

COUNCIL AGM MEETING**21 May 2015****7.00 pm – 7.50 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****5****Minutes****Membership:**

Liz Ashton	P	Colin Fryer	P	Mark Rees	P
Martin Baxendale	P	Chas Fellows	A	Lesley Reeves	P
Dorcas Binns	P	Paul Hemming	P	Steve Robinson	P
Tim Boxall	P	Nick Hurst	P	Mattie Ross	P
Rowland Blackwell	P	Julie Job	P	Emma Sims	P
Chris Brine	P	Haydn Jones	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Miranda Clifton	P	John Jones	P	Haydn Sutton	P
Nigel Cooper	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Brian Tipper	P
June Cordwell	A	John Marjoram	P	Chas Townley	P
Doina Cornell	P	Russell Miles	P	Ken Tucker	P
Gordon Craig	P	Stephen Moore	P	Geoff Wheeler	P
Kevin Cranston	P	Dave Mossman	P	Martin Whiteside	P
Karon Cross	A	Keith Pearson	P	Rhiannon Wigzell	P
Stephen Davies	P	Elizabeth Peters	P	Tim Williams	P
Paul Denney	P	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	P
Julie Douglass	P	Gary Powell	P	Penny Wride	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Nigel Prenter		Debbie Young	P

** = Chair of Council * = Vice Chair of Council P = Present A = Absent

Officers Present

Chief Executive	Strategic Head (Corporate Services)
Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer	Strategic Head (Development Services)
Strategic Head (Finance and Business Services)	Community and Facilities Manager
	Democratic Services Officer

CL.001 CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Councillor Geoff Wheeler nominated Councillor Mark Rees for the position of Chair of Council, which was seconded by Councillor Martin Whiteside. On being put to the vote the Motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED That Councillor Mark Rees be elected Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2015/16.

CL.002 VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Councillor June Cordwell was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of Council by Councillor Keith Pearson, which was seconded by Councillor Paul Hemming. The Motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED That Councillor June Cordwell be elected Vice-Chair of Council for the Civic Year 2015/16.

CL.003 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors June Cordwell, Karon Cross and Chas Fellows.

CL.004 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

CL.005 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 April 2015 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CL.006 ANNOUNCEMENTSThe Chair of Council

The Chair welcomed new Members elected / re-elected at the May elections.

The Chief Executive

The Leader and Chief Executive had attended the launch of the first Work Experience Charter in Gloucestershire. Local schools and many local companies were already signed up to this initiative.

Members were reminded of the Devolution Debate in the Council Chamber at 7.00 pm on 27 May 2015.

CL.007 THIRD REPORT OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION REVIEW WORKING GROUP

Councillor Keith Pearson outlined the above report and the recommendations that had been made by the Working Group. In replying to questions he confirmed that some reports presented to Committees in the past had been for noting and the information could have been included on a Members' Information Sheet. If a Committee wished to pursue a particular topic then a report may be required to focus on a particular aspect.

There was still a lot of work to be undertaken by the Group and he encouraged Members to read the Constitution and ask if they had any queries. Members were also encouraged to take a more active role within their Committees, including both pre and post scrutiny functions.

On being put to the vote the Motion was carried unanimously.

- RESOLVED 1. The Constitution include provision to address potential conflicts of interest when considering membership of quasi judicial bodies as outlined in paragraph 3.7 of the report.**
- 2. The Scheme of Delegations be amended as set out in Appendix A.**
 - 3. (a) The Constitution section on “Meetings of the Council” include reference to the role of the committees in overseeing and scrutinising the outcomes of projects with reference to the effective delivery of the Council’s Corporate Delivery Plan, including its Jobs and Growth Strategy (and / or such other key corporate policies / strategies as may be adopted from time to time); and
(b) The committee guide (as outlined in Appendix B including an template work plan report for first meetings of committees in each civic year) be established to further promote the inclusion of scrutiny work in committee work plans, improve the efficiency of the committee business and committee work plans generally.**
 - 4. General delegated authority be given to the Legal Services Manager to make appropriate amendments to the Constitution in view of the Council’s resolutions and to address anomalies etc. in the Constitution which may arise as a result of the said amendments.**
 - 5. The work programme for the Working Group for 2015/16 as set out in paragraph 7.1 be approved.**

CL.008 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES

(a) Appointment of the Membership and Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees and other Structures

A schedule of the Members proposed to be nominated to the Council’s Committees in 2015/16 and nominations for for Chairs and Vice-chairs and to appointments on outside bodies or other committees, had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting.

The Leader proposed that for this civic year only, the number of seats on the Community Services and Licensing Committee was increased from 12 to 13 seats. Councillor Chris Brine seconded this Motion which was unanimously supported by all Members.

Alternative nominations to those specified in the Schedule for Chairs and Vice-Chairs for each Committee were made by the Conservative Group for all committees, except for the Strategy and Resources and Audit and Standards Committees and upon the vote were lost by 22 votes to 25.

RESOLVED That the following Councillors be appointed to the Committee positions, together with Chair and Vice-Chair positions for 2015/16:

Allocations to Committees are subject to political balance requirements

Community Services and Licensing Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)	Councillor Liz Peters
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Gary Powell
Councillor June Cordwell	Councillor Nigel Prenter
Councillor Stephen Davies	Councillor Steve Robinson
Councillor Julie Job	Councillor Chas Townley
Councillor John Jones	Councillor Penny Wride
Councillor Russell Miles	

Environment Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	Councillor Chas Fellows
Councillor Paul Denney (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Colin Fryer
Councillor Liz Ashton	Councillor Haydn Sutton
Councillor Tim Boxall	Councillor Brian Tipper
Councillor Kevin Cranston	Councillor Ken Tucker
Councillor Julie Douglass	Councillor Tim Williams

Housing Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)	Councillor Liz Peters
Councillor Doina Cornell (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Gary Powell
Councillor Miranda Clifton	Councillor Mark Rees
Councillor Gordon Craig	Councillor Lesley Reeves
Councillor Kevin Cranston	Councillor Emma Sims
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds	Councillor Debbie Young

Strategy and Resources Committee (13 Members)

Councillor Geoff Wheeler (Chair)	Councillor Haydn Jones
Councillor Stephen Lydon (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Chris Brine	Councillor Simon Pickering
Councillor Nigel Cooper	Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Paul Hemming	Councillor Martin Whiteside
Councillor Nick Hurst	Councillor Rhiannon Wigzell
Councillor Julie Job	

Audit and Standards Committee (9 Members)

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (Chair)	Councillor Colin Fryer
Councillor Tom Williams (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Martin Baxendale	Councillor Penny Wride
Councillor Karon Cross	Councillor Rhiannon Wigzell
Councillor Stephen Davies	

Development Control Committee (12 Members)

Councillor Stephen Moore (Chair)
Councillor John Marjoram (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Liz Ashton
Councillor Dorcas Binns
Councillor Rowland Blackwell
Councillor Nigel Cooper

Councillor Paul Hemming
Councillor Haydn Jones
Councillor Dave Mossman
Councillor Steve Robinson
Councillor Emma Sims
Councillor Tom Williams

Allocations to Committees and other bodies not subject to political balance requirements

The Conservative Group also made alternative nominations to outside bodies and other committees / panels and upon the vote these were lost by 22 votes to 25.

RESOLVED That the following appointments are made to Committees and Panels not subject to political balance requirements, for the Civic Year 2015/16:

Stroud Council Housing Forum (5 Members)

(Chair and Vice-Chair of Housing, plus one seat to each political group not already represented)

Councillor Doina Cornell
Councillor June Cordwell
Councillor Jonathan Edmunds

Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Debbie Young

Health, Community and Care Scrutiny Committee (Gloucestershire) (Lead) (1)

Councillor Doina Cornell

Health, Community and Care Scrutiny Committee (Gloucestershire) (Substitute) (1)

Councillor Steve Lydon

Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel (Lead) (1)

Councillor Mark Rees

Gloucestershire Police and Crime Panel (Substitute) (1)

Councillor Colin Fryer

Gloucestershire Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Lead) (1)

Councillor Tom Williams

Gloucestershire Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Substitute) (1)

Councillor Martin Whiteside

CL.009 **CIVIC FUND EXPENDITURE 2014/15**

The Leader presented the above report for Members' information.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Chair of Council