



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL

17 February 2022

7.00 - 10.06 pm

Council Chamber

Minutes

Membership

Councillor Steve Robinson (Chair)

Councillor Beki Aldam
 Councillor Paula Baker
 Councillor Catherine Braun
 Councillor Chris Brine
 Councillor Martin Brown
 Councillor Doina Cornell
 Councillor Laurie Davies
 Councillor Stephen Davies
 Councillor Katrina Davis
 Councillor Christopher Evans
 Councillor Helen Fenton
 Councillor Lindsey Green
 Councillor Jessie Hoskin
 Councillor Nicholas Housden
 Councillor Nick Hurst
 Councillor Steve Hynd
 Councillor George James
 Councillor Martin Baxendale
 Councillor Jason Bullingham
 Councillor Kate Crews
 Councillor Colin Fryer
 Councillor Julie Job
 Councillor Gill Oxley
 Councillor Nigel Prenter
 Councillor Ashley Smith

*= Absent

Councillor Trevor Hall (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Christopher Jockel
 Councillor John Jones
 Councillor Haydn Jones
 Councillor Norman Kay
 Councillor Robin Layfield
 Councillor Jenny Miles
 Councillor Loraine Patrick
 Councillor Martin Percy
 Councillor Mattie Ross
 Councillor Lucas Schoemaker
 Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
 Councillor Haydn Sutton
 Councillor Brian Tipper
 Councillor Ken Tucker
 Councillor Chloe Turner
 Councillor Tricia Watson
 Councillor Rich Wilsher
 * Councillor Natalie Bennett *
 * Councillor Gordon Craig *
 * Councillor Jonathan Edmunds *
 * Councillor Victoria Gray *
 * Councillor Dave Mossman *
 * Councillor Keith Pearson *
 * Councillor Mark Ryder *

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive
 Monitoring Officer
 Strategic Director of Resources

Accountancy Manager
 Senior Democratic Services & Elections
 Officer

CL.030

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baxendale, Bennett, Brine, Bullingham, Crews, Edmunds, Evans, Fryer, Gray, Hurst, Job, Mossman, Oxley, Pearson, Prenter and Ryder.

CL.031 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

CL.032 Announcements

The Chair asked everyone to stand for a minute silence to remember a previous Councillor, Charlie Burling. Councillor Ross paid tribute to Charlie Burling.

Councillor Tipper raised concerns regarding the length of the document pack and asked that budget reports in future years were published at least 2 weeks before the meeting.

The Chief Executive updated Members about Storm Eunice, the Council had been making emergency planning preparations and had been advised that the storm was due to hit at 7am which would coincide with the spring tide. 40 staff from the Council and 20 police staff had delivered letters to 1,400 properties which were at potential risk of flooding from Sharpness to Epney. Anyone who was not able to stay out of the risk area with family and friends would be able to access one of the rest centres that had been set up from 7am. It was confirmed that the threat period was between 7am and 12 noon and that waste collections across the District had been suspended.

CL.033 LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Review

Councillor Cornell provided a verbal update on the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Review. She stated that in 2019 the Council had participated in an extensive Peer Challenge Review from the LGA and the completed report highlighted both the Councils strengths and some areas of development. The LGA had been invited back to evaluate the Council's progress, they would be holding meetings with Members and Officers beginning the week of 7 March 2022.

The Chief Executive confirmed that 4 of the recommendations from the LGA Peer Challenge were short term and had been achieved. The other 4 recommendations were medium to longer term objectives some of which had now been completed whereas others had been included in the Council Plan and Fit for the Future Programme. They thanked those Members and staff who would be taking part in the Peer Challenge Review and confirmed that the outcomes would be reported back to Members in due course.

Recommendations from Strategy and Resources Committee

CL.034 Dispensation Under Section 85 Local Government Act 1972

The Chair confirmed that an urgent report had been added to the Agenda and had been circulated to Members, as per section 3 paragraph 5.3 of the Constitution, the Chair, in Consultation with the Monitoring Officer, is able to allow urgent items which have arisen since the dispatch of the agenda. The report had been added to the agenda for the meeting following the urgency procedures.

Councillor Stephen Davies confirmed that Councillor Mossman was on dialysis and therefore was part of the vulnerable group, he hoped that as Covid subsided he would be able to join more regularly and therefore a six month extension had been requested. The Monitoring Officer confirmed the reason for urgency was that the last meeting Councillor Mossman had attended was the 9 September 2021 and unless he attended a meeting before the 9 March 2022 he would cease to be a Member. There were no further Council meetings before the 9 March 2022 and council was the only place where a dispensation could be granted thus it required an urgent report to be added to the Agenda.

Councillor Kay offered his good wishes to Councillor Mossman.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED To GRANT a six-month dispensation to Councillor Mossman

CL.035 The Fair Pay and Senior Pay Policy Statement 2021/22

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, introduced the report and highlighted the following key points:

- The council was required under Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 to have a pay policy statement for each financial year.
- The lowest paid employees were on the Apprentice grade and the highest paid employees were on Stroud 12.
- The ratio between the highest and lowest paid employees was calculated at 1:10, Government guidance was that the ratio in the public sector should not exceed 1:20, so the council was well within the guidelines.
- The report detailed the current levels of remuneration for staff. The council paid spot salaries and there were no bonuses, annual increments, or performance related payments.
- A comparison with the figures for 2021 on the number of staff within each Stroud grade showed that there had been some movement at the Stroud 2 and Stroud 3 grades. This was due to vacant posts being filled. There had been an overall increase in the headcount numbers and again this was mainly due to filling vacant posts rather than the creation of new posts.

Councillor Hall requested a copy of the report also be sent to GMB and Unite the Union. The Strategic Director of Resources confirmed that he would speak with the HR team and if appropriate would send it to the other unions.

Proposed by Councillor Cornell and seconded by Councillor Hall.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED To APPROVE the Fair Pay and Senior Pay Policy Statement 2021/22 as recommended by Strategy and Resources Committee

CL.036 Council Tax Support Scheme

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, introduced the report and highlighted the following key points:

- On 3 February 2022 the Government had announced a £150 Council Tax rebate to households in Council Tax Bands A-D, this payment was to be disregarded as income for the purposes of calculating eligibility for both working age and

pensioner local Council Tax support schemes in 2022/23. The scheme would be updated to reflect this once the regulations were in place.

- Since 2013/14 the Council had adopted the Governments default scheme which had meant no changes or reduction in the support provided.
- The pandemic had reinforced the need to support the most vulnerable residents of the District.
- The recommended change would stop any small monthly changes to universal credit having an impact on the Local Council Tax Support Scheme. This would simplify the process for both the claimant and the authority.
- Changes were highlighted in Appendix B.

Councillor Laurie Davies supported the changes and confirmed that it would be important not only for the Officers but also for people in receipt of it.

Councillor Stephen Davies asked Members to note the Governments assistance and confirmed that they would be supporting the continuation of the scheme at this time.

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, paid tribute to the Revenue and Benefits team for all their fantastic work throughout the pandemic.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED To ADOPT the Council Tax Support Scheme and changes for 2022/23 as recommended by Strategy and Resources Committee

CL.037 Stroud District Council Capital Strategy

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, introduced the report which had been recommended from Strategy and Resources Committee and drew Members attention to the following key points:

- The Capital Strategy is required to be approved annually by the CIPFA Prudential Code.
- The CIPFA Prudential Code was revised on 20 December 2021 and guidance notes were published in January 2022.
- Due to the recent changes to the Prudential Code some of the required changes may not be added to the Strategy until 2023/24
- The Capital Strategy main revision could be found on page 32, item 3 of the principals of the Capital Strategy.

Councillor Hurst stated that it was public money that they were dealing with and it was everyone's duty to ensure the best possible return on that money was achieved.

Councillor Braun reminded Members about the Capital priorities and their links to the Council Plan. She urged all Members to support the Capital Strategy.

After being put to a vote, the Motion was carried.

FOR: 36 votesCouncillors

Beki Aldam	Trevor Hall	Lorraine Patrick
Paula Baker	Jessie Hoskin	Martin Percy
Catherine Braun	Nick Housden	Steve Robinson
Chris Brine	Nick Hurst	Mattie Ross
Martin Brown	Steve Hynd	Lucas Schoemaker
Doina Cornell	George James	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy
Laurie Davies	Christopher Jockel	Haydn Sutton
Stephen Davies	Haydn Jones	Brian Tipper
Trina Davis	John Jones	Ken Tucker
Christopher Evans	Norman Kay	Chloe Turner
Helen Fenton	Robin Layfield	Tricia Watson
Lindsey Green	Jenny Miles	Rich Wilsher

AGAINST: 0 Votes**ABSTENTIONS: 0 Votes**

RESOLVED To APPROVE the Capital Strategy at Appendix A as recommended by Strategy and Resources Committee

CL.038 General Fund Budget 2022/23, Capital Programme and Medium-Term Financial Plan

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, confirmed that the budgets had been through Committees and Strategy and Resources Committee. Councillor Cornell identified the key areas of the report as follows:

- The final settlement had now been agreed by government therefore some certainty on funding could be provided for the coming year.
- The provisional settlement received was better than anticipated and this had been used to help stabilise the financial position and invest in Council priorities.
- The current Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) would require saving decisions to be made.
- Inflation was a major factor in the budget.
- There had been an increase in business rates funding.
- An additional year of New Homes Bonus grant had been awarded.
- The details of Council Tax levels were included as an Appendix.
- A Council Tax increase of £5 was proposed at Band D, an increase of less than 10p per week.
- The District had seen a 1.9% increase in properties and 34% decrease in the number of long-term empty properties.
- There was no certainty in terms of staffing costs as the pay award had not been agreed.

A new table had been included to show the changes to the Ubico Contract.

Councillor Cornell passed on her thanks to the Finance team for all their work.

In response to questions from Councillor Stephen Davies the following answers were provided:

- The £68k in Table 2 referred to the running costs of the vehicles for Ubico. The amounts for the fleet programme for Ubico could be found in appendix C.
- Councillor Cornell confirmed that training in bio-diversity could be included for Councillors.
- A Monitoring Officer was being jointly recruited with Cheltenham Borough Council and would be going out to advert shortly.

Proposed by Councillor Cornell and seconded by Councillor Braun.

Councillor Stephen Davies proposed an amendment around the car parking charges to add “h) That all Car Parking charges for the first hour in Stroud Car Parks are frozen for 2022/2023 and that any resulting deficit in car park income be made up from Council reserves.” Councillor Stephen Davies stated that an increase of 10p from 80p to 90p was excessive and was an attack on businesses. He advised that Stroud Chamber of Commerce and Stroud Town Council were opposed to the increase in the parking charges also.

Councillor Housden seconded the amendment.

Councillor Laurie Davies stated that there were bigger issues impacting the highstreet such as increased heating costs, food costs and the cut to Universal Credit.

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy stated that a full review of car parking should be carried out as the increase in cost fell heavily on Stroud town.

Councillor Fenton confirmed that the average increase across all of the car parking charges in Stroud District was 3% which was fairly moderate. Councillor Brine and Hall echoed the comments of Councillor Fenton.

Councillor Housden asked Members to listen to businesses on the high street, shoppers and workers who ask the Council not to increase the cost of car parking. He drew Members attention to the imbalance of parking charges across the district with many towns receiving free parking.

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, drew comparisons to the increase in parking charges that had been agreed at Gloucestershire County Council and of the costs per hour in Cirencester (£1.40) Gloucester (£1.60). The cut in Universal Credit to families within the district had amounted to approximately £0.5m being taken out of the local economy which would have a far worse effect on the high street.

The amendment was put to the vote:

FOR: 13 votes

Councillors

Stephen Davies

Trina Davis

Christopher Evans

Lindsey Green

Nick Housden

Nick Hurst

Christopher Jockel

Haydn Jones

John Jones

Lorraine Patrick

Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

Haydn Sutton

Brian Tipper

AGAINST: 23 VotesCouncillors

Beki Aldam	Trevor Hall	Steve Robinson
Paula Baker	Jessie Hoskin	Mattie Ross
Catherine Braun	Steve Hynd	Lucas Schoemaker
Chris Brine	George James	Ken Tucker
Martin Brown	Norman Kay	Chloe Turner
Doina Cornell	Robin Layfield	Tricia Watson
Laurie Davies	Jenny Miles	Rich Wilsher
Helen Fenton	Martin Percy	

ABSTENTIONS: 0 Votes

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, stated that she was proud to present her 5th budget as Leader of the Council and that they had kept the Council finances in good order. She paid tribute to Council Officers who had given above and beyond, local businesses who continued to innovate and inspire and those who worked in the voluntary and community sectors who had helped to keep people safe and supported.

Councillor Davies stated that there should be acknowledgement that the Council had received a good settlement from central government and that the government had helped people with furlough and business support schemes. He agreed that there were some good elements of the budget however if they truly believed in climate change money needed to be included in the budget. He stated that he would be voting against the budget.

Councillor Turner confirmed that the Council had been proactively taking opportunities that arose for the electrification of the fleet of vehicles and stated that the Carbon Neutral 2030 ambitions were embedded throughout the budget.

Councillor Hurst raised concerns for the amounts allocated to the planning and Local Plan budget and that there may be pressures with getting the Local Plan through the public examination.

Councillor Brown offered his support for the budget and highlighted the funding for a new Bio-diversity Officer.

Councillor Braun highlighted 3 reasons why Members should support the budget:

- Protecting the environment – additional £260k for posts and projects on the climate and nature emergency.
- Strengthening and supporting communities - prioritising health and wellbeing, culture and supporting those people who were most in need.
- Supporting a thriving local economy

After being put to a vote, the Motion was carried.

FOR: 23 VotesCouncillors

Beki Aldam	Trevor Hall	Steve Robinson
Paula Baker	Jessie Hoskin	Mattie Ross
Catherine Braun	Steve Hynd	Lucas Schoemaker
Chris Brine	Christopher Jockel	Ken Tucker
Martin Brown	Norman Kay	Chloe Turner

Doina Cornell
Laurie Davies
Helen Fenton

Robin Layfield
Jenny Miles
Martin Percy

Tricia Watson
Rich Wilsher

AGAINST: 10 Votes

Councillors

Stephen Davies
Trina Davis
Christopher Evans
Lindsey Green

Nick Housden
Nick Hurst
Haydn Jones
John Jones

Lorraine Patrick
Haydn Sutton

ABSTENTIONS: 3 votes

Councillor

George James

Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

Brian Tipper

RESOLVED To:

- a) approve the updated Medium-Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendices A-E
- b) to increase the council tax by £5 to £222.52 at Band D, an increase of less than 10p per week for the services provided by Stroud District Council;
- c) to note the uncertainty around the impact of changes to future local government funding
- d) to approve the Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix F
- e) to approve the planned changes to the reserves as set out in Section 4 of the report and Appendix G
- f) to approve the fees and charges policy and list of Council fees and charges as set out in Appendices H and I.
as recommended by Strategy and Resources Committee
And
- g) approve the Council Tax Charges for the District as set out in Appendix J.

CL.039 Housing Revenue Account Estimates - Revised 2021/22 and Original 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 - 2025/26

Councillor Ross, Chair of Housing Committee, introduced the report which had been taken to Housing Committee and Strategy and Resources Committee. She highlighted the following points:

- Rents and charges were proposed to be increased by 4.1%
- Shared Ownership rents would increase in line with the individual lease agreement.
- The forecast for the MTFP on page 189 showed that in 2025/26 the HRA general balances were expected to be lower than the minimum recommended balance.
- Major works was revised to include the retrofit programme.
- New build programme had been reprofiled based on the current programme.
- Independent Living was revised to three schemes in 2022/23.

Councillor Davies asked how many net new homes were built last year by the Council and how many did the budget predict to build next year. Councillor Ross advised that there were 22 currently under construction in Nailsworth, 7 in Minchinhampton and some being built in Eastington, She further confirmed that a more detailed answer could be provided outside of the meeting.

Councillor Davies asked whether there had been any savings from moving property care in-house. Councillor Ross advised that because of the Pandemic it had been a difficult year. Councillor Davies asked whether the retrofit programme could be accelerated if further funding was made available. Councillor Ross confirmed that the Retrofit Task and Finish Group would look at any opportunities to accelerate the scheme and Housing Committee would need to make any decisions.

Councillor Kay asked whether figures were available as to how many council homes had been sold through Right to Buy. Councillor Ross advised that she did not have those figures to hand.

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy asked whether the appropriation of May Lane in Dursley was complete. Councillor Ross advised that the agreement had not been signed but the process had begun.

Proposed by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Jockel.

Councillor Patrick stated that she was unable to support an uplift in rent without an uplift in efficiency in response to repairs and maintenance of properties.

Councillor Hall was pleased to see that progress was being made at May Lane and stated he would be supporting the report.

Councillor Miles drew Members attention to section 3.15 on page 193 which highlighted an additional independent living modernisation scheme and stated that the last 2 schemes had been delivered on time and underbudget.

Councillor Housden expressed concerns over the loss of income due to void properties and the lengthy turnover time.

Councillor Davies stated that there were good points within the budget however, there was a larger issue surrounding voids and declared that the budget did not meet the claims laid out by the Labour Party in terms of building new homes. He confirmed that he would not be supporting the budget. Councillor Cornell confirmed that the pledge they made was to build 200 affordable and social rented homes each year in partnership with registered providers and developers of community led schemes and that they had exceeded their manifesto pledge that year.

Councillor Schoemaker stated that he sat on the Task and Finish Group and that he had been impressed with the leadership in housing and with Officers being able to identify issues and solutions.

After being put to a vote, the Motion was carried.

FOR: 24 Votes

Councillors

Beki Aldam
Paula Baker
Catherine Braun
Chris Brine
Martin Brown
Doina Cornell
Laurie Davies
Helen Fenton

Trevor Hall
Jessie Hoskin
Steve Hynd
George James
Christopher Jockel
Norman Kay
Robin Layfield
Jenny Miles

Martin Pearcy
Steve Robinson
Mattie Ross
Lucas Schoemaker
Ken Tucker
Chloe Turner
Tricia Watson
Rich Wilsher

AGAINST: 11 VotesCouncillors

Stephen Davies

Trina Davis

Christopher Evans

Lindsey Green

Nick Housden

Nick Hurst

Haydn Jones

John Jones

Lorraine Patrick

Haydn Sutton

Brian Tipper

ABSTENTIONS: 1 VotesCouncillors

Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

RESOLVED That:

- a) The revised HRA revenue budget for 2021/22 and original budget 2022/23 are approved;
- b) The movement to and from HRA balances and capital reserves as detailed in Appendix B and section 9 are approved;
- c) That from 1 April 2022:
 - i. Social rents and affordable rents are increased by 4.1% (CPI +1%), in line with national rent guidance
 - ii. Garage rents are increased by 4.1%
 - iii. Landlord service charges are increased by 4.1%
- d) That the HRA Capital Programme for 2021/22 to 2025/26, as detailed in Appendix C, be included in the Council's Capital Programme;
- e) To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Resources to appropriate land and buildings at 11/11A May Lane (as shown on the plan at Appendix D) into the HRA and the New Build Programme from the General Fund, once a market valuation has been received and;
- f) To delegate authority to the Head of Property Services to continue work on progressing this site with land to the rear of Parsonage Street, Dursley, including opening negotiations to acquire land from 3rd party private owners as recommended by Strategy and Resources Committee.

Recommendations from Audit and Standards Committee**CL.040 Members Code of Conduct - Gifts and Hospitality**

Councillor Brine left the meeting.

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee, presented the report and highlighted the following points:

- In October 2021 Council noted that Audit and Standards Committee would be asked to consider Gifts and Hospitality at their next meeting.
- When the Code of Conduct was last reviewed provision for the recording of Gifts and Hospitality was not included.
- The Constitution Working Group had considered the matter and recommended the inclusion of wording in the Code of Conduct to cover Gifts and Hospitality.

Proposed by Councillor Studdert-Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Percy.

Councillor Percy offered his support to the motion and commended the good work of the Constitution Working Group.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That the Code of Conduct be amended to include the reference to Gifts and Hospitality as set out in this report as recommended by the Audit and Standards Committee.

CL.041 External Audit Procurement

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee, introduced the report and advised that the purpose was to agree the arrangements for the provision of external auditors to review the Councils' statement of accounts and value for money arrangements. The report highlighted the benefits of bulk purchase, using a bigger organisation would be cheaper than doing the work on our own. Regulations required that the decision on whether to be an opted-in authority or not was made by full Council.

Councillor Kay advised that he had asked the Strategic Director of Resources regarding the diversity aspects of this organisation in their recruitment, and he confirmed he would be happy to pursue this with them.

Proposed by Councillor Studdert-Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Percy.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED That:

- a) **The Council again becomes a member of the PSAA scheme for the appointment of external auditors for the five years from April 1st 2023**
- b) **Authority is delegated to the Strategic Director of Resources to accept the PSAA invitation and to complete the appointment process as necessary as recommended by Audit and Standards Committee.**

CL.042 Treasury Management Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2022/23

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee, identified key areas of the report as follows:

- Treasury Management training had been provided for Members in January 2022.
- The CIPFA Prudential Code was revised in 2021 and guidance notes were published in January 2022.
- Full implementation was expected in 2023/24.
- Changes identified on page 242 with regards to non-specified investment.
- Page 246 set out the Councils ethical investment policy.
- Page 244 showed investments maturing.

Proposed by Councillor Studdert-Kennedy and seconded by Councillor Percy.

Councillor Percy stated that he was pleased to see the inclusion of the ethical investment policy and commended the Strategy.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED To:

- a) Adopt the prudential indicators and limits for 2022/23 to 2024/25;**
 - b) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23, and the treasury prudential indicators;**
 - c) Approve the Investment Strategy 2022/23, and the detailed criteria for specified and non-specified investments; and**
 - d) Approve the MRP Statement 2022/23**
 - e) Approve the Ethical Investment Policy**
- as recommended by Audit and Standards Committee.**

CL.043 Standards Sub-Committee

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee, introduced the report and confirmed that there was a requirement of Article 7.3 of the Councils Constitution to establish a sub-committee of the Audit Committee.

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy suggested that the word 'proven' be added after 'allegations are found' to the wording in the decision box. Discussions over the correct word to be used took place. The Monitoring Officer suggested the use of the word 'proved' to replace the word 'found'.

Councillor Layfield asked what powers the Council had to enforce sanctions on a Parish Council. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that the District Council was the enforcing authority for the Code of Conduct.

Councillor Ross questioned whether all Town and Parish Councils had been consulted on the membership of the sub-committee. The Monitoring Officer advised that due to the timings a full consultation of Town and Parish Councils had not been undertaken but Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC) had been consulted as a representative for Town and Parish Councils.

Councillor Hurst asked for the amended word 'proven' to be changed to 'substantiated'. The Monitoring Officer advised that the word proved was suitable and asked if Members wanted to propose a further amendment. Councillor Patrick proposed the word 'proven' and Councillor Green seconded the amendment. Councillor Studdert-Kennedy as proposer of the motion agreed to accept the amendment as a friendly amendment.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy highlighted the membership of the sub-committee and asked the Council to vote on the appointments for the sub-committee.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED To:

- a) Establish a sub-committee of the Audit Committee to be called the Standards Sub-Committee which will have responsibility to consider allegations under the Code of Conduct in respect of District, Town and Parish Councils, and consider what sanctions, if any, to impose where allegations are found proven; and**

- b) Appoint the Members of the Standards Cub-Committee, as suggested in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3 of this report, for the remainder of the Civic Year 2021/2022.**

The Chair asked Members if they were happy to continue the meeting given that the time was approaching 10pm and in accordance with the Councils' Constitution section 3 paragraph 7, Members needed to take a vote to continue the meeting.

After being put to a vote, the Motion was carried.

RESOLVED To continue the meeting until all items had been considered.

CL.044 Continuation of the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee - Until 31 March 2023

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, presented the report and stated that now they were waiting for the results of the Levelling Up White Paper and that an extension to the GEGJC was recommended so that they could take the time to discuss how to proceed.

Councillor Turner asked whether the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee would continue. Councillor Cornell was unsure but advised that this would be under consideration.

Councillor Cornell proposed and Councillor Braun seconded.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED a) that the GEGJC will continue to operate from 4th March 2022 until 31 March 2023, and**
b) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to agree and complete the appropriate legal documentation to allow the Inter Authority Agreement to be extended until 31 March 2023.

CL.045 Civic Timetable 2022/23

The Leader, Councillor Cornell, presented the Civic Timetable to Members and advised that attempts had been made to avoid school holidays.

Councillor Davies asked for changes to the Civic Timetable to be kept to a minimum and that if changes were needed they were made as early as possible.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED To APPROVE the Civic Timetable for 2022/2023.

The meeting closed at 10.06 pm

Chair