

Gloucester City Council

INDIVIDUAL OFFICER DECISION DECISION RECORD FORM

Date of Decision	07 March 2019
Subject	Podsmead Local Amenity Grass Cutting Extended Trial
Wards affected	Podsmead
Officer taking decision	Ruth Saunders, Head of Communities
Decision taken	To let a contract to Stewkley Enterprise Agency (SEA) to undertake an amenity grass cutting trial at Podsmead for the 2019 grass cutting season (April – October 2019)
Delegated power used	Part 7 (scheme of sub-delegation) of the Council's Constitution
Reason for decision	Enabling maintenance of public open space to be delivered in this way via a social enterprise provides a range of benefits to those individuals employed through the scheme. These benefits include financial, social, health & wellbeing and more generally increases the life chances of those involved. Furthermore trialling such an arrangement will allow the council to investigate the long-term viability of devolving services in new ways both in Podsmead but also more widely across the City. The trial has taken place for the previous 12 months but we are planning to include a wider area plus the team are supporting another ward to develop a similar project.
Alternative options considered	None
Consultation Undertaken and Results of Consultation	The proposal to devolve responsibility for grass cutting to communities through a social enterprise or community interest group was discussed with community representatives across three wards of the City during Spring 2017. These discussions led the Council to conclude that trialling such an arrangement was most viable in Podsmead. Work with that community and key partners such as Gloucester City Homes has brought the project to a point of implementation.
People Impact Assessment (PIA)	
Screening Stage completed:	Yes
Full PIA required, completed and attached:	No

Any Conflicts of Interest

None

Declarations of Interest (including any dispensations granted):

None

Background documents:

N/A


Confidential or Exempt Information:

No

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

Decision Maker:

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