



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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COUNCIL

To all Members of Stroud District Council

Wednesday, 14 February 2024

You are hereby summoned to attend Meeting of **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud on **THURSDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2024** 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 - 42)**
To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 26 October and 14 December 2023 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 25 January 2024.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive announcements from the Chair of Council, Leader of Council or Chief Executive.
5. **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 16 February 2024

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. **RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Audit and Standards Committee 30 January 2024

The Chair of this Committee will present this item.

7a **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT 2024/25 (Pages 43 - 78)**

This report outlines the Council's prudential indicators for 2024/25 – 2026/27 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 2024/25.

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

Strategy and Resources Committee 1 February 2024

The Chair of this Committee will present this item.

8a **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME (Pages 79 - 88)**

To set a Council Tax Support Scheme for the period 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

8b **COUNCIL TAX - SECOND HOMES PREMIUM AND EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM (Pages 89 - 92)**

To implement a Council Tax Premium on second homes from 01 April 2025 and amend the Council Tax Premium for empty homes to be 100% for properties empty between one and five years (currently two and five years) from 01 April 2025.

8c **COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT FOR CARE LEAVERS (Pages 93 - 98)**

Section 13A(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 gives the council discretion to reduce the amount of council tax payable. This can be for individual cases or by determining a class of case.

This report proposes that a class of case is determined for Care Leavers and the existing scheme extends the qualifying age from 18- 21 to 24 including for those from outside of Gloucestershire.

8d **THE FAIR PAY AND SENIOR PAY POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 99 - 104)**

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

8e **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL CAPITAL STRATEGY (Pages 105 - 130)**

To approve the Council's Capital Strategy.

- 8f **GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2024/25, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (Pages 131 - 276)**
To consider the Council's financial position over the medium term and set a budget requirement and the level of council tax for 2024/25.
- 8g **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT – REVISED 2023/24 AND ORIGINAL 2024/25 AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023/24 – 2027/28 (Pages 277 - 296)**
To present to the committee the Housing Revenue Account revised budget estimates for 2023/24 and the original estimates for 2024/25.
9. **CIVIC TIMETABLE 2024/25 (Pages 297 - 298)**
To agree a timetable for the civic year 2023/24.
10. **CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**
Development Control Committee – Councillor Evans to replace Councillor H Jones.

Audit and Standards Committee – Appointment of Councillors Brown, Hurst and Smith.