



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL

To all Members of Stroud District Council

09 February 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend the Budget and Council Tax Setting Meeting of **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud on **THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2022** 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.

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

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2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

To receive declarations of interest.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

4. **LGA CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE REVIEW (Verbal Report)**

To receive a verbal report on the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge taking place in March.

Recommendations from Committees

5. **RECOMMENDATION FROM STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

5a. **THE FAIR PAY AND SENIOR PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2021/22 (Pages 5 - 10)**

The Council is required under the Localism Act 2011 to approve and publish a policy statement on Senior Pay.

5b. **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME (Pages 11 - 24)**

To set a Council Tax Support Scheme for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

5c. **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL CAPITAL STRATEGY (Pages 25 - 50)**

To approve the Council's Capital Strategy.

5d. **GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2022/23, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (Pages 51 - 182)**

To consider the Council's financial position over the medium term and set a budget requirement and the level of council tax for 2022/23.

5e. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES - REVISED 2021/22 AND ORIGINAL 2022/23 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2021/22 - 2025/26 (Pages 183 - 202)**

To present to the committee the revised budget estimates for 2021/22 and the original estimates for 2022/23.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

6a. **MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT - GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY (Pages 203 - 204)**

Council is asked to consider the recommendations from Audit and Standards Committee and the Constitution Working Group for the addition of a reference to 'Gifts and Hospitality' in the Members Code of Conduct.

6b. **EXTERNAL AUDIT PROCUREMENT (Pages 205 - 226)**

To agree the arrangements for the provision of external auditors to review the Council's Statement of Accounts and Value for Money Arrangements.

6c. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT 2022/23 (Pages 227 - 260)

This report outlines the Council's prudential indicators for 2022/23 – 2024/25 and sets out the treasury strategy for this period. It fulfils three key reports required by the Local Government Act 2003:

- reporting prudential indicators required by the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
- a treasury management strategy in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management;
- an investment strategy in accordance with the DLUHC investment guidance.

It also fulfils the statutory duty to approve a minimum revenue policy (MRP) statement for 2022/23.

7. STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE (Pages 261 - 262)

To establish a Standards Sub-Committee as required by Article 7.3 of the Council's Constitution which was agreed by Council on 21 October 2021.

8. CONTINUATION OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE ECONOMIC GROWTH JOINT COMMITTEE - UNTIL 31 MARCH 2023 (Pages 263 - 266)

To consider a request to extend the operation of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) until 31 March 2023 and to delegate authority to the Head of Paid Services to amend the Inter - Authority Agreement (dated 4th September 2014) accordingly.

9. CIVIC TIMETABLE 2022/23 (Pages 267 - 268)

To agree a timetable for the civic year 2022/23.