

**COUNCIL MEETING**

18 October 2018

7.00 pm – 9.58 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

**Minutes****Membership:**

Martin Baxendale	P	Julie Job	A	Sue Reed	P
Dorcas Binns	A	Haydn Jones	P	Mark Reeves	P
Catherine Braun	P	John Jones	P	Steve Robinson	P
Chris Brine	A	Norman Kay	P	Mattie Ross	P
George Butcher	P	Darren Loftus	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	P	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	A	Gill Oxley	P	Martin Whiteside	P
Jim Dewey	P	Keith Pearson	P	Tim Williams	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	P
Chas Fellows	P	Gary Powell**	P	Penny Wride	P
Colin Fryer	P	Nigel Prenter	P	Debbie Young	A
Nick Hurst	P	Skeena Rathor	P		

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

**Officers Present:**

Director of Development Services

Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

Head of Community Services

Community Services Manager

Head of Finance

Head of ICT

Democratic Services Officer

**CL.032 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Binns, Denney, Job, Sutton and Young.

**CL.033 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Pickering declared an interest in Item 7b(v) Car Park Review because of his Air B&B in Stonehouse.

**CL.034      MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2018 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**CL.035      ANNOUNCEMENTS****Director of Development Services**

On 4 October 2018 the Stroud District Council partnership team which included participants from Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils and NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group scooped the top award at the annual South West Challenge.

Karen Trickey, Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer would be leaving on 24 October 2018 and an interim, Nicola Swan, had been appointed starting on 29 October 2018.

Councillor Alison Hayward had resigned on 1 October and a by-election would be held on 15 November 2018.

**The Chair of Council**

All parishes were congratulated who had entered the Britain in Bloom and had won awards, Stroud – gold, Dursley – gold, Wotton-under-Edge – silver guilt, Nailsworth – silver guilt and Stonehouse – gold and also top town in their category.

**CL.0036      PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Questions were received from Mr Tevans, Mr S Gower and D Hicks. In the absence of the members of the public the questions and answers were taken as read. They had been published on the [Council's website](#).

**CL.037      GLOUCESTERSHIRE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLEDGE**

Councillor Pickering, Chair of Environment Committee outlined the reasons for the pledge which would support a better environment for future generations. An update would be provided at either Environment Committee or Council in a year's time.

**RESOLVED** To support the Gloucestershire Green Infrastructure Pledge that recognises the importance of well planned green infrastructure and the five objectives of that pledge.

**CL.038      RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES****(a)      Community Services and Licensing Committee****Review of Stroud District Council's Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005**

Councillor Ross, Chair of Community Services and Licensing Committee outlined the above report.

**RESOLVED** That the Council adopts the draft Statement of Principles.

**(b) Strategy and Resources Committee****(bi) First Report of Constitution Working Group 2018**

The Leader, Councillor Cornell outlined the above report making reference to various paragraphs therein.

**RESOLVED That the terms of reference of the District Planning Review Panel (aka 'PRP') be amended as outlined in the report paragraph 2.7.**

**(bii) Additional Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Borrowing Programme (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22)**

Councillor Townley, the Chair of Housing Committee outlined the above report, provided background and updates. Councillor Cooper wanted it noted that he had abstained from voting on this report at Strategy and Resources Committee. Members debated the use of reserves and would be cautious in future borrowing.

**RESOLVED To approve the bids to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), through 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**

**(biii) Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20**

The Leader outlined the above report which would try to help people who really needed assistance.

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

**(biv) Budget Strategy 2019/20 to 2022/23**

The Leader outlined the above report which had assumptions which may be changed as a result of the Government funding review and the implications which will be known next year. The future remained uncertain, particularly with the new homes bonus decreasing and the pressure on the budget from Ubico.

**RESOLVED To approve the Budget Strategy 2019/20 to 2022/23 as set out in this report, including the decision to bid for Business Rates Pilot status.**

Councillor Pickering left the Council Chamber.

(bv) Car Park Review 2018

The Leader outlined the recommendation that had been agreed and published from Strategy and Resources Committee but advised that she wished to amend it to address grounds for legal challenge, legal advice having not been sought prior to the committee's decision. The new recommendation was seconded by Councillor Ross.

1. Not to introduce charges for off-street parking in Dursley, Nailsworth, Stratford Park and Wotton-Under-Edge;
2. To carry out a statutory consultation on an amended draft variation order which includes the removal of parking charges from Stonehouse Car Parks and to delegate responsibility to the Director of Customer Services for taking the necessary steps to implement the consultation, including making any applicable amendments to the draft variation order; and
3. At the next council meeting consider the amended draft variation order including the responses to the consultation on the removal of parking charges from Stonehouse.

A further report would be presented at the next meeting of Council because of budget implications. Councillor Davies asked what the cost would be for not introducing the car parking charges and the Leader would send a reply.

Members debated the new motion questioning why not remove charges from both Stroud and Painswick.

Councillor Cooper proposed a further amendment to the motion requesting that Painswick is removed. This was seconded by Councillor Pearson.

The Leader asked the Chair if there could be an adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8.50 pm and reconvened at 9.05 pm.

The Leader agreed to the proposed amendment to include Painswick and this now became the substantive motion.

Councillor Skinner proposed another amendment to include Stroud which was seconded by Councillor Davis. After questions and a debate, Councillor Skinner withdrew his proposal.

Members voted on the substantive motion and

- RESOLVED**
- 1. Not to introduce charges for off-street parking in Dursley, Nailsworth, Stratford Park and Wotton-Under-Edge;**
  - 2. To carry out a statutory consultation on an amended draft variation order which includes the removal of parking charges from Stonehouse and Painswick Car Parks and to delegate responsibility to the Director of Customer Services for taking the necessary steps to implement the consultation, including making any applicable amendments to the draft variation order; and**
  - 3. At the next council meeting consider the amended draft variation order including the responses to the consultation on the removal of parking charges from Stonehouse and Painswick.**

Councillor Pickering returned to the Council Chamber.

**(c) Audit and Standards Committee****Procurement Update**

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee explained the background to the recommendation that was before full Council for their endorsement.

Members asked questions and debated the recommendation.

**RESOLVED 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**

**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.**

**CL.039 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Leader outlined the following changes:-

Community Services and Licensing Committee – Councillor McKeown to replace Councillor Marjoram.

Environment Committee – Councillor Powell to replace Councillor Lydon.

Development Control Committee – Councillor Tomblin to replace Councillor Mossman.

**RESOLVED To note the above committee membership changes.**

**CL.040 GLOUCESTERSHIRE VISION 2050**

The Leader gave a verbal update. Reports would be in the public domain on 22 October 2018. The two topics of most concern were housing and public transport. A members information session to look at the papers had been arranged for 13 December 2018.

**CL.041 NOTICE OF MOTION**

A motion was proposed by Councillor Cornell and seconded by Councillor Townley regarding SDC's vision in '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'.

The Leader explained the purpose of the motion that would capture the work that we already do to deliver our key priorities within Stroud district.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution (Section 3: paragraph 6) members voted to continue with the meeting.

- RESOLVED**
- 1. 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.**
  - 2. To examine whether a resource is required to support this work.**
  - 3. 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.**
  - 4. 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.**
  - 5. 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.**
  - 6. 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.**

**CL.042      MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Questions were submitted by Councillor Davies. They were answered by the Leader. Supplementary questions were also answered. (Refer to the Council's [webcast](#) and Item 11).

The meeting closed at 9.58 pm.

Chair