

To all Members of Stroud District Council

6 July 2018

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill on **THURSDAY 19 JULY 2018 at 7.00pm.**



David Hagg
Chief Executive

Please Note: This meeting will be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.stroud.gov.uk). By entering the Council Chamber you are consenting to being filmed. The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the press and public.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest

3 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the Council's annual general meeting held on 17 May 2018

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Chair of Council and the Chief Executive

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairs of Committees will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS

Noon on Monday, 16 July 2018

Questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and sent by post or email (democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk)

6 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

6a Environment Committee – 7 June 2018

Delegation of Power to Serve Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) ([EC Agenda Item 12](#))

The relevant committee report is also available on the website page for this Council meeting.

The Chair of the Environment Committee will present this item.

“The Head of Health and Wellbeing be authorised to appoint any employee of a Town or Parish Council in the district of Stroud as an “authorised person” to serve fixed penalty notices on behalf of Stroud District Council, for dog fouling offences (as provided for in Public Space Protection Orders made pursuant to Section 68 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) subject to:

- (1) The authority to appoint being limited to specific periods;
- (2) The authorisation being withdrawn with effect from such time as the Head of Health and Wellbeing determines; and,
- (3) The authorisation being subject to such other terms and conditions as he considers appropriate (including but not limited to the conditions outlined in the report at paragraph 3.5).”

6b Housing Committee – 12 June 2018

Tenure of Tenant Representative on Housing Committee (HC Agenda Item 11)

The Chair of the Housing Committee will present this item.

“To extend Ian Allan’s term as a tenant representative on Housing Committee from September 2018 to February 2019.”

6c Strategy and Resources Committee – 12 July 2018

Capital Project Monitoring ([S&RC Agenda Item 9](#))

The relevant committee report is also available on the website page for this Council meeting.

The Leader will present this item.

“That the following delegations be provided to the Head of IT:

- (1) To invite tenders and accept tenders where provision has been made in the budget subject to both the Contract and Procurement and Financial Procedure Rules.
- (2) To ensure procedures are in place (and communicated) to protect Council ICT assets from any inappropriate activity, use, loss or removal. This will include adhering to all appropriate legislation and Council rules regarding the acquiring, use, retention and removal/destruction of all Council ICT assets (including information).
- (3) To procure contracts, additional goods, works and services as appropriate which fall within this area of responsibility subject to such being within approved budget and not contrary to policy.”

7 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR STROUD DISTRICT

To seek approval to carry out a Community Governance Review for Stroud District.

8 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 5 for the submission deadlines

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

A motion regarding consultation and decision-making on the introduction of car parking charges has been proposed by Cllr Skinner and seconded by Cllr Davies.

That the Council believes that the consultation to impose parking charges in Dursley, Nailsworth, Wotton-under-Edge and Stratford Park is an issue for all residents in Stroud District.

This Council notes that at the recent Strategy and Resources Committee several members of the Council, who are not members of the committee, made strong representations against the proposals to impose parking charges on Dursley, Nailsworth, Wotton-under-Edge and in Stratford Park.

Motion:

As such, to enable all Members to not only voice their opinion on this important issue, but record their vote in favour, or in opposition, **the Council will ensure that when the consultation for parking charges is discussed by the Strategy and Resources Committee, any recommendation from that committee will be made for the Full Council to ratify.**

This Council believes that in addition to analysing the responses to the consultation into the imposition of parking charges in Dursley, Nailsworth, Wotton-under-Edge and Stratford Park, **the Rainbow Administration should consider the proposals put forward by the Conservative Party (below) to allow for two hours free parking in Dursley, Nailsworth, Wotton-under-Edge and three hours free parking in Stratford Park.**

The wording set out below is for information purposes only and does not form part of the motion

Summary of Conservative Group proposal: Before parking charges come into force, a limited period of free parking would be available in Dursley, Nailsworth, Wotton-under-Edge and Stratford Park. This would be:

<i>Dursley</i>	<i>2 hours</i>
<i>Nailsworth</i>	<i>2 hours</i>
<i>Wotton-under-Edge</i>	<i>2 hours</i>
<i>Stratford Park</i>	<i>3 hours</i>

A Stroud District Council report highlighted that, anecdotally, there is an issue of car parks across the Stroud District being blocked by cars staying, for free, for long periods of time. It reported that the lack of 'churn' was causing significant issues for the town centres and that these

towns are not flourishing as they could, if car park charges were imposed on the towns and at the Stratford Park Leisure Centre.

In response, the Council plans to introduce parking charges in Dursley, Nailsworth, Wotton-under-Edge and Stratford Park.

The Council's ruling Administration has been at pains to state that the imposition of parking charges are not to raise revenue. The District Council's own accounts show that there is a surplus of revenue already raised by parking charges in Stroud, Painswick and Stonehouse. The imposition of parking charges, it is claimed, are solely in response to cars freely parking for long periods of time, causing issues for visitors looking to park to visit the towns.

The Conservative Group, local residents, shop keepers, business leaders, town councils and many cross-party local councillors believe that the imposition of parking charges, far from rejuvenating the town centres, risks their future. It is, however, important to address any legitimate issues of churn in the district's car parks.

In order to incentivise visitors to these town centres, this proposal would see two hours free parking at each of Dursley, Nailsworth and Wotton-under-Edge and three hours free parking at Stratford Park, before parking charges commence.

We believe that a limited period of free parking would naturally aid the churn of cars within these car parks and support the aims of Stroud District Council's parking charges consultation. In addition, retaining a significant element of free parking would reduce the risk that local retailers believe threatens their business if the parking charges imposition, as proposed by the Stroud District Council Administration were to take place.

The benefits of leisure, exercise, play and activity to someone's physical and mental health are widely acknowledged. It is also widely recognised that two hours free parking at Stratford Park is not enough for many of the activities at the Leisure Centre. This is why we believe that three hours free parking is more appropriate for this vital leisure facility.

We believe that this limited period of free parking will support the town centres in question and ensure that there is no negative impact on the physical and mental wellbeing of local residents. It addresses the Council's concerns about 'churn', whilst taking account of local businesses' concerns over the imposition of parking charges.