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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Community Services and Licensing Committee will be held on **THURSDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2022** 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 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.

If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk. This is to ensure adequate seating is available in the Council Chamber.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies of absence.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2022.
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 Friday, 9 September 2022

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. **PERFORMANCE MONITORING (Pages 11 - 36)**
To review the Performance Monitoring Report for Q1.
6. **COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING BUDGET MONITORING REPORT Q1 2022/23 (Pages 37 - 44)**
To present the 2022/23 forecast outturn position against the revenue budgets and Capital Programme that the Committee is responsible for, in order to give an expectation of possible variances against budget.
7. **CCTV IN TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (Pages 45 - 70)**
Consider the results of the survey on whether there are local circumstances that would make it proportionate to impose mandatory CCTV in Stroud licensed taxi and private hire vehicles.
8. **PLAY AREA CONSULTATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS (Pages 71 - 172)**
To brief members of Housing Committee on the Play Area and Development Action Plans Progress.
9. **HEALTH, WELLBEING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ACTION PLAN 2022-25 (Pages 173 - 224)**
To provide a focus for priorities in the current Council Plan and Leisure & Wellbeing Strategy that impact health and wellbeing This is Plan provides more detail about priorities that have previously been agreed by Full Council.
10. **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES**
 - (a) Know your Patch
 - (b) Woodchester Park Mansion
11. **MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT (TO NOTE)**
 - (a) Museum in the Park (Cowle Trust) (Pages 225 - 226)
 - (b) Police and Crime Panel (Pages 227 - 228)
 - (c) Citizens Advice
 - (d) Mental Health Champions (Pages 229 - 230)
 - (e) Homestart (Pages 231 - 244)
 - (f) Woodchester Park Mansion (Pages 245 - 246)
 - (g) Progress on Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) Information Sheet (Pages 247 - 248)
 - (h) Progress on Stratford Park Lido Information Sheet (Pages 249 - 250)
12. **WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 251 - 254)**
To consider the work programme.
13. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**
See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.
14. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**
 - (a) Motion regarding the Cost of Living, is proposed by Councillor Beki Aldam and seconded by Councillor Kate Crews
This Committee notes:
 - The 80 per cent increase in the price cap on energy bills from 1st

October 2022, which follows on from a 54 per cent increase in April this year, and that a further rise in energy bills is expected from 1st January 2023.

- The high rate of inflation in the UK, currently at 10 per cent, and predicted by the Bank of England to rise to 13 per cent this winter.
- These factors are causing a Cost of Living Crisis and resulting in a significant fall in people's income as pay growth and benefit uprating fails to keep pace with the increase in the cost of essential items.
- Food poverty is already a reality for at least 4.7 million adults in the UK [https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/food_poverty], and the Cost of Living Crisis will greatly exacerbate this problem.
- Those on the lowest incomes will be hardest hit by inflation and the increase in energy bills, and the support offered to them by Government so far is completely inadequate to bridge the Cost of Living gap [<https://jpit.uk/enoughtolive>]
- The Cost of Living Crisis will also have a damaging impact on local businesses and valued employers in Stroud District, who will require additional financial support from Government to cover their basic costs.
- Without urgent government intervention there will be a significant increase in the number of households who experience food poverty and fuel poverty in Stroud District this winter, leading to increased health problems; a rise in mental health issues and emergencies; decreased quality of life; and an exacerbation of associated social and emotional issues.

This Committee believes that:

- No one in the Stroud District should go hungry.
- None of our residents should have to choose between food or warmth, or not be able to have either.

This Committee therefore resolves to

- Declare a 'Cost of Living Emergency.'
- Request the Chief Executive to write to the new Prime Minister, and local Stroud District MPs, to call for:
 - Immediate financial support to help people to manage the Cost of Living Crisis, with most support provided to low income households, and
 - A fully funded nationwide commitment to improve the energy efficiency of homes (and consequently reduce energy bills), noting that this initiative is also required to deliver on the Government's own commitment to net zero carbon by 2050.
- Continue to support the District Council's work to tackle food poverty and fuel poverty through partnership with third sector and voluntary organisations, Citizens Advice, the network of Community Hubs across Stroud District, town and parish councils.
- Share information with residents on the help and support to manage cost of living crisis pressures that is available to them in Stroud district.
- Ensure the Cost of Living Crisis is taken into account in all the

decisions made by this Committee for as long as this Crisis continues.

- Propose to Council that the Council supports The Great Homes Upgrade campaign, which is calling on the Government to upgrade 19 million homes by 2030 to make sure that everyone can have a well-insulated home, heated by clean, green energy.
[www.greathomesupgrade.org]

Members of Community Services and Licensing Committee

Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Craig
Councillor Kate Crews
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds
Councillor Trevor Hall
Councillor Jessie Hoskin

Councillor Beki Aldam (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Julie Job
Councillor John Jones
Councillor Gill Oxley
Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Ken Tucker