

# Gloucester City Council

## INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD FORM

<b>Date of decision:</b>	23 April 2024		
<b>Title</b>	Devolution Agreement for Gloucestershire		
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Leader of the Council (Councillor Richard Cook)		
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All Wards	<b>Key Decision</b>	No

**Decision:**

To agree a partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gloucestershire County Council to demonstrate support for a level two devolution county deal for Gloucestershire.

**Reason for decision:**

As part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, upper tier authorities were identified as the lead councils for devolution of powers and resources under what is referred to as a level two deal from HM Government, and invited to submit expressions of interest. In Gloucestershire's case this is Gloucestershire County Council. The deal is expressly concerned with the transfer of powers between HM Government and Local Authorities, and does not involve the transfer of powers between different tiers of local government.

To support the delivery terms of the level two deal for Gloucestershire, an MOU was developed between the County Council and the respective District Councils in Gloucestershire to clarify two key areas relating to use of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and economic development actions. The MOU sets out that Gloucester City Council will, among other matters, continue to have oversight and control over its proportionate share of any future UKSPF provided to Gloucestershire County Council, and that matters relating to the County Council's use of land assembly or compulsory purchase powers under the devolution deal will also require agreement of Gloucester City Council where the City Council is the owner or controller of the land in question, or where the City Council is the relevant planning authority. In summary, the MOU helps to recognise the partnership between the County Council and the City Council and the position and powers of District authorities within a level two county deal.

**Alternative options considered:**

No other options were considered as the County Council is the upper tier authority and District Councils cannot negotiate themselves or be formal parties to level two devolution deals. The MOU therefore is the only reasonable mechanism to recognise and set out how the partnership between the County Council and District Councils in Gloucestershire will operate within the level two County Deal framework set out by HM Government.

**Representations received:**

None

**Other relevant matters concerning the decision:**

None

**People Impact Assessment (PIA):**

Screening Stage completed: No

Full PIA required, completed and attached No

**Conflicts of interest (including any dispensations granted):**

None

**Officer/s consulted:**

Managing Director. No objections raised.

In addition, the leaders of the Liberal Democrats political group and the Labour political group were consulted and raised no objections.

**Background documents:**

Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023

**Confidential or Exempt Information:** No

Name of document(s) which are confidential or exempt :

N/A

**Scrutiny (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):**

This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.

Call-in Deadline: 30 April 2024

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

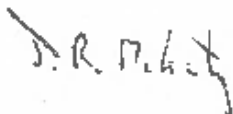
**Decision Maker:**

Councillor Richard Cook  
Leader of the Council

**Date:** 23 April 2024

**Proper Officer:**

Jon McGinty  
Managing Director

**Date:** 23 April 2024


## **CALL-IN PROCEDURE**

Call-in should only be used in exceptional circumstances, such as where Members have evidence which suggests that the Cabinet Member did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 13 (Decision Making) of the Council's Constitution.

Call-in of a decision must be requested within five working days of the publication of an executive decision. The request must be communicated in writing to a Corporate Directors by at least five Members of the Council.

Implementation of a decision that has been called-in is suspended until such time as it has been considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and re-considered by the Cabinet in light of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's conclusions and any recommendations.

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