

COUNCIL MEETING**19 October 2017****7.05 pm – 8.20 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****Minutes****3****Membership:**

Martin Baxendale	P	Nick Hurst	P	Sue Reed	A
Dorcas Binns	P	Julie Job	P	Mark Reeves	P
Catherine Braun	P	Haydn Jones	P	Steve Robinson	P
Chris Brine	P	John Jones	P	Mattie Ross	P
George Butcher	P	Norman Kay	P	Tom Skinner	P
Miranda Clifton	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Nigel Cooper	P	John Marjoram	P	Haydn Sutton	A
Doina Cornell	A	Phil McAsey	P	Brian Tipper	P
Gordon Craig	P	Karen McKeown	P	Chas Townley	P
Rachel Curley	P	Jenny Miles*	P	Jessica Tomblin	P
Stephen Davies	P	Dave Mossman	P	Ken Tucker	P
Paul Denney	P	Gill Oxley	P	Martin Whiteside	P
Jim Dewey	P	Keith Pearson	P	Tim Williams	A
Jonathan Edmunds	A	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	A
Chas Fellows	P	Gary Powell**	P	Penny Wride	P
Colin Fryer	P	Nigel Prenter	A	Debbie Young	P
Alison Hayward	P	Skeena Rathor	P		

**Chair * Vice-Chair P = Present A = Absent

Officers Present:

Chief Executive	Accountancy Manager (Acting Section 151 Officer)
Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer	Democratic Services Officer

The Chair requested all present to stand for a minute's silence in memory of former Councillor Elizabeth Peters. Tributes were paid from across the chamber.

CL.022 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Doina Cornell, Jonathan Edmunds, Nigel Prenter, Sue Reed, Haydn Sutton, Tim Williams and Tom Williams.

CL.023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CL.024 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Meeting held on 20 July 2017 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CL.025 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair confirmed that after the meeting the Canals Project Manager would give a presentation on the Canals Project.

The Leader confirmed that he would be arranging two meetings with Group Leaders to discuss the submission for the 2018 Parliamentary Boundary Review – Revised Proposals and would submit a report to the Strategy and Resources Committee on 5 December 2017. Following discussions he would also write to the Prime Minister following the recent government announcements regarding housing in Stroud.

A letter received from Marcus Jones MP, Minister for Local Government was read out providing an update on the Business Rate Relief Scheme.

CL.026 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was received from Mrs S Lunnon and answered by the Chair of Environment Committee. The question and answer was published on the Council's Website using the following link: [Item 5 – Public Question Time](#). The Chair replied to a supplementary question which is available on the [Council's webcast](#) of the meeting.

CL.027 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2017

The Leader outlined the two reports which had been debated and agreed at the above meeting.

a. 100% Business Rates Retention Pilots

Committee had agreed an amendment to the original recommendation to Council. Members unanimously

RESOLVED Subject to confirmation of the potential financial benefits outweighing risks, the Council agrees to be part of the Gloucestershire bid for business rate pilot status for 2018/19, arising from the NHS trusts appeal. The bid should make clear that it is submitted on the basis that it is conditional on there being no financial detriment to Gloucestershire in 2018/19 arising from the NHS trusts appeal. Should subsequent analysis or the terms of the Government's proposed scheme change, this matter be brought back to Strategy and Resources Committee and Council for further consideration before proceeding with a pilot.

b. Local Council Tax Support Scheme

On the recommendation as set out in the Agenda members unanimously

RESOLVED That it adopts the Local Scheme as the scheme for Stroud District Council for the period 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

CL.028 HARDWICKE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Chair of Environment Committee outlined the above report. It was noted that the turn out for the referendum was only 1 in 8 of the electorate. On the recommendation as set out in the report being moved and seconded it was

RESOLVED a. The Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan is made part of the Development Plan for the Stroud District.

b. Delegated authority be given to the Director of Development Services, in agreement with the Qualifying Body, to correct any minor spelling, grammatical or typographical errors, and make any improvements from a presentational perspective.

CL.029 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Questions were received from Councillors Nigel Cooper, Haydn Jones, John Jones and Penny Wride and answered by the Leader of Council. The questions and answers are published on the Council's Website using the following link: [Item 8 – Public Question Time](#). The supplementary questions are available on the [Council's webcast](#) of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chair of Council