

To all Members of Stroud District Council

8 July 2015

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill on **Thursday, 16 July 2015.**



David Hagg
Chief Executive

REVISED AGENDA



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.

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES**
To confirm and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 May 2015.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
To receive announcements from the Chair of Council and the Chief Executive.

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, 13 July 2015

Questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and sent by post, by fax (01453 754957), or by Email: democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk

6 CONTRACT PROCUREMENT AND PROCEDURE RULES

To approve the updated Contract Procurement Rules for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.

7 STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN: FURTHER MODIFICATIONS RELATING TO PROPOSED HOUSING REQUIREMENT FIGURE

To approve recommendations contained within the above report following receipt of the Inspector's views on the proposed housing requirement figure.

8 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 5 for the submission deadlines.

9 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The Human Rights Act – 01/2015

Proposed by Councillor John Marjoram and seconded by Councillor Steve Lydon.

"Stroud District Council expresses support for the Human Rights Act and the positive impact it has had on rights protection of individuals in our District. Stroud District Council welcomes the guidance the Human Rights Act provides for our authority and other public authorities in ensuring policies are developed in line with international human rights standards; and calls on the Government to retain the Human Rights Act, the protections within it, and the UK's international obligations under the European Convention on Human Rights."

Cuts to Further Education Funding – 02/2015

Proposed by Councillor Liz Ashton and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Edmunds.

"This Council notes the recent announcement by South Gloucestershire and Stroud College of there being up to 70 redundancies at the college. This Council also notes that the primary cause of the job losses is a loss of £3million of government funding. Further Education makes a huge contribution to local people and the local economy. The area of vocational education is key to the economic viability of the country. A levels and Higher Education should not be the

only route open to our young people. Employers are experiencing skill shortages in areas such as technicians and related careers.

Therefore this Council agrees

- 1) To write to the newly elected Chair of the House of Commons Education Select Committee, our local MP, Neil Carmichael, asking him as a matter of urgency to
 - a) Investigate the effects these cuts in funding will have on local people and employers, and
 - b) Review the funding arrangements for Further Education so that they equate to those school sixth forms receive.
- 2) To ask the LEP to raise with Government and appropriate funding bodies the critical contribution Further Education makes to the local economy and to work with local colleges to explore other sources of funding.”