

**COUNCIL MEETING**

17 May 2018

7.00 pm – 8.45 pm

**5****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****Minutes****Membership:**

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

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

**Officers Present:**

Chief Executive

Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Democratic Services Officer

**CL.001 CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

Councillors Gary Powell and John Jones were nominated for the position of Chair of Council.

**RESOLVED That Councillor Gary Powell be elected Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2018-19.**

**CL.002 VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

Councillors Jenny Miles and Dorcas Binns were nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of Council.

**RESOLVED That Councillor Jenny Miles be elected Vice-Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2018-19.**

**CL.003      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phil McAsey, Karen McKeown, Jenny Miles, Gill Oxley and Nigel Studdert-Kennedy. (Councillors Nigel Cooper and Nick Hurst were unavoidably late).

**CL.004      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**CL.005      MINUTES**

**RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2018 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

**CL.006      ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work and support last year.

Chief Executive confirmed that Councillor Karen McKeown had left the Labour Group and would be an Independent member, as a result of this the political balance had been recalculated. On 5 October 2018 he would be retiring, the Leader would be making an announcement later.

**CL.007      APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

Councillors were nominated to serve on the Council's committees in 2018-19.

**RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed to the Council's committees as set out in these minutes.**

Audit and Standards Committee (9 Members)

Councillor Rachel Curley	Councillor Mark Reeves
Councillor Stephen Davies	Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
Councillor Keith Pearson	Councillor Tom Williams
Councillor Simon Pickering	Councillor Penny Wride
Councillor Skeena Rathor	

Community Services and Licensing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Gordon Craig	Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds	Councillor Sue Reed
Councillor John Jones	Councillor Steve Robinson
Councillor John Marjoram	Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Gill Oxley	Councillor Ken Tucker
Councillor Darren Loftus	Councillor Penny Wride

Development Control Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Martin Baxendale	Councillor John Marjoram
Councillor Dorcas Binns	Councillor Karen McKeown
Councillor Miranda Clifton	Councillor Jenny Miles
Councillor Nigel Cooper	Councillor Dave Mossman
Councillor Haydn Jones	Councillor Mark Reeves
Councillor Steve Lydon	Councillor Tom Williams

Environment Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Chris Brine	Councillor Simon Pickering
Councillor George Butcher	Councillor Tom Skinner
Councillor Paul Denney	Councillor Haydn Sutton
Councillor Jim Dewey	Councillor Brian Tipper
Councillor Alison Hayward	Councillor Jessica Tomblin
Councillor Steve Lydon	Councillor Tim Williams

Housing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Catherine Braun	Councillor Phil McAsey
Councillor Miranda Clifton	Councillor Jenny Miles
Councillor Chas Fellows	Councillor Gary Powell
Councillor Colin Fryer	Councillor Tom Skinner
Councillor Julie Job	Councillor Chas Townley
Councillor Norman Kay	Councillor Debbie Young

Strategy and Resources Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Nigel Cooper	Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Doina Cornell	Councillor Tom Skinner
Councillor Stephen Davies	Councillor Chas Townley
Councillor Colin Fryer	Councillor Ken Tucker
Councillor Nick Hurst	Councillor Martin Whiteside
Councillor Keith Pearson	Councillor Debbie Young
Councillor Simon Pickering	

**CL.008      APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS**

The following Councillors were nominated and voted into the positions of Chairs and Vice-Chairs on the Council's committees in 2018-19.

**RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed as Chair and Vice-Chair to the Council's committees as set out in these minutes.**

Audit and Standards Committee

Chair: Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy      Vice-Chair: Councillor Skeena Rathor

Community Services and Licensing Committee

Chair: Councillor Mattie Ross      Vice-Chair: Councillor Jonathan Edmunds

Development Control Committee

Chair: Councillor Tom Williams      Vice-Chair: Councillor John Marjoram

Environment Committee

Chair: Councillor Simon Pickering      Vice-Chair: Councillor George Butcher

Housing Committee

Chair: Councillor Chas Townley

Vice-Chair: Councillor Jenny Miles

Strategy and Resources Committee

Chair: Councillor Doina Cornell

Vice-Chair: Councillor Colin Fryer

**CL.009**      **APPOINTMENT TO OTHER BODIES**

Councillors were nominated as lead and substitute on other bodies in 2018/19.

**RESOLVED That Councillors be appointed to other bodies as set out below.**

Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Gloucestershire)

Councillor Steve Lydon (Lead)

Councillor Steve Robinson (Substitute)

Police and Crime Panel (Gloucestershire)

Councillor Mattie Ross (Lead)

Councillor Nigel Prenter (Substitute)

Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Martin Whiteside (Lead)

Councillor Jim Dewey (Substitute)

Appointment of three Mental Health Champions

Councillors Jim Dewey, Skeena Rathor and Tom Skinner

**CL.010**      **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Support of the 'Votes at 16' Campaign

The motion was proposed by Councillor Doina Cornell and seconded by Councillor George Butcher.

After a lengthy debate on the topic and the exchange of differing views, the vote was carried

- RESOLVED 1.**      **That it supports the extension of the right to vote in local government and devolved elections in England, to 16 and 17 year olds; and**
- 2.**      **Helps to promote the 'Votes at 16' by:**
- (a) Working with Stroud District Youth Council to raise awareness of the 'Votes at 16' campaign and consider ways to increase young people's voices in the Council's democratic process;**
  - (b) Agreeing that on behalf of the Council, the Leader should write to the British Youth Council, the UK Youth Parliament, local MPs and the local media stating its support for the 'Votes at 16' campaign; and the British Prime Minister and the Minister for the Cabinet Office to request that they consider extending the voting age to 16 years for local government and referendum in England, and to review the wider franchise for all elections and referendums in the United Kingdom.**

**CL.011**      **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader thanked all members, in particular outgoing Chairs and Vice-Chairs, for their commitment and hard work.

Following the Chief Executive's announcement to retire in October and in accordance with the Council's Constitution to recruit a new Chief Executive, an Appointments Panel will be set up comprising of the four political leaders. Upon agreement an appointment will hopefully be made in the summer.

The Corporate Delivery Plan had been updated setting out key priorities to be taken forward for the next 4 years.

The three Mental Health Champions would be reporting to committees.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chair