



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL

To all Members of Stroud District Council

Wednesday, 13 July 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend Meeting of **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud on **THURSDAY, 21 JULY 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.

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 for absence.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 5 - 10)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2022.
4. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS (Pages 11 - 14)**
To update the allocation of seats in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and appoint changes to membership of committees and appointments with effect from 21 July 2022.
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive announcements from the Chair of Council, Leader of Council or Chief Executive.
6. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
The Chair of the relevant Committee will answer questions from members of the

Council
Thursday, 21 July 2022

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public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures as set out in the [Constitution](#).

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS
Noon on Friday, 8 July 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

7. REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (Pages 15 - 44)

This report sets out the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel's review of the Members' Scheme of Allowances.

8. APPOINTMENT OF A MONITORING OFFICER (Pages 45 - 48)

To appoint a permanent Monitoring Officer.

9. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (Pages 49 - 80)

To consider the draft UKSPF Investment Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

10. RECOMMENDATION FROM STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

10a. ACQUISITION OF LAND AT BATH PLACE, STROUD (Pages 81 - 88)

To seek approval to the acquisition of a brownfield development site in Stroud.

11. RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

11a. OUR SERVICE STANDARDS (Pages 89 - 102)

To consider Our Service Standards for approval and adoption.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

12a. ANNUAL REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY AND ACTUAL PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2021/2022 (Pages 103 - 130)

To advise on the treasury management activities in 2021/2022, in accordance with the Council's Treasury Policy Statement. To report on actual 2021/2022 Prudential Indicators in accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code.

12a. AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 (Pages 131 - 144)

The Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee (the Committee) summarises the Committee's activities during 2021/22 and sets out its plans for the next twelve months.

This report provides independent assurance that the Council has in place:

- i. Adequate and effective governance, risk management and internal control frameworks;
- ii. Internal and External Audit services; and
- iii. Financial reporting arrangements that can be relied upon and which

contribute to the high corporate governance standards that this Council expects and maintains.

13. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**

See Agenda Item 6 deadlines for submissions.

14. **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

14a. **MOTION REGARDING THE FORMER SHIP INN SITE, STONEHOUSE, IS PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR NICK HOUSDEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEPHEN DAVIES**

This Council Notes:

1. The former Ship Inn site is a canal-side piece of land adjacent to the A419 in Stonehouse.
2. The former pub (The Ship Inn) was demolished in 1997. Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) had planning permission refused for a pupil referral centre (2001) and then in 2002 GCC had planning refused for residential development by Stroud District Council (SDC) upheld after appeal.
3. In 2005, in response to Cotswold Canals request for additional financial support with the Canal Restoration, GCC donated this piece of land along with two others, as part of the County's agreement to contribute land which would benefit the Cotswold Canals project.
4. In 2016 this council took the decision to sell the Ship Inn site from the General Fund to the HRA, with the resulting receipt being used on the canal project. In 2018 the plan for 9 dwellings (down from initial plans of 10) were discussed at an SDC DCC meeting and after much discussion, councillors voted against the development and the application was withdrawn.
5. Having watched the failed attempts to acquire planning permission twice on this site, Stonehouse Town Council in October 2021 conducted a survey, asking for residents' views on the site. The response rate from residents was substantial, in total 598 people from all over the town took part in the survey (all verified by officers) which equates to 9% of Stonehouse residents over working age. The overwhelming majority, 91%, did not want to see council-built housing on the site; with 95% wanting to see community facilities. A small minority wanted both. Stonehouse Town Council is now seeking further engagement with SDC.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

As landowners task officers with finding a suitable use for the former Ship Inn site in Stonehouse that:

1. Rules out Housing
2. Considers our Canal Strategy
3. Follows on from the good work conducted by Stonehouse Town Council noted above.

Following this work officers will then present their findings and recommendations to Council by the end of Spring 2023.