

1st November 2021



To Members of Council

You are hereby summoned to a MEETING OF COUNCIL to be held on **Monday, 8th November 2021 at 7.30pm** at St Laurence Church Hall, The Shambles, Stroud, GL5 1AP to conduct the following business.

Helen Bojaniwska
Town Clerk

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS - please see attached risk assessment and instructions for attendance at this meeting.

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies
2. To receive declarations of interest or requests for dispensations
3. To co-opt councillors to fill casual vacancies in Farmhill and Paganhill, and Uplands wards (one per ward)
(Candidates will be invited to speak for up to 5 minutes and answer questions from councillors.)
4. Co-opted councillors to sign their declarations of acceptance of office
5. To receive any additional declarations of interest or requests for dispensations
6. To elect members to fill vacancies on the following Committees:
 - Finance and policy (1)
 - Environment (1)
 - Consultations and Highways (2)
7. To elect members to fill vacancies on the following Working Groups:
 - Road safety
 - Subscription Rooms
8. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 13th September 2021 previously circulated
9. To receive the Mayor's remarks
10. To receive questions from members of the public
11. To receive brief verbal reports from District and County Councillors
12. To receive the Clerk's Report (for information only)
13. To approve payments from July, August and September
14. To receive a response from Gloucestershire County Council's Pensions Committee regarding Local Government Pension Scheme investments in fossil fuels

15. To receive Working Group reports, previously circulated, as follows:

Finance and Policy:	6 th September 2021
Consultations & Highways:	20 th September and 18 th October 2021
Environment:	21 st September 2021
Community:	4 th October 2021
Regeneration:	7 th October 2021

16. To resolve in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting

17. To receive a report on office accommodation

18. To receive an update regarding stonework repairs at the Subscription Rooms

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, race, gender, sexual orientation, faith, marital status and disability); Crime and Disorder (Section 17); Health and Safety; and Human Rights.

From: Megan Sheer <

Sent: 25 October 2021 09:58

To: Clerk_stroudtown.gov <Clerk@stroudtown.gov.uk>

Subject: Application for Stroud Town Councillor vacancy for Uplands ward.

Dear Helen,

I am writing to you regarding the vacant position of Stroud Town Councillor for Uplands Ward. I'd really like to represent Uplands as a Town Councillor and I hope the council will consider me for this role. I previously applied for the last vacant position a few months ago, so this application duplicates the one I sent then. Please contact me if you need anything further info.

I'm a 42 year old mother of two and I work as a Book Designer. I live on Uplands Road with my family and am an active member of my local community. Over the decade or so of living in Uplands I've met and befriended many in the local community and have become, I hope, a familiar and approachable face.

I set up and help to run local community support networks, which were created in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, but have now developed into general community/neighbourhood groups offering support and friendship, as well as connecting the community with local businesses such as the Co-Op. Help provided included collecting and delivering shopping and prescriptions and making art and crafts packs for local children in receipt of free school meals delivered with their food supplies over the lock down period. I received a Stroud Town Council 'Lockdown Hero' award for this work. I've also set up fundraising projects for the Food Bank, the Women's Refuge and HomeStart Stroud. I campaign for better road safety locally and am really keen to help tackle Stroud's traffic problems to make our roads safer and more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists.

My children go to the local school, Uplands Community Primary School, where I'm a member of the PTA. I'm passionate about children's welfare, wellbeing and ability to access nature, which is more important than ever after the Covid crisis.

I'm a member of the Labour and Co operative parties. I stood in the District Council elections for Valley Ward and received 393 votes, losing by only 45, a demonstration of my ability to tap into the needs of local people, communicate effectively and work towards local community cohesion.

I'm very keen to be part of a dynamic team that achieves so much for the town such as working with community hubs, preserving our biodiverse spaces and protecting and promoting important cultural venues like Lansdown Hall and the Sub Rooms. I have some personal experience of working with the Town council: I applied for the District Council's emergency relief fund on behalf of the Uplands Community and the worked with the Town Council to look after and allocate the funds properly, a positive experience.

I work from home and am therefore flexible with my time during school hours.

I'd be privileged to be considered for the role and would pledge to work hard on behalf of the whole town as well as my ward.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Megan Sheer

Helen Bojaniwska

From: Rachel Smith <
Sent: 26 October 2021 17:06
To: Helen Bojaniwska
Subject: co-option

Dear Helen

I would like to express my interest in being co-opted onto Stroud Town Council.

I can confirm I meet the eligibility criteria.

I would hope to use my role on the town council to support the council's ambitions for Stroud to be resilient, vibrant and welcoming community, in particular through supporting more residents to cycle confidently and safely, and to support the continued community development work.

With best wishes

Rachel Smith

Rachel Smith BMus PGDip
MMT(NR) Music Therapist

Clerk's report for Council 8/11/2021

Councillor training

Councillors are reminded that recordings of all of the training sessions held since May are available on SharePoint.

Recruitment update

Liz Dowe has joined us in the new post of Senior Finance Administrator and will be working in the office on Thursdays.

The Community Development Officer post only attracted two applications, which are under consideration. The post will be readvertised.

Update on Funding bids

The achievement of many of our planned projects is dependent on securing external funding. Several different bids are in progress at the moment – an update is provided below:

Lansdown Hall – *various bids for capital funding in progress*. Feedback from grant funders suggest that more work needs to be done on community engagement and a fundraising strategy. The Trustees are working on this.

Welcome Back Fund – *a government fund, administered by Stroud District Council*. Funding approved for traffic management costs associated with the closure of London Road for the Farmers' Market until March 2021 and events in King Street. Support for the Stroud Seatery has been agreed and a Marshall is being sought. Funding for tourism support is being used by Stroud District Council. Further ideas are being explored.

Levelling Up Fund – *supporting Stroud District Council to develop a bid for town centre regeneration*. Work is progressing and will be reported to the Regeneration Committee. Member may be interested to see the results of the first round of applications which are at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-fund-first-round-successful-bidders>

Subscription Rooms – *the Council's fundraiser has been supporting the Trust with their recent Crowdfunder, and applications for grants and CIL funding*. No updates.

National Model Design Code: Phase 2 pilots – *an expression of interest has been submitted to potentially be one of ten places funded to develop exemplar local design codes. If selected this funding will support our ongoing review of the NDP*. Applications are still being reviewed.

Build Back Better – Market Towns - *this Gloucestershire County Council fund offers grants for community-based events*. We supported the Goodwill Committee to make an application in partnership with the Subscription Rooms, Lansdown Hall, Stroud Chamber of Trade and the Five Valleys Shopping Centre. They were awarded

£11,235. Our fundraiser also helped the Subscription Rooms to secure a grant of £5,000 for the new young makers market on the forecourt.

Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund – our bid to the first round for works at Thanet House was unsuccessful. The second round was fully committed within days and before we were able to apply. We were not eligible for the third round.

Zero Carbon Public Estate fund – SDC's successful bid in partnership with One Public Estate Gloucestershire provides £200,000 to explore how to rationalise, repurpose and retrofit sites. A preliminary meeting has been held with SDC officers and documents relation to the Council properties have been shared.

Gloucestershire County Council street parking review

A review of on street parking is due to start this month. The process and timetable are copied below.

Parking review process

Before the informal consultation, local stakeholders have been engaged with and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) surveys have been carried out and analysed to understand demand, capacity and parking patterns.

Each parking review follows a similar process as outlined below

Stage of process	Timescale
Scheme inception	
Data gathering and discussions with local stakeholders	Complete
Scheme preparation	
Preparation of proposal plans	
Informal consultation	
Focus Group (invite only) – for Town Centre TRO Consultation – via online portal with effected residents/businesses (north and south east or Town centre)	November - December 2021
Statutory/formal consultation	
Detailed design proposals	February/March - 2022
Statutory consultation	
Formal advertising preparation, advertising & responses	
Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) completion	
Any proposal plan amendments	April 2022
Making a TRO	June 2022
Implementation	
Detailed design work and construction	August 2022

What next... informal consultation

We are now ready to hear the thoughts and experiences of the local community via informal consultation. They can submit their comments by using the portal which can be found on the following webpage

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/parkingreviews>

Street Spaces study

The report has been finalised and shared with relevant partners. We are awaiting detailed feedback from Gloucestershire County Council on the proposals which will be fed into the Levelling Up Fund bid research.

Covid-19 risk assessment

In view of the recent surge in cases in Stroud no changes to the assessment for Council and Committee meetings is proposed. Councillors are kindly requested to please wear masks until seated.

The risk assessment for staff has been reviewed and some additional measures relating to self-isolation and working from home have been put in place. We are also experiencing a number of cases of seasonal coughs and colds which are impacting on staff capacity at this time.

Helen Bojaniwska
Town Clerk
2nd November 2021

Payments July - September 2021

Stroud Town Council Payments July - September 2021

Date Paid	Payee Name	Reference	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
02/07/2021	Chubb Fire & Security Ltd.	769	£171.27	Fire Safety
02/07/2021	Countrywide Grounds Maintenanc	2216	£2,268.00	Cemetery Mowing June
02/07/2021	Down to Earth Gloucestershire	521A	£407.70	Gardening Assistance
02/07/2021	Ellis Whittam Limited	5917	£1,512.00	HR Essentials for Managers
02/07/2021	GAPTC	6962	£75.00	Being a good councillor
02/07/2021	GAPTC	6956	£100.00	Being a better councillor
02/07/2021	Greenway Training	2528	£138.00	Emergency First Aid
02/07/2021	HHGL Limited	9581	£302.30	Store Purchases
02/07/2021	KJS ACCOUNTANTS	C012	£472.00	Interim Finance Role
02/07/2021	Precision	597	£58.50	Winding and Servicing SIMS clo
02/07/2021	NALC	3663	£103.42	Future High Streets Seminar
02/07/2021	Solum Surveying Limited	6494	£2,100.00	The Long Ground - Surveys
02/07/2021	Somerset County Council	21222	£63.60	Analysis of diffusion tubes
02/07/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	889	£40.97	Simpson Restraint Strap
02/07/2021	T.W.HAWKINS & SONS	1333	£290.34	Contract Mowing
02/07/2021	LOCKSMITHS GLOUCESTER	758	£240.00	New Locks
02/07/2021	Accessible Gloucestershire	46	£300.00	Signage advice
02/07/2021	Streets Reimagined Ltd	ISTC01B	£4,800.00	Stakeholder Engagement
02/07/2021	Oakleigh Joinery Ltd	2976	£1,566.59	Installation of new door
02/07/2021	Gloucestershire LG Pensions	PENSIONS	£6,226.53	6226.53
02/07/2021	HMRC	HMRC 07	£18.37	Paye/NIC's
02/07/2021	HMRC	HMRC 07	£5,165.32	Paye / NIC's
02/07/2021	Stroud Book Festival	SBF-GRANT	£1,500.00	Grant
02/07/2021	Ultimate Building Plastics	54976	£20.96	Office screens
02/07/2021	Screwfix	AE06377047	£79.99	Heavy Duty Cabinet Safe
05/07/2021	SGW Payroll Ltd.	6005	£61.32	Payroll charges
05/07/2021	TOWN CLERK IMPREST ACCOUNT	TXF	£1,000.00	Cash book transfer
05/07/2021	Cherwell Signs	56180	£28.28	Office Screens
05/07/2021	Survey Monkey	40952683	£408.00	Survey Monkey
07/07/2021	ALL Star Business Solutions	9357	£220.25	Fuel charges
07/07/2021	Argos	1511987742	£28.94	Webcam Office
07/07/2021	Aldi	58680347	£309.94	Pirate Playhouse
12/07/2021	MDA Consulting Ltd	5220	£600.00	B5220/4628/BUILDING PROJECTS
12/07/2021	MI Holder	HOLDER	£99.00	Leaflet Delivery
12/07/2021	HM Land Registry	2899	£6.00	Title Plan
12/07/2021	HM Land Registry	8571	£6.00	Title Plan
15/07/2021	Water Plus Ltd.	2970	£23.89	Water Charges Cemetery
15/07/2021	SDC	SDC RATES	£1,068.00	Bus Rates-Libbys Drive and Cem
15/07/2021	Payroll	BACS	£18,461.28	Payroll 07 2021
16/07/2021	NOMIX Credit	NOMIX CRED	-£13.20	Credit
19/07/2021	All Done and Dusted	5583	£153.60	Cleaning Premises
19/07/2021	BAILEY PARTNERSHIP	5704	£693.00	Project Management
19/07/2021	CBRE Limited	1416	£696.55	Project and Cost Management
19/07/2021	Chalford Building Supplies Ltd	9357	£65.46	Sub base - materials
19/07/2021	J S Whittaker T/A Colors	550	£2,000.00	Summer Planting
19/07/2021	CONSORTIUM	6539	£15.47	Air Horn
19/07/2021	DENIS BROWN & SON (Nailsworth)	1950	£20.98	184579
19/07/2021	Down to Earth Gloucestershire	621A	£259.20	Gardening Assistance Scheme
19/07/2021	Footprint Interpretation	765	£1,100.00	0765/8292/Footprint Interpreta
19/07/2021	ITEC Support Ltd	3126	£592.01	IT Support
19/07/2021	Thirsty Work Ltd.	5964	£3.71	Rental charges
19/07/2021	Play Gloucestershire	179	£1,344.00	Stepping out sessions
19/07/2021	Polybags Ltd	4370	£227.99	Heavy duty refuse sacks
19/07/2021	Roman Glass Ltd	5559	£125.40	Replacement sash window-flats
19/07/2021	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	2360	£144.00	Communication Styles - HB
19/07/2021	Smiths (Gloucester) Ltd	18	£18.00	Waste collection-Libbys Drive
19/07/2021	JAMES & OWEN LTD	17598	£583.39	17598/8306/JAMES & OWEN LTD
19/07/2021	Lansdown Road Motors Ltd	42036	£76.00	42036/8307/6240/Lansdown Road
19/07/2021	Nadja Gajadharsingh	114	£540.00	Fundraising services June
19/07/2021	Nailsworth Garden Machinery	52027	£50.94	Trimmer line and wolf saw

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19/07/2021	THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF	S1096C	£66.00	Membership renewal
19/07/2021	Sunbelt Rentals Ltd	5916	£1,609.86	Road closure for farmers marke
19/07/2021	Novadura Ltd	2545258	£2,361.00	Ecodura Panels
19/07/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	BBG034	£13.20	Rawlbolt loosebolt 2 pack
19/07/2021	Renault Finance	5152A	£30.00	Battery hire
19/07/2021	Friends of Uplands	F.O.U	£356.38	Grant
19/07/2021	GLOUS LG	GLOUCS LG	£6,514.58	GLOUS LG Pensions
19/07/2021	HMRC	HMRC 07	£5,393.69	Paye / NIC's
19/07/2021	Nailsworth Climate Action	NAILSWORT7	£385.00	Grant
19/07/2021	STROUD FRINGE	STROUNDF	£1,500.00	STROUD FRINGE YARD SALE
22/07/2021	Water Plus Ltd.	7812	£59.19	Water charges Libbys Drive
22/07/2021	SDC Bus Rates	BUS RATES	£624.00	Bus Rates - Thanet House
23/07/2021	Lister Unified Communications	2515	£56.65	Mobile phone charges
23/07/2021	Cherwell Signs	56269	£28.28	Office Screens
26/07/2021	Ecotricity	756	£71.32	Electricity Thanet House
26/07/2021	EE Ltd	4462	£72.17	Mobile phone charges
26/07/2021	Ecotricity	717	£160.01	Electricity Libbys Drive
28/07/2021	Amazon	IM95U	£121.15	4-In a row TOTTS
02/08/2021	Made Without Gluten Ltd	286	£1,000.00	Meal provision children's cent
09/08/2021	All Done and Dusted	5611	£76.80	Cleaning Thanet House
09/08/2021	Countrywide Grounds Maintenanc	6291	£1,134.00	Grounds maintenance cemetery
09/08/2021	Down to Earth Gloucestershire	421A	£694.80	Gardening assistance
09/08/2021	EDF Energy	1222	£51.62	Final electricity 58b
09/08/2021	HHGL Limited	9618	£69.49	Store purchases
09/08/2021	Konica Minolta Business Soluti	6995	£39.18	Photocopier 1/5/21-31/7/21
09/08/2021	Lister Wilder	9421	£275.35	Repairs to Kubota
09/08/2021	Lister Wilder	9422	£769.57	Safety bull bar on Kubota
09/08/2021	Novadura Ltd	5258	£2,361.00	Ecodura Panels
09/08/2021	SAFPRO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	4702	£111.07	GS clothing
09/08/2021	Scottish Southern Electric	5745	£11.40	Electricity Thanet House
09/08/2021	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	3667	£540.00	Locum fees K Houlihan
09/08/2021	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	2360-1	£144.00	Training HB Nov 21
09/08/2021	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	3708	£990.00	Locum fees K Houlihan July 21
09/08/2021	Somerset County Council	1337	£63.60	Nox tubes analysis
09/08/2021	Streets Reimagined Ltd	C01C	£4,800.00	Street spaces study
09/08/2021	Stroud Alarms Fire and Securit	5192	£4,357.50	Fire and security additions
09/08/2021	Sunbelt Rentals Ltd	4680	£965.92	Road closure scheme
09/08/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	1462	£110.26	Site materials
09/08/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	1916	£3.58	Consumables
09/08/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	1976	£58.81	Footware
09/08/2021	ALL Star Business Solutions	7611	£183.71	Fuel
10/08/2021	Jax First Aid	39322	£5.97	Tick remover
11/08/2021	GAPTC	BACS	-£100.00	GAPTC training refund
13/08/2021	Payroll	BACS	£18,435.59	Payroll
16/08/2021	Nadja Gajadharsingh	116	£780.00	Fundraising July
16/08/2021	Nailsworth Garden Machinery	52230	£37.48	Secatuers
16/08/2021	Premier Paper Group Ltd	1966	£215.28	Paper
16/08/2021	Smiths (Gloucester) Ltd	3146	£18.60	Recycling Libbys Drive
16/08/2021	Stroud Alarms Fire and Securit	5298	£396.00	Annual maintenance
16/08/2021	Stroud Alarms Fire and Securit	5421	£87.00	Intruder fobs
16/08/2021	Sunbelt Rentals Ltd	7058	£482.96	Road closure scheme
16/08/2021	Thirsty Work Ltd.	5499	£3.71	Rental charges
16/08/2021	BAILEY PARTNERSHIP	5885	£924.00	Project mgmt pre-contract
16/08/2021	Cotswold Vale Refrigeration Lt	24915	£83.23	AC maintenance and clean
16/08/2021	Fourpoint Mapping Limited	198	£1,104.40	WAS way map and signage
16/08/2021	G.R. Fasteners & Eng Supplies	6077	£108.40	Site materials
16/08/2021	ITEC Support Ltd	3202	£590.58	IT Support and broadband
16/08/2021	JAMES & OWEN LTD	17679	£24.10	Stationary
16/08/2021	LOCKSMITHS GLOUCESTER	811	£87.00	Fix lock and secure window
16/08/2021	SAFPRO INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY	7022	£104.82	GS clothing
16/08/2021	SGW Payroll Ltd.	377	£61.32	Payroll
16/08/2021	SDC	DD	£1,068.00	SDC - bus rates libbys/cem

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18/08/2021	DENIS BROWN & SON (Nailsworth)	11969	£51.12	Posts/coach bolts
19/08/2021	Renault Finance	5152B	£30.00	Electric vehicle battery hire
19/08/2021	NALC	1515	£38.93	10p adjustment
23/08/2021	Lister Unified Communications	3590	£57.11	Moblie phone charges
23/08/2021	SDC	DD	£624.00	Bus rates thanet house
24/08/2021	Ecotricity	9374	£73.61	Electricity Thanet House
24/08/2021	Ecotricity	9335	£338.44	Electricity Libbys Drive
25/08/2021	Outsource Safety Limited	20562	£954.00	Fire RA
25/08/2021	PKF Littlejohn LLP	364	£1,920.00	Professional services AGAR
25/08/2021	Stroud District Council	9755	£1.00	License to Occupy High Street
25/08/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	949	£16.70	Hazard tape
25/08/2021	T.W.HAWKINS & SONS	1420	£144.00	Track marking
25/08/2021	WSP Solicitors	73	£866.00	Purchase of Land
25/08/2021	Thrupp Tyre Company Ltd.	3472	£58.00	Tyres
25/08/2021	CONSORTIUM	8974	£130.74	Stationery
25/08/2021	HHGL Limited	9685	£65.05	Store purchases
25/08/2021	HHGL Limited	9686	£48.00	Store purchases
25/08/2021	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	3078-1	£120.00	Conference
25/08/2021	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	3079-1	£120.00	Conference fees
25/08/2021	Glos LGPS	BACS	£6,092.20	Glos LGPS
25/08/2021	HMRC	BACS	£5,524.12	HMRC
25/08/2021	Filskit Theatre	BACS	£1,000.00	Filskit Theatre
26/08/2021	EE Ltd	9499	£72.17	Mobile phone charges
27/08/2021	Squarespace Ireland Ltd	6150	£144.00	ST CAN website subscription
01/09/2021	Bristol Natural History Consor	8237	£30.00	On the Road of COP15/26
03/09/2021	Royal Mail Group Ltd.	8692	£276.02	Stamps
07/09/2021	Allstar Business Solutions Ltd	7007	£156.27	Fuel
07/09/2021	PWLB	DD	£7,742.53	Loan repayment
07/09/2021	TOWN CLERK IMPREST ACCOUNT	To Imprest	£1,000.00	Transfer to Imprest account
13/09/2021	SGW Payroll Ltd.	2181	£61.32	Payroll
15/09/2021	SDC	DD	£1,068.00	Business rates cemetery/libbys
15/09/2021	Payroll BACS	DD	£18,739.47	Payroll
16/09/2021	Alan Price	1066	£4,690.00	Grave digging
16/09/2021	All Done and Dusted	5626	£153.60	Cleaning at Thanet House
16/09/2021	Breakthrough Communications	289	£2,007.00	Communications strategy
16/09/2021	CONSORTIUM	236	£48.20	Metal tacker
16/09/2021	Countrywide Grounds Maintenanc	1949	£2,268.00	Ground maintenance cemetery
16/09/2021	Damselfly Communications Ltd	921	£2,225.00	Media consultancy
16/09/2021	Emorsgate Seeds	5249	£54.08	Rhinanthus minor
16/09/2021	Emorsgate Seeds	7509	£150.80	Wild flowers
16/09/2021	Emorsgate Seeds	3770	£260.00	Wild flowers
16/09/2021	GAPTC	7028	£25.00	Councillor training
16/09/2021	G.R. Fasteners & Eng Supplies	8281	£8.29	GS site materials
16/09/2021	G.R. Fasteners & Eng Supplies	8282	£2.54	GS site materials
16/09/2021	Greenway Training	2631	£216.00	Training Chris Woolner
16/09/2021	ITEC Support Ltd	3274	£595.24	IT support and broadband
16/09/2021	JAMES & OWEN LTD	17758	£20.70	Statinery supplies
16/09/2021	John Stayte Services	9421	£6.20	Wild bird food
16/09/2021	Kingsdown Nurseries	73119	£287.04	Plants
16/09/2021	Nadja Gajadharsingh	118	£940.00	Fundraising August
16/09/2021	Nailsworth Garden Machinery	52749	£96.16	Face shield
16/09/2021	Nailsworth Garden Machinery	52748	£212.34	Supplies various
16/09/2021	NALC	3229	£51.71	Event
16/09/2021	Oakleigh Joinery Ltd	2976	£1,566.59	Installation of new door
16/09/2021	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	24167	£70.80	Making tax digital for VAT
16/09/2021	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	24166	£807.60	Annual support and maintenance
16/09/2021	Stroud College	1575	£295.00	AAT Bookkeeping S Dyte
16/09/2021	Smiths (Gloucester) Ltd	8313	£33.17	Recycling Libbys Drive
16/09/2021	Somerset County Council	21431	£93.60	Nox tube analysis
16/09/2021	Stroud District Council	1725	£3,213.60	Reimburse for CCTV at Chapel
16/09/2021	Sunbelt Rentals Ltd	5819	£1,770.86	Road closure signs
16/09/2021	Stroud Subscription Rooms Trus	219	£281.38	ACE funding

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16/09/2021	Stroud Subscription Rooms Trus	214	£1,362.00	Grassroots grant
16/09/2021	Thirsty Work Ltd.	8802	£40.80	Bottled water
16/09/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	3624/188	£52.22	Sand cement
16/09/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	542	£146.45	Timber
16/09/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	423	£8.34	Small tools
16/09/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	807	£52.27	Concrete
16/09/2021	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	88	£82.06	Site materials
16/09/2021	Hughes&Salvidge Holdings Ltd T	4805	£268.80	Skip exchange
16/09/2021	J S Whittaker T/A Colors	553	£1,120.00	Summer planting and maintenanc
16/09/2021	Gloucestershire LG	DD	£6,104.03	Pension
16/09/2021	HMRC	DD	£5,710.24	HMRC
16/09/2021	12-reg Ltd	1113	£19.19	Domain renewal goldenvalleyou
20/09/2021	Renault Finance	5152c	£30.00	Battery for Renault van
22/09/2021	SDC	DD	£624.00	Business rates Thanet House
23/09/2021	Water Plus Ltd.	9091	£38.30	Water charges Thanet House
23/09/2021	Lister Unified Communications	4663	£59.58	Call charges
24/09/2021	Ecotricity	5279	£56.61	Electricity Libbys Drive
24/09/2021	Ecotricity	5320	£73.61	Electricity Thanet House
27/09/2021	Water Plus Ltd.	7341	£12.42	Water cemetery stand tap
27/09/2021	SGW Payroll Ltd.	3952	£61.32	Payroll month 6
27/09/2021	EE Ltd	4223	£71.59	Monthly charges Sept
27/09/2021	Ecotricity	9905	£92.88	Electricity Thanet House
28/09/2021	Morelock Signs Ltd	16940	£294.00	Batteries for VAS

**PENSION COMMITTEE – 24TH SEPTEMBER DATE 2021
PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

1. Questioner's name: Helen Bojaniwska, on behalf of Stroud Town Council staff. Submitted letter attached to agenda.	Respondent's name: Cllr Lynden Stowe	Notes
<p>Question 1: How much of the Gloucestershire County Council Pension Scheme fund is currently invested in fossil fuels?</p> <p>Question 2: Will the Committee pass a motion, or make a recommendation to Full Council, committing to reducing the zero the Gloucestershire County Council Pension Fund's holdings in companies whose main business is the production and distribution of fossil fuels, by a definite date?</p>	<p>Q1 Reply: Based upon the last annual carbon metrics report for the Gloucestershire Pension Fund as at 31 December 2020 the exposure to fossil fuel revenues was 1.4% of the Fund.</p> <p>Q2 Reply: The Gloucestershire Pension Fund aims to deliver stronger investment returns over the long term, protecting our interests through contributing to a more sustainable and resilient financial system, which supports sustainable economic growth and a thriving society.</p> <p>The Brunel Pension Partnership manage the investment of the assets of the Gloucestershire Pension Fund, in conjunction with nine other Funds in the South West of England. As such, Brunel will own and maintain a Responsible Investment and Stewardship Policy on behalf of their clients. The current Brunel policy on Engagement & Divestment states:</p> <p>'On the issue of divestment, Brunel supports divestment from specific fossil fuel and other carbon-intensive companies, if they present a material</p>	

investment risk – such as due to ‘stranded assets’ – but this is based on analysis by our asset managers. Brunel expects managers to take these decisions independently.

In addition, we have committed to review this approach and, indeed, the holdings themselves; and to evaluate whether companies are taking steps to manage climate risks and to enable our overall alignment with the Paris Agreement. Brunel set out clear expectations for its asset managers and a deadline of 2022 for reviewing companies – our climate stock take is due in 2022. The criteria to evaluate companies and managers is being developed with our clients. It will take into account different investment mandates and starting points, but always with reference to Paris alignment. We chose not to use exclusion lists with our active managers. Instead, we require them to analyse the companies and other entities they invest in, and to justify their investments in those companies with higher greenhouse gas emissions. We do not currently issue exclusion lists because what is most needed is change in the way investment managers work. Simply enforcing exclusions, or requiring divestment from specific stocks or sectors, will not compel investment managers to develop their capacity on climate change or to drive change in the companies they hold. Climate then becomes a technical operational matter, not an investment priority.

<p>Question 3: Will the Committee ask the Brunel Partnership to make available investment opportunities across the various asset classes which would entirely avoid the financial risks of investment in companies whose main business is fossil fuels? (This could be achieved if the promised 'Paris-aligned portfolio' were to exclude investment in such companies.)</p>	<p>However, we acknowledge that we may need to take other action and have reserved the right to implement specific, and stock-specific, exclusions as part of our Climate Stock Take in 2022.'</p> <p>The Fund supports this policy and looks forward to working in collaboration with the nine other Funds and Brunel on the outcomes of the Climate Stock Take in 2022.</p> <p>Q3 Reply: Brunel has been working with FTSE Russell to develop a new set of benchmarks, not least for passive funds, that integrate climate objectives into how they are constructed.</p> <p>These ground-breaking benchmarks were formally announced earlier this summer and will be available for the partnership and the Fund shortly.</p> <p>These portfolios will offer us the Net Zero-aligned portfolios, we as partner funds tasked Brunel to provide. Emphasis was also placed on developing indices that not only met current needs, but also have scope to evolve in response to rapid industry developments, so that we continue to have the ability to deliver on our overall investment objectives.</p>	