



# DECISION RECORD

# Gloucester City Council

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21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

**Decision Of**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

20 July 2016

**Item No.**

6

**Title**

Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on actions to improve housing conditions in the private rented sector

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

**Report Author**

Julie Wight, Private Sector Housing & Environmental Protection Team Service Manager

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report, (and summarised in 2.2) be addressed and the opportunity be taken to action these matters at the earliest opportunity.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Cabinet is asked to accept and implement the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group as set out in Section 6 of Appendix 1 and summarised in Appendix 2.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

If the proactive work ceases in October 2016 (when the current funding for the extra member of staff in the private Sector Housing Team ends), we are likely to find that:-

- We will be unable to tackle the growing list of pending cases that require investigation
- The properties that have been improved will fall back into poor condition.
- The poorly performing Landlords that have been brought into line will revert to their previous behaviours
- Income is lost because we are unable to identify licensable HMO's
- Good landlords will be less inclined to operate in Gloucester.
- We will be unable to sustain improvement in the target areas.

Therefore, this option is not recommended.

**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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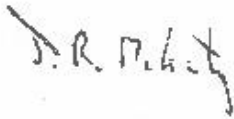
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7

**Title**

Safe & Attractive Streets Policy

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods

**Report Author**

Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

RESOLVED;

1. The "Safe & Attractive Streets" policy outlined in Appendix 1 be adopted.
2. Awareness campaigns to help tackle street nuisance and raise awareness of support for rough sleepers be used
3. That the lead Cabinet Member delegates authority to the Head of Public Protection to sign off public space protection orders (PSPO)
4. Consideration be given to exploring Making Every Adult Matter that reviews local services and can develop co-ordinated interventions that can transform lives.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

There is currently no policy in place relating to begging and how it would be dealt with.

The policy pulls together information from Gloucester City Council and partner agencies on how street related issues will be dealt with, giving clarity and consistency to future approaches.

Awareness of the public with regards to Street Link, and indeed with city council staff and Members, is currently low. To tackle rough sleeping and begging, it is essential that this service works effectively.

Closer working with Project Solace will bring consistency between the city council's strategic commitments and operational delivery in dealing with anti-social behaviour.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Alternatives to Project Solace's multi-agency model for dealing with beggars have been discounted for the following reasons:

Increased policing of the city centre – Gloucestershire Constabulary do not have sufficient resources to re-introduce a city centre policing team. Operation Crux has been re-introduced in the last few weeks and sees PCSOs patrolling the city centre at key times twice per day, but this resource is temporary. Furthermore, aggressive begging is not taking place therefore perpetrators cannot be dealt with by criminal means.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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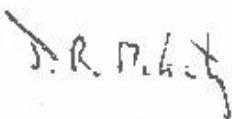
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**Title**

City Centre Investment Fund Allocations and Update

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy

**Report Author**

Anthony Hodge, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the following new projects be allocated resources:

- a) Opening of Kings Walk Bastion, £20,000
- b) Contribution towards developing the capital components of the cultural strategy, £30,000
- c) £20,000 be allocated for commissioning economic profiling of the city centre to support the delivery of the Business Improvement District and Kings Quarter.

2. That the following projects receive additional allocations:

- a) £50,000 be allocated for business support and authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration & Economic Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economy, to develop a policy that enables the Council to secure a financial return where appropriate
- b) £30,000 be allocated for the delivery of a city centre public realm masterplan
- c) Targeted Historic Grants scheme £40,000 to include £3,000 towards the refurbishment of building plaques

3. That the following be noted:

- a) The final cost of the ANPR will be met through the contingency sum
- b) The success of the relocated Gloucester Antiques Centre at 26 Westgate Street has meant that this important heritage building is now occupied and a review of

the format and location of the Tourist Information Centre will take place following the completion of the Visitor Information Strategy.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The alternatives for the allocation of the remaining money in this fund are laid out in detail within the report.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

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.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

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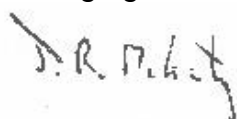
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**Title**

Council Advertising Network

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

**Report Author**

Wendy Jones, Contact Centre and Customer Services Manager

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

RESOLVED:

1. A twelve months extension of the term of the contract from October 2016 advertise via the web site through CapacityGrid be approved.
2. The contract be monitored on a regular basis with a report produced at the end of the contract with proposals for the future.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The recommendations contained within this report have been prepared to ensure Council services operate efficiently and effectively; achieving better value for money for local residents, and assisting the Council in obtaining another revenue stream while ensuring no impact on targets outlined for Budget savings.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Detailed options as laid out in the report which include:

1. Build In House
2. Using other advertising suppliers.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

None

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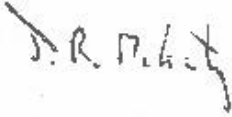
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<b>Decision Of</b>	Cabinet		
<b>Date of Decision</b>	20 July 2016	<b>Item No.</b>	10
<b>Title</b>	GCH Governance Structure & Rule Amendment		
<b>Report Of</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning		
<b>Report Author</b>	Helen Chard, Housing Strategy & Enabling Service Manager		
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All Wards	<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>DECISION:</b> RESOLVED:  That the GCH Rules as appended to this report be approved.			
<b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Meet recent changes to the Homes and Communities Agency's Regulatory Framework which places a greater emphasis on the role of board members linked to financial risk and strategic risk management. This requires a high degree of skill and higher levels of responsibility, time commitment and accountability than previously.</li><li>2. Ensure GCH's governance arrangements comply with the National Housing Federation Code of Governance, giving the right mix of skills, knowledge and experience, and selection, to allow the GCH Board to be as effective and successful as it can be in delivering the eight tenant promises and GCH's 5 strategic aims.</li><li>3. Allow the GCH board to consider Board member remuneration in the future, should it be judged necessary to recruit and retain suitably skilled and experienced board members.</li><li>4. Ensure GCH remains a strong and viable organisation; able to contribute to social cohesion and economic growth in its local communities, committed to investment in Gloucester and able to support the Council's aims.</li></ol>			
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b>  Not applicable.			
<b>OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:</b>  None			
<b>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):</b>  None			
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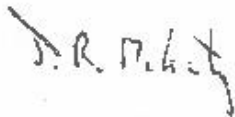
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**CALL-IN PROCEDURE**

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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