



Dear Sir / Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chamber - Municipal Offices, on **Monday, 27 June 2011 at 2.30 pm** at which meeting the following business will be transacted and any other business which may be legally transacted at such a meeting.

Councillors
Anne Regan, Barbara Driver (Chair), Garth Barnes, Ian Bickerton, Nigel Britter, Chris Coleman, Tim Cooper, Bernard Fisher, Jacky Fletcher, Wendy Flynn, Rob Garnham, Les Godwin, Penny Hall, Colin Hay (Deputy Chair), Rowena Hay, Diane Hibbert, Sandra Holliday, Peter Jeffries, Steve Jordan, Robin MacDonald, Paul Massey, Helena McCloskey, Andrew McKinlay, Heather McLain, Paul McLain, John Rawson, Diggory Seacome, Duncan Smith, Malcolm Stennett, Charles Stewart, Klara Sudbury, Lloyd Surgenor, Pat Thornton, Jon Walklett, Andrew Wall, John Webster, Paul Wheeldon, Simon Wheeler, Roger Whyborn and Jo Teakle

Agenda

- 1. PRAYERS**
- 2. APOLOGIES**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 4. TO APPROVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2011** (Pages 1 - 4)
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR**
- 7. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**
- 8. MEMBER QUESTIONS**
- 9. IMPERIAL GARDENS OUTLINE DESIGN AND CONSULTATION** (Pages 5 - 16)
Discussion paper of the Cabinet Member Sustainability
- 10. FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2010/11 AND QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING TO MAY 2011** (Pages 17 - 102)
Joint report of the Director of Resources and Cabinet

**11. CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP - UPDATE
ON THE REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION**

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Report of the Constitution working group

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion A

Proposed by: Councillor Sudbury

Seconded by: Councillor McCloskey

This Council notes with concern the County Councils proposals to cut £2 million from the £5 million budget for subsidised bus services. Bus journeys provide a vital public service, helping to prevent social isolation for the elderly and the vulnerable; allowing people to access essential healthcare services, employment, and leisure and shopping opportunities. Encouraging people to travel by bus also helps reduce congestion. We therefore believe the effective use of public subsidy for bus services is an appropriate use of public money.

Specifically, we are concerned that the current proposals could and should have been the subject of better consultation, with more meetings in Cheltenham giving more detail on the cuts proposed and changes considered.

Therefore this Council;

1. Whilst understanding the financial pressures facing local authorities, urges the county to listen to the residents of Cheltenham who are concerned about cuts to their valued bus services.
2. Recognising the high turnout at a recent public meeting in Charlton Kings about the threat to the P & Q service, appeals to the County Council to extend the consultation period and hold more public information sessions in the town with a view to protecting those subsidised services that are most valuable to local people.

Motion B

Proposed by: Councillor P McLain

Seconded by: Councillor Godwin

It is now two years since the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on Garden Land and Infill Sites was published and a first review of the document should be undertaken.

Parts of the SPD are out-of-date- and as a result of changes introduced by Planning Policy Statement (PPS3). There are also differences of opinion regarding the interpretation of parts of the document from all sources, which indicates that the time has come for the SPD to be reviewed and updated.

Therefore this Council;

1. Propose that members of the original working group, plus replacements and additions where required, should be reconvened as soon as possible with the aim of reporting back to the Council meeting on October 10th 2011.

Motion C

Proposed by: Councillor Smith

Seconded by: Councillor Stennett

The Cheltenham Borough Local Plan (second review) was adopted in July 2006 and covers the period 1991 to 2011. Plan policies have been saved and will form part of the Local Development Framework (LDF).

Important changes have occurred to core policies and proposals as a result of central government changes contained in Planning Policy Statement (PPS3). Whilst these changes have affected housing development policies, other changes have occurred, or they have become outdated.

Therefore this Council;

1. Propose that a third review of the Local Plan policies as a matter of urgency should be undertaken before final acceptance of the LDF.

Motion D

Proposed by: Councillor Godwin

Seconded by: Councillor Wall

The present system of dealing with planning appeals appears to be flawed. Whether a planning application is refused by the committee, or as a result of an officer's delegated recommendation to refuse and the applicant goes to appeal, we believe a substantial statement should be made in writing to the Planning Inspectorate.

The statement should set out all of the reasons given for the refusal and carried out professionally. The present system of sending a copy of the case officer's report to committee, plus a copy of the minutes to the Inspectorate is inadequate.

Therefore this Council;

1. Propose that a time-limited review of the Council's approach to planning appeals, through a member group, or an officer report to the next Council meeting, should be undertaken.
2. Ask that officers consider the re-employment of a qualified Appeals Officer.

Motion E

Proposed by: Councillor Wheeldon

Seconded by: Councillor Bickerton

With Cheltenham Borough Council's electricity contract due to be renewed shortly and in order to reach our CO2 reduction target of a 30% reduction by 2015, purchasing zero carbon electricity from a green energy provider should be considered.

Therefore this Council;

1. Recommends that purchasing zero carbon electricity from a green energy provider be a major consideration when choosing the new supplier.

13. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS

14. ANY OTHER ITEM THE MAYOR DETERMINES AS URGENT AND WHICH REQUIRES A DECISION

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