



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 5 December 2019

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

04 December 2019

Item No.

7

Title

Social Enterprise Activity

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Jennie Watkins), Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Ruth Saunders, Head of Communities

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the review of the grass cutting trial in Podsmead ward as delivered by the Stewkley Enterprise Agency be noted
- (2) it be approved that the continuation of grass cutting in Podsmead ward and note that the Head of Communities will, following the grant of a waiver of the Council's Contract Rules, in consultation with the Council's Solicitor, enter into a new services contract with by the Stewkley Enterprise Agency following engagement with stakeholders to confirm contract scope
- (3) plans to explore a further trial of the scheme in Matson & Robinswood ward and any other community which comes forward be approved
- (4) it be noted that if the Podsmead Clearance Team and Podsmead Big Local become a legal entity, the Head of Communities will consider whether to terminate the contract with Stewkley Enterprise Agency and enter into a new arrangement with the new entity (subject to the grant of waiver).

REASON FOR DECISION:

This trial has created employment and training opportunities for young people, engaged residents in taking care of their own place and created a sense of ownership for residents of Podsmead; a range of social impacts which are hard to achieve. Although there have been some challenges for the team, there is more benefit for the City in continuing the trial and seeing how it would work elsewhere, than there would be in Amey taking the work back.

Due to the gift of a ride on mower, PCT are better placed to continue maintaining the grass verges in Podsmead ward and to expand their responsibility to include larger areas of land such as Scott Avenue Open Space and Tuffley Park once they have been trained to use the machinery.

The next stage of testing the benefits of such a project is to trial it in a different area. Matson & Robinswood residents have expressed an interest in beginning a trial in March 2020 so allowing that is a sensible next step.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

This part of the grass cutting contract could be handed back to Amey but in doing so the social impact would be lost. It would also cause further confusion for residents who have engaged with the local team and see the value of this approach.

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: 12 December 2019

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Decision Maker:

Councillor Richard Cook
Leader of the Council

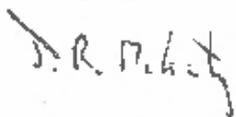
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Proper Officer:

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	04 December 2019	Item No.	8
Title	Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Policy		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Jennie Watkins)		
Report Author	Ruth Saunders, Head of Communities		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) it be noted that the engagement work carried out to create the draft Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and the involvement of key stakeholders, including pre-consultation engagement(2) the Draft Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy can go out to public consultation(3) the Rough Sleeping Action Plan be adopted.			
REASON FOR DECISION: <p>In order to ensure an effective strategy that is relevant to a wide range of stakeholders, including our residents, a thorough and well-planned consultation is essential.</p> <p>In order to satisfy the requirements of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Gloucester City Council must have an adopted Rough Sleeping Action Plan by the end of 2019 and this must feed into the Housing and Homelessness Strategy.</p>			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: <p>The current Housing and Homelessness Strategy is coming to an end and it is a statutory requirement under the Homelessness Act 2002 for us to have a Homelessness Strategy. We could consider only adopting a Homelessness strategy, but this would not</p>			

take into account the broader impact of Housing challenges across the City. For this reason, it makes sense to develop a new Housing and Homelessness Strategy for the City for the next 5 years.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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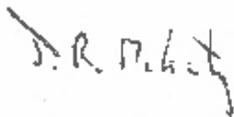
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	04 December 2019	Item No.	9
Title	Performance Monitoring Quarters 1 & 2 2019/20		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Jay Bishop, Performance and Improvement Officer		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the Quarters 1 & 2 Performance Report 2019/20 at Appendix 1 of the report be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Council is committed to embedding a culture of performance management across the organisation and this report provides Members with an overview of corporate performance during the first and second quarter of 2019/20.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

There are no alternative options.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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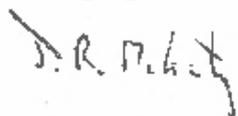
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Decision Of

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Item No.

10

Title

Money Plan 2020-25 & Budget Proposals

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)

Report Author

Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the assumptions contained in the Council's draft Money Plan from 2020/21 to 2024/25 and revisions to the draft revenue budget be approved.
- (2) the uncertainties regarding future incomes, as shown in this report and Appendix 1, and the need to update the Draft Money Plan when there is more certainty regarding Central Government financing, be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To review the Money Plan that 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 and comments on the significant financial risks facing the Council in the forthcoming years and explains what the Council is doing to reduce those risks.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council must set a balanced budget in time to start collecting Council Tax by 1st April 2020. Alternative proposals put forward for budget savings will be considered as part of this process.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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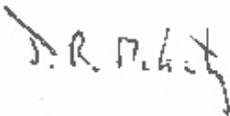
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04 December 2019

Item No.

11

Title

Financial Monitoring Quarter 2 2019/20

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)

Report Author

Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED it be noted that:

- (1) the forecast year end position is currently for a decrease to the Council's General Fund balance of £222k against a budgeted decrease of £91k.
- (2) the details of specific budgetary issues identified by officers and the actions being taken to address those issues
- (3) the current level of Capital expenditure as shown in Appendix 2 of the report.

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

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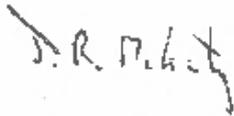
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	04 December 2019	Item No.	12
Title	Treasury Management Update Annual Report 2019/20		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management recommends that members be updated on treasury management activities regularly (TMSS, annual and midyear reports). This report covers the six months 1st April 2019 to 30th September 2019 and therefore, ensures this Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the Code.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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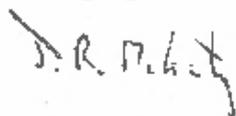
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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