



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL

To all Members of Stroud District Council

Wednesday, 18 October 2023

You are hereby summoned to attend Meeting of **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud on **THURSDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2023** 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

- APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
- DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
To receive declarations of interest.
- MINUTES (Pages 5 - 16)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2023.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive announcements from the Chair of Council, Leader of Council or Chief Executive.
- PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
The Chair of the relevant Committee will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures laid out in Section 3, Paragraph 8, of the Constitution.

Deadline for Receipt of Questions Noon, Friday, 20 October 2023

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. MEMBER QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 5 deadlines for submissions.

7. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

7a MOTION ON INCLUSION OF SWIFT BRICKS IN NEW BUILDINGS TO PROTECT WILDLIFE - PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR LINDSEY GREEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HAYDN JONES (Pages 17 - 20)

Council resolves:

- To require all new building to have swift bricks
- To require any renovation works to include swift bricks
- To implement swift bricks into our own Local Plan

7b MOTION ON THE STROUD LOCAL PLAN - PROPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HAYDN JONES AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CHRIS EVANS (Pages 21 - 24)

Council resolves that:

- All Party leaders or their nominees should be included in the decision making process to resolve this issue.
- Any modifications to the plan should be subject to full public consultation, the results published, described and reflected where appropriate in the plan.
- A change of fundamental strategy to address identified challenges, including site selection, should be explored with key stakeholders.
- Resolution to areas of highlighted concern raised by inspectors should be subject to proper independent analysis discrete from site promoter evidence.
- The 5 year land supply should be updated and made public on a 6 monthly basis in line with current practice.
- Every effort should be made to work with all partners involved including National Highways and the County Council.

8. RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Audit and Standards Committee - 26 September 2023

The Chair of this Committee will present this item.

8a ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR 2022-23 (Pages 25 - 34)

The Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee (the Committee) summarises the Committee's activities during 2022-23 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.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Strategy and Resources Committee - 5 October 2023

The Chair of this Committee will present these items.

- 9a **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINT ROLLOUT PROJECT - SDC CAR PARKS (Pages 35 - 58)**
To seek approval for the associated capital funding required.
- 9b **COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2026 REFRESH (Pages 59 - 82)**
To present the progress made against the Council Plan 2021-2026 to date, and to approve the refreshed Council Plan.
- 9c **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND AND HRA ACQUISITIONS BUDGET (Pages 83 - 86)**
Following the Housing Committee decision on 31st January 2023 approving the submission of a capital bid to DLUHC for the purchase of accommodation to be held in the HRA for people fleeing conflict, a further short notice bid opportunity arose in June 2023, with a bid deadline of July 2023. This report is to request approval to the additional capital budget required.
- 9d **BUDGET STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2027/28 (Pages 87 - 104)**
To set out an updated Medium Term Financial Plan and the Strategy that will be used in setting the budget for the 2024/25 year.
10. **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS (Pages 105 - 108)**
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 26 October 2023.