



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee will be held on **THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2024** 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. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 5 - 16)**
To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 23 November 2023.
4. **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, 26 January 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

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

6. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) - SPENDING ALLOCATIONS FOR 2024/2025 (Pages 17 - 34)**
CIL funding helps to provide for any additional demand placed on local infrastructure created by new housing growth, in accordance with adopted planning policy. Funding allocations for the 2023 application round were recommended to Environment Committee in December 2023, which were unanimously approved. These spend allocations are presented to Strategy and Resources Committee for secondary approval.
7. **THE FAIR PAY AND SENIOR PAY POLICY STATEMENT (Pages 35 - 40)**
The Council is required under the Localism Act 2011 to approve and publish a policy statement on Senior Pay.
8. **CORPORATE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (Pages 41 - 68)**
For Committee to agree the content and direction of the Corporate Asset Management Plan and associated Action Plans.
9. **ESTABLISHMENT OF MARKET TOWNS VITALITY FUND (Pages 69 - 72)**
To propose the establishment of a Market Towns Vitality Fund for Stroud District.
10. **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2024/25 (Pages 73 - 82)**
To set a Council Tax Support Scheme for the period 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.
11. **COUNCIL TAX - SECOND HOMES PREMIUM AND EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM (Pages 83 - 86)**
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.
12. **COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT FOR CARE LEAVERS (Pages 87 - 92)**
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 21 to 24 including for those from outside of Gloucestershire.
13. **STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE BUDGET MONITORING Q2 2023-24 (Pages 93 - 108)**
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. **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL CAPITAL STRATEGY (Pages 109 - 134)**
To approve the Council's Capital Strategy.
15. **FUND BUDGET 2024/25, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (Pages 135 - 274)**
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.

16. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT – REVISED 2023/24 AND ORIGINAL 2024/25 AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023/24 – 2027/28 (Pages 275 - 294)**
Housing Revenue Account – Revised 2023/24 And Original 2024/25 and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 – 2027/28
17. **MEMBER / OFFICER REPORTS (TO NOTE)**
(a) **Leadership Gloucestershire Update - 5 December 2023 (Verbal Report)**
18. **WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 295 - 296)**
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 Steve Hynd
Councillor Lindsey Green

Councillor Natalie Bennett (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Robin Layfield
Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Steve Robinson
Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Ken Tucker
Councillor Chloe Turner