



# CHELTENHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Notice of a meeting of Council

Friday, 8 February 2013

2.30 pm

Council Chamber, Municipal Offices

<b>Membership</b>	
<b>Councillors:</b>	Colin Hay (Chair), Wendy Flynn (Vice-Chair), Andrew Chard, Garth Barnes, Ian Bickerton, Nigel Britter, Chris Coleman, Barbara Driver, Bernard Fisher, Jacky Fletcher, Rob Garnham, Les Godwin, Penny Hall, Tim Harman, Rowena Hay, Diane Hibbert, Sandra Holliday, Peter Jeffries, Steve Jordan, Andrew Lansley, Paul Massey, Helena McCloskey, Andrew McKinlay, Paul McLain, David Prince, John Rawson, Anne Regan, Rob Reid, Diggory Seacome, Duncan Smith, Malcolm Stennett, Charles Stewart, Klara Sudbury, Jo Teakle, Pat Thornton, Jon Walklett, Andrew Wall, Simon Wheeler, Roger Whyborn and Suzanne Williams

### Agenda

<b>1.</b>	<b>A MOMENT OF REFLECTION</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> 17 December 2012	(Pages 1 - 18)
<b>5.</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>COMMUNICATIONS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b> These must be received no later than 10am on the fifth working day before the date of the meeting.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>MEMBER QUESTIONS</b>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO CHELTENHAM CIVIC PRIDE URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK TECHNICAL APPENDIX ROYAL WELL DEVELOPMENT BRIEF</b> Report of the Cabinet Member Built Environment	(Pages 19 - 36)

10.	<b>FINAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET PROPOSALS 2013/14 (INCLUDING SECTION 25 REPORT)</b> Report of the Cabinet Member Finance	(Pages 37 - 78)
11.	<b>FINAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT REVISED BUDGET 2013/14</b> Report of the Cabinet Member Finance	(Pages 79 - 92)
12.	<b>TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2013/14</b> Report of the Cabinet Member Finance	(Pages 93 - 118)
13.	<b>NOTICES OF MOTION</b> <b>Motion A</b> <b>Proposed by:</b> Councillor McKinlay <b>Seconded by:</b> Councillor Sudbury  "Council notes with concern the recent proposal from the Highways Agency to alter the junction of the A417 at the Air Ballon roundabout to prevent traffic from Cirencester turning right towards Seven Springs.  Council resolves:-  To make formal representations to the Highways Agency raising amongst others the following concerns:-  a) The potential for a significant increase in traffic on the A46 Shurdington Road caused by traffic being diverted away from Seven Springs. b) The increase in time and distance for many drivers in trying to access the A40 and Leckhampton Road. c) The increase in traffic congestion at Birdlip Hill. d) The increase in air pollution associated with the increased traffic congestion on Birdlip Hill and the Shurdington Road. e) The increase in "Rat Running" that will occur on the county lanes between the A417 and the Cirencester Road.  Council further believes that:-  a) The current proposals will do little to improve the widely acknowledged congestion problems that exist on the A417 between Nettleton Bottom and the Air Balloon.  b) That the Highways Agency should withdraw the current proposal, and develop a comprehensive plan to tackle traffic congestion at this location.  c) That no scheme be introduced until full public consultation is undertaken."  <b>Motion B</b> <b>Proposed by:</b> Councillor Whyborn <b>Seconded by:</b> Councillor Bickerton  "This Council notes and applauds the stance taken by Stroud District	(Pages 119 - 126)

	<p>Council concerning Planning application 12/0008/STMAJW to site an Energy from Waste (EfW) facility for residual waste treatment at Javelin Park, Haresfield, Glos. The County Council's case for the waste incinerator is essentially that its perceived benefits outweigh the Planning objections which have been made, and this case is opposed by Stroud. This Council supports Stroud District Council in its assessment that the rationale for the proposed EfW facility for residual waste treatment is deeply flawed, mainly because of its process capacity, making it surplus to need. Council notes that the process is inflexible, and inferior to alternative technologies.</p> <p>This council considers that numerous matters of controversy which are in the public domain will make it difficult for Gloucestershire County Council to be confidently perceived by the public as an independent arbiter of the said Planning application.</p> <p>Cheltenham Borough Council therefore calls upon the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to call in Planning application 12/0008/STMAJW, Residual Waste Treatment Facility, for all of the reasons detailed by Stroud District Council in their letter dated 19th December 2012."</p> <p><b>Motion C</b>  <b>Proposed by:</b> Councillor Garnham  <b>Seconded by:</b> Councillor Driver</p> <p>"This year, as in all recent years, there is tremendous pressure upon our budget and we must look at every penny of tax payers money that we spend. We should examine every single opportunity to save money, protect services and make the council as efficient as possible.</p> <p>The Government is reducing the costs of democracy and the County Council is cutting back on the number of Councillors and it is now time for Cheltenham Borough Council to examine ways of cutting the cost of running the town.</p> <p>Therefore we request Cabinet to recommend moving to a four yearly cycle of Borough Council elections as soon as possible. We also call on the Cabinet to explore how a reduction of councillors can be achieved. In the interests of the Cheltenham tax payers and for the good governance of the town we ask that a report be brought back to Council in March outlining the issues, challenges and timelines of achieving both changes."</p>	
<b>14.</b>	<b>TO RECEIVE PETITIONS</b>	
<b>15.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER ITEM THE MAYOR DETERMINES AS URGENT AND WHICH REQUIRES A DECISION</b>	
<b>16.</b>	<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 -EXEMPT INFORMATION</b> <b>The Council is recommended to approve the following resolution:-</b>	

	<p>“That in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining agenda items as it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public are present there will be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 3 and 5, Part (1) Schedule (12A) Local Government Act 1972, namely:</p> <p>Paragraph 1; Information relating to any individual.</p> <p>Paragraph 3; Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p> <p>Paragraph 5; Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings</p>	
<b>17.</b>	<p><b>CHELTENHAM BOROUGH HOMES DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS REVIEW</b> Report of the Cabinet Member Housing and Safety</p>	(Pages 127 - 136)
<b>18.</b>	<p><b>EXEMPT MINUTES</b> To approve the exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 17 December 2012 (hard copies have only been circulated to those members who participated in the debate)</p>	(Pages 137 - 152)

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