



CABINET

MEETING : Wednesday, 11th October 2017

PRESENT : Cllrs. James (Chair), Noakes, D. Norman and Organ

Others in Attendance

Cllrs

Jon McGinty, Managing Director

Jonathan Lund, Corporate Director

Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director

Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources

Lloyd Griffiths

Meyrick Brentnall, Environmental Planning Manager

Adam Gooch, Principal Planning Officer

Shirin Wotherspoon, Solicitor

David Rice, Democratic Services and Elections Officer

APOLOGIES : Cllrs. Watkins and Cook

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

41. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

42. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

43. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

There were no petitions or deputations.

44. LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

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In response to a query from Councillor Hilton as to when Public Space Protection Orders would be considered by the Cabinet, the Head of Communities explained that the legislative implications were still being established with the intention of bringing the matter to Cabinet in by January 2017 and reassured Councillor Hilton that he would be kept informed of progress.

Councillor Hilton pointed out that the report in Agenda item 7 (Improved Waste Collection Service) referred to narrow streets in five wards without naming the streets and asked if the relevant City and County Council Members would be advised of which streets were concerned. The City Improvement and Environment Manager confirmed that this information would be made available before implementation of the plan.

Councillor Hilton drew Members' attention to the appendix of Agenda item 7 (Improved Waste Collection Service Public Consultation) which indicated that residents had requested parking permit schemes and asked that City and County Council Members be informed of such requests in their wards. The City Improvement and Environment Manager confirmed that Members would be informed of any such requests

In relation to Agenda item 9 (Accommodation Review / Disposal of HKP Warehouses) Councillor Hilton sought clarification on how much space the organisation needed to occupy in future either in the warehouses or the Shire Hall. The Managing Director estimated that the smallest of the three warehouses would be sufficient, including a public reception area, should the option of remaining in the warehouses be taken. He explained that in the case of a move to the Shire Hall a definitive answer could not be provided at present because individual services were currently exploring different ways of working such as 'hot-desking'.

In response to Councillor Hilton's query regarding analysis of vacant positions following the recent organisational restructure, the Corporate Director (Anne Brinkhoff) assured Members that information would be made available once Gloucestershire County Council had provided the establishment list.

45. IMPROVED WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment that informed Members of the review of the residual waste service and the necessary changes required to alleviate the operational problems associated with narrow access issues and terraced properties without storage for waste containers.

RESOLVED that the implementation of a weekly bag collection be approved, using an animal proof sack for 2000 properties where there is no storage for waste, replacing the current purple bag service and expanding the service into all narrow access roads where collections have been problematic because of parked vehicles.

46. BETTER BUSINESS FOR ALL INITIATIVE (REGULATORY ADVICE)

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods presented by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy

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which detailed participation in a 'Better Business for All' (BBfA) initiative focussing on regulatory advice in partnership with other regulators across Gloucestershire that support local businesses.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning commented that businesses would welcome the initiative and commended the report.

RESOLVED that:

1. The City Council participates in the Gloucestershire 'Better Business for All' (Regulatory Advice) Partnership.
2. Authority be delegated to the Head of Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Neighbourhoods, the Section 151 Officer and the Council Solicitor to approve the fees and charges in respect of the advice & support packages to be provided by the City Council as set out in the report and to enter into any necessary documentation to implement resolution (1) above.

47. ACCOMMODATION REVIEW / DISPOSAL OF HKP WAREHOUSES

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources which sought authority to market for sale the Council's long-term leases in Herbert, Kimberley and Philpott Warehouses at Gloucester Docks.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy commented that the option to stimulate regeneration by occupying space within the King's Quarter redevelopment scheme remained open.

RESOLVED that:

1. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Economy and for Performance and Resources, the Solicitor to the Council and the Section 151 Officer, to market the disposal of the Council's interest in the leases for the HKP Warehouses and to take all steps necessary to facilitate the disposal, including entering into discussions with third parties for possible changes of use of and alterations to the properties and expenditure on sales packs
2. The Corporate Director to report back to Cabinet following the marketing exercise for Cabinet to determine the future ownership of HKP Warehouses.

48. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning which sought adoption of the Gloucester Local Development Scheme with revised timetabling in respect of both the Joint Core Strategy and the Gloucester City Plan.

RESOLVED that the revised Gloucester Local Development Scheme be adopted with immediate effect.

Time of commencement: 4.00 pm

Time of conclusion: 4.20 pm

Chair