



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 12th January 17

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2017	Item No.	7
Title	Proposal for a Gloucester Business Growth Grant scheme		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy		
Report Author	Peter J Smith, Regeneration and Economic Development Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A Gloucester Business Growth Grant Scheme be established as set out in the report.2. The Scheme Criteria set out in the report be approved3. £51,685 from the City Centre Investment Fund, together with remaining monies from historic DCLG funding and unallocated income from the Broadband Voucher scheme be allocated to fund the scheme.4. Authority be delegated to the Regeneration and Economic Development Manager, in consultation with the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development, to make decisions on the award of Business Growth Grants based on assessment against the agreed scheme criteria.			
REASON FOR DECISION: To develop a Business Growth Grant scheme to support business start-up and growth in the City.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: Not applicable.			
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: 18 January 17			
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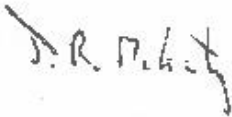
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2017	Item No.	8
Title	Final phase of public realm works within Gloucester Docks		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy		
Report Author	Mark Dix, Surveyor and Valuer		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:
RESOLVE:

That the City Council commit a maximum spend of £600k to the completion of the final public realm phase of Gloucester Docks.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The proposal addresses the requirement and the City Council's contractual obligation to complete the public realm works within this sector of the docks.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The City Council is under a contractual obligation to complete the outstanding public realm works within a timeframe and to a similar standard as the previous phases, this follows the agreement for the sale of 27 and 29 Commercial Road to Ladybellgate Estates Limited. The City Council also agreed to complete the public realm as part of the agreement with the South West Regional Development Agency relating to the transfer of various assets to the City Council.

It may be possible to pare down the quality and hence spend on the public realm works, however this will impact upon the attractiveness of the location and general area, and will not fulfil the aspirations of the project as a whole.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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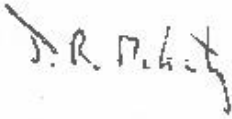
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2017	Item No.	9
Title	Fixed Penalty Fines for Fly Tipping Offences		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Wayne Best, Environmental Protection Service Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalties) Regulations 2016 which came into force on 9th May 2016 be noted.2. The penalty charge for Unauthorised Deposit of Waste (Fixed Penalty Notices) be set at £400 (four hundred pounds) reduced to £300 (three hundred pounds), if paid within 10 days.3. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (as amended) to make appropriate arrangements for the issuing of fixed penalty notices for the unauthorised deposit of waste.4. Officers be supported in investigating and utilising additional resources and new technology (mobile CCTV) to reduce incidents of fly tipping across the City.5. The growing importance of partnership working (including County wide), information sharing, education and tougher enforcement to deal with the growing issue of fly tipping be recognised.6. Quarterly updates on the progress and effectiveness of the policy be received by the relevant Cabinet Member.7. A further report, evaluating the effectiveness and impact of the policy be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 12 months.			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
To reduce the number of reported fly tipping incidents across the City and County and thus reducing the overall associated costs/resources of dealing with fly tipping.			
To work more closely with existing partners and seek out new stakeholders who can assist with reducing the number of fly tip incidents and deal with organised crime.			

One of the City Plan's objectives is a Greener Gloucester, and to "Produce a Cleaner/Greener (Enforcement) strategy for the City" which the increase in FPN's will form part of.

To continue to investigate and utilise additional sources of funding and resources to deliver improvements by reducing fly tipping incidents across the City.

To investigate improving the effectiveness of our resources with the aid of new technology, better signposting and assisting communities with taking ownership of the problem.

Issuing increased FPN fines for smaller fly tipping incidents will be less resource intensive for the authority than taking a prosecution, look to focus minds and will free up valuable court time for more serious offences. Those FPN's which are not paid in full will be followed up by prosecution.

The local authority is also likely to come under increasing pressure to introduce fines for FPN's given the number of reported fly tipped incidents within the city.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Do nothing; it is likely that the situation would become worse resulting in increasing numbers of reported incidents of fly tipping and an increase in associated costs to investigate, remove and dispose of fly tipped waste.

Doing the minimum; introducing the minimum fine of £150 is also anticipated to result in high or increasing levels of fly tipping. There is also an expectation by residents and businesses that the City Council will reduce the number of fly tipping incidents and take robust action against those responsible.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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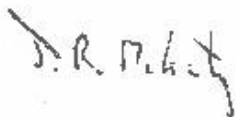
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2017	Item No.	10
Title	Proposal to Introduce a Replacement Waste Container Charging Policy		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Lloyd Griffiths, Head of Neighbourhood Services		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. The Draft Replacement Waste Container Charging Policy included at Appendix 3 be approved for introduction on 1st April 2017;
2. To levy a charge of £40 per black or green wheeled bin where a replacement with delivery is required and a charge of £30 where delivery is not required, to commence on 1st April 2017;
3. The said charges be annually reviewed as part of the Fees & Charges Review Process.
4. Requirement for residents to obtain a police crime number to qualify for a replacement waste container without charge be removed from the policy.
5. Residents be required to complete a short web based form, or via an alternate method if appropriate, to prove the theft or loss of their assigned waste container.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Reasons for Recommendations

1. Introducing a charge for replacement containers will enable the Council to significantly reduce its annual spend on containers.
2. Introducing the new policy will encourage residents to look after and use their waste containers more responsibly.
3. Encouraging residents to manage their waste containers more responsibly will have a positive impact on the street scene.
4. Introducing a lesser charge for those residents who wish to collect their container

directly from the Eastern Avenue Depot will release contractor resource that is currently deployed on delivering containers, thus allowing us to redeploy this resource or manage it as a financial saving.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

1. **No Charge:** With the City forecast to grow by over 4000 residential units through to 2022, continuing to finance the provision of all replacement wheeled bins will result in an increase in costs at a time when the Council is looking to make savings in respect of the contract.
2. **Introduce Replacement Charge for Recycling Containers (inc. Food Caddies):** As outlined within this report at para 3.9, it is not considered prudent to levy a charge for replacement recycling containers when we are actively encouraging our residents to recycle more through the ongoing Waste Reduction Project and the implementation of an enhanced recycling service.
3. **Levying a charge on Developers for New Bins:** With an estimated 3000 first time waste containers provided to new build or newly converted residential units during 2015, this forms a considerable amount of the £100,000 spent annually on bins & boxes. Although an increasing number of Councils are levying charges on developers to cover the costs of containers through existing development plan policies or supplementary planning guidance, it is emerging that requiring such contributions via these routes does not meet the statutory tests of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended). The available option would be to simply levy a charge against a developer and notify them at the pre-application stage. Payment would be entirely voluntary and agreement would be required prior to commencement of development. Where agreement cannot be achieved with a developer the charge would instead be levied on the new occupiers of the development in question in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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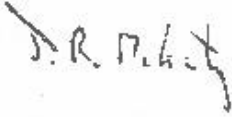
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2017	Item No.	11
Title	Garden Waste Collection Service - Review of Charges		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Lloyd Griffiths, Head of Neighbourhood Services		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A fixed annual charge of £42.00 per bin be introduced for membership of the Garden Waste Collection Service in 2017/2018, with a concessionary charge of £24.00, and2. A fixed annual charge of £44.00 per bin be introduced for the 2018/2019 membership period, with a concessionary charge of £26.00.			
REASON FOR DECISION: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cease Operating the Service during Winter Months – There are a number of Council's who reduce the frequency of collections or in some cases suspend their service during the winter months. This presents an opportunity to operate with fewer or no trucks during this period. Such an arrangement has been considered previously by officers but would not deliver savings as the resource in place to deliver the service during the winter months is contractual provided and the financial risks associated with removing this resource would lie with the Council.2. Retain Current Membership Fee of £36 but remove Concessionary Charge – Implementing such a change would not generate the levels of additional income required to meet the Council's budget and provision of a concessionary charge to support those residents who require financial support is deemed important.3. Introduce Direct Debit Sign Up Only – With channel shift an emerging priority for the Council and work already underway to try and streamline how the service is administered then it is essential we encourage as many customers as possible to sign up or renew by direct debit. Implementing such a change at this time would prove challenging due to other IT works underway across the Council and consideration to be given to its implementation during 2018.4. Offer 3 Year Sign Up (2017/2018 Season) for £100 – With further savings to be made moving forward, such an offer may be considered more useful to market in 2018/2019 and beyond in order to generate additional income in advance without the need for further price increases.			

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

1. Since the introduction of a charge in April 2011 no increase has been applied. Many chargeable services the Council provide have seen year on year increases in order to generate additional income that will support the Councils savings plan.
2. The service is non-statutory and the proposed charge continues to provide a service that represents value for money.
3. The Council is required to make a significant amount of savings in 2017/2018 and increasing the charge will assist the Council in off-setting the cost of its biggest single contract from within which it is delivered, the Streetcare Contract.
4. If membership numbers continue to rise in excess of 20,000, additional resource to provide the service will need to be employed. Additional resource (i.e. 1 x Refuse Collection Vehicle, 1 x Driver and 2 x Loader) would be for the Council to fund in accordance with the terms of its Streetcare Contract and an increase in fees would offset this financial impact.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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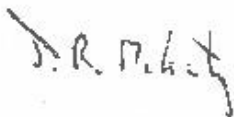
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2017	Item No.	13
Title	Regeneration at Kings Quarter/Kings Walk		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy		
Report Author	Philip Ardley, Asset Management Consultant		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

Recommendations as laid out in the exempt report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As laid out in the exempt report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

As laid out in the exempt report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

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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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