



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee will be held on **THURSDAY, 10 JUNE 2021** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

Please Note: The meeting is being held in the Council Chamber at Stroud District Council and will not be recorded or streamed live.

Due to current Covid-19 regulations a maximum of 6 members of public will be permitted in the Council Chamber at any one time, if you would like to attend this meeting please contact democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies of absence.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8)**
To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 4 March 2021.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
The Chair of the Committee will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS Noon on Monday, 7 June 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

5. **PETITION**

A petition has been received as follows:

“We want a lease extension until January 2022 for Rush Skatepark et al”

We, the friends of the Brimscombe Port Community Interest Businesses, want Rush Skatepark and other Brimscombe Port businesses to be given a lease extension until January 2022.

Stroud District Council recently successfully applied to Stroud District Council (no that isn't a typo) to demolish all the buildings at Brimscombe Port including Rush Skatepark to prepare the site for possible developers. This has resulted in the businesses at Brimscombe Port being given notice to quit by 30th June 2021.

This will mean Rush Skatepark and the other businesses will only have been able to fully open for a few weeks since Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. We believe it is very unfair to users of the skatepark and on local children, in particular, given that the closure will come just before the school holidays. We also believe that Rush Skatepark can offer a 'slice of normality' to many people in particular our families and children who have had a very disrupted year.

Although all the businesses have been aware that they would be asked to vacate, no allowance has been made for the impact of the pandemic on efforts to find alternative homes for the businesses and to protect jobs.

Since opening, Rush Skatepark has become established as a big player within the international skatepark community, offering a world class facility that has catered to riders of all levels, from grass-roots beginners all the way up to active, competing professional riders from the now Olympic sports of Skateboarding and BMX as well as up and coming action sports, scootering and inline skating which have seen an incredible surge in popularity since Rush opened in 2013. Rush skatepark has hosted national and international competitions including the World Championships in 2014, 2015 and 2019, attracting thousands of people to the Stroud area from all over the world.

Rush Skatepark and The Grace Network, who run the Stroud District Furniture Bank, The Long Table, Stroud District Kids Stuff, Kick Off Stroud and other social businesses which are also facing the end of their lease and are on notice to quite, have been looking at options for a joint site which could benefit both organisations in terms of footfall, funding and overheads.

All these businesses continue to work hard looking for new homes either together or separately.

Please note we understand that at the time of writing (25th May 2021) Stroud District Council do not currently have a developer engaged or ready to carry out the building work at the site. We believe that there is a high likelihood that the site will be empty and development won't go ahead for a number of years once the buildings have been demolished.

In accordance with the Council’s Petitions Scheme, the petition is to be debated by Committee. The petition organiser will be given 3 minutes to present the petition.

6. APPOINTMENT OF PERFORMANCE MONITORS

To appoint two performance monitors for Civic Year 2021-22.

7. Member / Officer Reports (To Note)

- a) Property review update (pages 9 - 10)
- b) Leadership Gloucestershire update
- c) Gloucestershire economic growth joint committee (GEGJC)
- d) Gloucestershire economic growth scrutiny committee (GEGSC)
- e) Strategic recovery board (pages 11 - 12)
- f) Corporate delivery plan progress update q4 (pages 13 - 18)
- g) Corporate peer challenge action plan progress update q4 (pages 19 - 22)
- h) Support of the leisure contract provider in Stroud (sport and leisure management) to recover from the impact of covid-19 update (pages 23 - 24)

8. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.

9. TENANCIES AT BRIMSCOMBE PORT - RUSK SKATEPARK AND GRACE NETWORK (Pages 25 - 46)

A decision is sought from Committee to confirm when vacant possession is required from tenants currently occupying units that are due to be demolished; forming the start of redevelopment at the Port.

The Appendices for this item contain exempt information by virtue of Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 and a resolution may be passed to exclude the public during consideration of this item.

Members of Strategy and Resources Committee

Councillor Doina Cornell (Chair)

Councillor Chris Brine
Councillor Gordon Craig
Councillor Stephen Davies
Councillor Nicholas Housden
Councillor Nicholas Hurst
Councillor Martin Percy

Councillor Catherine Braun (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Steve Robinson
Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Ken Tucker
Councillor Chloe Turner