

Gloucester City Council

INDIVIDUAL OFFICER DECISION DECISION RECORD FORM

Date of Decision	17 April 2018
Subject	Gloucester City Council – Breeding Gull Survey 2018
Wards affected	All Wards
Officer taking decision	Head of Communities
Decision taken	To let a contract for the carrying out of a Breeding Gull Survey in 2018 to the Animal Plant & Health Agency who form part of the National Wildlife Management Centre.
Delegated power used	<p>Recommendation 3 (approved) of the Cabinet Report (6th December 2017) ‘Programme to Manage Urban Gull Population’, which stated –</p> <p><i>Approval be granted to procure a gull breeding survey to be carried out in 2018 and for delegation to be provided to The Head of Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member of Environment and s.151 Monitoring Officer to award the contract in line with the Council’s procurement rules.</i></p>
Reason for decision	<p>The egg & nest removal programme that has been in place over the last 3 years should be continued so that the positive results that have been recorded in 2017 are not undermined. Continuing with the current programme will mean that we can keep disrupting the breeding pattern of gulls but more importantly significantly reduce the number of gulls that are reaching breeding age each year.</p> <p>To ascertain impact on gull numbers and in particular breeding pairs it is considered prudent to undertake a survey to compare and contrast the number of gulls at these sites from previous surveys. Having this information will inform the Council’s treatment programme for future years.</p> <p>Undertaking a survey will allow the Council to investigate whether displacement of gulls has taken place and if so to what extent, and as above this information is important in informing what future treatment programmes.</p>
Alternative options considered	Not applicable.
Consultation Undertaken and Results of Consultation	The decision to undertake a survey in 2018 was discussed and welcomed by Members at Overview & Scrutiny Committee prior to the report being approved at Cabinet. In line

with recommendation 3 of the report, consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Section 151 Monitoring Officer has been carried out , both of whom are satisfied with the letting of this contract.

People Impact Assessment (PIA)

Screening Stage completed: Yes/~~No~~

Full PIA required, completed and attached: ~~Yes~~/No

Any Conflicts of Interest

None.

Declarations of Interest (including any dispensations granted):

None.

Background documents:

None.

Confidential or Exempt Information: Yes/~~No~~

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

Decision Maker:

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Head of Communities