



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date

13.4.2018

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

11 April 2018

Item No.

7

Title

Robinswood Hill Visitor Centre

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

Report Author

Meyrick Brentnall, City Improvement and Environment Manager

Wards Affected

Matson and Robinswood

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) £200,000 be allocated to help fund a visitor centre at Robinswood Hill;
- (2) Gloucester City Council enters into appropriate funding and legal agreements with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to deliver the scheme on terms agreed by the Head of Place.

REASON FOR DECISION:

We are currently looking at what is probably a once in a lifetime chance to deliver a visitor centre up at Robinswood Hill. This has long been proposed and initially it was hoped that lottery and other funding could help deliver this. This has sadly proved impossible. However, it is considered reasonable to fund the project and thus enable a major new visitor asset to be built in the City.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Do nothing i.e. not funding the proposal. In this scenario GWT will go ahead and build its new headquarters hopefully on the existing site but this is not guaranteed. The City of course would lose an important tourism attraction and community asset.

We could opt to go it alone and build our own visitor centre. No detail costs have been done on this but as an indication it cost £150,000 just to convert the existing ranger centre to office and equipment shed. A standalone visitor centre will be significantly more. Importantly we would then have to staff and look after it which would be a clear revenue cost.

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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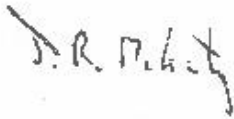
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8

Title

City Centre Action Plan Review

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy

Report Author

David Evans, City Growth and Delivery Manager

Wards Affected

Westgate

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) progress with delivery of the City Centre Action Plan as set out in the report be noted
- (2) the proposal for a refresh to the City Centre Action Plan be approved

REASON FOR DECISION:

To provide Members with an annual update of progress with delivery of the City Centre Action Plan 2016 - 2019.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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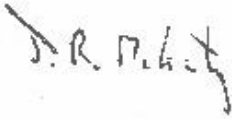
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Title

Local Government Association Corporate Peer Challenge

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy

Report Author

Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The feedback report of the Corporate Peer Challenge be welcomed
- (2) The feedback report be shared with members, officers and partners who were involved in the peer challenge and be made available to the public via the council's website
- (3) The Council's response to the recommendations in the feedback report be approved

REASON FOR DECISION:

The findings of the peer challenge team are very welcome. The highlight what we recognise as strengths and will help us to make further improvements. For reasons of openness and transparency we are keen to share the report and presentation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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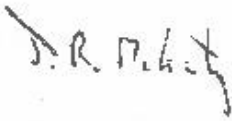
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Item No.

10

Title

Provision of Communications Services

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources

Report Author

Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the City Council delegates its communications function to Gloucestershire County Council in accordance with s101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and authorises the Corporate Director to enter into an appropriate agreement on terms approved by the Council Solicitor.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To provide a contractual basis for the delivery of the communication service.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Procure the service from another provider. Feedback from the LGA peer team in its recent peer challenge was that 'communications are good but can be further improved'. They considered that the products, including a weekly e-bulletin, a monthly newsletter, a members' bulletin and a digital residents' newsletter 'City Life' three times a year all were of a high standard. Their challenge was that communications can be overly reactive so some direction and fine tuning with the provider would be beneficial.

Overall we consider that the current service received from the County Council provides good value for money for the City Council. The quality and responsiveness of the service has improved over the last 12 months and we expect further improvements with the advent of a dedicated Business Partner. In the context of our commitment to the MoU it is not proposed to change the service provision but to build on our good working relationships to bring about further improvements.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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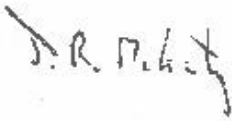
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 April 2018	Item No.	11
Title	Gloucester City Homes Governance Structure and Rule Amendment		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning		
Report Author	Shirin Wotherspoon, Solicitor		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED: (1) That the GCH Rule amendments as set out in Appendix 2 be approved; and (2) It is noted that the GCH Rule amendments will then be approved by the council shareholder representative through a written special resolution prior to the changes in legislation in May 2018.			
REASON FOR DECISION: The recommendations are made to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure the GCC's and GCH's governance arrangements do not conflict with the Influence of Local Authorities) (England) Regulations 2017.• Ensure GCH's continued compliance with the Governance and Financial Viability Standard requirement to comply with all relevant law.• Provide the best possible governance arrangements following best practice within the 2015 model NHF Rules.• Provide clarification that the appointment of the GCH Chair and any Vice-chair is determined through a policy set by the GCH Board.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: None			
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: 20.4.2018			

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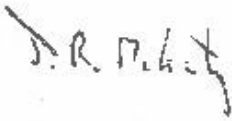
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13

Title

Shared Arrangements in Development Management

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

Report Author

Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED as per the recommendations in the confidential report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As per the relevant sections in the confidential report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

As per the relevant sections in the confidential report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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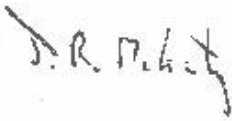
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Title

Disposal of the Remainder of the Barbican site

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy

Report Author

Mark Foyn, Property Commissioning Manager

Wards Affected

Westgate

Key Decision

Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED as per the recommendations in the confidential report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As per the relevant sections in the confidential report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

As per the relevant sections in the confidential report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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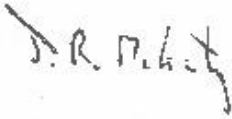
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
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Title	Repairs Notice		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy		
Report Author	Ian Edwards, Head of Place		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED as per the recommendations in the confidential report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As per the relevant sections in the confidential report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

As per the relevant sections in the confidential report.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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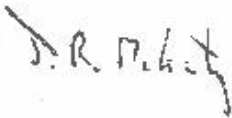
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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