

To all Members of Stroud District Council

11 July 2017

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill on **THURSDAY 20 JULY 2017 at 7.00 pm.**



David Hagg  
Chief Executive

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## **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 AGM held on 18 May 2017.

**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, 17 July 2017

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](mailto:democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk))

## **6 PRESENTATION ON VISION 2050**

To receive a presentation from Mr Adam Starkey, Vice-Chair of GFirst LEP on The Gloucestershire Vision 2050 project which sets out the ambitions for Gloucestershire's long term development. Reference will be made to key projects which will stimulate the county's transformational change over the next 30 years.

## **7 RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEE(S)**

### **Audit and Standards Committee – 4 July 2017**

At the above meeting the Committee recommended that the thresholds in the Contract and Procurement Procedure Rules be amended as outlined in the relevant report to the committee at paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 which provide:

- The Legal Services Manager approve requests for exceptions to the procurement rules where the estimated value of the contract is £25,000 or above; and
- At least three written quotes be obtained for contracts with estimated values from £5000 up to (but not including) £75000 and formal tendering procedures be applied to contracts with estimated values of £75,000 or more.

The Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee will present this agenda item. For reference, a copy of the original report to the committee is available on the website page for this [Council meeting](#).

## **8 NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Motion proposed by Councillor Skeena Rathor and seconded by Councillor Catherine Braun regarding fair transitional state pension arrangements for 1950's women.**

Stroud District Council notes that it is estimated that 4740 women in the District born on or after 5 April 1951 have been affected by increase in the State Pension Age (SPA) and that these women have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the SPA with lack of appropriate notification with the consequence that many women were not told about until the changes until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls on the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements so that women do not live in hardship due to these State Pension changes and instructs the Chief Executive to write to The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions and the two Members of Parliament representing the Stroud District seeking their support for action by the Government.

### **Background Information**

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

**9**     **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

See Agenda Item 5 for the submission deadlines.