



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 22 October 2015

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

21 October 2015

Item No.

6

Title

Treasury Management Update Quarter 1

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

Report Author

Jon Topping, Head of Finance

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

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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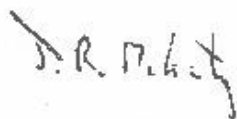
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	21 October 2015	Item No.	7
Title	Business Rates Pooling 2016/17		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources		
Report Author	Jon Topping, Head of Finance		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That subject to further work being undertaken by Gloucestershire Chief Financial Officers prior to 31 October 2015 deadline, that the current pool be disbanded in principle to enable Tewkesbury Borough Council to be withdrawn from the Gloucestershire Business Rates Pool for the financial year 2016/2017.2. That authority be delegated to the s151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, to manage on an on-going basis the Council's position with regard to Pool membership.3. That authority be delegated to the s151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, the agreement of any amendments in relation to the existing pooling agreement.4. That authority be delegated to the s151 Officer to enter into revised pooling agreements on such terms as considered appropriate, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources.			
REASON FOR DECISION: The withdrawal of Tewkesbury Borough Council from the Gloucestershire Business Rates Pool on a temporary basis is recommended to protect both Gloucester City Council and the members of the Pool from the full effect of further successful appeals or single assessment requests of Virgin Media in Tewkesbury Borough Council.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The option to retain the Gloucestershire Business Rates pool in its current format has been considered however this has been discounted as the potential significant risk to all members of the pool will not have been mitigated.2. A further option is to no longer be part of the Gloucestershire Business Rates pool for 2016/17. This option does not fit well with the current devolution submission and will see reduced business rates growth being retained in Gloucestershire through increased levy rate to central government.			

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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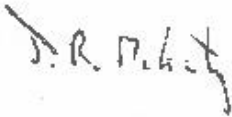
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	21 October 2015	Item No.	8
Title	Review of Dog Warden Service		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Sally Middleton, Neighbourhood Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the contents of the report be noted and in particular the improvements that have been made through the transfer of stray dog kennelling and re-homing to Worcestershire Regulatory Services;2. That approval be granted to extend the existing shared arrangement with Worcestershire Regulatory Services for a trial period of 1 year to wholly deliver the Dog Warden Service including the collection of stray dogs, and3. That approval be granted to implement a formal variation to the AMEY Street-care Contract in accordance with contract provisions, in order to remove the requirement for them to provide a stray dog service.			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Savings would be made in the following areas: the out of hours' Dog Warden van and its associated costs; the Contact Centre no longer handling lengthy calls about lost or found dogs as callers would all be signposted to WRS; AMEY would no longer provide an in-hours Dog Warden service so there would be no need to cover this in the overall cost of the contract; and the cost per dog seized may reduce.2. WRS is fully compliant in terms of training, H&S, duty of care and professional standards, policies and procedures. This would remove any potential litigation against the City Council for not ensuring their contractors or staff (AMEY for the in-hours service, the Dog Wardens for the out of hours' service), are compliant with regulations.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Continuing to operate a collection service using the AMEY in-hours service and City Council out of hours Dog Wardens. This would mean no changes are to be made, other than to review the out of hours' standby payments made to the Dog Wardens. The service provides no savings. This would deliver insignificant savings and would continue to mean that two separate service providers deliver the service which does not promote efficiency.			

2. Cease operating an out of hours' stray dog service. This is not a realistic option given the legal obligation placed upon the City Council to deliver the service. It may be, however, that the City Council reviews the cost effectiveness of providing a collection service out of hours in 12 months' time. Some local authorities, for example, simply provide and publicise drop-off points (e.g. a vet's) where dogs can be taken and held until the next working day, when they can be collected by the Dog Warden.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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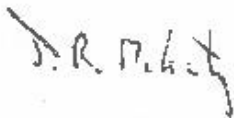
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	21 October 2015	Item No.	9
Title	Energy Monitoring and Management - 2014/2015		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Stephen McDonnell, Environmental Co-ordinator		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the positive progress that has been made in reducing energy usage, consumption and costs across the Council's buildings during 2014-15 be noted.2. That the continued implementation of projects to minimise energy usage across the Council's buildings be supported and;3. That the adoption of the framework agreement with Advanced Demand Side Management Ltd (ADSM Ltd) to access the 'Aquafund' for water conservation improvements across the Council's buildings be noted.			
REASON FOR DECISION: It is important in assisting with the Council's medium term money plan, to utilise existing framework agreements to deliver both energy efficiency and water savings. With the predicted long term rises in utility costs, identifying energy and water savings is an important function of our business. For this reason we have chosen to adopt the Aquafund framework agreement as an alternative delivery mechanism for our water efficiency programme. Any new energy saving projects will be presented to the Capital Bid Programme Board.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: A do nothing option if pursued would result in short term savings as capital investment would not be required. This would however result in long term financial impact especially as energy prices are expected to increase over the next several years and beyond. It would also mean the Council would not hit its own or the UK Government's CO2 reduction targets.			
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None			

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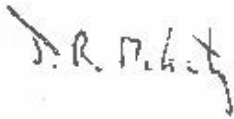
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	21 October 2015	Item No.	10
Title	Robinswood Hill Master Plan & Parks for People Funding Bid		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning , Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Meyrick Brentnall, Environmental Planning Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the contents of the report be noted;2. That the draft Memorandum of Understanding (included at Appendix 2) be endorsed for completion;3. That approval be granted for Officers to jointly develop a Master Plan in partnership with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust;4. That use of the plan in providing a framework for decision making on Robinswood Hill over the next 10 years be supported;5. That approval be granted for Officers to work in partnership with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to develop a Big Lottery/Heritage Lottery Fund, Parks for People funding bid for improvements to Robinswood Hill, and6. That capital receipts raised from the sale of Woods Orchard Car Park be utilised to jointly fund a Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust post over 2 years, which will have a specific remit to develop Master Plan, gather necessary evidence to submit a Parks for People Funding Bid and prepare and submit the Bid.			
REASON FOR DECISION: Significant work has been implemented around Robinswood Hill over the past two years and many of the improvements have been outlined in this report. Continued close working with GWT is proving very productive and it would seem sensible for this to continue. Feedback received from the HLF provides us with confidence that future funding bids can be successful.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Do nothing; this would lose an opportunity for significant capital investment in Robinswood Hill. It would also hinder the good working relationship we have developed			

with GWT and make vulnerable their position within the City.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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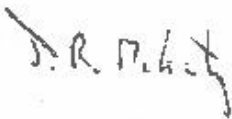
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	21 October 2015	Item No.	11
Title	Interim Planning Policy for Mobile Catering Units		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning, Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Philip Bylo, Interim Planning Policy Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

That the proposed interim planning policy for mobile catering units be approved for a six week period of public consultation.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Officers have undertaken a review of the key issues arising and consider that the above interim policy response represents an appropriate and constructive policy response. This will be taken forward both independently for the purposes of supporting development management cases arising in the short term, and also through the ongoing City Plan work.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

1. The alternative option is to move forward using existing planning policies to guide decisions on mobile catering units until such time that we progress the new planning policies through the City Plan.
2. Issues including retail impact and distribution of mobile units were considered as part of the proposed interim policy but were not taken forward following consultation with the Development Management section, drawing on their experience of handling planning applications and appeals for mobile catering units.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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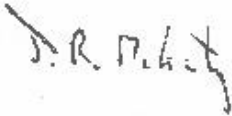
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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