

To all Members of Stroud District Council

18 April 2018

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill on **THURSDAY 26 APRIL 2018 at 7.00pm.**



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 held on 22 February 2018

**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, 23 April 2018

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 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **6a AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 10 APRIL 2018**

#### **Annual Report 2017/18 ([A&S Agenda Item 10](#))**

*The relevant committee report is also available on the website page for this Council meeting.*

The Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee will present this item.

The Committee recommends that “the Committee’s Annual Report 2017/18 is approved.”

### **6b STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2018**

#### **Redevelopment of Brimscombe Port, Thrupp ([S&R Agenda Item 11](#))**

*The relevant committee report is available on the website page for this Council meeting.*

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

The Committee recommends that “£1.6 million of capital funding be allocated to delivering infrastructure at and redevelopment of Brimscombe Port Thrupp”.

## **7 MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS**

See Agenda Item 5 for the submission deadlines

## **8 NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **8a Motion regarding the Mental Health Challenge is proposed by Cllr Skinner and seconded by Cllr Davies**

#### **Background:**

The Council notes 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.

The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.

All Councillors can play a positive role in championing mental health.

#### **Motion:**

The Council resolves to:

1. Sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge and to appoint two elected members as Mental Health Champions;
2. Support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces;
3. Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community;
4. Tackle discrimination in the grounds of mental health in our community;
5. Proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.

**8b Motion regarding the reduction of single use plastic in the Stroud District is proposed by Cllr Braun and seconded by Cllr Denney.**

**Background:**

Stroud District Council notes that:

- Every year an estimated 8 million tonnes of plastic enters the world's oceans, adding to the plastic debris which is endangering marine life and the environment <sup>[1]</sup>.
- The majority of plastic packaging in the UK is not recycled <sup>[2]</sup>, and there is a risk of plastic products ending up in the ocean through littering, from landfill sites, and disposal via waste water <sup>[3]</sup>.
- Recent studies have found microplastic contamination in a third of fish caught in the English Channel <sup>[4]</sup>, and in 72 % of European tap water samples <sup>[5]</sup>, and there is a growing understanding of the risks posed to human health by the toxic chemicals present in plastics <sup>[6]</sup>.
- Media reports have succeeded in raising public awareness of the problems of single use plastic and our throwaway culture, prompting action across Stroud District, by individuals, organisations and businesses, for example the adoption of the Refill scheme to reduce use of disposable plastic bottles <sup>[7][8]</sup>.

It is time for Stroud District Council to take a lead on this issue on behalf of our District.

**Motion:**

The Council resolves to:

1. Become a 'single use plastic free' authority as soon as possible by ending:
  - a. the purchase and procurement of single use plastics through the Council's supply chain, and
  - b. the sale and provision of single use plastic products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws at Ebley Mill and at all council events
2. Form a task and finish group which will report to the July 2018 meeting of Strategy and Resources, setting out an action plan to deliver this commitment.
3. Encourage the District's businesses and institutions to commit to reducing single use plastic waste in their organisation, for example, by taking the 'plastic free pledge' <sup>[9]</sup>.
4. Encourage local shops, cafes, restaurants and market stall holders to:
  - a. provide a discount to customers who purchase drinks or food in their own reusable containers and invite customers to bring their own; and
  - b. support the Refill initiative, and, where possible, offer free tap water refills
5. Provide information to residents on how to minimise use of single use plastic products and how to avoid disposal of plastic items via waste water.
6. Investigate the possibility of requiring pop-up food and drink vendors at large events in the District to avoid single use plastic as a condition of their contract
7. Explore the creation of a 'plastic free network' that could provide business support, practical guidelines and advice to help local businesses and organisations transition from single use plastic to sustainable alternatives.

- [1] <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-31432515>  
[2] <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2016/nov/21/only-a-third-of-uk-consumer-plastic-packaging-is-recycled>  
[3] <https://greenpeace.org.uk/plastic-end-ocean/>  
[4] <http://www.nerc.ac.uk/planetearth/stories/1343/>  
[5] <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/most-tap-water-is-contaminated-with-plastic-scientists-discover-a3627971.html>  
[6] <http://rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/364/1526/2153.short#sec-5>  
[7] [http://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/gloucestershirenews/16076822.Wotton\\_under\\_Edge\\_businesses\\_join\\_free\\_bottle\\_refill\\_scheme/](http://www.gazetteseries.co.uk/news/gloucestershirenews/16076822.Wotton_under_Edge_businesses_join_free_bottle_refill_scheme/)  
[8] <http://stroudtown.gov.uk/2018/01/29/national-refill-scheme-coming-stroud/>  
[9] <https://plasticfreepledge.com/>

**8c Motion regarding Single Use Plastic in the Stroud District is proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Davies.**

**Background:**

The Council notes the increasing concern over “Single Use Plastic”.

Following the interest raised by the BBC programme “Blue Planet” there is growing public concern over the estimated 9 million tonnes of plastic that enters our seas and oceans every year.

The Conservative Government, following the success of the “Plastic Bag Levy”, has announced it is looking into banning plastic straws and introducing a bottle deposit scheme.

**Motion:**

The Council resolves to:

1. Eliminate Single Use Plastic by the Council in all facilities by no later than 2020.
2. Seek to eliminate Single Use Plastic in the Council supply chain by 2025.
3. Work with the Gloucestershire Joint Waste Partnership to consider how they could promote the reduction of SUP across Stroud District.