

COUNCIL MEETING**9 August 2018****7.00 pm – 8.30 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****Minutes****3****Membership:**

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

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

Officers Present:

Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Democratic Services Officer

CL.021 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Binns, Braun, Brine, Craig, Curley, Dewey, Edmunds, Fellows, Hayward, H Jones, J Jones, McAsey, McKeown, Tipper, Tim Williams and Young.

CL.022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

CL.023 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2018 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CL.024 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

CL.0025 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

CL.026 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Leader introduced this item, explaining that there had been a very high standard of candidates, the selection process had been very successful and involved a range of staff and members. The panel recommended that Kathy O'Leary be appointed as the new Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service. The transition period will be discussed and the leader asked for delegated authority for Strategy and Resources Committee to make interim arrangements if there was a time period without a Chief Executive in post.

- RESOLVED**
- 1. To appoint Kathy O'Leary as Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service.**
 - 2. Strategy and Resources Committee be given delegated authority to make interim arrangements in the absence of a Chief Executive.**

CL.027 COMMITTEE SEAT ALLOCATION (from August 2018)

The Leader presented the report. Following recent changes in the groups there needed to be a re-allocation of seats on Committees.

- RESOLVED To appoint Councillors to the committees as set out in the report.**

CL.028 APPOINTMENT OF ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER AND RETURNING OFFICER

The Leader presented this report which allowed interim arrangements and continuity, in the event of any elections taking place during the period which the Council is without a Chief Executive.

- RESOLVED**
- 1. To appoint the Director of Tenant & Corporate Services as Electoral Registration Officer pursuant to section 8(2)(a) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 with effect from 5th October 2018 to the day on which the new Chief Executive takes up post.**
 - 2. To appoint the Elections Manager as Deputy Electoral Registration Officer with full powers of the Electoral Registration Officer from 5th October 2018 to the day on which the new Chief Executive takes up post.**
 - 3. To appoint the Director of Tenant & Corporate Services as Returning Officer pursuant to section 35(1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for any elections held in the period from the 5th October 2018 to the day on which the new Chief Executive takes up post.**

CL.029 GLOUCESTERSHIRE VISION 2050

The Leader presented this report which set out the basis for the Council's response to the consultation on Gloucestershire Vision 2050. She encouraged Members to submit any comments to her which they would want included in the final submission.

RESOLVED To agree a response to the consultation on Gloucestershire Vision 2050 and authorise the Leader of Council and Chief Executive to submit it.

CL.031 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Questions were submitted by Councillors Cooper and Loftus. They were answered by the Leader, Councillor Cornell. Supplementary questions and answers were also answered. (Refer to the [Council's webcast](#) and [Item 10](#)).

CL.030 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

- (a) A motion was proposed by Councillor Baxendale and seconded by Councillor Cornell regarding the Revenue Support Grant Settlement. "Stroud District Council strongly objects to Central Government introducing a new stealth tax on local households by demanding the payment of £549,000 from Stroud District to the Treasury in 2019/20.

Councillor Baxendale spoke to this motion expressing his concern regarding central government funding of local authorities and future reliance on council tax payers. He considered that it is important to resist change and rises in taxation. Following the submission of this motion, the Council had received confirmation that it would not need to make the payment of £549,000. He withdrew the motion but would bring a further motion to a future meeting.

- (b) A motion was proposed by Councillor Cornell and seconded by Councillor Marjoram regarding the People's Vote on Brexit.

Councillor Cornell spoke to this motion expressing her concern that when the referendum took place the public did not know the terms of the Brexit agreement.

Members debated the motion.

- RESOLVED**
- 1. To call on the government to abandon any plans for a hard Brexit and to give the British people a vote on whatever deal they end up getting along with the opportunity to vote on staying in the European Union.**
 - 2. To write to its MPs and the Brexit Secretary expressing its views and asking them to support a People's Vote.**
 - 3. To instruct our leader and Chief Executive to work with our MPs, the District Council Network and LGA to ensure there is a strong voice from the people of Stroud District in decision making over Brexit.**

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chair