

## Council

Monday, 24th April, 2017  
6.00 - 10.00 pm

Attendees	
<b>Councillors:</b>	Chris Ryder (Chairman), Klara Sudbury (Vice-Chair), Matt Babbage, Paul Baker, Garth Barnes, Nigel Britter, Chris Coleman, Mike Collins, Bernard Fisher, 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, Chris Nelson, John Payne, Louis Savage, Diggory Seacome, Malcolm Stennett, Pat Thornton, Jon Walklett, Simon Wheeler, Roger Whyborn, Max Wilkinson and David Willingham

## Minutes

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillors Clucas, Oliver, Williams, Bickerton and Parsons and Councillors Mason and Savage would be late.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stennett declared a prejudicial, non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11 (Treasury Management Matter) as a Director of Gloucestershire Airport Limited's Board.

Councillor Colin Hay declared a non-prejudicial, non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11 (Treasury Management Matter) as a member of the Gloucestershire Pension Committee.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated with the agenda.

It was noted that the minutes had been amended to include reference to the comment made regarding the need amend some of the language and terminology used within the document. This was shown at the third bullet point:

- Members welcomed the opportunity for the public to be consulted but urged that the language be adjusted prior to consultation.

Having raised Autism Awareness Week, Councillor Willingham believed that Councillor Clucas had agreed to add the 2018 date to the Corporate Strategy. The Mayor believed that it had been decided that there were lots of events that would be close to individual members hearts and that it had been stated that it would not be possible to include them all. In the absence of Councillor Clucas, it was agreed that the minutes would be agreed subject to a discussion with Councillor Clucas.

Upon a vote it was unanimously

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 27 March 2017 be agreed and signed as an accurate record.**

**4. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE MAYOR**

The Mayor informed Members that in her year of Office, as Mayor she had become President of Cheltenham in Bloom (CIB), and as Members would be aware she was already Chair of CIB. It was with great pleasure that she had been able to invite five gentlemen who had formerly worked at Cheltenham Borough Council, three latterly for UBICO, into the Mayor's Parlour for a cup of tea and cake. They were now retiring from their Green Space Development roles and collectively they had given the council just under 200 years' service. Mr Eric Jones, the council's mower man in and around the towns Parks & Gardens had served 50 years, so it was fitting that the CIB committee who had worked closely over many years with these officers, were able to present them with a leaving thank you gift with a letter from the Mayor. Their expertise would be missed.

Prescot Bike Festival had been a great occasion attended by the Mayor along with Deputy Mayor and families. Councillor Colin Hay had played host to them for much of their visit as they were celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the 'Free Wheeler's Blood Bike Group', Councillor Hay is a member of this team who all achieve great voluntary work across the County and surrounding areas, helping to save lives.

The Mayor thanked all those who had supported her events this past year, while fund raising for her two charities, CCP - County Community Projects along with St. Vincent's & St. George's Association, and the total amount raised would be announced on 15th May at Mayor making.

The Mayor informed Council that she would be attending Dancing Ken Hanks Funeral Service on behalf of the Town on 26th April. Her consort Mr Ryder and Deputy Mayor would also be in attendance.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Leader altered members to the fact that Community Pride Fund would be launched later in the week.

**6. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS**

No petitions were received.

**7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

No public questions had been received.

**8. MEMBER QUESTIONS**

The 17 member questions which had been received all related to the exempt item (Treasury Management Matter) and were therefore taken after Agenda Item 10, in exempt session.

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

There were no urgent matters requiring a decision.

**10. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 -EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Upon a vote it was unanimously

**RESOLVED 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 3 and 5, Part (1) Schedule (12A) Local Government Act 1972, namely:**

**Paragraph 3; Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)**

**Paragraph 5; Paragraph 5; Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings**

**11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MATTER**

Member questions were taken immediately before this item.

The rules of debate were suspended to facilitate presentations from two consultants, before the Leader introduced the report, as circulated with the agenda.

The matter was debated, with members explaining why they would or would not be supporting the recommendations.

Upon a vote it was

**RESOLVED that the recommendations, as set out in the report, be approved.**

Chris Ryder  
Chairman

