



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL

To all Members of Stroud District Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud on **THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021 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 be streamed live on the Council's [YouTube Channel](#). A recording of the meeting will be published onto the [Council's website](#). 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.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the following measures have been put in place to reduce the risk of transmission:

- 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.
- Members, officers and any members of the public will be required to wear a face covering when they are not addressing the meeting (unless they are unable to, for medical reasons).
- You must **not** attend this meeting if you, or anyone you live with, has symptoms of Covid-19, you have received a positive test result or if you are otherwise required to self-isolate.
- Lateral flow device tests (LFD) to be carried out within 24 hours before the meeting and the results reported on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> or to 119.
- Doors and windows will be opened throughout the meeting to ensure adequate ventilation.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

To receive declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES (Pages 7 - 12)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2021.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive announcements from the Chair of Council, Leader of Council and Chief Executive.

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, 18 October 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. **MEMBERSHIPS**

Audit and Standards Committee – Councillor Cornell was replaced by Councillor Baker. Councillor Chris Brine was replaced by Councillor Ashley Smith

Environment Committee – Councillor Davis was replaced by Councillor Sutton

Police and Crime Panel – Lead Member Councillor Chris Brine was replaced by Councillor Martin Percy. Substitute Member Councillor Martin Percy was replaced by Councillor Chris Brine.

7. **APPOINTMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (Pages 13 - 16)**

To approve the recommended appointment to the Independent Remuneration Panel to review the Members' Scheme of Allowances.

8. **APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER (Pages 17 - 20)**

To appoint an interim Monitoring Officer and begin the process of the recruitment of a permanent Monitoring Officer.

9. **HEAR BY RIGHT PARTICIPATION PLEDGE AND AWARD PROGRAMME (Pages 21 - 24)**

The Council's Youth Work Strategy, features an objective that commits the Council to undertaking the award programme of the national Hear by Right standards for youth participation. This report outlines details of the decision taken by the Community Services and Licensing Committee to begin the initial steps needed to complete the Hear by Right award programme.

10. **REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION (Pages 25 - 170)**
The Constitution Working Group has reviewed a number of elements of the Constitution and comment the attached elements to Council for approval.

11. **THE DRAFT EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION POLICY AND EQUALITY (Pages 171 - 214)**
To approve the revised Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and Equality Objectives for the period 2021 – 2025 following consultation. Revised policy and action plan now incorporates public consultation comments.

12. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

12a. **DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2021 - 2026 (Pages 215 - 234)**
This report presents the draft Council Plan which sets out the council's priorities and objectives for the next five years.

12b. **BUDGET STRATEGY (Pages 235 - 250)**
To set out the assumptions that will be used when preparing the upcoming Medium-Term Financial Plan.

12c. **REVIEW OF STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES UNDER THE GAMBLING ACT 2005 FOR COMMENCEMENT 31ST JANUARY 2022 (Pages 251 - 292)**
To provide information that will allow Council to adopt a final revised Statement of Principles as recommended by Community Services and Licensing Committee. The Statement outlines the principles Stroud District Council will apply when exercising its functions under the Gambling Act 2005. The current Statement expires on 30th January 2022.

12d. **TENANT REPRESENTATIVES ON HOUSING COMMITTEE (Pages 293 - 296)**
To advise that two new tenant representatives and two new deputy representatives have been nominated to sit on Housing Committee (with non-voting status).

13. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**
See Agenda Item 5 for deadline for submissions.

14. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

14a. **A MOTION REGARDING CREATION OF A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR URGENT ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR CHLOE TURNER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ROBIN LAYFIELD.**

Background:

In 2018, at the Conference of the Parties (COP24), the UK Government signed up to having 'domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities', so localities can play their part in delivering the UK's 'Nationally Determined Contributions' in the Paris Climate Agreement.

In May 2021, Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26, cited collaboration as a key objective of the climate summit.

"Governments, business and civil society (including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around".

Despite these agreements and statements, there is still no formal relationship for joint partnership working between Local and National Government on climate action.

On 16th November 2018 (ratified by full council on 24th January 2019 <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/media/971322/minutes-24-january-2019.pdf>), this council was among the first to declare a climate emergency, and hundreds of other local councils have since followed suit. However, their call for central Government to provide additional powers and resources to support local and national action towards the target of net-zero carbon emissions remains materially unmet.

In July 2021, a joint statement by the metropolitan mayors and UK100 and its constituent members (including this council) proposed a new, enhanced partnership between the UK government, devolved governments and regional, city and local authorities to accelerate the transition to Net Zero (<https://www.uk100.org/publications/net-zero-local-leadership-communicue-delivering-net-zero-uk>), recognizing that local and combined authorities are already leading in many aspects of the Net Zero agenda, but they could go so much further and faster if given the scope to do so.

The increased frequency of record-breaking heatwaves, flooding, and other extreme weather events, which threaten lives across the globe, provide evidence that climate change is accelerating, making partnership action between all levels of UK government ever more urgent.

The latest IPCC report, released in August 2021, states that global warming will exceed the hoped for 1.5% (and indeed the far more damaging 2%) during the 21st century, without urgent and deep reductions in carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gas emissions.

This Council RESOLVES to:

- a. Add our voice in this the year of COP26, to calls by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport& others for a joint local & national government Task Force to plan action to reach 'net zero' emissions. Such a partnership can set appropriate regulations, benchmarks and targets and create the much needed long-term funding mechanisms to enable local communities and economies to**

decarbonise whilst remaining resilient and sustainable.

- b. Write to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26, the Prime Minister, and the Leadership Board of the LGA, informing them of our support for a joint Local/National Government Climate Change Partnership Taskforce and asking for one to be established as soon as possible.**

14b. A MOTION REGARDING LOCAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR LAURIE DAVIES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PAULA BAKER.

Council Draft Resolution

That Stroud District Council

- (i) Acknowledges the efforts that this Council has made to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote renewable energy;
- (ii) From Oct 1, half a million more households are at risk of Fuel Poverty, having to choose between heating their home and putting food on the table.

As the costs of fossil fuels soar this autumn, everyone is being hit by rising bills. Many are already desperate, and over 1.5 million people have also been affected by their energy supplier going bust. Meanwhile Universal Credit is being cut. Over three million people in the UK live in fuel poverty and this will increase by another 500,000 households when the Price Cap is raised on 1st October. Rising fuel bills will affect over 6000 households in Stroud District.

(iii) Further recognises

- that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for local companies and community groups to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, if they wished, and
- that revenues received by such local companies or community groups that chose to become local renewable electricity providers could be used to help improve the local economy, local services and facilities and to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions;

(iv) Notes that the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee, as a result of its 2021 Technological Innovations and Climate Change inquiry, recommended that a Right to Local Supply for local energy suppliers be established to address this;

(vi) Accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 266 MPs and which, if made law, would establish a Right to Local Supply which would promote local renewable electricity supply by making the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate to the size of the supply company; and

(v) Further resolves to

- inform the local media of this decision,
- write to our local MPs, Siobhan Baillie and Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, asking them to support the Bill, and
- write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at Camden Collective, 5-7 Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.