



CABINET

MEETING : Wednesday, 11th December 2013

PRESENT : Cllrs. James (Chair), Dallimore, Organ, Wood and Patel

Others in Attendance

Julian Wain, Chief Executive

Peter Gillett, Corporate Director of Resources

Martin Shields, Corporate Director of Services and Neighbourhoods

Sue Mullins, Head of Legal and Policy Development

John Topping, Finance Manager

Anthony Hughes, Democratic Services Officer

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

59. MINUTES

The minutes of the special meeting held on 11th November 2013 and the ordinary meeting held on 13th November 2013 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

60. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

Land adjacent to St James' Park – Question to the Leader of the Council

Kay Powell asked Councillor Paul James, Leader of the Council, how a Member of the Public would be aware of the intention to grant Gymnasium a lease of an area of open space land at St James' Park, Tredworth and whether the area of land in question formed part of the public advertisement to dispose of public open space at St James' Park.

The Leader of the Council commented that he did not have the full details available at this point in time and that it would be unfair to attempt to answer the question without full details at hand.

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Gymnasian

Kay Powell asked Councillor Patel, Cabinet Member for Environment whether he was related to one or more Trustees of Gymnasian.

The Monitoring Officer advised Cabinet that Councillor Patel will have had the opportunity to register any declaration of interest that he may have and it was up to Councillor Patel whether he wished to additionally declare the interest at a meeting.

Councillor Patel commented that he would be answering the question asked by Kay Powell at the last Council meeting (28 November 2013).

61. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

The Chief Executive advised Cabinet that a petition had been received in relation Eastgate Market which will be acknowledged and considered under the Council's petitions scheme.

62. UPDATE ON BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION 'HEART CITY STATUS'

Cabinet considered a Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure which updated Members on the progress made in respect of the Council's application for 'Heart City Status'.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

63. CITY COUNCIL ENERGY COSTS, CONSUMPTION AND PROJECTS MONITORING REPORT

Cabinet considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture on energy projects, costs and consumption in the Council's buildings over the year 2012/2013 and advising Members on recent trends in consumption and future projects.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the contents of the report noted.
- (2) That support be given to the continued implementation of projects to save energy in the Council's main buildings as set out in Table 1 of the report.
- (3) That further work by the Energy Action Delivery Group be supported to explore radical ways to tackle energy management within the Council's main buildings and particularly gas use; this work to include use of external expertise to advise officers and an assessment of the option to use an Energy Service Company.

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64. GLOUCESTER CITY MUSEUM - THE STORY OF GLOUCESTER - FIRST FLOOR REFURBISHMENT WORKS

Cabinet considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture relating to further proposed refurbishment works at the City Museum and Art Gallery involving a re-modeling of the first floor exhibition space and adjacent galleries.

Officers had selected a preferred design option following outline consultation with the Museum's existing audience. Option 1 appeared to fully meet the project brief and will enable a dynamic and invigorating space to be created that completes the story of Gloucester.

The report presented for approval the concept design options and cost plan and recommended submitting in Spring 2014 a Round 1 Heritage Lottery Fund Heritage Grant Application.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to proceed with the Project based on the preferred concept design option 1 and the associated cost plan.

65. ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

Cabinet considered a Report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture on progress during 2013 in implementing the Asset Management Strategy since four years from its launch.

RESOLVED

That the Asset Management Priorities for 2014 outlined in the report be approved and adopted.

66. MARKETING GLOUCESTER

Cabinet considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Culture updating Members on the plans to relocate Marketing Gloucester Ltd (MGL) with the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) as part of a wider review of marketing the city to residents and visitors.

The report had also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 2nd December 2013.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

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67. DRAFT MONEY PLAN 2014-19 AND BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION 2014/15

Cabinet considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources reviewing the Council's Draft Money Plan for recommendation to the Council, which will also be used as the framework for the Council's 2014/15 budget consultation process.

RESOLVED

- (1) That approval be given to the assumptions contained in the report for the Council's Draft Money Plan from 2014/15 to 2018/19 and revisions to the current year's revenue budget, which will be used as the basis to inform the 2014/15 budget.
- (2) That Council be **RECOMMENDED** to approve the implementation of the target budget reductions set in the Money Plan 2014-19.
- (3) That Cabinet notes that consultation will be undertaken on budget savings proposals to achieve the exceptional level of further savings required specifically in **2014/15** and **2015/16**, with full proposals being made to Cabinet on 5th February 2014 for recommendation to the Council (budget) meeting on 27th February 2014.
- (4) That uncertainties regarding future incomes, as shown in the Report and appendix 1 be noted, and the need to update the Draft Money Plan when there is more certainty regarding central government financing.

Time of commencement: 18:00 hours
Time of conclusion: 18:50 hours

Chair