



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee will be held on **THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2023** 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](mailto:democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk). This is to ensure adequate seating is available in the Council Chamber.

### AGENDA

- APOLOGIES**  
To receive apologies of absence.
- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
To receive declarations of interest.
- MINUTES (Pages 5 - 12)**  
To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 11 July 2023.
- PUBLIC QUESTIONS**  
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, 29 September 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](mailto:Democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk)

- MEMBER QUESTIONS**  
See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.

6. **CANALSIDE SITE, A419, STONEHOUSE (Pages 13 - 44)**  
To consider recommendations from the Housing Committee to appropriate this site into the General Fund and to agree in principle to grant an option to a community group to take on the site, subject to a number of conditions being met.
7. **UPDATE ON ASSET REVIEW OF OLD TOWN HALL STROUD (Pages 45 - 52)**  
To seek approval to market, and subsequently enter into, a long lease for the Old Town Hall, Stroud, whilst retaining the freehold of this valued historic grade II\* listed building for Stroud and the wider area.
8. **COUNCIL TAX, HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT PENALTY AND PROSECUTION POLICY (Pages 53 - 64)**  
To present the Strategy and Resources Committee with an updated Council Tax, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support Penalty and Prosecution Policy for approval.  
  
The Policy has been reviewed to ensure the content reflects current legislation and the Council's Policies and Procedures. The Policy will replace the existing Council Tax, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support Penalty and Prosecution Policy.
9. **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINT ROLLOUT PROJECT - SDC CAR PARKS (Pages 65 - 88)**  
To seek approval for the associated capital funding required.
10. **DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY STATEMENT (Pages 89 - 94)**  
This report responds to the motion passed by Full Council on 19 April 2023 and outlines the countywide work being undertaken to provide a co-ordinated and comprehensive community response to Domestic Abuse in Gloucestershire.
11. **COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2026 REFRESH (Pages 95 - 118)**  
To present the progress made against the Council Plan 2021-2026 to date, and to approve the refreshed Council Plan.
12. **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND AND HRA ACQUISITIONS BUDGET (Pages 119 - 122)**  
Following the Housing Committee decision on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 for the additional capital budget required.
13. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT QUARTER 1 2023/24 (Pages 123 - 138)**  
To present to the Committee a forecast of the outturn position against the General Fund revenue budget, Housing Revenue Account and capital programme for 2023/24, in order to give an expectation of possible variances against budget.
14. **BUDGET STRATEGY 2023/24 TO 2027/28 (Pages 139 - 156)**  
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.
15. **MEMBER / OFFICER REPORTS (TO NOTE)**  
(a) Performance Management (Pages 157 - 186)

- (b) Leadership Gloucestershire Update (Pages 187 - 188)
- (c) Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) (To Follow)
- (d) Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee (GEGSC) (Pages 189 - 190)
- (e) Regeneration and Investment Board (To Follow)

**16. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 191 - 192)**

To consider the work programme.

**Members of Strategy and Resources Committee**

**Councillor Catherine Braun (Chair)**

Councillor Beki Aldam  
Councillor Gordon Craig  
Councillor Stephen Davies  
Councillor Nick Hurst  
Councillor Lindsey Green  
Councillor Robin Layfield

**Councillor Natalie Bennett (Vice-Chair)**

Councillor Keith Pearson  
Councillor Steve Robinson  
Councillor Mattie Ross  
Councillor Ashley Smith  
Councillor Ken Tucker  
Councillor Chloe Turner