



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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To all Members of Stroud District Council

11 December 2019

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill on **THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER 2019 at 7.00 pm.**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

Please Note: This meeting will be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.stroud.gov.uk). By entering the Council Chamber you are consenting to being filmed. The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the press and public.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 17 October 2019.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Chair of Council.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairs of Committees will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS

Noon on Monday, 16 December 2019

Questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and sent by post or email (democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk)

6 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Housing Committee –To appoint Sandra Longstreth to replace Juliette Smith as a Tenant Representative.

7 UBICO BOARD ARRANGEMENTS AND DELEGATIONS

To inform Council of a change to the makeup of the Board and to regularise delegations to officers.

8 SUPPORTING AND SIGNPOSTING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC, MENTAL AND FINANCIAL ABUSE

To adopt the Domestic Violence and Abuse Policy.

9 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 19 NOVEMBER 2019

The relevant Committee reports are available on the Committee's website page for this Council meeting.

The Chair of Audit and Standards Committee will present these items.

9a Council RESOLVES:-

- 1. The Audit and Standards Committee's Terms of Reference are approved.**
- 2. That an Independent Member is co-opted on to the Audit and Standards Committee on a non-voting basis.**
- 3. That the appointment of the Independent Member is delegated to the Audit of Standards Committee.**
- 4. That the process for selecting and recommending an appropriate candidate is delegated to the Strategic Director of Resources in consultation with the Chair of Audit and Standards Committee.**

9b Half Year Treasury Management Activity Report 2019/20 (Agenda Item 9)

To provide an update on treasury management activity as at the first half of the financial year 30/09/2019.

The Committee RECOMMENDS that Council approves the treasury management activity half year report for 2019/20.

9c ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 5 DECEMBER 2019

The relevant Committee reports are available on the Committee's website page for this Council meeting.

The Chair of Environment Committee will present these items.

Council RESOLVES:-

- 1. That a round table discussion group be formed on a cross party basis with members to be nominated by each political group.**
- 2. To authorise the Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to affix the common seal to new Byelaws for the regulation of businesses that carry out acupuncture, tattooing cosmetic piercing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, and electrolysis and carry out the**

- necessary procedure and apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation; and
3. Subject to the confirmation of the proposed new Byelaws, take such steps necessary to revoke the Council's existing Byelaws relating to acupuncture, tattooing, ear piercing and electrolysis that came into force on 1st August 1986.

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 17 DECEMBER 2019

The relevant Committee report is available on the Committee's website page for this Council meeting.

The Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee will present this item.

9d Council Tax – Long Term Empty Property Premium (Agenda Item 5)

The Committee RECOMMENDS to Council that the Long Term Empty Property Premium (currently set at 50%) is:-

1. Increased to 100% from 1st April 2020 for those properties which have been empty for two years and over;
2. Increased to 200% from 1st April 2020 for those properties which have been empty for five years and over;
3. Increased to 300% from 1st April 2021 for those properties which are/have been empty for ten years and over.

10 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW AMENDED RECOMMENDATIONS

To put an amended recommendation arising from the Community Governance Review to Council for consideration and, if appropriate, approval.

11 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 5 for deadline for submission.