

## **DECISION RECORD**

Gloucester City Council

**Publication Date** 

10<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	6
Title	Draft Council Plan 2014-2017		•
Report Of	Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources		
Report Author	Julian Wain, Chief Executive		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

#### **DECISION:**

Agreed to endorse the draft Council Plan for 2014-17;

Agreed to **RECOMMEND** that Council approves and adopts the draft Council Plan for 2014-17.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

To agree the corporate objectives for the City for the period 2014 - 2017.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Communicating the plan internally and externally will be essential to inform Councillors, staff, partners and the wider community of the future direction of the Council.

During February 2014 all services will have the opportunity to attend workshops to develop their service Business Plans and ensure that they are aligned with corporate priorities.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee had the opportunity to consider comments before Cabinet made its final proposals on the document. The final document will be submitted to Council on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

Development of monitoring against the Council Plan is currently underway with officers and Members. The plan will be reviewed annually aligned with the budget setting process.

There are gaps in the numerical targets and these are currently being developed and Members' invited to comment.

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):**

None

## SCRUTINY (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):

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Call-in Deadline: 17th March 2014

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Proper Officer:

Julian Wain Chief Executive

# CALL-IN PROCEDURE

Date: 5th March 2014

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	7
Title	Treasury Management Strategy 2014-15		
Report Of	Corporate Director of Resources		
Report Author	Peter Gillett, Corporate Director of Resource	es	
Wards Affected	All	Key Decision	No

That the recommendations to Council be noted and endorsed.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

As outlined in the legal implications the recommendations require Council approval.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: As set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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<b>Decision Of</b>	Cabinet				
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	8		
Title	Pay Policy Statement 2014/2015				
Report Of	Corporate Director of Resources				
Report Author	Peter Gillett, Corporate Director of Resource	S			
Wards Affected	All	Key Decision	Yes		
REASON FOR DECISION: To be submitted directly to Council					
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:					
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:					
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	9
Title	Future of Gloucester City Council Events Co-ordination		
Report Of	Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure		
Report Author	Vicki Rowan, Group Manager, Cultural Services and Tourism		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) A Central Events Team be created to co-ordinate all City events and provide a single point of contact for all event queries and advisory requests.
- (2) The newly created Central Events Team be based at Marketing Gloucester Ltd (MGL) and managed by Jason Smith, MGL CEO. The TIC Manager will work in partnership with the Central Events Team to ensure a consistent approach to destination marketing and a vibrant visitor/customer experience.
- (3) The new team work with event organisers from other organisations across the City to integrate the City Council's events into one comprehensive events programme.
- (4) The Schedule of Events shown at appendix 1 for 2014/15 and 2015/16, be approved.
- (5) The new Central Events Team co-ordinates the logistical and operational side of all the Council's Civic events including the administration of invitations for the six key Civic events listed in paragraph 4.3.5. All other support for the Mayor and Sheriff will be provided by the Corporate Support Team.
- (6) The event bookings process and income management be managed by the Central Events Team.
- (7) The events budget and a proportion of the Civic hospitality budget be managed by MGL on behalf of the City Council.
- (8) The Central Events Team consists of the existing MGL's Event Manager (seconded from the City Council) and two Event Co-ordinator posts (also to be seconded from the City Council) who will work collaboratively in the planning, programming and delivery of events. The City Council's Rugby World Cup Co-ordinator will work with the team for the relevant parts of his work programme.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

To seek approval for changes to the City Events Programme and its delivery.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

3 options were considered as set out in paragraphs 4.1.1 to 4.3.7 of the report.

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

Not applicable

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):**

Councillor Paul James

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<b>Decision Of</b>	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	10
Title	Housing and Homelessness Strategy		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Strategy		
Report Author	Martin Shields, Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

#### **DECISION**

To approve for consultation the draft Housing and Homelessness Strategy.

A consultation period is undertaken for a period of three months, and thereafter the strategy be updated to take account of feedback and presented back to Cabinet and Council for approval.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The draft strategic objectives were shaped by the three housing services within the council, in order to bring together the collective knowledge about all forms of housing and provide a comprehensive understanding of Gloucester's housing market. It was felt initial proposals would provide a useful platform from which to engage with Service Users, Gloucester residents and other stakeholders to begin discussions with them and develop the strategy further based on their involvement.

The strategic objectives pursued have also been informed by a collection of housing related data, including the demographic situation within the City, now and in the future. Data has also been reviewed relating to numbers of applicants presenting as homeless or wishing to secure affordable housing and some analysis income levels and house prices in the City.

This data has been used to inform the approach to deliver the appropriate size and type of housing required and, and also the threshold to afford market housing. In addition data has been reviewed in relation to the condition and location of all existing housing stock in the City.

Given the interest in housing, both by residents and other stakeholders with an interest in financing, developing or managing homes in our communities, it is important that our proposals take account of their views and priorities to ensure they have the best effect.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Beyond the collaborative approach outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the report, the production of a strategy is a legislative requirement.

## OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	11
Title	Open Space Strategy		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Julian Wain, Chief Executive		
Wards Affected	All	Key Decision	Yes

#### **DECISION:**

That the report be deferred to further consider the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in addition to capturing comments from local ward members.

## **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Adoption of a strategy will enable the council to deliver its open space vision of 'a diverse network of quality, sustainable and accessible open spaces to serve the needs and aspirations of the residents of Gloucester.

To set out a detailed open space evidence base to inform the creation of associated planning policies in the new City Plan.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Option to not update the open space strategy would impact on the council's ability to provide an evidence base for the City Plan and future housing development.

There would be a lack of focus for open space development and maintenance across the city, no agreed framework for prioritising funding and improvements.

With no up to date strategy it would also become increasingly difficult to negotiate new

open space provision with developers.

## OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

none

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	12
Title	Cultural Strategy Update - June to December 2013		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture		
Report Author	Martin Shields, Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

To note the achievements made in delivering the Cultural Strategy over the last six months (June 2013 – December 2013).

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The progress made during the last six months has been significant and has contributed to making Gloucester a great place to visit and have contributed to the City's regeneration.

#### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not applicable

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	13
Title	Changes to the Council's Tree Management Guidelines		
Report Of	Report by the Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Martin Shields, Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

That the tree management guidelines at Appendix 1 to the report be approved as the tree management guidelines for City Council owned trees.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Due to a number of reasons, but primarily because of landscape schemes implemented on the back of development in the 1970s and 1980s, the number of complaints around Council trees and third party damage has been on the increase. Unusual weather patterns have also exacerbated the issue as most of the damage is caused by hydration and re-hydration of clay soils causing buildings above them to move. A re-active approach, where the damage has to occur before it is referred to insurers, while simple to implement, can cause distress to third parties. The proposal should allow a more practical approach where it is clear that damage will occur from inappropriately sited trees, while still ensuring that trees are not unnecessarily felled.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

A continuation of the status quo is an option. This has proven to be onerous to operate and can lead to unnecessary distress for owners of property where damage is very likely but has not actually occurred.

The Council could opt for a more pro-active approach where trees were removed 'just in case' they caused damage. This would undoubtedly result in many trees being removed unnecessarily and result in significant additional costs to the City Council.

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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<b>Decision Of</b>	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	14
Title	Economic Development Update		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Cultu	ire	
Report Author	Julian Wain, Chief Executive		
Wards Affected		Key Decision	No

That the actions outlined in the report be progressed

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The above progress report looks to address some of the city's key economic priorities.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The report sets out a range of options for supporting Gloucester's growth and is considered to represent a well balanced approach to achieving the best outcomes for the city.

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

Not applicable

## **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):**

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	05 March 2014	Item No.	16
Title	Tesco Redevelopment at St Oswalds		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture		
Report Author	Philip Ardley, Asset Manager		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	Yes

#### **DECISION:**

That the recommendations set out in the paragraph 2(1) and 2(2) of the exempt report be approved.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

As set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

As set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report.

## OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

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