



# DECISION RECORD

Gloucester  
City Council

Publication Date

14.6.2017

<b>Decision Of</b>	Cabinet		
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13 June 2018	<b>Item No.</b>	7
<b>Title</b>	Local Delivery of Grass Cutting in Podsmead		
<b>Report Of</b>	Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Jennie Watkins)		
<b>Report Author</b>	Lloyd Griffiths, Head of Communities		
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All Wards	<b>Key Decision</b>	No

## DECISION:

### RESOLVED that:

- (1) the implementation of the trial scheme for the 2018 grass cutting season and its potential positive impacts as set out within the report be noted;
- (2) delegated authority be provided to the Head of Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Neighbourhoods and the Cabinet Member for Environment to formally implement such an arrangement in 2019, subject to a review of the trial period, which will be undertaken following the close of the 2018 grass cutting season, and
- (3) the approach of devolving the delivery of public open space management for the benefit of our communities (as set out within this report) and actively engage our communities through conversations to explore potential interest be endorsed.

## REASON FOR DECISION:

As a Council enabling opportunities such as this will provide far more social opportunities for our communities and its residents than a traditional outsourced contract model would. It will allow the council to get more return on what it puts in.

Local ownership of grass cutting has proven to raise standards of service as those carrying out the work generally have a connection to the ward or area in which they are carrying out the work

The ongoing financial constraints faced by local government provides opportunities for traditional services to be delivered locally where the capacity, skills and enthusiasm exists which is the case in respect of this scheme.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Continuing to provide grass cutting in a traditional manner through our streetscene contractor would be a satisfactory alternative option should cutting schedules be

complied with. Over the last 2 cutting seasons however there have been issues with schedules not being complied with by our contractor which has led to a flurry of complaints over a number of weeks.

Officers discussed the potential of letting a trial period contract with a number of local community interest companies and this resulted in some positive conversations with a view to the 2019 cutting season. It was felt however that letting the contract for the trial period to Stewkley Enterprise Agency (SEA) would ensure that there was a consistency in approach that linked the preparatory work for the project to the delivery and implementation, and that we would also benefit from the skills and experience of a company that had successfully delivered this model elsewhere across the Country.

**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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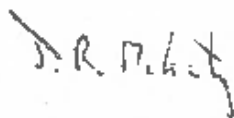
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**Item No.**

8

**Title**

Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group on Sales of High Strength Alcohol

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Jennie Watkins)

**Report Author**

Simon Byrne, Democratic and Electoral Services Team Leader

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

## DECISION:

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be addressed and matters that can be actioned without the need of a further report be implemented at the earliest opportunity and that those recommendations requiring more detailed consideration be the subject of a further report to Cabinet as necessary.

## REASON FOR DECISION:

Cabinet was asked to accept and implement the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group as set out in Section 6 of Appendix 1 and summarised in Appendix 2 of the report.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

## OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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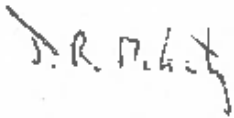
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<b>Decision Of</b>	Cabinet		
<b>Date of Decision</b>	13 June 2018	<b>Item No.</b>	9
<b>Title</b>	banning the Release of Chinese Lanterns and Balloons from Council owned Land & Property and Licensed Events		
<b>Report Of</b>	Cabinet Member for Environment		
<b>Report Author</b>	Wayne Best, Environmental Protection Service Manager		
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All Wards	<b>Key Decision</b>	No
<b>DECISION:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that banning the release of Chinese Lanterns & Balloons from Council owned land and property or at any licensed events be approved.			
<b>REASON FOR DECISION:</b> <b>Animal welfare - injury and suffering</b> - This can arise, for example, by livestock eating lantern parts/balloons when they land or by parts being accidentally chopped into animal feed during harvest. Sharp parts can tear and puncture an animal's throat and/or stomach causing internal bleeding and potentially death. Animals may also get caught up in fallen wire frames and suffer serious injury and distress in struggling to get free. <b>Fire</b> - Risk to buildings, dry standing crops, forestry, hay/straw stacks and habitats. In 2013 approximately 50 caravans in Tewkesbury were destroyed by a fire caused by a sky lantern. Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service are not supportive of the use of lanterns, a position that is reflected in the National Fire Chiefs Council's Position Statement regarding Chinese Lanterns. <b>Environment</b> - Wherever the depleted lanterns/balloons may fall, they inevitably litter the area in question. <b>Air safety</b> - There is an air safety risk associated with possible "ingestion" of parts into aircraft engines.			
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</b> Given the strong arguments from organisations such as the Civil Aviation Authority, RSPCA and Marine Conservation Society regarding the release of helium-filled balloons and sky lanterns it would seem the council should not adopt a do nothing approach.			
<b>OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:</b> None			

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):**

None

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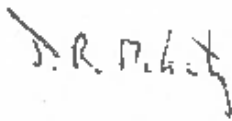
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**Item No.**

10

**Title**

Gloucester Culture Trust Annual Report

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Lise Noakes)

**Report Author**

Jonathan Lund, Corporate Director

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** to welcome and endorse the first Annual Impact Report and invite the Trust to outline its future plans and intended developments to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The report presents the first Annual Impact report from the Gloucester Culture Trust – Cabinet was asked to welcome and endorse the report.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

None

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):**

None

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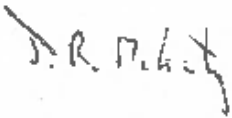
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**Item No.**

11

**Title**

Treasury Management Update Annual Report 2017-18

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor David Norman MBE)

**Report Author**

Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources

**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:**

None

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):**

None

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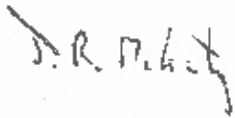
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**Item No.**

12

**Title**

Financial Outturn 2017-18

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor David Norman MBE)

**Report Author**

Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that:

(1) it be noted that:

- i. The savings achieved in year total £1.849m
- ii. The year-end position for the financial year 2017/18 is a decrease of the General Fund balance by £19k
- iii. The General Fund balance has decreased from £1.655m to £1.636m at the end of 2017/18.
- iv. That the level of earmarked reserves has reduced by £64k to £4.205m.

(2) The transfers to and from earmarked reserves as detailed in the table in section 6 of this report be approved

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

It is a good practice for members to be regularly informed of the current financial position of the Council. This report is intended to make members any of any significant issues in relation to financial standing and any actions that officers are taking in response to identified variances.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

When considering how to reduce budgetary pressure or make savings officers explore a wide range of options.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):**

None

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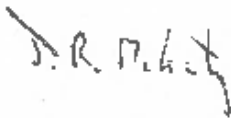
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Cabinet

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**Item No.**

13

**Title**

Year End Performance Monitoring 2017-18

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor David Norman MBE)

**Report Author**

Tanya Davies, Policy and Governance Manager

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that the Year End Performance Report for 2017-18 at Appendix one of the report be noted.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Council is committed to embedding a culture of performance management across the organisation and this report provides Members with an overview of corporate performance over the last 12 months.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

There are no alternative options.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):**

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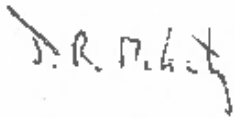
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## **CALL-IN PROCEDURE**

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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