



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 09th February 17

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

08 February 2017

Item No.

9

Title

Blackfriars Site now occupied by Barbican Car Parks

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy

Report Author

Anthony Hodge, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development

Wards Affected

Westgate

Key Decision

Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. Authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economy) to dispose of the freehold interest in that part of the Blackfriars site shown edged red on the plan (but excluding the area hatched) for the best consideration reasonably obtainable (as confirmed by an external specialist valuer) to allow the construction of phase one of the student accommodation.
2. Authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economy to decide on the best use of phase two including if appropriate to agree the terms of an option agreement to allow the future disposal of the remainder of the Blackfriars site (shown on the attached plan as the hatched area).
3. Authority be delegated to the Property Manager to agree terms with the developer of Phases 1 and 2 over the temporary use of the entire site during phase one of the development and the return of undeveloped area so it may be used as a car park by the Council during the term of the option.
4. Authority be delegated to the Property Manager to agree the terms of any ancillary documents the Council Solicitor (following consultation with the Property Manager) considers necessary or desirable to enable the transaction to proceed.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The proposals represent a good opportunity to maximise the return from the disposal of this land. It will bring the land into beneficial use, and consolidate the links with the City Centre and the Docks; the first phase would house nearly 300 students which would help to strengthen the local economy with the potential for bringing more students in phase 2. In the meantime it will continue to provide the City with a car park with temporary parking for 80-90 vehicles.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The site has been under used for years. A considerable sum from the LEP has now been invested in the site to make it developable. The LDO will hopefully be in place shortly and we could take it to the open market. However, the opportunity that has arisen is to satisfy the immediate demand for student accommodation. The developer is working with the University and unless we take advantage of the opportunity it may be lost. Student accommodation is recognised as producing the highest land values in this type of location.

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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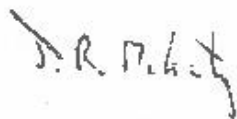
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Decision Maker:

Councillor Paul James
Leader of the Council

**Date:** 08 February 2017**Proper Officer:**

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

**Date:** 08 February 2017



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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	08 February 2017	Item No.	10
Title	Westgate Leisure Area		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment		
Report Author	Meyrick Brentnall, Neighbourhood Services Manager		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Responsibility be delegated to the Corporate Director to prepare the opportunity document referred to in the report to test market interest in Westgate Park.2. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director in Consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Leader of the Council to grant a lease(s) with a potential partner(s) in order to further develop Westgate Park.			
REASON FOR DECISION: Do nothing. Westgate Park could carry on as existing, providing low key amenity benefit for casual visitors. . Wholesale disposal. The value of the site could be realised and the site sold off in its entirety. Given the constraints the actual capital receipt may be modest and there would be significant statutory hurdles to such a proposal given its use as public open space. Procurement exercise. Consideration was given to a undertaking a procurement exercise to find a contractor to develop the site and run whichever facilities were provided. Procurements involving land are complex and are often subject to the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The Council's aims for Westgate Park can still be achieved by undertaking a land deal.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: It is considered that the site has some interesting opportunities. It is 9 ha area of open space predominately to grass with some interesting trees and vegetation. There is a modest lake/pond in the southern part of the site. There is a surfaced car park accessed of the A417, there is also restricted managed access through the St Oswald site. There is a Victorian pumping station building adjacent the viaduct (not subject to listing). The new community of St Oswald's is currently being developed to the immediate east of the northern part of the site which will bring new clientele in to the park. Given the above it considered that site has real potential for a leisure related use that could bring modest income/savings to the local authority and regenerate what is currently an overlooked			

and tired looking area of open space.

The recommendation allows officers to gauge market interest in the site and to see if there is a real desire to develop something that would benefit residents of and visitors to Gloucester.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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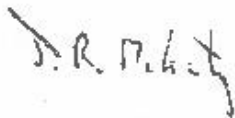
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	08 February 2017	Item No.	11
Title	Festivals and Events 2017/18 and update on progress 2016/17		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure		
Report Author	Jonathan Lund, Corporate Director		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: 1. The 2017/18 programme of Council funded and supported events as set out in Section 3 of the report be approved. 2. The criteria set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report are still relevant and should continue to form the basis of any strategic decision making when planning future events and festivals.			
REASON FOR DECISION: The events set out in paragraphs 3.31 to 3.51 are planned to span the majority of 2017/18 to ensure that the City is animated through the year. This will, in turn, increase visitor numbers and spend into the City whilst also being attractive to our residents. The proposed events set out in Section 3 will also be complementary to those being created or staged by our partners to ensure that we have a diverse annual events programme. Cabinet considered a report in March 2010 proposing that a more strategic approach should be taken to supporting festivals in future years. The following approach was proposed which is still relevant for 2017 onwards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A strong Christmas offering• At least one, ideally more, large scale 'signature'/brand building events• Events that bring many visitors into the City from a wide catchment area• A cycle of major events (not the same one each year)• Events that celebrate and bring life to Gloucester's rich history• A broad range of events appealing to all communities• Events that foster civic pride in Gloucester			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The report assesses the impact of the 2016/17 City Events Programme and proposes a			

Programme for 2017/18 which ensures a continuous series of activities throughout the year. Councillors may wish to consider whether support should be withdrawn from the events with least impact and whether successful existing events should receive further support, whether a contingency fund should be established or whether new events should be commissioned for the year ahead.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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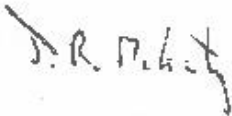
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	08 February 2017	Item No.	12
Title	Growing Gloucester's Visitor Economy Action Plan Annual Update 2016		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure		
Report Author	Lucy Chilton, Visitor Service Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The achievements made in delivering the Growing Gloucester's Visitor Economy Action Plan be noted;2. The activities planned by various partners be recognised as contributing to the 'Growing Gloucester Visitor Economy' aims and objectives;3. The Action Plan be further reviewed and updated on an annual basis, to reflect the actions achieved and to identify and agree future actions.			
REASON FOR DECISION: <p>2016 has been a positive year for Gloucester in terms of its visitor economy and its cultural development.</p> <p>The appointment of the Gloucester Culture Board and the first steps towards the establishment of a broad-ranging Gloucester Culture Trust to help put culture at the heart of the city will only drive Gloucester's growing visitor economy. In addition the Board is leading the submission of a Great Place bid for funding from Arts Council England, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England. If successful the bid will bring £1.5m in funding towards an ambitious £3m three-year project to maximise the potential of Arts, Culture and Heritage to make Gloucester a Great Place.</p> <p>The Summer of Music Arts and Culture (SoMAC) was a focal point in pulling together a coordinated programme of events to drive footfall into the city, therefore increasing visitor numbers and spend.</p> <p>The update provides an opportunity to reflect on the impact of the actions and the achievements made by all parties involved but also to make note of the areas which may not have performed so highly in 2016. Factors that have had an impact on the speed of delivery of elements of the strategy include the scale and scope of SoMAC in 2016, the focus on adopting the Cultural Strategy and establishing the Board and the</p>			

requisitioning of key officers to assist with the Together Gloucester project

It's important to acknowledge all partners involved in the delivery of the Action Plan and to encourage all stakeholders and interested parties to think about the role in which they play in delivering the Action Plan. It's about thinking about what can be done collectively and in partnership to achieve this vision for tourism in Gloucester and ensuring that adequate resources are allocated.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Visitor Economy Strategy has previously been adopted and so the Action Plan reflects the priorities set within in. Alternative options were considered during the strategy development stage, subsequently activity has been focussed on achieving the approved strategic objectives and alternative options have not been pursued.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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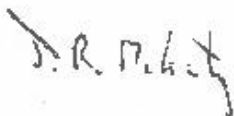
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Item No.

13

Title

Gloucester Public Realm Strategy 2017 - Public Consultation Draft

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

Report Author

Anthony Wilson, Head of Planning

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:**RESOLVED:**

That the 'Gloucester Public Realm Strategy 2016 - Public Consultation Draft' be approved for a six week period of public consultation.

REASON FOR DECISION:

A resolution is requested to allow the Public Realm Strategy to go out for a period of public consultation. The document will be used to support the regeneration of the city centre and will form part of the evidence base for the City Plan in due course. A further report will be submitted for the documents to be recommended for adoption as Supplementary Planning Documents, this will enable these to be used in the Development Management process to ensure schemes are of a high quality and preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the historic environment.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Failure to recommend these documents for public consultation would result in the City Council not providing a positive and pro-active approach to regeneration within City. This positive approach is also recommended with the National Planning Policy Framework and would also form part of the evidence base for the forthcoming City Plan. The work will also feed into the City Plan development control policies.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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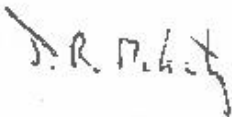
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14

Title

Risk Management Policy Statement and Strategy 2017-2020

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

Report Author

Theresa Mortimer

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. The Risk Management Policy Statement and Strategy 2017 – 2020 be endorsed; and
2. The Strategy, be disseminated to managers in accordance with a Communications Plan, to reaffirm the Council's risk management objectives.

REASON FOR DECISION:

In addition to the statutory requirements and codes of good practice as noted within paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2, the Council has responded to the above by incorporating these requirements into the Council's Constitution, specifically within Part 3 which defines the members / officers responsibilities in relation to risk management and also within Financial Regulations - Audit and the Control of Resources.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

National Context

Unprecedented challenges for those tasked with delivering public services continue. Significant budgetary pressures continue to have an effect on all major services, at the same time demographic changes and an increased demand for services compound these pressures.

Allied to this, is the increasing focus on alternative service delivery models which has seen more public services being delivered by, or in partnership with, other public sector bodies, charities, communities or private sector organisations. The continuing shift in the structure of service provision creates real challenges and an increasingly complex matrix of competing risks and opportunities.

Local Context

With reference to the above and taking into account the overall future strategic direction

of the Council, its structure and its services, it is deemed an appropriate time to refresh and reaffirm our Risk Management Policy Statement and Strategy, to ensure that the Council's risk and assurance framework continues to build on our existing successes which reflects national good practice and standards. This should enable the Council to effectively manage the potential opportunities and threats, thus improving service delivery to our communities and enabling individuals to play a more active role in improving their lives. Therefore, no other options were considered.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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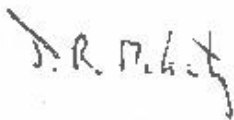
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	08 February 2017	Item No.	15
Title	Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement and Strategy (including the Anti Bribery Policy and Anti Money Laundering Policy) 2017-2019 and the Confidential Reporting Procedure (Whistleblowing Policy).		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources		
Report Author	Theresa Mortimer		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement and Strategy, the Anti Bribery Policy, Anti Money Laundering Policy 2017-2019 and the Confidential Reporting Procedure (Whistleblowing) be endorsed; and2. The strategy and policies be disseminated to managers in accordance with a Communications Plan, to reaffirm the Council's anti-fraud culture and objectives.			
REASON FOR DECISION: In addition to the statutory requirements and codes of good practice as noted within paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, the Council has responded to the above by incorporating these requirements into the Council's Constitution, specifically within Financial Regulations - Audit and the Control of Resources, with the Head of Finance being responsible for the development and maintenance of an anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy. In addition, the Statutory Officers namely, The Chief Executive, The Head of Finance and the Monitoring Officer, review all irregularities and cases on a regular basis and External Audit annually assesses the effectiveness of the Council's anti fraud and corruption arrangements.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: In order to further enhance our current arrangements, Internal Audit is proposing the attached revised Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement and Strategy, Anti Bribery Policy, Anti Money Laundering Policy 2017 - 2019 and Confidential Reporting Procedure (Whistleblowing), which has been developed in line with revised national public sector codes of practice. Once approved, the strategy and policies will be promoted via a communications plan, to raise awareness and help us to further reduce the risk of fraud within GCC. No other options were considered.			

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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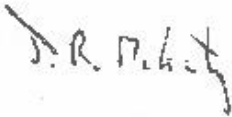
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DECISION RECORD

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	08 February 2017	Item No.	8
Title	Blackfriars and Quayside development sites Equalisation Agreement		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy		
Report Author	Mark Foyn, Acting Asset Manager		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED:

1. Authority be delegated to the Property Manager in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economy, to agree terms for an equalisation agreement between the Councils.
2. Authority be delegated to the Property Manager to agree any ancillary documentation that the City Council's Solicitor considers necessary or desirable to enable the transaction to proceed.
3. The proceeds be distributed on the basis of the percentage of the area that each authority's site bears to the total area of the combined sites. This has been calculated at 43.45% for the City Council and 56.55% for Gloucestershire County Council. However, this figure may change if either party adjusts the site areas available for development.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The proposals represent a simple and easily understood means of distributing the proceeds from the site; although in terms of area the City has the smaller share they would get a share in the County Council's larger site.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The party's sites are clearly in separate distinct areas each in a single ownership the parties could simply keep the receipts from their own site and continue without an agreement. However, it has to be remembered that the sale of the City's site for Student accommodation is currently only a proposal. The development for student accommodation would mean that there is little interdependency between the Quayside and Blackfriars sites, but if this does not proceed depending on the nature of the development both sites could be purchased and developed together with linked uses. In which case an equalisation agreement would be required.

The equalisation could be calculated on a different basis; a division of the proceeds based on area is very simple to calculate but does not reflect the market value of each party's interest. The value can only be truly determined when a developer brings forward a scheme, it is a reflection of the particular viability of the proposed development, which is product of the commercial value of the completed scheme less any development costs. The receipts could be held in a development account and distributed on the basis of their respective values.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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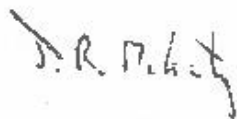
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RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

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Decision Of	Cabinet			
Date of Decision	08 February 2017	Item No.	7	
Title	Money Plan 2017-22 & Budget Proposals 2017/18			
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources			
Report Author	Jon Topping, Head of Finance			
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No	
DECISION: RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:				
4. That the proposals for the 2017/18 budget included in this report be approved.				
5. That the implementation of the target budget reductions set in the Money plan 2017/2022 be approved.				
6. That it be noted that consultation has been undertaken on budget savings proposals to achieve the level of savings required in 2017/18.				
REASON FOR DECISION: Not applicable.				
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: The Council must set a budget in time to start collecting Council tax by 1 st April 2016. Alternative proposals put forward for budget savings will be considered as part of this process.				
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None				
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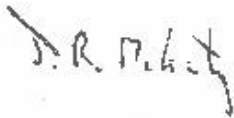
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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