



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 8 December 16

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

07 December 2016

Item No.

6

Title

Draft Budget Proposals (including Money Plan and Capital Programme)

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

Report Author

Jon Topping, Head of Finance

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. That the assumptions contained in the Council's draft Money Plan from 2017/18 to 2021/22 and revisions to the draft revenue budget be approved.
2. That 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:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council must set a budget in time to start collecting Council tax by 1st April 2017. . 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

SCRUTINY (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):

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Councillor Paul James

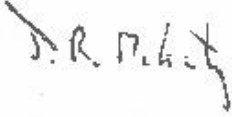
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 07 December 2016 | Item No. | 8 |
| Title | Treasury Management Update Quarter 1 Report 2016/17 | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources | | |
| Report Author | Jon Topping, Head of Finance | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | Key Decision | No |

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted

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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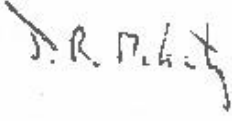
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 07 December 2016 | Item No. | 9 |
| Title | Financial Monitoring Quarter 2 Report | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources | | |
| Report Author | Jon Topping, Head of Finance | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | Key Decision | No |

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. The savings achieved in year to date total £366k with a further £363k in progress.
2. The forecast year end position is currently for a reduction to the Council's General Fund balance of £132k, an improvement of £125k since Quarter 1.
3. The deficit position includes a proposed transfer to the Business Rates Reserve of £100k
4. The actual and expected levels of income for the Council shown at Appendix 3.
5. The details of specific budgetary issues identified by officers and the actions being taken to address those issues
6. The current level of Capital expenditure as shown on Appendix 2.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not applicable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

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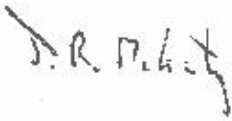
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 07 December 2016 | Item No. | 10 |
| Title | Risk Based Verification Policy Review | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources | | |
| Report Author | Jon Topping, Head of Finance | | |
| Wards Affected | All Wards | Key Decision | No |

DECISION:
RESOLVED

1. The reviewed Risk Based Verification Policy for verifying Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claims as outlined in Appendix 1 be approved.
2. Implementation of the Risk Based Verification Policy in March 2014 by the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources under delegated powers be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:
The policy must be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains to comply in line with DWP guidance and creates the best experience for our Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support customers.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:
Not applicable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:
None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):
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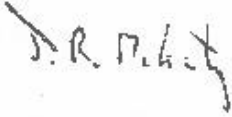
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| Decision Of | Cabinet | | |
| Date of Decision | 07 December 2016 | Item No. | 11 |
| Title | Bakers Quay | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy | | |
| Report Author | Anthony Hodge, Head of Regeneration and Economy | | |
| Wards Affected | Westgate | Key Decision | No |

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. A regeneration enabling loan facility, as detailed in the confidential appendix, that is compliant with Market Economy Investor Principles, be made available through the Regeneration Reserve to Rokeby Merchant for the purposes of contributing towards the delivery of Phase 1 of the Bakers Quay scheme, repayable no later than 24 months after the final payment.
2. Payments to the developer be made on a staged basis to reflect private sector investment and activity on the ground.
3. The Head of Finance, in consultation with the Head of Regeneration and Economy and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economy, be delegated authority to agree final loan terms with Rokeby Merchant, along the lines set out in the confidential appendix, and subject to his satisfaction that all necessary due diligence to minimise risk to the Council's investment has been completed.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The proposed recommendations will enable the City Council to unlock this scheme, drawing in the investment, jobs and other financial inputs including additional non-domestic rates and new homes bonus.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The following alternative option was considered by the project team and subsequently discounted:

Do nothing: the City Council could leave the developer to secure the necessary funding. This would remove any risk from the council becoming a part of the delivery of this scheme. This was not deemed appropriate for reasons set out in the confidential appendix.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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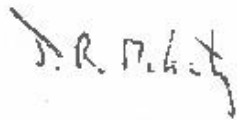
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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

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| Title | Local Council Tax Support | | | |
| Report Of | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources | | | |
| Report Author | Jon Topping, Head of Finance | | | |
| Wards Affected | All | Key Decision | No | |
| <p>DECISION: RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current Local Council Tax Support scheme be reviewed and considered to be brought in line with recent welfare reforms and changes to Housing Benefit legislation. (Appendix 1 and 2). 2. That the recommendations relating to limiting the support for families to two children for new claims and births after 1st April 2017, (mirroring the changes to Tax Credits) so that any subsequent children born after April 2017 will not be eligible for further support, be adopted into the Local Council Tax Support scheme from 1st April 2017. This is alongside changes to Housing Benefit legislation. | | | | |
| <p>REASON FOR DECISION: Bringing the Local Council Tax Support scheme in line with reforms to Housing Benefit and Universal Credit helps to simplify the system; staying up to date with the governments work incentives, alongside making it fairer and more sustainable for the claimant and the council.</p> <p>This in turn will help prepare the council and the claimants of Council tax Support for potential further welfare cuts and reforms without the need to make significant changes to the scheme in future years in order to make necessary savings.</p> <p>Simplified administration processes and streamlined procedures will ensure the customer experience is enhanced and waiting times for the administration of LCTS are kept to a minimum.</p> <p>Regarding administration and streamlined processes for our contractors, staying in line with the government's welfare changes ensures a minimal impact on the speed of processing claims due to maximising simplicity</p> | | | | |

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

We have consulted on multiple potential changes to the LCTS scheme (**Appendix 3**) and the responses to the consultation (**Appendix 4**) have shown strong support for the changes proposed in this report.

The council consulted on implementing changes which would affect all working age claimants of LCTS as many local authorities have introduced more significant reductions due to the need to make savings (**Appendix 3**). The council does not propose to make changes to working age claimants unnecessarily. We propose that with these changes the impact on the claimant will be reduced and be implemented steadily in line with housing benefit.

Our neighbouring districts' plans have been considered whilst drafting this report, with Cotswold consulting on very similar proposals to us.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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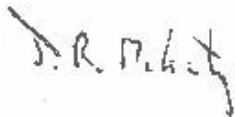
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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