

## COUNCIL MEETING

26 April 2018

7.00 pm – 8.40 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

### Minutes

#### Membership:

Martin Baxendale	P	Nick Hurst	P	Skeena Rathor	P
Dorcas Binns	P	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	Darren Loftus	P	Tom Skinner	P
Nigel Cooper	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Doina Cornell	P	John Marjoram	P	Haydn Sutton	P
Gordon Craig	P	Phil McAsey	A	Brian Tipper	P
Rachel Curley	A	Karen McKeown	P	Chas Townley	P
Stephen Davies	P	Jenny Miles*	P	Jessica Tomblin	P
Paul Denney	P	Dave Mossman	P	Ken Tucker	P
Jim Dewey	P	Gill Oxley	P	Martin Whiteside	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Keith Pearson	A	Tim Williams	A
Chas Fellows	A	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	P
Colin Fryer	P	Gary Powell**	P	Penny Wride	P
Alison Hayward	P	Nigel Prenter	P	Debbie Young	P

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

#### Officers Present:

Chief Executive  
Democratic Services Officer

Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer  
Elections Manager

#### CL.045 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brine, Curley, Fellows, McAsey, Pearson, Reed and Tim Williams.

#### CL.046 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

#### CL.047 MINUTES

**RESOLVED** To approve the minutes of the Council held on 22 February 2018.

**CL.048**      **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members were reminded to inform Democratic Services if they were able to attend the pending Members' information evenings.

**CL.049**      **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

**CL.050**      **RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 10 APRIL 2018****Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2017/18**

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, Chair of Audit and Standards Committee highlighted areas of the above report and emphasised the non political nature of the Committee's work. The report was seconded by Councillor Tom Williams.

The matter was debated and Members unanimously

**RESOLVED**      **To approve the Audit and Standards Committee's Annual Report 2017/18.**

**CL.051**      **RECOMMENDATION FROM STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 12 APRIL 2018****Redevelopment of Brimscombe Port, Thrupp**

The Leader outlined the above report which had been debated and agreed at the above meeting. The report was seconded by Councillor Whiteside.

Questions were received regarding the finances of the project and Councillor Whiteside commented on the benefits of the development of brownfield sites. Members unanimously

**RESOLVED**      **That £1.6 million of capital funding be allocated to delivering infrastructure at, and redevelopment of Brimscombe Port, Thrupp.**

**CL.052**      **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**CL.053**      **NOTICE OF MOTIONS****(a) The Mental Health Challenge**

Subject to the addition of the following wording, the agenda motion was proposed by Councillor Skinner and seconded by Councillor Davies.

"6. Each committee is asked to look carefully at their current and future work programs to assess how their initiatives and standard operations affect the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our residents."

A variety of Members commented on the significance of this motion including the importance of providing support to affected families. During the debate the mover and the seconder agreed that the additional paragraph 6 should include reference to "Members and staff" as well as residents. The mover confirmed that the two Mental Health Champions should be appointed at the Council's AGM on 17 May 2018.

Upon the vote it was unanimously

**RESOLVED The Council:**

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; and**
6. **Each committee will look carefully at their current and future work programs to assess how their initiatives and standard operations affect the Mental Health and Wellbeing of our residents, Members and staff.**

(b) Reduction of Single Use Plastic in the Stroud District

Subject to the addition of the following wording, the motion was proposed by Councillor Braun and seconded by Councillor Denney.

"8. Seek to eliminate single use plastic items at all SDC facilities by 2020 and from the Council supply chain by 2025."

There was an extensive discussion on the harm caused by Single Use Plastics and several Members commented that existing supplies should be used rather than simply thrown away.

Upon the vote it was unanimously

**RESOVLED: The Council:**

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'.**
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.
  8. Seek to eliminate single use plastic at all SDC facilities by 2020, and from the Council supply chain by 2025.

(c) Single Use Plastic in the Stroud District

In view of the change made by Councillor Braun to the previous motion (CL.053(b) above), this motion (c) was withdrawn by Councillor Cooper.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chair of Council