



Notice of a meeting of Council

Monday, 17 October 2016
2.30 pm
Council Chamber - Municipal Offices

Membership	
Councillors:	Chris Ryder (Chairman), Klara Sudbury (Vice-Chair), Matt Babbage, Paul Baker, Garth Barnes, Ian Bickerton, Nigel Britter, Flo Clucas, Chris Coleman, Mike Collins, Bernard Fisher, Wendy Flynn, Tim Harman, Steve Harvey, Colin Hay, Rowena Hay, Karl Hobley, Sandra Holliday, Peter Jeffries, Steve Jordan, Adam Lillywhite, Chris Mason, Helena McCloskey, Paul McCloskey, Andrew McKinlay, Dan Murch, Chris Nelson, Tony Oliver, Dennis Parsons, John Payne, Louis Savage, Diggory Seacome, Malcolm Stennett, Pat Thornton, Jon Walklett, Simon Wheeler, Roger Whyborn, Max Wilkinson, Suzanne Williams and David Willingham

A Moment of Reflection

(to be led by the Mayor or the Mayor's Chaplain)

This will be of an inclusive nature. All Members are welcome to participate but need not do so.

Agenda

1.	APOLOGIES	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
3.	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016	(Pages 5 - 26)
4.	COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR	
5.	COMMUNICATIONS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	
6.	TO RECEIVE PETITIONS	
7.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS These must be received no later than 12 noon on the fourth working day before the date of the meeting	
8.	MEMBER QUESTIONS These must be received no later than 12 noon on the fourth working day before the date of the meeting.	

9.	PETITION REGARDING CHANGES TO THE C BUS ROUTE IN SPRINGBANK Report of the Cabinet Member Development and Safety	(Pages 27 - 34)
10.	VISION 2020: BUSINESS CASE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY COMPANY Report of the Cabinet Member Corporate Services	(Pages 35 - 82)
11.	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16 Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Tim Harman	(Pages 83 - 100)
12.	AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE Chair of Audit Committee to address Council Audit Committee minutes (21 September 2016)	
13.	NOTICES OF MOTION Motion 1 – proposed by Councillor Clucas and seconded by Councillor Parsons “This Council recognises the hardship that is being caused by gender and age related changes to State Pensions and calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.” Motion 2 – proposed by Councillor Colin Hay and seconded by Councillor Wilkinson “This council notes the decision of Oakley Neighbourhood Project and Oakley Regeneration Partnership to close due to the current finances being unsustainable. It further notes the substantial benefit to residents the project has had in the ward, which has some of the highest indices of deprivation not only in Cheltenham but the whole County. The loss of services, provided by the project, will have a significant negative effect on the local community, which will almost certainly create greater demand on statutory services. Therefore, this Council - which is most closely associated with the project, should call a meeting of the statutory bodies, CCG, the County Council, the Police, Cheltenham Borough Homes and other relevant organisations with an interest in the local area to identify what services are required and how best to deliver them. That this meeting is called with some urgency to ensure residents have some continuity. That council also ensures that local councillors are fully involved in the discussions.” Motion 3 – proposed by Councillor Willingham and seconded by Councillor Sudbury Preventing Coerced Debt and Financial Abuse “Cheltenham Borough Council notes the important and valuable work performed by the Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS) across the County.	

	<p>This Council is concerned that whilst many areas of Domestic Abuse are addressed by primary legislation, have well-defined best practice to try to prevent them and have support services that can provide assistance to victims; the victims of Coerced Debt and Financial Abuse can be left with little redress against their abuser, can experience poverty and can become secondary victims of the debt collection industry, and that there is currently little guidance and best practice for lenders and financial services providers about the necessary checks and balances to incorporate into their lending and debt recovery procedures to avoid facilitating or exacerbating Coerced Debt and Financial Abuse.</p> <p>This Council notes that it has limited powers to act directly to address Coerced Debt and Financial Abuse, but calls upon the Leader of the Council, or his delegated Cabinet Member, to ensure that the matter is raised with the Local Government Association both to raise the profile of this issue and to lobby the government to introduce primary legislation to require lenders, financial services providers and the debt recovery industry to put safeguards in place to try to minimise the occurrence of Coerced Debt and Financial Abuse, and to investigate what measures can be put in place to reduce the impact of Coerced Debt on the victims of Financial Abuse.</p> <p>However, in areas such as Housing, Council Tax, Benefits and staff training, which locally are in the control or influence of this Council; Cheltenham Borough Council resolves to work with partners including, but not limited to, GDASS and CAB, to explore how measures can be incorporated into Council processes and procedures to minimise the risk of Coerced Debt and Financial Abuse occurring in our interactions with the people of Cheltenham, and to seek to develop and implement a “best practice” policy”.</p>	
14.	ANY OTHER ITEM THE MAYOR DETERMINES AS URGENT AND WHICH REQUIRES A DECISION	

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