

COUNCIL MEETING

20 July 2017

7.00 pm – 8.35 pm

3**Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****Minutes****Membership:**

Martin Baxendale	P	Nick Hurst	P	Skeena Rathor	A
Dorcas Binns	A	Julie Job	P	Sue Reed	A
Catherine Braun	P	Haydn Jones	P	Mark Reeves	P
Chris Brine	A	John Jones	P	Steve Robinson	P
George Butcher	P	Norman Kay	P	Mattie Ross	P
Miranda Clifton	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Tom Skinner	A
Nigel Cooper	P	John Marjoram	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Doina Cornell	P	Phil McAsey	A	Haydn Sutton	P
Gordon Craig	P	Karen McKeown	P	Brian Tipper	P
Rachel Curley	A	Jenny Miles*	P	Chas Townley	P
Stephen Davies	P	Dave Mossman	P	Jessica Tomblin	P
Paul Denney	P	Gill Oxley	P	Ken Tucker	P
Jim Dewey	P	Keith Pearson	P	Martin Whiteside	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Elizabeth Peters	A	Tim Williams	A
Chas Fellows	P	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	P
Colin Fryer	P	Gary Powell**	P	Penny Wride	A
Alison Hayward	P	Nigel Prenter	A	Debbie Young	P

**Chair * Vice-Chair P = Present A = Absent

Officers Present:

Chief Executive Legal Services Manager & Monitoring Officer
 Democratic Services Officer

Also Present:

Adam Starkey, Vice-Chair of GFirst LEP on The Gloucestershire Vision 2050 Project.

The Chair agreed to a request from Councillor Nigel Cooper to bring forward Members' Questions before the Motion.

CL.013 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dorcas Binns, Chris Brine, Rachel Curley, Philip McAsey, Elizabeth Peters, Nigel Prenter, Skeena Rathor, Sue Reed, Tom Skinner, Tim Williams and Penny Wride.

CL.014 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

CL.015 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2017 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CL.016 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chief Executive announced that Lauren Holbrow, one of our apprentices, had become Public Sector Apprentice of the Year in the Gloucestershire Apprentice Awards 2017, adding to her success in June as Apprentice of the Year in the Stroud Life Awards 2017. Members applauded her success.

CL.017 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

CL.018 **PRESENTATION ON VISION 2050**

Members received a power point presentation from Adam Starkey which set out the ambitions for Gloucestershire's long term development and replied to members' questions. Members thanked Mr Starkey for his very informative presentation.

CL.019 **RECOMMENDATION(S) FROM OTHER COMMITTEES****Audit and Standards Committee – 4 July 2017 – Procurement Review 2017/18**

The Chair of Audit and Standards Committee outlined the above report and answered a member's question. Members unanimously

RESOLVED That the thresholds in the Contract and Procurement Procedure Rules be amended as outlined in the report at paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4.

CL.020 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

Questions were submitted by Councillor Nigel Cooper and answered by the Leader of Council. (Refer to the Council's [webcast](#) and [Agenda Item 9](#)).

CL.021 **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Skeena Rathor and seconded by Councillor Catherine Braun. In Councillor Rathor's absence Councillor Braun presented the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Chas Townley. Both Members highlighted the blight and injustice caused to women who had been affected by the Government's change in their pensionable age, with little and in many cases without any prior notification.

Members debated the Motion and upon the vote it was carried.

RESOLVED 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.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chair of Council