



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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To all Members of Stroud District Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a remote meeting of **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** on **THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2021** at **7.00 pm**

Kathy O'Leary  
Chief Executive

*This is a remote meeting in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.*

### **Venue**

*This meeting will be conducted using Zoom and a separate invitation with the link to access the meeting will be sent to Members, relevant officers and members of the public who have submitted a question.*

### **Public Access**

*Members of the public, who have not submitted a question, are invited to access the meeting streamed live via Stroud District Council's [YouTube Channel](#).*

### **Recording of Proceedings**

*A recording of the meeting will be published onto the [Council's website](#) ([www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk)). The whole of the meeting will be recorded except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of press and public.*

## **AGENDA**

- 1 **APOLOGIES**  
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**  
To receive declarations of interest.
- 3 **MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2021.
- 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, 26 April 2021**

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

**6 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Environment Committee** – Councillor Hall was replaced by Councillor Lydon

**7 UBICO FIVE YEAR VISION AND BUSINESS PLAN 2021-22 (Pages 11 - 32)**

To provide an update on the Ubico Five Year Vision and Business Plan 2021/2022.

**8 UBICO SHAREHOLDER DECISION (Pages 33 - 36)**

To resolve a decision around Gloucester City Council joining the Ubico partnership.

**9 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

**9a AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 27 APRIL 2021**

The Chair of Audit and Standards Committee will present this item.

**9ai AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 (Pages 37 - 52)**

The Annual Report summarises the activities of the Audit and Standards Committee during 2020/21 and sets out its plans for the next twelve months. This report provides Council with an independent assurance that the Council has in place adequate and effective governance, risk management and internal control frameworks; Internal and External Audit functions; and financial reporting arrangements that can be relied upon and which contribute to the high corporate governance standards that this Council expects and maintains.

**9b ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 20 APRIL 2021**

The Chair of Environment Committee will present this item.

**9bi PRE-SUBMISSION DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN (Pages 53 - 604)**

To put recommendations from Environment Committee for consideration and, if appropriate, approval of a Draft Stroud District Local Plan (Draft Local Plan) for publication in accordance with Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

**10 MEMBER QUESTIONS**

See Agenda Item 4 deadlines for submissions.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**A motion regarding support of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill is proposed by Councillor Pickering and seconded by Councillor Cornell.**

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK and around the world. Global temperatures have increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. Atmospheric CO2 levels are above 400 parts per million (ppm) and continue to rise. This far exceeds the 350 ppm deemed to be a safe level for humanity.

Without more significant and sustained action, the world is set to exceed the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit between 2030 and 2040. Therefore the current UK target of net zero by 2050 is not satisfactory. It is too little too late.

The increase in harm caused by a rise of 2°C rather than 1.5°C is significant. This is described by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C published in October 2018. According to the IPCC, limiting heating to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector and local communities. The costs of failing to address this crisis will far outstrip the investments required to prevent it. Investing now will bring many benefits in the form of good jobs, breathable cities and thriving communities.

Council notes that

1. This council has declared a climate and ecological emergency;
  - ii. There is a Bill before Parliament—the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (published as the "Climate and Ecology Bill")—according to which the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:
    1. requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
    2. ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
    3. includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
    4. protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
    5. restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO2 and their resistance to climate heating;
    6. sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
2. Inform the local media of this decision;
3. Write to local MPs, asking them to support or thanking them for supporting the Bill; and Write to the [CEE Bill Alliance](#), the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support ([campaign@ceebill.uk](mailto:campaign@ceebill.uk)).