



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 11 November 2015 | Item No. | 5a |
| Title | Shopmobility Service Options Appraisal | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods | | |
| Report Author | Gill Ragon, Head of Public Protection | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | Key Decision | No |

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Shopmobility Service be put out to open procurement with social value.
2. That the Head of Public Protection be given delegated powers to work in partnership with another District Council for this procurement exercise should a favourable opportunity arise.
3. That it be noted that the Cabinet Member for Communities, as the relevant Portfolio Holder, appoints the successful contractor.

REASON FOR DECISION:

If the Shopmobility service is successfully tendered immediate savings would be made from wages. Also back office costs would be saved. Although to secure the future of the service, there may be a need to enter into an agreement whereby support is provided on a decreasing scale over say 3 years. However it is likely that after a period of support, Shopmobility would be completely independent and largely self-financing therefore removing the financial burden to the council, while still providing a much needed service to those with impaired mobility whilst also generating income for city centre businesses. As explained above during a recent pre-market engagement exercise 3 organisations submitted proposals. One was from a Charity; another was from a Social Enterprise whilst the 3rd one was from a Commercial organisation. This supports the notion that an open procurement with built in social value is the appropriate way forward. If all interested potential service providers have an opportunity to bid this will also give the best opportunity to guarantee a secure future for this important service.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

A range of options were considered as laid out in the report.

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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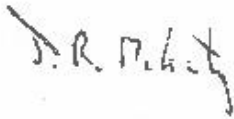
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 11 November 2015 | Item No. | 6 |
| Title | Financial Monitoring Quarter 2 Report | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources | | |
| Report Author | Jon Topping, Head of Finance | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | Key Decision | No |
| DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That it be noted that the savings achieved in year to date total £945k.2. That it be noted that the forecast year end position is currently for a reduction to the Council's General Fund balance of £278k. This is an improvement of the Quarter 1 position of £554k.3. That the actual and expected levels of income for the Council shown at Appendix 3 be noted.4. That the details of specific budgetary issues identified by Officers and the actions being taken to address those issues be noted.5. That the current level of Capital expenditure as shown on Appendix 2 be noted. | | | |
| REASON FOR DECISION: It is a good practice for members to be regularly informed of the current financial position of the Council. This report is intended to make members any of any significant issues in relation to financial standing and any actions that officers are taking in response to identified variances. | | | |
| ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: When considering how to reduce budgetary pressure or make savings Officers explore a wide range of 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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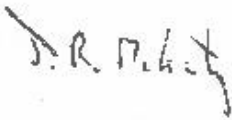
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 11 November 2015 | Item No. | 7 |
| Title | Treasury Management Quarter 2 Report | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources | | |
| Report Author | Jon Topping, Head of Finance | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | Key Decision | No |

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted subject to any comments subsequently received by the Audit and Governance Committee

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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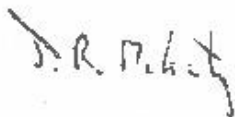
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 11 November 2015 | Item No. | 8 |
| Title | Flood Improvement Works Update | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Environment | | |
| Report Author | Wayne Best, Environmental Protection Service Manager | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | Key Decision | No |
| DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That the contents of this report be noted.2. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director to work in partnership with relevant agencies and landowners to recognise the importance of all flood alleviation works within the City in minimising the risk and impact of flooding events.3. That the importance of the ongoing partnership working to secure the best possible outcomes for residents and businesses in Gloucester in reducing flood risk, including bidding for external funding and entering into appropriate agreements on terms approved by the Council Solicitor be recognised.4. That Officers be supported in investigating and utilising additional resources to maximise opportunities to reduce flood risk.5. That the continued importance of information, education, consultation and signposting as funding reduces be recognised. | | | |
| REASON FOR DECISION: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To reduce the risk of future flooding to residential properties and business premises through continued investment in flood alleviation schemes/works, the promotion of self-resilience, advice and information, community flood plans and drop in sessions.2. 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.3. 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.4. The ongoing Capital Works Schemes and Maintenance Programme in 2014/2015 is | | | |

still proving to be effective in reducing flooding incidents however we have been fortunate and not experienced the same intense weather events such as those in 2012 and early 2014.

5. Continue to investigate and utilise additional sources of funding and resources to deliver schemes and improvement works to further reduce flood risk to homes, businesses and critical infrastructure throughout the City.
6. 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 the minimum; only carry out maintenance works currently on contract and no further submission of bids in relation to funding of Capital Schemes and additional maintenance works resulting in minimal costs and resources.
2. 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 be seen as unacceptable and would increase anxiety for residents and business owners. There is the expectation that works to reduce flood risk will continue attracting investment and employment into the City. Flood schemes are politically supported in Gloucester and the City Council has built up a good reputation which could be affected if works do not continue.
3. To put all maintenance works on contract, however there is not the capacity or funding to put all maintenance works on to contract and resources are focused on those areas at greatest risk.
4. The City Council could consider making funds available to fund Capital Schemes however given the current economic climate this is unlikely 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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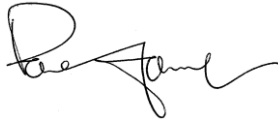
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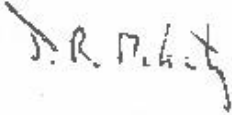
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 11 November 2015 | Item No. | 9 |
| Title | Investment at Black Dog Way | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning | | |
| Report Author | Helen Chard, Housing Strategy & Enabling Service Manager | | |
| Wards Affected | Westgate | Key Decision | Yes |

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. That the use of a contribution as, outlined in Appendix 1, be approved to enable a regeneration initiative to proceed at Black Dog Way subject to the following conditions:
 - That relevant planning permissions are obtained.
 - The application to the Homes & Communities Agency for grant funding is successful.
 - The total cost of delivering the scheme is financially viable overall.
 - All documentation securing the use of the grant for affordable housing and the retention of units supported by the grant as affordable housing being entered into; and
 - The receipt of invoices/evidence as to the actual costs incurred.
2. That authority be delegated to the a Corporate Director in consultation with the Council Solicitor to enter into a grant agreement in respect of the grant and all documentation securing the use of the grant for affordable housing and the retention of units supported by the grant as affordable housing and;
3. That authority be delegated to the Housing Strategy & Enabling Service Manager to agree variations to the contribution (should they be required following scrutiny of financial appraisals), subject to consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance & Resources, and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As the report outlines, the majority of the site has not been in use for thirteen years. The site is in close proximity to Kings Quarter and in a very visible location at entry points to the City.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

1. The site is not in the ownership of the Council although the Council Officers have sought to facilitate discussions with a number of housing providers to stimulate potential interest in the site, with a view to speeding up housing delivery.

Regrettably the challenges with the site meant that levels of serious interest were low. To date Council Officers are unaware of any other serious interest for the site.

2. The proposed 'right to buy' receipts could be used for alternative schemes. The Council has an obligation to use the receipts held within a period of 3 years or alternatively pay interest or return sums to central government. The Council had £1,303,261.78 in receipts against which it must secure housing development to the value of £4,344,205.93. So far the Council has committed £600k of receipts to Gloucester City Homes as part of the Stock Transfer however the remainder of £703,261.30 must be spent by 31st December 2017, so decisions regarding the use of these funds must be taken with these timescales in mind.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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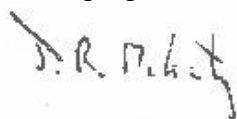
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 11 November 2015 | Item No. | 11 |
| Title | Enforced sale of 71 Nine Elms Road, GL2 0HF | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning | | |
| Report Author | Julie Wight, Private Sector Housing & Environmental Protection Team Service Manager | | |
| Wards Affected | Elmbridge | Key Decision | Yes |

DECISION:
RESOLVED:

The recommendation as laid out in the exempt report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As laid out in the exempt report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

As laid out in the exempt report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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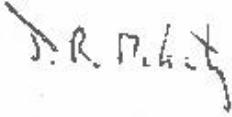
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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