



CABINET

MEETING : Wednesday, 17th May 2017

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

Others in Attendance

Jonathan Lund, Corporate Director

Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director

Anthony Hodge, Head of Place

Philip Ardley, Consultant- Asset Management

Jon Topping, Head of Finance

Shirin Wotherspoon, Solicitor

Parvati Diyar, Democratic and Electoral Services Officer

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

96. GLOUCESTER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSAL

Cabinet considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy which provided an update on proposals for a Gloucester Business Improvement District (BID, to seek agreement to delegate authority to make decisions in respect of the Council's obligations under the BID, and to seek confirmation that the City Council as 'Billing Authority' will not veto the proposals under the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2014.

Members had been made aware of the proposed Gloucester BID that was a business-led and business funded programme to improve the City Centre, Docks and Quays.

The formal launch of Gloucester's BID was held on Tuesday, 16 May 2017.

The Leader of the Council commented that there had been strong support from the Council and he hoped for a successful ballot for the BID to be led by businesses.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning fully supported the BID and hoped for a positive outcome from businesses.

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The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods said she was disappointed she was unable to attend the launch. She believed the BID led by businesses was the best way forward for Gloucester.

RESOLVED:

1. Authority be delegated to the Head of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy to make decisions in respect of the Council's obligations under the Gloucester Business Improvement District legislative process.
2. Proposals to veto a Gloucester Business Improvement District as set out in the report, under the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004 not be undertaken by the City Council as 'Billing Authority'.

97. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public are present during consideration of this item there will be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

98. REGENERATION AT KINGS WALK SHOPPING CENTRE

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy outlining the options for the current sale of Kings Walk shopping centre.

RESOLVED:

The recommendation as laid out in the exempt report.

Time of commencement: 6.00 pm

Time of conclusion: 6.30 pm

Chair