

To all Members of Stroud District Council

10 October 2018

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill on **THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2018 at 7.00pm.**



Joanne Jordan
Acting Head of Paid Service

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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 meeting held on 9 August 2018
- 4 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive announcements from the Chair of Council
- 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, 15 October 2018

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

- 6 **GLOUCESTERSHIRE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLEDGE**
To consider an invitation from the Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership (GLNP) to support their proposed Green Infrastructure Pledge.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

7a Community Services and Licensing Committee – 6 September 2018

Review of Stroud District Council’s Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 (CS&LC Agenda Item 11)

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

The Chair of the Community Services and Licensing Committee will present this item.

That the Council adopts the draft Statement of Principles.

7b Strategy and Resources Committee – 4 October 2018

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

The Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee will present these items:

(i) First Report of Constitution Working Group 2018 (Item 7b on Agenda)
that the terms of reference of the District Planning Review Panel (aka ‘PRP’) be amended as outlined in the report paragraph 2.7.

(ii) Additional Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Borrowing Programme (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22) (Item 8 on Agenda)

To approve the bids to Homes England for additional borrowing from the ‘Additional HRA Borrowing Programme (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22)’ for the following schemes:

Broadfield Road, Eastington
Orchard Road, Ebley
Queens Drive, Cashes Green
Ringfield Close, Nailsworth
Southbank, Woodchester
Summersfield Road, Minchinhampton
Tanners Piece, Nailsworth
The former Ship Inn site, Bridgend

(iii) Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20 (Item 9 on Agenda)

That it adopts the Local Scheme as the scheme for Stroud District Council for the period 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

(iv) Budget Strategy 2019/20 to 2022/23 (Item 13c on Agenda) – the recommendation to Strategy and Resources Committee on 4 October 2018 has to be resolved by Council. The recommendation (voted on by Strategy and Resources Committee and unanimously agreed) is to:-

“Approve the Budget Strategy 2019/20 to 2022/23 including the decision to bid for Business Rates Pilot status” (summary details of which are set out below and further details contained within the report).

The Council is asked to agree to be part of the Gloucestershire bid for business rate pilot status for 2019/20 and therefore approve the bid which was submitted by all Gloucestershire Councils. Council notes that this bid was submitted after modelling by S151 Officers showing that potential benefits outweighed risks.

Council resolves to give delegated authority to the Head of Finance to make minor alterations, or withdraw the Council from the bid, should there be significant adverse changes to the risk of the scheme before the outcome of the bid is known.

(v) Car Park Review 2018 (Item 10 on Agenda)

1. The amended Variation Order (appended to this report) be approved for implementation
2. That car parking charges are not introduced in Dursley, Nailsworth, Stratford Park and Wotton-under-Edge
3. To remove car parking charges from Stonehouse until the review of the health of market towns has been completed.

7c Audit and Standards Committee – 9 October 2018

Procurement Update (Item 6 on Agenda)

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

The Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee will present this item:

The Corporate Team be reminded of the importance, without exception, of ensuring:

1. **Forward planning for any procurement, whether a completely new service or a renewal (as opposed to an extension) of contract;**
2. **All procurements undertaken are recorded in writing and documents are retained in line with the Council's documentation retention policy; and**
3. **All applications for exemptions (granted or otherwise) to the Council's Procurement and Procedure Rules be reported to the Audit & Standards Committee as part of the regular procurement updates.**

8 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. **Community Services and Licensing** – Councillor McKeown to replace Councillor Marjoram.
2. **Environment Committee** – Councillor Powell to replace Councillor Lydon.
3. **Development Control Committee** – Councillor Tomblin to replace Councillor Mossman.

9 GLOUCESTERSHIRE VISION 2050

The Chair of Strategy & Resources Committee to update Council on this countywide initiative led by Leadership Gloucestershire. Members will be provided with a link to the Leadership Gloucestershire papers when they are available. The Chair attended the Leadership Gloucestershire meeting on the 11th October.

(Members debated the Council's response to the consultation on Gloucestershire Vision 2050 at the Council meeting on 9th August 2018)

10 NOTICE OF MOTION

A motion regarding Local Wealth Building has been proposed by Councillor Cornell and seconded by Councillor Townley.

SDC's vision is 'Leading a community that is making Stroud district a better place to live, work and visit for everyone' and one of the council's key priorities to achieve this is by helping 'create a sustainable and vibrant economy that works for all'.(1)

Despite the UK being one of the world's largest economies, wealth is not equally distributed between regions, communities and individuals, and the prevailing economic model relies on attracting inward investment in order to regenerate and grow local economies. As a result much of the wealth generated in local areas 'leaks' away through for example profits to businesses which are not locally based. In the last decade, 'Local Wealth Building has emerged as a powerful alternative in which local economies are reorganised, so that wealth is not extracted but broadly held and income is recirculated. These ideas are being applied by a growing number of businesses, social and public sector organisations across the UK' (2)

The UK Government's Civil Society Strategy, published on 9 August 2018, supports both inclusive growth and a stronger use of social value, and states that 'the government's vision is that in the future the public sector will focus more on the needs of places and take a more collaborative approach. By working with service providers, the private sector, individuals, and communities in a place, we will make more sensitive and appropriate policy, we will achieve better social and economic results, and we will make brilliant places for people to live and work in.'

Local Wealth Building begins with identifying so-called 'anchor institutions' in local areas, those types of organisations which are tied to a local place and are unlikely to move, such as local authorities, colleges and hospitals, as well as businesses and social enterprises, which due to their spending powers, play a key role in local economic development.

Four key strategies lie at the heart of Local Wealth Building, focussing on local employment, equitable development of land and community assets, support for SMEs, cooperatives and local banks, and progressive procurement. Local authorities elsewhere in the UK that have adopted a progressive procurement policy that focuses on strengthening local spend have been able to help grow the local economy. SDC's local spend has historically been about 25-30% of total expenditure within Gloucestershire, and 65-75% outside of Gloucestershire.

This Council acknowledges

- that implementing changes to build local wealth and combat inequality in Stroud District will take time, and require a long term plan, as well as partnership with other public bodies, the social sector and local businesses
- that council resources (finances, and organisational capacity) are ever more limited and any work must be mindful of these constraints
- that local wealth building has a body of evidence that shows it positively impacts on the local economy and is an aim that is therefore consistent with Stroud District Council's vision and corporate priorities

- that local wealth building has for the most part been led by city and urban local authorities, and Stroud District is uniquely placed to demonstrate how this can work in a rural, market town setting
- that local wealth building can provide a value-based framework to underpin much of the council's existing work on improving procurement processes, developing a digital strategy, reviewing its local plan, supporting the health of market towns, and community-led housing, as well as contributing to the emerging county-wide industrial strategy
- that the Procurement and Contract Management Strategy states 'the National Procurement Strategy recommends that local authorities demonstrate political leadership of procurement'
- that forward planning is essential in order to ensure procurement is progressive and best meets the council's vision and priorities
- that at present the UK is due to leave the EU in March 2019, and if this occurs, consideration must be given to how best to ensure a continuity of best practice on procurement if EU rules no longer apply, for example on social value (3)

This Council resolves

- To create a long term action plan by which the practical strategies of local wealth building can be used to achieve SDC's vision and corporate priorities, including the creation of a local wealth building strategy
 - To examine whether a resource is required to support this work
 - That the S&R committee reviews the existing procurement strategy and other strategic documents to ensure social value and local wealth building are accurately and strongly embedded in these guiding strategies
 - That the S&R committee supports the pre-procurement process by considering well in advance which of the council's largest contracts are to be renewed, and how this process will support local wealth building and the vision and priorities of the council
 - That the A&S committee annually reviews the council's local spend with Gloucestershire suppliers with the aim of increasing the percentage year on year
- That the Leader and Chief Executive use existing forums such as the Local Strategic Partnership, Leadership Gloucestershire and the LEP to identify other anchor institutions in our district and build partnerships with a view to creating a local wealth building network.

Notes

1. CD Plan 2018-22
2. Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) *Local Wealth Building In Birmingham and Beyond*
3. CLES *Opportunities for Public Procurement Post-Brexit*

11. MEMBER QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 5 for deadline for submission.