



# DECISION RECORD

# Gloucester City Council

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**Item No.**

6

**Title**

Flood Assets Report

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Environment

**Report Author**

Wayne Best, Environmental Health Officer

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

## DECISION:

### RESOLVED

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) That the importance of flood alleviation works within the City to minimise the risk and impact of flooding events be recognised.
- (3) That the partnership work that is being undertaken to reduce flood risk in the City be acknowledged and supported.
- (4) That officers continue to investigate additional sources of funding to maximise opportunities to reduce flood risk for residents and businesses across the City.
- (5) That opportunities to provide information, education, and signposting and to undertake consultation be pursued to help reduce the impact of the reduction in funding available for schemes.

## REASON FOR DECISION:

Although a number of Capital Schemes and maintenance works have been delivered in 2013/2014. It is our intention to reduce the risk of future flooding to both residential properties and business premises including continued investment in flood alleviation schemes/works, the promotion of self resilience, advice and information, community flood plans and drop in sessions.

Reducing flood risk to homes and businesses will continue to support regeneration and further investment into the City which will be communicated to developers through planning policy.

To meet the requirements of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 in respect of flood risk management including working with partners to resolve flooding issues.

The ongoing Capital Works Schemes and Maintenance programme in 2013/2014 has

proven very successful. This was illustrated by the performance of these assets during this winter's severe weather events which resulted in a small number of localised issues in Gloucester.

To continue to investigate and utilise additional sources of funding and resources to deliver schemes and improvement works to further reduce flood risk to homes and businesses throughout the City.

To investigate improving the effectiveness of our resources with the aid of technology, better signposting for customers and building community resilience.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

1. Do minimum; only carry out maintenance works currently on contract and no further submission of bids for the funding of Capital Schemes resulting in minimal costs and resources.
2. However doing the minimum would increase the flood risk to residential and businesses premises in addition to important infrastructure and assets. Given Gloucester City's geographical location and history of flooding events this would also be a backward step and would increase anxiety for residents and businesses. There is also an expectation that works to reduce flood risk will continue which also helps attract investment and employment into the City. Flood schemes are politically supported in Gloucester and the Council has built up a good reputation which could be affected if works do not continue.
3. The City Council could consider making funds available to fund Capital Schemes however given the current economic climate this is unlikely to be an option.

**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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**Title**

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) - Review of Procedural Guide

**Report Of**

Head of Paid Service

**Report Author**

Sue Mullins, Head of Legal and Policy Development

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** – That the changes to the Procedural Guide at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The revisions set out in the draft Procedural Guide are to ensure that the Guide remains up to date.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Council still has, and can make use of, other investigatory powers, such as overt surveillance, when investigating potential criminal offences, but must comply with RIPA, when it carries out Directed Surveillance or CHIS. There are therefore no real alternative options relevant to the Council's use of its RIPA powers.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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**Title**

Financial Monitoring Quarter 2 Report

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

**Report Author**

Jon Topping, Head of Finance

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED TO NOTE THAT:**

- (1) In year savings already achieved total £833k. This is an improvement on the previous position at Quarter 1 of £663k, meaning that savings of £170k have been achieved in Quarter 2.
- (2) the forecast year end position for 14/15 is to increase the Council's general fund balance by £320k.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Not applicable.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

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**Title**

City Centre Investment Fund Allocations and Update

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture

**Report Author**

Anthony Hodge, Head of Regeneration and Economic  
Development

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

Yes

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the public toilet allocation of £100,000 be used to provide a new facility at the relocated Tourist Information Centre, subject to the outcome of detailed feasibility studies.
- (2) That a further £5,000 be allocated to cover the cost of the Urban Designer to develop the Lighting Schemes up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015.
- (3) Note the updates in respect of the specific funding proposals.
- (4) Confirm the prioritisation of Longsmith Street Car Park and the Eastgate Street frontage of the Kings Walk Car Park for the treatment of their facades.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The recommendations for further allocations have been based on the objectives of the City Centre Investment Fund which is to improve the attractiveness of the City Centre.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Alternatives for the allocation of the remaining money in this Fund were assessed in Section 5 of the September 2013 Cabinet report.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

None

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**Title**

The Future of the Eastgate Indoor Market

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture

**Report Author**

Philip Ardley, Asset Manager

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

Yes

## DECISION:

### RESOLVED that:

- (1) the City Council continue negotiations with their headlease holder, Rockspring Investors, to create a new indoor market either on the first floor or split between the ground and first floors of the Eastgate Shopping Centre subject to:
  - a) acceptable arrangements for layout and rental levels being agreed with a focus on attracting new food and other retailers and subject to all existing market traders being offered an opportunity for a new stall if they so wish.
  - b) final agreement as to costs with Rockspring Investors and a proper return being achieved for the City Council's leasehold investment.
  - c) acceptable lease terms being agreed to ensure longevity and flexibility for both the new first floor and the existing ground floor premises.
  - d) satisfactory Consultant's report to demonstrate best value.
- (2) only essential repairs are undertaken to the existing market hall for the very short term with a view to closing the building once the new market is fully operational. Negotiations with Rockspring to take place to minimise any essential repairs following service of their dilapidations notice. The cost of these essential repairs could form part of the service charge recovery in accordance with normal practice until the market moves to the new location.
- (3) officers negotiate with Rockspring Investors regarding the future of the existing market hall site and how this asset maybe used for the benefit of the Council, the Eastgate Shopping Centre and the city centre generally, and report back to Cabinet in due course.

## REASON FOR DECISION:

1. To achieve an attractive and well used indoor market with greater footfall both for the Eastgate Centre and the City Centre generally. The market stall holders would have the opportunity to trade from a new environment and in a modern format appealing to a wider cross section of customers. Their overheads would be under strict control without the uncertainty of paying for the maintenance of an

old and expensive building.

2. The long term vision for the Gloucester Indoor Market should be to create a vibrant and relevant retail destination as an antidote to bland supermarket environments and cheap competition from e-commerce.
3. By entering into a Partnership with Rockspring Investors and investing in a lease for a new indoor market, the City Council would make a bold statement and commitment to retail regeneration in Gloucester. This may provide confidence to retailers wishing to expand in the City Centre and assist other schemes, such as Kings Quarter and both Eastgate and Kings Walk shopping centres.
4. Additionally the existing traders would be encouraged to modernise and invest in their business thereby creating a larger and more sustainable market. Many towns and cities support markets in excess of 60 stalls.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

As set out in the Background section to the report.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

None

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**Title**

Rugby World Cup Banners - Exemption from Contract Standing Orders

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture

**Report Author**

Sue Mullinsm Head of Legal and Policy Development  
Jon Topping, Head of Finance

**Wards Affected**

All

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** – That an exemption to the application of Contract Standing Orders to the procurement of the contractor to sell advertising space for the streetlight and bridge banners erected in connection with the Rugby World Cup be granted for the reasons set out in this report.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

It is considered that an exemption to the need to procure competitive quotations at this stage will enable the Council to assess the likely benefit of using the space for advertising and providing a lasting legacy after the Rugby World Cup has ended.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Council could seek to procure a contractor through a competitive process but this could lead to delay and a loss of income. The Council is only able to offer a period of 8-9 months before the space will be required in connection with Rugby World Cup advertising and promotion. The opportunity may not therefore be attractive to other providers. If there is a successful trial, the intention would be to conduct a competitive process to enable the space to be used after the RWC has ended.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

None

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**Title**

Update on Governance Arrangements for Gloucestershire Airport Limited

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture

**Report Author**

Sue Mullins, Head of Legal and Policy Development  
Anthony Hodge, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development  
Jon Topping, Head of Finance

**Wards Affected**

All

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations be agreed as per the exempt report.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

As per the exempt report.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

As per the exempt report.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

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### **CALL-IN PROCEDURE**

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Call-in should only be used in exceptional circumstances, such as where Members have evidence which suggests that the Cabinet did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 12 (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 the Corporate Director of Resources 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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