



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 7 February 2019

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	7
Title	Final Budget Proposals (including Money Plan and Capital Programme)		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION:			
RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to Council that:			
<p>(1) the proposals for the 2019/20 budget included in the report be approved.</p> <p>(2) the implementation of the target budget reductions set in the Money plan 2019/24 be approved.</p> <p>(3) it be noted that consultation has been undertaken on budget proposals to achieve the level of savings required in 2019/20.</p>			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
The Council must set a balanced budget in time to start collecting Council Tax by 1 st April 2019.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
The Council must set a balanced budget in time to start collecting Council Tax by 1 st April 2019. Alternative proposals put forward for budget savings will be considered as part of this process.			
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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Call-in Deadline: 15 February 2019

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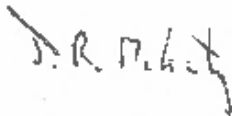
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	8
Title	Business Rates - Retail Discount		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Alison Bell, Intelligent Client Officer (Revenues & Benefits)		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the Business Rates Retail Discount scheme (attached at appendix A of the report) be the approved scheme for Gloucester City for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Business Rates retail discount is a two year scheme; backed and financed by Central Government to support those smaller businesses with retail units which have business rate bills of less than £51,000 a year.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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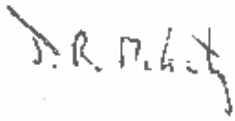
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DECISION RECORD

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	9
Title	Council Tax Discount for Care Leavers		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Alison Bell, Intelligent Client Officer (Revenues & Benefits)		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes
DECISION:			
RESOLVED that:			
(1) Care Leavers are determined as a class for the purpose of Section 13A(1)(c) of The Local Government Finance Act 1992			
(2) the Council Tax Discount Scheme for Care Leavers is approved and effective from 01 April 2019			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
Creating the Care Leavers Discount Scheme will form part of an overall package to prepare Care Leavers for independence and will support them in making an effective social and financial transition from Local Authority care. Ultimately it will help to improve the life chances of looked after children.			
The discounts sit alongside a number of other support arrangements provided to care leavers by Gloucestershire County Council.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
None			
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:			
None			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):			
None			

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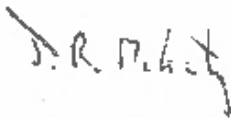
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DECISION RECORD

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	10
Title	Digital Strategy for Gloucester City		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Ian Edwards, Head of Place		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION:			
RESOLVED that:			
<p>(1) Marketing Gloucester Ltd's vision document (Appendix 1 of the report) be welcomed as a starting point upon which to develop a comprehensive digital strategy for Gloucester and the Council;</p> <p>(2) the priorities for a digital strategy for Gloucester, as set out in paragraph 3.9 of the report be agreed; and</p> <p>(3) Officers are asked to work up a more detailed draft Digital Strategy (including a supporting action plan), with colleagues from Marketing Gloucester Ltd, Gloucestershire County Council and elsewhere, for consideration by Cabinet.</p>			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
To develop and deliver a digital strategy for Gloucester will help the Council achieve its overarching aspiration of 'A City that works for everyone'. The Strategy will support the Council's ambitions to make the City vibrant and prosperous, safe and attractive, inclusive and resilient and will help the Council deliver great services to its customers.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
To not develop a digital strategy for Gloucester City. This is not recommended.			
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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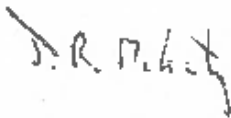
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DECISION RECORD

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	11
Title	Festivals and Events 2019		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Lise Noakes)		
Report Author	Jill Riggs, Head of Cultural and Trading Services		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Approval is given to the Civic Events Programme for 2019 set out in the table at paragraph 6.4 of the report to be delivered by the City Council Cultural Services Events and Marketing Team based at Gloucester Guildhall.
- (3) Approval is given to the City Events Programme for 2019 set out in the table at paragraph 11.3 of the report to be delivered by Marketing Gloucester Ltd
- (3) Approval is given to directly fund the following City Events: Three Choirs Festival (£5,000), Gloucester History Festival (£10,000) and Kings Jam (£16,500)
- (4) Approval is given to retaining the budget and delivering the Lantern Procession and Tree of Light by the Cultural Services Events and Marketing Team.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Gloucester has a comprehensive and varied calendar of festivals and events and the City Council invests a significant sum in supporting that calendar, chiefly through its Contract for Services with MGL.

This report seeks to continue that arrangement but make a number of amendments to relieve current capacity pressures at MGL (Civic Events) and create opportunities for greater fundraising and income generation (Kings Jam, Lantern Procession and the Fireworks Finale).

The proposed schedule will help to ensure the City is animated throughout 2019, support plans to develop the city's Festivals & Events offering and secure future delivery of the Civic Events Programme.

The activities reflect a move towards a more collaborative approach to festival and event programming, enabling the Council to make more of community assets and increase the return on its investment.

The proposed MGL-led events will complement those being created or staged by other organisations, helping to ensure the city has a diverse annual events programme.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council has a contract for services with MGL, including the delivery of the City Events programme. Alternative options include the Council bringing the Programmes in-house, however this would undermine the benefits that arise from a broad community based delivery model.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy declared a personal interest as Chairman of the Board of Marketing Gloucester (MGL) and did not take part in the discussion or vote on this item.

SCRUTINY (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):

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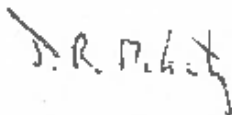
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	12
Title	Tourist Information Centre Relocation		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Lise Noakes)		
Report Author	Lucy Chilton, Visitor Experience Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that Gloucester's Tourist Information Service relocates to Gloucester Guildhall and the Museum of Gloucester at the earliest practical opportunity.

REASON FOR DECISION:

There is a clear need to adapt to the changing nature of how customers access information services and ticket sales.

Relocating TIC services to co-locate with existing cultural services provides an opportunity to reduce operational costs and consolidate existing teams and staff resources.

There is a real opportunity to create a central ticket hub, increasing income and creating a hive of activity around the Guildhall.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Option 1 – Continue to operate at Southgate Street. The authority cannot continue to justify delivering the existing service model in the face of significant change and the expired lease gives the Council no security of tenure.

Option 2 – Invest in another sole use location. This would simply relocate the issues arising from the existing sole use location in Southgate Street and is likely to be a more expensive option.

Option 3 – Relocate only to the Museum of Gloucester. This option has been discounted because it fails to deliver the opportunities offered by a TIS/Ticket Office service at the Guildhall and limits the opening and operating hours.

Option 4 – Relocate only to the Guildhall. This option has been discounted because of the concerns raised about street-level access and visibility.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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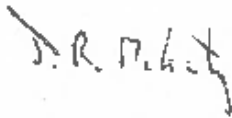
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	13
Title	Gloucester Playing Pitch Strategy Delivery		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Colin Organ)		
Report Author	Adam Gooch, Planning Policy Team Leader		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	No
DECISION:			
RESOLVED that:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) progress made in delivering the Gloucester Playing Pitch Strategy (Appendix 1 of the report) be noted;(2) the updated Action Plan (Appendix 1 of the report) be approved;(3) the updated Gloucester Artificial Grass Pitch Strategy (Appendix 2 of the report) be approved;(4) an alternative approach to delivering onsite pitch and ancillary facility improvements be approved, delegating authority to the Head of Place to appoint a suitable third party (Section 5); and(5) the continuation of the Playing Pitch Strategy Delivery Group for a further three years until January 2022 be approved.			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
To support the delivery of the Council's adopted Playing Pitch Strategy and Artificial Grass Pitch Strategy.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
The Council could maintain its current approach to delivering improvements to onsite pitches and ancillary facilities in the Council's ownership; however, the proposed approach has the potential to deliver greater benefits for the community and through an ABCD approach.			
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:			
None			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):			
None			

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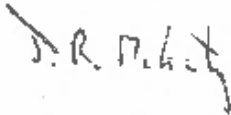
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	14
Title	Gloucester Railway Station		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy (Councillor Paul James)		
Report Author	Ian Edwards, Head of Place		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the Council enter in to an agreement with First Greater Western Limited (GWR) to deliver the necessary GRIP 1 - 5 stages of project design including the provision of £425,000 funding to GWR in the form set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To progress the design elements of the redevelopment of Gloucester Railway Station.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Alternative options do exist for two aspects of this scheme:

- (1) The Council could wait until funds were available from Gfirst, i.e. 1st April 2020 and commence the GRIP 1 – 5 stages at that point. This option is not recommended given the likely delay of at least 12 months and the desire to maintain momentum on regeneration projects across the City.
- (2) Secondly, the Council could appoint the design team direct. However, this option isn't recommended as not only do GWR have far greater experience implementing railway station improvements but also given the significant engagement of Network Rail throughout the process, the involvement of an established Training Operating Company is likely to provide greater assurance.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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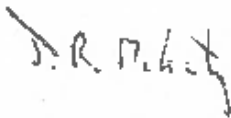
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 February 2019	Item No.	16
Title	Kings Walk and Kings Quarter Lease Reviews		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy (Councillor Paul James)		
Report Author	Philip Ardley, Major Projects Consultant		
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: None			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None			
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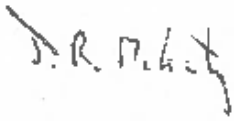
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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