

27 November 2017

## **STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm.**



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](http://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 meeting held on 12 October 2017.

**4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chair of the Committee will answer any questions from members of the public, submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS**

**Noon on THURSDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2017.**

Questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, and sent by post or by Email:

[democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk).

**5 PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW REVISED PROPOSALS**

To consider whether the Council responds to the Boundary Commission for England consultation on proposed changes to parliamentary boundaries.

## **6 SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS, STROUD**

**(a) MOTION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER 8.1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSTITUTION SECTION 3 PARAGRAPH 8.2(q)**

To enable the Committee to consider an alternative motion (as set out below in agenda item 6(b)) to the recommendation of the Task and Finish Group as per agenda item 6(c).

**(b) TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF MOTION**

Motion proposed by Councillor Lydon and seconded by Councillor Whiteside:

1. That the Committee does not accept any of the bids considered by the Group. The Group has now finished its task and we thank the members and supporting officers for their work.
2. To enable the Subscription Rooms:
  - (i) freehold to be retained in public ownership;
  - (ii) ensure that the level of Council cost is significantly reduced; and
  - (iii) to continue to be available to the public as a venue for public arts, community use, and educationthe Council will advertise the lease on the Subscription Rooms (excluding the forecourt) for a circa 30 year full repairing lease. Such lease option also to be raised with the current external bidders.
3. Bids for the lease will need to:
  - (i) illustrate whether and if so, how, the bidder has engaged the local community in its bid;
  - (ii) set out implications for existing Council employees working at the Subscription Rooms; and
  - (iii) show how they will develop the venue for public arts; community use; and education, including a community use strategy and pricing policy.
4. Group Leaders (or their nominees), in consultation with the Head of Property Services will be constituted as a sub-committee to guide the process. This sub-committee shall:
  - (i) report to the next meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee on progress;
  - (ii) to the Strategy and Resources Committee on 12 April 2018 on any offers received as a result of any advertisement (including discussions with the current external bidders) and if possible, with a recommendation for the future arrangements for the Subscription Room service; and
  - (iii) ensure adequate consultation with staff, service users, the local community and existing bidders is done concerning the future of the service provision and the building (any additional consultation to be concluded by end of February 2018).

Proceedings of this sub-committee will be accessible to the public with publication of agendas, meeting notes and those reports which are not considered confidential or exempt.

5. The Council shall establish a community forum to meet with the successful bidder at least twice a year to advise on the Subscription Rooms. Such a forum to be chaired by a member appointed by the Community Services and Licensing Committee and the forum will report to this committee at least once a year.
6. If it is not possible, to identify any alternative options for the future of the Subscription Rooms then the matter will be referred to a meeting of Strategy and Resources Committee for further consideration.
7. The Community Services and Licensing Committee will determine the future of the Tourist Information Centre currently provided within the Subscription Rooms in the light of the decisions of the Strategy and Resources Committee on the matter.

(c) **REPORT OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP** (with covering update report from the Head of Legal Services).

## **7 MEMBER QUESTIONS**

See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

### **Members of Strategy and Resources Committee**

Councillor Steve Lydon (Chair)  
Councillor Doina Cornell (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Nigel Cooper  
Councillor Stephen Davies  
Councillor Nick Hurst  
Councillor Keith Pearson  
Councillor Simon Pickering

Councillor Steve Robinson  
Councillor Mattie Ross  
Councillor Tom Skinner  
Councillor Ken Tucker  
Councillor Martin Whiteside  
Councillor Debbie Young