



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 26 February 2015

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

25 February 2015

Item No.

7

Title

Financial Monitoring Quarter 3 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:

1. The savings achieved in year total £833k be noted.
2. The forecast year end position for 14/15 is to increase the Council's General Fund balance by £264k.
3. In addition to the general fund increase it is currently estimated that £150k will be transferred to an earmarked reserve for Regeneration as a result of surpluses generated by assets transferred to council ownership from the South West Regional Development Agency.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Not applicable

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not applicable

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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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	25 February 2015	Item No.	9
Title	A Proposal to Review the Waste & Recycling Service		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Lloyd Griffiths, Environmental Protection Service Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. The contents of the report and the positive proactive work that has been carried out in respect of waste & recycling by The Environmental Projects Team be noted.
2. The review process as outlined in the report be approved.
3. The implementation of a Members specific working group, to be set up and chaired by the Cabinet Member of Environment, be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION:

1. At this current time our waste & recycling service is at capacity and there is little or no headroom to service the additional number of residential units which are forecasted to be built within the City within the remaining contract period. It is essential therefore that moving forward we develop and provide a service that not only provides a quality service for existing residents but has the capacity and flexibility to do so for future additional residents.
2. If we wish to meet both our short and medium term recycling targets then we need to consider alternative service delivery models that are known to encourage high end participation rates due to ease of use and the simple communications that go with such a service. These targets, including our landfill diversion target, are linked to income streams and the review will also allow us to look at how we can best secure income through a service that will increase our performance.
3. With a significant savings target set in respect of the waste & recycling element of the AMEY contract, it will be difficult to achieve this whilst maintaining an excellent service without a well considered re-configuration of our resources. The review process will establish whether a co-mingled collection of recycling can achieve those aims.

4. With the introduction of The Waste (England & Wales) Regulations 2011 and the need to ensure the recycling service we deliver is TEEP compliant, the review presents us with an opportunity to carry out such an assessment which will be extremely important in allowing us to move forward confidently in the event of legal challenge.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

As outlined within the report there are several valid reasons why a review of how we deliver our recycling service is necessary. Without the review and with the impending need to renew much of the vehicle fleet the alternative option is to maintain the status quo and continue to deliver a service that is not achieving recycling or landfill targets, has no capacity to serve a growing population and within which savings would be difficult to identify without significantly reducing the quality of service offered.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	25 February 2015	Item No.	10
Title	Cultural Strategy Update		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture		
Report Author	Lucy Wright, TIC Service Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: That the achievements made in delivering the Cultural Strategy over the last six months (July to December 2014) be noted.			
REASON FOR DECISION: The progress made during the last six months has been significant and has contributed to achieving the objectives of the Cultural Strategy.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Not applicable			
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None			
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: 4 March 2015			
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	25 February 2015	Item No.	12
Title	Off-Street Car Parking Management Improvements		
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. The tariff for the 2015-16 financial year be held at 2014-15 levels.
2. On-going car park improvements be noted.
3. Subject to a detailed cost analysis being undertaken, and its recommendations, that the principle of Kings Walk, Longsmith Street and the Eastgate Centre car parks changing from pay and display to a Pay on Foot system supported by Automatic Number Plate Recognition with barrier be approved.
4. Authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development Service, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture, to implement the recommendation of the cost analysis for the three primary car parks subject to:
 - (i) A cost effective proposal being secured
 - (ii) Disabled parking accommodation being available
 - (iii) Compatibility and effective management of the remaining City Council car parks
 - (iv) Sufficient resources being available to implement and manage the preferred option

REASON FOR DECISION:

Detailed recommendations as laid out in the report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The following options were considered, as laid out in the report

1. ANPR System - Barrier Control

2. ANPR System – Without Barriers
3. Seek Improved Management of existing P&D through increased Patrols
4. Pay on Exit
5. Pay on Foot

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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DECISION RECORD

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	25 February 2015	Item No.	13
Title	Review of Cultural Services		
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

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. The contents of the Michael + Partners report be noted.
2. The elements of the review referred to in paragraphs 3.7, 3.9 and 3.11 be approved for implementation with the exception of the first bullet point in paragraph 3.7 which reads: "Creation of a new frontage with box office and café bar".
3. A Project Manager be appointed to oversee the implementation of the recommendations in paragraph (2) above.
4. Councillors Chatterton and McLellan are thanked for their contributions to the cross-party working group.

REASON FOR DECISION:

1. After long and careful discussion with Stephen Michael, involving Members and officers the options laid out in the report is deemed to be unaffordable. The building is not for sale and could only be purchased at a premium which would be unlikely to be signed off as 'best value' by the Council's external property advisers.
2. It should also be noted that the development of Kings Quarter may bring other opportunities linked to entertainment and as Members will be aware the City Council has already invested substantially in the development of this area.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The review report provides a wide range of options and the consultant achieved, and in some areas exceeded, the original brief. Extensive consultation was undertaken and the final report was acknowledged by the working group to be an excellent piece of work that covered all available options.

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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RESOLVED AND RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

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Decision Of				
Cabinet				
Date of Decision		25 February 2015	Item No.	6
Title				
Money Plan 2015-20 & Budget Proposals for 2015/16				
Report Of				
Leader of the Council Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources				
Report Author				
Jon Topping, Head of Finance				
Wards Affected		All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION:				
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve proposals for the 2015/16 budget including Council Tax freeze for the fifth year included in the report. 2. The target budget reductions set in the Money Plan 2015/2020 be implemented. 3. To note that consultation has been undertaken on budget savings proposals to achieve the level of further savings required in 2015/16. 				
REASON FOR DECISION:				
<p>The Money plan sets out the Council's strategic approach to the management of its finances and presents indicative budgets and Council Tax levels for the medium term. It covers the General Fund Revenue Budget, the Capital Programme, and Earmarked Reserves. It also comments on the significant financial risks facing the Council in the forthcoming years and explains what the Council is doing to reduce those risks.</p>				
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:				
<p>The Council must set a budget in time to start collecting council tax by 1st April 2015. These proposals have been subject to consultation and scrutiny prior to Council approval. Alternative proposals put forward for budget savings will be considered as part of this process.</p>				

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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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	25 February 2015	Item No.	8
Title	Housing Strategy		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure		
Report Author	Helen Chard, Housing Strategy & Enabling Service Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:

The Housing Strategy at Appendix 1 be adopted and implemented.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The strategy has been subjected to a period of consultation, and whilst responses were limited, of those who did, there was support for the objectives and no objections to any of the objectives. Amendments have been made to the strategy given the passage of time since the first draft and changing circumstances, and also to take account of feedback received.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option to not have a strategy has been considered, although given the progress with stakeholders, and the desire to promote clear objectives to our partners; and to meet what is still current legislation has determined that we progress and fulfil our obligations.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	25 February 2015	Item No.	11
Title	Retail-led Regeneration at Kings Quarter		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture		
Report Author	Philip Ardley, Asset Management Consultant		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:

The recommendations as laid out in the exempt report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As laid out in the exempt report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Detailed options were considered, as laid out in the exempt report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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 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 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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