

Gloucester City Council

Committee	: GLT Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cabinet Full Council
Date	: 13 th December 2012 9 th January 2012 12 th January 2012 19 th January 2012
Subject	: City Vision Final Document
Decision Type	: Executive
Ward	: All
Report By	: Cabinet Member for Communities & Neighbourhoods
No. Of Appendices	: 1. City Vision 2012-2022 2. Current list of amends for the City Vision Document
Reference No.	: SNR2012_01

Note: The special circumstances for non-compliance with Access to Information Rule 5 and Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act as amended (items not considered unless the agenda is open to inspection at least five days in advance of the meeting) were that it was necessary for the City Vision to be considered by Gloucester Partnership Strategic Board at their meeting on 12 January 2012.

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report introduces the new City Vision document for comment, consideration and adoption.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that:

2.1.1 Comments arising from Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be passed onto the Gloucester Partnership Strategic Board for consideration.

2.1.2 The Gloucester Partnership Strategic Board will make any necessary changes following comments at Overview and Scrutiny Committee and put forward the final City Vision Document for adoption by Cabinet.

2.1.3 Cabinet recommend to Council adoption of the City Vision for Gloucester.

3.0 Background

3.1 At a meeting of the Gloucester Strategic Partnership Board held in August 2010 it was agreed to produce a City Vision to replace the current Sustainable Community Strategy. All Members of the Partnership supported the need for a City Vision, and

Julian Wain, Gloucester City Council CEO, was appointed to sponsor the development of a City Vision.

- 3.2 The development of the draft City Vision was completed in April 2011, after which the Partnership conducted a 3 month period of consultation to seek comments on the identified priorities. As a key partner, the City Council, also submitted a response in July 2011.
- 3.3 The Consultation period ran from May to August 2011. Well over 1,100 detailed responses were submitted from residents, visitors & businesses. 22% of respondents were under 24 years old, 17% were from Black, Minority or Ethnic Communities (BME) and 10% had a disability.
- 3.4 A headline consultation report was produced in October 2011 and was presented to the Gloucester Partnership Strategic Board for consideration. After some deliberation the Board agreed that in response to residents' key comments the focus should be around economy and community issues. These two priority areas have formed the background of the City Vision document and fit with the Council's key aims.
- 3.5 The headline report can be downloaded from the Council website at: www.gloucester.gov.uk/cityvision
- 3.6 The City Plan is a key driver for the City Vision. The City Plan emerged from the City vision and is a Planning Policy Document for the City Council. It will provide the Planning Policy Framework to support the infrastructure changes that will shape the physical environment of the City. The City Council has sought to ensure that the City Vision and City Plan compliment and support each other.

4.0 Progress

- 4.1 The City Vision was endorsed by GLT in December 2011 and will be discussed by all Partners at a special Gloucester Partnership Strategic Board meeting on the 12th January 2012.
- 4.2 Prior to this, the City Vision will go to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9th January 2012 and Cabinet on the 12th January before being presented to Full Council on the 19th January for approval.
- 4.3 Work with Partners has already started to compile an action plan. This will sit beneath this Strategy and will be monitored and updated annually. Progress will be reported back to Full Council at the end of each financial year.
- 4.4 A launch event for the City Vision is scheduled for the 9th February 2012 at the New County Hotel.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 Following extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders the City Vision document sets out clear priorities focusing on 'Prosperity' and 'Community' which were the two main areas of feedback. The Gloucester Partnership Strategic Board will now oversee the delivery of an action plan that will focus on addressing these

priorities through extensive partnership working that will make a real difference to the residents of the City.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7.0 Legal Implications

7.1 Gloucester City Council has a statutory duty to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy for its area to promote economic, environmental and social wellbeing and improve local quality of life. This should set the overall strategic direction and long term vision for the area. Local Authorities are expected to work in partnership with others on the development and delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy through the Local Strategic Partnership. The new City Vision document will replace the previous Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2018.

8.0 Risk Management Implications *(Authors to complete) Identify all key risks (scoring 8 and above) for the recommendation including the impact and likelihood of the risk occurring and what measures will be taken to mitigate the risk.*

8.1 Delivery of the City Vision is dependent upon all partners delivering against the agreed action plan. Objectives will not be met if commitment to the City Vision wavers.

8.2 Appropriate risk management will be undertaken for each activity to be carried out by the Council as they arise.

9.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA):

Please ensure you complete this section even if a PIA is not required.

Is a PIA required?	Yes	No	Explanation: The Partnership has completed its own PIA of the City Vision and will ensure that a PIA of the associated Action Plans are completed
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Any Further Relevant Information: N/A

10.0 Other Corporate Implications (this may include Community Safety, Environmental, Staffing, Trade Union)

10.1 Implications relating to community safety and environmental issues feature within the City Vision document. There are no staffing or trade union implications.

Background Papers : City Vision Consultation Response, Council July 2011.

Published Papers : City Vision 2012-22

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