and Gordon Shurmer (Honorary Alderman)

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2020 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Pam Tracey MBE declared a personal interest as a school governor.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Virtual meeting protocol

Simon Harper, Head of Democratic Services, explained the virtual meeting protocol for the meeting to members.

b) Victims of Coronavirus in Gloucestershire

The Chairman paid tribute to the 568 residents of Gloucestershire who had sadly lost their lives to coronavirus, including Council employee Richard Edwards. The Chairman, on

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behalf of the Council, passed on his sincere condolences to Richard's family and all bereaved families in the county. A minute's silence was held in remembrance of all the county's residents who had lost their lives due to the virus. Members would be able to pay personal tribute to those who had lost their lives during the motions agenda item.

c) People of Paju Province in South Korea

The Chairman advised that he had written to the Mayor of Paju Province in South Korea to thank its people 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. This PPE had been distributed to care homes in the county that looked after many older people of the same generation whose young men fought at the Imjin River.

d) Thank you

The Chairman thanked 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 had provided to the residents of Gloucestershire during the Coronavirus outbreak. Members would be able to personally thank those who had supported residents in the county during the outbreak during the motions agenda item.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Fifteen questions had been received. A copy of the answers was circulated and is attached to the signed copy of the minutes.

Question 2 – Highlighting the need for members of the public and local councillors to have access to data on cases of coronavirus and related deaths within Gloucestershire, Molly Scott Cato asked whether this information would be made available on the Council website.

Cllr Tim Harman advised that accurate local data would be the focus for the cross-party engagement board that was being established, and which would hold its first meeting in July.

Question 7 – Referring to the figures provided in the answers to questions 8 and 9, Dr David Willingham asked whether, given the error made by a member of staff and the evident lack of parking, it would be better to oppose the planning application.

Cllr Vernon Smith advised that the question would be better addressed to officers at Cheltenham Borough Council.

Question 8 – Dr David Willingham asked whether the cabinet member would agree to write to the planning authority to ask them to agree to rescind the planning application, given that the information provided by the Council to the planning authority differed from the information provided in the answers to questions 9 and 10.

Cllr Vernon Smith agreed to liaise with the officer who provided the information and the planning authority regarding this matter.

Question 14 – Dr David Willingham asked whether the cabinet member would consider installing demand-led traffic signals which could be triggered by cyclists.

Cllr Vernon Smith suggested that Dr Willingham have a conversation with him outside of the meeting on the issue.

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Question 15 – Dr David Willingham asked whether the road surface at Great Western Terrace could be treated to prevent drains blocking due to grit and gravel from the road.

Cllr Vernon Smith agreed to ask the relevant officer to check where Great Western Terrace was in the programme for road resurfacing.

Cllr Nigel Robbins raised a point of order relating to Public Questions. He felt that the number of questions, written and supplementary, received from a member of the public was an abuse of the system and requested that the process be reviewed. The matter was referred to the Constitution Committee.

5. CORPORATE PARENTING

Cllr Richard Boyles, Cabinet Member for Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years, presented the report which focused on the work of Voice Gloucestershire (Gloucestershire’s Children in Care Council). He encouraged all members to engage with the corporate parenting training which was delivered by the council’s Ambassadors for Vulnerable Children and Young People.

In response to a question Cllr Boyles updated members on the progress of Trevone House, explaining that the project had slipped due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The construction was scheduled to complete in September 2020, with services commencing soon after. Cllr Boyles also agreed to contact the local member to share the contract details for the management of this facility.

It was stated that the work of the Ambassadors for Vulnerable Children and Young People was a highlight of the work of Children’s Services.

A member raised concerns regarding the reduction in the number of foster carers available. Cllr Boyles acknowledged that there has been a fall in numbers. This was, in the main, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; many of our foster carers were older and had had to withdrawn from fostering support for health reasons. The Fostering Service was actively recruiting, but this was a challenge in the current circumstances.

6. PETITIONS

No petitions were presented by members.

7. MOTIONS

Motion 859 – Fast-tracked introduction of ‘School Streets’ schemes

Cllr Iain Dobie proposed and Cllr Nigel Robbins seconded the motion included on the agenda.

Cllr Dobie informed the meeting of the challenges outside schools at the beginning and end of the school day relating to traffic; he felt sure that each member of council would have witnessed this themselves. He outlined the benefits that could be generated by the introduction of the school streets scheme in Gloucestershire, including improved safety, and air quality and encouraged walking and cycling. He also stated that this scheme would benefit the wider community health and wellbeing, and support improved community spirit. He acknowledged that the location of the school was key, and that the location of some of Gloucestershire’s schools would not be suitable for this scheme but would benefit from other traffic calming measures.

Cllr Dobie felt that there was excessive bureaucracy and delay built into the traffic regulation order process (TRO) which created an unhelpful barrier. He indicated that in his

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view there was also a lack of will to deliver these types of schemes within Shire Hall. Passing the motion would remove these barriers. Cllr Dobie stated that the council's travel plan promoted cycling and that the council had declared a climate emergency and had identified targets for reducing air pollution. He informed the meeting that this motion supported these shared aims and asked that members support the motion as it stands.

Cllr Nigel Robbins, seconder, asked members what legacy they would want to leave for their children and grandchildren? He stated that this proposal was an important gift to future generations. Vehicle pollution was particularly damaging to young children. Enabling children to cycle would support the drive to reduce obesity, with the associated benefits to the individual and society – he quoted from the council's Local Transport Plan (LTP) which stated that children preferred to cycle, and that it was anticipated that if changes were not made to support more sustainable travel options for children there would be a significant increase in the levels of obesity. He reiterated that supporting this motion would be an important gift to future generations.

A member informed the meeting that there were clear advantages to this motion, where the scheme could be implemented. This proposal also have additional merit to the 20mph as it would provide a more effective way of providing a safe environment for children. An important aspect was the timing – there were limited opportunities before winter set in. They indicated that they were unsure that the Administration was fully supportive of safer zones etc, but hoped that council would take note of this motion.

Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, informed the meeting that the Conservative Cabinet does support children traveling to school safely and in an environmentally manner including walking and cycling, but wanted it to be an evidence based approach. School Streets were an interesting idea and the Cabinet was happy to back a trial scheme. However the evidence from elsewhere was mixed and he would want to see how it worked in Gloucestershire before committing to implementing this approach across all schools. Because the motion proposes spending outside the budget, and other factors that the council could not make decisions on, he proposed that this be discussed at the meeting of Cabinet on 22 July 2020, and that Cllr Dobie make his presentation at that meeting. Cllr Moor informed the meeting that the Conservative Group had tried to identify a way of amending this motion to take their concerns into account, but this had not been possible. He therefore moved a motion that this proposal be received by Cabinet in July; this should not cause any delay to the work in place currently to run the trial.

Cllr Moor therefore proposed a motion without notice under standing order 11.1.13 to refer the motion to Cabinet in July 2020. This motion was seconded by Cllr Mark Hawthorne. Cllr Hawthorne informed members that he supported Cllr Moor's statements; this was a complex issue. He reiterated that Cllr Dobie would be able to present his case at Cabinet on 22 July 2020.

Cllr Dobie stated that he was unhappy, and not surprised, by the proposed motion without notice; he thought that this was yet another delay. He indicated that he would not be supporting this motion but would abstain.

On being put to the vote the motion without notice was carried.

RESOLVED that

Under standing order 11.1.13, motions without notice, Motion 859 'School Streets' be referred to Cabinet.

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Motion 860 - Celebrating Gloucestershire Volunteers

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson proposed and Cllr Lesley Williams seconded the motion included on the agenda.

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson stated that he was delighted to present this motion on the superb volunteer effort in the county in response to the pandemic. He felt that Covid-19 had had a transformative effect on our country, county and world, clearly none more so than on the families and friends of those who have died. In Gloucestershire almost 600 people have died of Covid-19 during this pandemic. Alongside the loss he stated that he felt the many extraordinary acts of kindness locally and nationally would also be remembered. He drew attention to the many offers of help and support received by the Gloucestershire Community Hub, and the many initiatives/projects that had been set up by volunteers and local businesses in response to the pandemic. He felt that as we moved into the recovery phase it would be important to take the learning from these experiences forward with us. He hoped that all members supported this motion to celebrate and thank our everyday heroes and to create a memorial.

Members from across the council agreed with the premise of the motion and took the opportunity to highlight initiatives in their own divisions and to thank those involved for their work. Members agreed that there was a debt of gratitude to the volunteers in Gloucestershire. Members hoped that it would be possible to capture this community spirit such that it continued as we moved forward.

Members also wanted to record their thanks to council officers for their prompt response to the pandemic and their ability to adapt to the changes required to deliver the work to support people through the pandemic.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne thanked members for their contributions to the debate and to the work of the volunteers in their divisions. He informed the meeting that the response had shown that we could work together and we could deliver services differently. He stated that it would be important that there was a celebration, and that work was underway for a Gloucestershire Day; this would be both an opportunity to remember and to celebrate. More details would be available in due course.

Cllr Lesley Williams, seconder, thanked members for highlighting the voluntary work in their areas; she felt that the spontaneous eruption of people wanting to help had been extraordinary. She welcomed the idea of a Gloucestershire Day.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that: -

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:

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- *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

Cllr Kate Haigh proposed and Cllr Rachel Smith seconded the motion included on the agenda.

Cllr Haigh stated that as we rebuild our lives and economy post the pandemic a new world would emerge, but that it would be important not to forget that the fight against climate change remained important, the biggest long term threat to all our futures. How we all work and do business has changed radically, but already the roads are back to being busy. The county council was at the forefront of the response to the pandemic and this work must go hand in hand with the work to reduce the impact of climate change; this approach must run like a thread through all of our actions. The response to Covid-19 has shown that radical action can be taken in the face of an imminent threat. Council strategies were developed in a pre Covid-19 world so it was only right that they should be revisited. This was a pivotal moment, of great risk but also great opportunity to build a resilient and sustainable future. This was a cross cutting issue that would affect everything we do and be considered by all the council's scrutiny committees, but should be managed by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee as its work cut across all areas. It would be important to consult the public, hear what they have to say and engage them with the process.

Cllr Smith, seconder, stated that Covid-19 had demonstrated that health was a huge motivator when we want to change and we needed to hold this in mind as we work to address the climate crisis. The climate breakdown was already having an impact; there were big challenges that we needed to address. A survey in Stroud had shown that 75% of people identified climate change as an issue that needed to be addressed. We must not miss this opportunity. It would be important to discuss this at the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee as it cut across all areas.

A member spoke in support of the motion informing the meeting that there had been exceptional behavioural changes during lockdown – more people exercising outdoors, traffic levels dropping to 30% of normal levels, cycle shops stripped bare. Covid-19 had highlighted the fragility of an oil based economy. We would be failing future generations if we did not grab this opportunity.

Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, informed the meeting that the Conservative Group supported the thrust of the motion but felt that this work should be managed by the Environment Scrutiny Committee. The Environment Scrutiny Committee had been at the fore in the development of the Climate Change Strategy.

Cllr Moor therefore proposed an amendment to motion 861: -

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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~~ **Environment** 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.*

~~*The report written to include public consultation on their priorities for building back better. Lessons learned on how to deliver change at a rapid pace*~~

Referring to key strategies including Vision 2050, Industrial Strategy, Strategic Transport Plan and Council Plan.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne seconded the motion. He informed members that this amendment was a small change to direct the report to the Environment Scrutiny Committee. He stated that it would be important to reflect on the opportunities that Covid-19 has brought forward. A bid has already been submitted to government for cycling routes between Cheltenham and Gloucester, and an approach has been made with regard to broadband rollout.

The Chairman questioned whether this could be accepted as a friendly amendment. Cllr Haigh indicated that it was not. She did not support the change relating to public consultation, nor the direction to the Environment Scrutiny Committee. This was a cross cutting matter and would be better overseen by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Cllr Smith informed the meeting she agreed with the points raised by Cllr Haigh and could not accept the amendment.

Some members commented that they did not think that it was appropriate to remove the reference to public consultation; it was not appropriate to exclude the very people that the council had been praising earlier in the meeting.

Cllr Moor informed the meeting that the point of taking this motion to Environment Scrutiny was that it was well versed in the Climate Change Strategy which would enable this work to move at pace. The public had already been consulted during the development of the Climate Change Strategy; they would be again in due course, but it was important not to delay.

Cllr Haigh reiterated her concerns with regard to the amendment.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

The amended motion therefore became the substantive motion. On being put to the vote the motion was carried

RESOLVED that

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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

Cllr Rachel Smith proposed and Cllr Eva Ward seconded the motion included on the agenda.

Cllr Smith stated that the Covid-19 pandemic had presented this country with its biggest crisis since World War 2. It has recorded one of the largest death rates, and the government was not protecting the population. Contact tracing was the best method to protect people and keep them safe. SAGE (Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies) has slated the government's approach to track and trace and has explained what was required. The government was not sharing crucial testing data. Cllr Smith felt that the Public Health Team at the council had the skills to establish a local track and trace system; this could coordinate with the already established help hub. She discussed how Ceredigion, Wales, had used local data with success. She informed members that political leadership and moral courage were needed such that lives would be saved.

Cllr Ward, seconder, looked forward to the publication of the Local Outbreak Management Plan on 30 June 2020. She did not think that the current initiatives went far enough. People were frightened to leave their homes due to a lack of data, and felt that a local system informed by local knowledge was the better approach.

Cllr Tim Harman, Cabinet Member Public Health and Communities, informed members that the government's track and trace system had been launched on 1 May 2020; 87000 people were self isolating after being traced. A local system would not work, not least because people moved across boundaries. It was not the job of the council's Public Health team to take on this role; and it was important not to take resources away from other important areas, eg. mental health. Track and trace was resource intensive and it was therefore better to use the national team. Cllr Harman thought it unhelpful to compare Ceredigion with Gloucestershire giving the significant differences in their population density. He indicated that Cllr Smith was welcome to join the Covid-19 Member Engagement Board.

Members paid tribute to the council's Public Health Team. Some members expressed their frustration at the lack of data coming through from government and agreed that there needed to be a local system for local people. It was commented that if we should not

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compare to Ceredigion then perhaps a comparison with Germany, where management of track and trace has been devolved to local authorities, would be more appropriate. There was agreement that this country could learn from the approaches taken by our European neighbours.

Other members argued that this was a complex issue and that there was a lot of ignorance about what was actually happening. Covid-19 did not respect local boundaries, and that it was right that there was a national system. The council did not have the necessary resources to run a local system. The geographical location of Gloucestershire meant that the situation here was different to the rest of the South West.

Cllr Smith stated that she was disappointed that some members could not see the value of a local system, and was concerned that there seemed to some complacency. She acknowledged that people moved across boundaries, but that those who did not were the most vulnerable and needed a level of confidence that was not currently there.

On being put to the vote the motion was lost.

Motion 862 - Promoting cycleways

Cllr Lesley Williams proposed and Cllr Steve Robinson seconded the motion included on the agenda.

Cllr Williams stated that this was a good opportunity to encourage people to cycle but that we needed to provide the information to enable people to do so. Working with Parish Councils would be a positive way forward. It would be important to ensure that we provided clear communication channels.

The Chairman indicated that an amendment to the motion had been received and Cllr Williams indicated that this was a friendly amendment. The substantive motion was therefore that: -

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.

This Council recognises that the County already has a large number of cycle routes.

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.

This Council recognises that the typical distance that a person will cycle to work is about 5km.

In order to support cycling, and to encourage more cycling this Council calls on the cabinet member to provide resources to positively promote cycling by communicating routes, both functional and recreational, through extensive publicity.

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.

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Members agreed that this was a positive way forward, but commented that the council needed to take action quickly. It would also be important to ensure that that cycle tracks already in place remained fit for purpose and if they were in a poor state of repair that faults were addressed. It was not sufficient to just split a footpath into two parts - this would not meet social distancing requirements. Some members felt that opportunities to make changes during the lockdown had been missed. The need for people to feel assured that their cycles would be safe and there when they returned was emphasised.

Cllr Williams thanked members for their support and agreed that safe storage was an important factor.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that

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8. MEMBER QUESTIONS

Eight member questions had been received. The following supplementary questions were asked:

Question 1 – Cllr Rachel Smith reiterated her question as to how much carbon dioxide the incinerator at Javelin Park was producing, stating that this was not being measured in a consistent way.

Cllr Nigel Moor replied that this had been measured and included in the environmental statement. He also advised that the Council was looking to increase recycling, and that this would be incentivised as part of the procurement of the HRC contract in July.

Question 2 – Cllr Rachel Smith asked whether some of the remaining £1million drainage budget could be used to address drainage issues around Claypits Lane and Thrupp.

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Cllr Vernon Smith replied that he would be happy to discuss the issue with Cllr Smith outside of the meeting.

Question 5 – Cllr Rachel Smith asked whether the Council would commit to using technology to increase public participation with Council meetings moving forward.

Cllr Lyndon Stowe replied that this could be an area for the Public Participation Scrutiny Task Group to consider when it reconvenes in the autumn.

Question 7 – Cllr Lesley Williams thanked staff working in schools across the County who had continued to work during the coronavirus outbreak to ensure schools remained open for children of key workers and vulnerable children, and asked what plans were in place for these children who would still need looking after during the school summer holidays.

Cllr Patrick Molyneux replied that as schools would not be required to open during the summer holidays, alternative options such as holiday clubs would be available, and that the Council would look to consider how else it could support key workers with childcare during this time.

8.1 Scrutiny

Cllr Shaun Parsons, Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, provided an update on scrutiny. He advised that virtual scrutiny question and answer sessions for each scrutiny committee had taken place throughout June and that formal scrutiny committee meetings would recommence virtually in July, highlighting the hard work of Democratic Services and ICT in setting up and testing the technology to enable members to participate in these meetings remotely.

In response to a question from a member as to why the formal scrutiny function of the Council had been paused for so long, Cllr Parsons explained that the response to the coronavirus crisis by officers had to be prioritised, pragmatically the systems to enable scrutiny to take place remotely had to be set up, and that the Council would be one of the first larger local authorities to reconvene full scrutiny sessions.

9. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Chair of the Constitution Committee, presented the report from the meeting held on 9 March 2020 and subsequent changes required to the Council's Constitution since that meeting.

One member sought clarification on the procedure for motions without notice. In response it was confirmed that under the Procedural Standing Order for motions without notice, the seconder did not have the right to speak in support of the motion.

RESOLVED to agree the recommendations from the Constitution Committee as included in the report:

- a) - To increase the Basic Allowance from £10,300 to £10,500 (2%)
- To increase the Special Responsibility Allowance for Committee Chairs and Group Leaders from £6,120 to £6,360 (4%).
- To increase all other Special Responsibility Allowances by 2% in line with the recommendation for the Basic Allowance.
- To note the revised Members' Allowances Scheme for 2020-21 at Appendix B to the report (please refer to Annex 1).

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- *To indicate support for the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel to be set at the same level as a Scrutiny Chair at Gloucestershire County Council and authorise the Chief Executive to write to the six District Councils to request their support for this approach.*
- b) *that the changes to the terms of reference of the Pension Board be approved as indicated in Annex 2.*
- c) *the scheme of delegation be changed to authorise the Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure as set out in the Annex 3.*
- d) *that the change, as detailed in the report, be made to Procedural Standing Order 11.2.2 in Part 4 of the Constitution.*
- e) *to ratify the changes to the Constitution made by the Monitoring Officer under delegated powers (MO2 in Section 5 of Part 3 of the Constitution). Please refer to Annex 5.*

10. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Chair of the Appointments Committee, presented the recommendation from the Appointments Committee held on 6 March 2020 relating to the Pay Policy Statement. It was noted that as a result of the cancellation of the meeting of full Council on 25 March 2020, the Chief Executive had 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.

11. CABINET

Please see minute 12.

12. CABINET 17 JUNE 2020

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

RESOLVED to ratify the following changes to the 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.'*

ii) Second review of the Statement of Community Involvement for Gloucestershire

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Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, summarised the function of the Statement of Community Involvement for Gloucestershire, and set out the process that was undertaken for its review.

One member queried how the public would access information following the removal of hard copies from libraries. Cllr Moor explained that the removal of hard copies was part of trying to balance the carbon change strategy, and that the public could access information through other means, such as social media.

On being put to a recorded vote it was

RESOLVED

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).

The voting was as follows:

For (40): Cllrs Carole Allaway Martin, Phil Awford, Rob Bird, Richard Boyles, David Brown, Dr John Cordwell, Kevin Cromwell, Stephen Davies, Iain Dobie, Andrew Gravells, Tim Harman, Joe Harris, Mark Hawthorne, Colin Hay, Jeremy Hilton, Stephen Hirst, Paul Hodgkinson, Andrew Miller, Patrick Molyneux, Nigel Moor, Graham Morgan, Dave Norman, Shaun Parsons, Sajid Patel, Loraine Patrick, John Payne, Alan Preest, Brian Robinson, Steve Robinson, Rachel Smith, Vernon Smith, Lynden Stowe, Ray Theodoulou, Brian Tipper, Robert Vines, Eva Ward, Kathy Williams, Lesley Williams, Suzanne Williams and Will Windsor Clive

Against (0)

Abstentions (0)

12.1 Cabinet 11 March 2020

RESOLVED to note the Cabinet Decision Statement for the meeting held on 11 March 2020.

12.2 Individual Cabinet Member Decision Statements

One member, referring to the Gloucester to Cheltenham Cycle Improvements Scheme, sought assurance that the improvements would undergo detailed planning. In response, Cllr Moor explained that the Council wanted to take advantage of the funding from Government and that they needed to be careful with how they approached the scheme.

RESOLVED

To note that the Cabinet Member Decision Statements for the period 1 February to 9 June 2020.

CHAIRPERSON

Meeting concluded at 14:30

Minutes subject to their acceptance as a correct record at the next meeting