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Gloucester City Council

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11 March 2020

Item No.

7

Title

Tackling Climate Change Road Map

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Meyrick Brentnall, City Improvement and Environment Manager

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the report is noted as a roadmap to achieving a carbon net zero Council by 2030 and net zero city by 2050, and that officers continue the work outlined in this report to develop a Climate Change Strategy and bring this back to Cabinet for approval later in the year.
- (2) it supports investigating the projects contained in the 'quick win' section of the appendix, subject to Council agreeing to dedicate funds towards such environmental, carbon reduction or adaptation projects at its meeting on 27 February.
- (3) a cross-Party working group, along the lines of the Planning Policy Sub-Group, is set up to support and advise the lead Cabinet Member in the development of this strategy and to review the investigations of the various projects set out in the appendix to the report.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The City Council through the Climate Resolution of July 2019 has set itself and the City ambitious targets for reducing carbon emissions. This road map and associated projects and proposals are the first step in achieving these targets.

While the quick wins will be worked on, the longer term projects will need to come back to Cabinet in the Autumn, along with a detailed carbon budget, so we can begin to understand in a detailed manner just what is needed to be done.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The do nothing option would result in increased carbon emissions of the Council and the City as a whole. While on a global level this may be judged as insignificant, we have a moral duty to lead by example and it is paramount that at every level carbon emissions

are reduced. Doing nothing would also lead Gloucester to become more open to climate change shocks such as flooding and extreme temperatures.


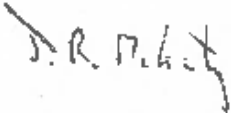
A 'do more' option would mean we would bring our targets forward beyond those set out in the agreed Council resolution. While this is to be lauded, the current 2030 and 2050 targets are exceedingly ambitious as they are and it would be hard to see how an increase on them could be achieved.

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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Proper Officer: Jon McGinty Managing Director 	Date: 11 March 2020



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8

Title

Draft Social Value Policy

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Jennie Watkins)

Report Author

Ruth Saunders, Head of Communities

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the draft Social Value Policy be noted and it be agreed for a public consultation to begin
- (2) the creation of a Social Value Toolkit be approved, to be made available alongside the policy. This document will be made in collaboration with the community of Gloucester and will identify the specific needs for each ward of the City.
- (3) the procurement be approved of services from the Social Value Portal, who will provide support in the creation of a social value toolkit and support on all procurements meeting the criteria of the policy.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To demonstrate the City Council's commitment to both the delivery of the Council Plan 2017-2020 and the delivery of the Economic Growth Strategy 2019-2021, specifically around maximising social value through Council activity.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Do nothing: as explained in the report, there is a need for the City Council to articulate what it defines as Social Value, what the communities of Gloucester need in terms of support, and how it sits as a priority within the organisations broader corporate vision. If a policy is not established, then it will remain difficult to articulate vision to those competing for Council contracts. The examples of other local authorities have demonstrated this is essential to ensure they are clear on what needs to be achieved.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

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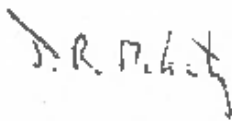
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9

Title

Council Plan 2017-20 Update

Report Of

Leader of the Council (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that it is noted that progress with delivery of the Council Plan 2017-2020 is welcomed.

REASON FOR DECISION:

This update on the delivery of the Council Plan 2017-2020 enables members, partners and residents to hold the Council to account for the delivery of its planned actions.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None directly arising from the report

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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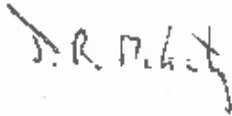
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Title

Increase in Play Provision 2009 to 2019

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Mark Graham, Open Spaces Officer

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the increase in number and quality of play areas across the city be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To update Cabinet on the increase in number and quality of play areas across the city.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 March 2020	Item No.	11
Title	Kings Quarter Delivery Proposal		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Philip Ardley, Major Projects Consultant		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the Head of Place in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and the Head of Policy and Resources is authorised to continue to negotiate a joint venture to develop Kings Quarter into a high quality mixed use hub, packed with community features aimed at attracting new companies to Gloucester, based on the latest proposals outlined in this report. Once agreed, officers will bring a final proposal back to Cabinet and Council for approval
- (2) it be noted that progress made on the demolition and enabling activities being carried out at Kings Quarter and the imminent determination of the planning application.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The proposal offered has the potential to provide a high quality and rapid opportunity for the Council to see its regeneration aspirations for the Quarter realised. It would potentially create employment space for up to 1,175 new employees, which could equate to £102m injected into the local economy each year. Being able to secure that number of new workers into the city centre would not only boost the local spend, but the provision of the 18-hour facilities proposed would extend that spending window from only working hours into the evening and night-time economy.

Officers believe the proposal put forward by the joint venture party is worthy of serious consideration and recommend that approval is given to work with them to refine the proposition. Extensive due diligence has been undertaken by Jones Lang LaSalle to evaluate and negotiate the financial appraisal. Legal opinion has been provided by Trowers & Hamlins for the heads of terms and to advise on a joint venture agreement.

The intention is to refine the terms and seek approval to commit the Council to a binding relationship.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council Officers have reviewed alternative options to bring forward the redevelopment of Kings Quarter. The options include:

- Utilising Public Works Loan Board funding and managing the redevelopment of the site in house using procured contractors for each separate phase.
- Advertising for a development partner and seeking expressions of interest.
- Selling the site on a plot by plot basis with planning consent.

There are several disadvantages with each of the reviewed options such as: insufficient internal resources and experience, inability to maintain control over an important council regeneration asset, and significant delay in achieving activity on site.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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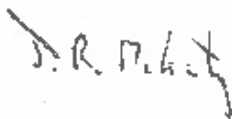
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 March 2020	Item No.	12
Title	High Street Heritage Action Zone		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Steve Morgan)		
Report Author	David Evans, City Growth and Delivery Manager		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED to:

- (1) accept funding from Historic England under its High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) programme should the Council's application be accepted
- (2) become the designated Accountable body in the management and administration of the HSHAZ programme,
- (3) note the existing budgets to be used as match funding, and,
- (4) delegate authority to the Head of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, and the Council Solicitor to issue grants and payments from the HSHAZ programme and take all necessary steps including the entering into of legal agreements to enable delivery of the programme.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The authority of the Council is required to accept the funding, to make budgetary provision to provide part of the match funding, and to make appropriate delegations of authority to issue grants and other payments.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Do nothing. It is the view of officers that were the Council to take the decision to not intervene and take an inactive role in the regeneration of the city centre, areas like Westgate Street would continue to struggle and decline. Through positive intervention, including bidding for and securing external funding, the Council aims to stimulate

investment and the positive transformation of the city centre.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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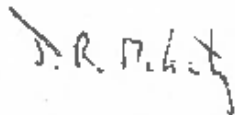
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Item No.

13

Title

Cultural Strategy 6 Monthly Update

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Steve Morgan)

Report Author

Philip Walker, Head of Cultural Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the report is accepted and progress against the objectives noted
- (2) a revision of the Cultural Strategy is undertaken in 2020 to cover the next 10-year period 2021 – 2031.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The current Cultural Strategy (2016-2026) is nearly half-way through the 10-year period. Significant progress has been made, but changes have occurred that require the Strategy to be updated and refreshed.

There is no reference to the environment and climate change, and other city strategies have been published since 2016, so these also need to be taken into account. These omissions should be addressed.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The cultural strategy is still a functioning strategy and could be left unchanged for the remainder of the 10-year period, however, it will become increasingly out of date. There is a small risk of reputational damage with this approach. The larger risk is that an up to date strategy will be required in order to field successful bids for both the Cultural Development Fund (CDF) and City of Culture.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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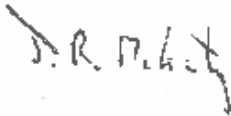
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14

Title

Joint Core Strategy Affordable Housing Partnership and Selection of Preferred Partners

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Andrew Gravells)

Report Author

David Durden, Strategic Housing Strategy Officer

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the existing Affordable Housing Partnership with Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council set up to oversee the delivery of affordable homes across the Strategic Allocation Sites within the Joint Core Strategy area over the JCS Plan Period be continued.
- (2) the City Council review the existing list of Preferred Providers of Affordable Housing, inviting current Preferred Providers and other Registered Providers to bid to become a Preferred Provider for a period of up to 5 years from November 2020 across the Strategic Allocation Sites within the Joint Core Strategy Area jointly with Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council
- (3) future arrangements to review the list of Preferred Providers be delegated to the Head of Place in consultation with the cabinet member for Planning and Housing Strategy.
- (4) authority be delegated to the Head of Place in consultation with the cabinet member for Planning and Housing Strategy to:
 - a) evaluate and select Preferred Providers for the delivery and/or management of new affordable housing on the Strategic Allocation Sites noting that the selection will be carried out jointly with Cheltenham Borough Council and Tewkesbury Borough Councils
 - b) agree changes to the Terms of Reference of the partnership and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Councils and the Preferred Providers to take effect from November 2020 and to make any other changes to necessary and

- c) make further operational decisions in relation to the Affordable Housing Partnership including whether or not to allow or invite other Registered Providers (RPs) to become a Preferred Provider during the 5 year period referred to in recommendation (2).

REASON FOR DECISION:

The rationale for selecting a number of Preferred Providers to deliver and manage the homes and communities within the Strategic Allocations remains the same as it was in 2015. The JCS authorities wish to 'raise the bar' and prevent a 'free for all' from Registered Providers (RPs) of any standard competing for the delivery of affordable housing in these areas. Capacity to deliver new affordable housing competitively is important, of greater importance is the ability of RPs to invest in developing and sustaining strong and resilient communities both during and after development is complete.

RPs selected as having Preferred Provider status will have demonstrated to the Local Authorities' satisfaction that they can deliver and manage the Affordable Housing and their communities to an acceptable standard. This will in turn provide the Authorities with confidence that the Partnership's outcomes can be met.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Leave it to the open market to decide

This option was considered in 2015 and discounted. It remains an option now. This alternative option is to allow RPs, regardless of their track record in housing management and community involvement to make bids to developers on the Strategic Allocations independently of each other or within consortia of their own making. By allowing this the Local Authority would have no influence in determining which RPs are successful in their bids to developers. It is still the view that this is undesirable as it may result in RPs being selected by developers who are strong on the delivery of new Affordable Housing, but are potentially weak in terms of their housing management and community involvement capabilities and who may not be as closely aligned to the Local authority objectives as Preferred Providers, with the opportunity for strategic alignment and joint working between RPs who are successful with their bids to developers and their local housing authorities being lost. A number of sites have come forward via appeal and the legal agreements do not promote the use of Preferred Providers. Existing Preferred Providers Bromford and Sovereign are contracting on a substantial number of these homes.

Select one RP/Consortium for the whole JCS area

This approach may have some advantages in that by having a smaller number of RPs to work with it will be easier for the Partnership to agree on some or all of its priorities. This would however also bring greater risks in that developers are less likely to work with the RP/consortium if there is no other competition within the Partnership.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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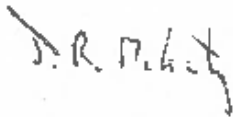
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15

Title

Plot 1 Kings Quarter Redevelopment

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Ian Edwards, Head of Place

Wards Affected

Westgate

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the marketing and disposal of the site identified as Plot 1 in the Kings Quarter Planning Application (18/01454/FUL) for affordable homes be approved
- (2) authority be delegated to the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Head of Policy and Resources to accept the offer that represents best value for development for affordable homes for affordable or social rent
- (3) authority be delegated to the Head of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Council Solicitor to prepare and agree the terms of the disposal documents.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To progress the development of Kings Quarter through the provision of affordable homes on land owned by the Council.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The use of Plot 1 for housing was considered in the initial options analysis prior to the submission of the hybrid planning application for Kings Quarter. Therefore, the assessment of alternative uses for the site at this stage is not desirable.

However, the tenure mix of properties is yet to be agreed by Cabinet.

As landowner, the highest receipt will undoubtedly be for private homes for sale across the entire site. However, whilst this option is technically acceptable due to the Viability Assessment referred to in the report (3.4), it is suggested that the need for affordable homes in Gloucester is such that the Council could take a lead in this case.

To this end, it is recommended that the site be developed in its entirety for affordable homes with the ratio of rent to other affordable products i.e. shared ownership, to be in line with independently assessed needs of the City.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

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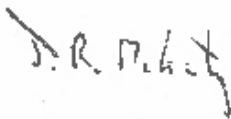
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Title

Regeneration at St Oswalds Retail Park

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)

Report Author

Philip Ardley, Major Projects Consultant

Wards Affected

Westgate

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the progress made with the St. Oswalds land regeneration be noted, and in particular that:
 - a) Tesco have undertaken an open tender for the disposal of their land following the withdrawal of the Homes and Communities Agency from purchase negotiations
 - b) negotiations have continued with Tesco for the City Council's consent to vary their lease so that their vacant land can be the subject of an agreed disposal.
- (2) the Tesco lease is agreed to be varied to enable a sale of their vacant land only for residential purposes and negotiations continue to bring forward a masterplan for the comprehensive residential development of the Tesco land together with the adjoining City Council land.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To achieve a comprehensive residential development on all the vacant land at St. Oswalds in accordance with the emerging City Plan and Joint Core Strategy at an early date and realise a substantial value to the City Council.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Accept the Tesco proposal to sell their land but stipulate only to a residential developer and vary the lease.

This proposal can be achieved quickly and should result in a payment to the City Council and the opportunity to develop the Tesco leasehold land and the City Council's freehold land with a masterplan for residential purposes, either with a reliable partner who can fund initial enabling works, or by way of a negotiated sale of the City Council's land.

This is the recommended option and accords with the City Plan.

Accept the Tesco proposal to sell the land to the highest commercial bidder and vary the lease.

Should this option be progressed, Tesco would need to submit a new planning permission which may be contentious as it would not be in accordance with the emerging City Plan. Hence the development could be delayed or uncertain and the land remain derelict for a further period. Tesco could be able to pay a slightly higher premium for this option.

However, this option is not favoured.

Build residential development only on the City Council land.

This is a possibility now that the City Council have acquired the Hammerson plc option to build. However, it is not desirable to build houses immediately adjoining the Tesco derelict vacant site with presently an uncertain future. This could adversely affect the value of our residential land and hence viability especially with already high remediation costs.

This is not considered the best option.

Do Nothing.

Not an attractive option as all the land could remain vacant and semi-derelict for the foreseeable future when alternatively, the City Council can now enable the building of new homes, realise affordable homes and receive economic benefit and regeneration.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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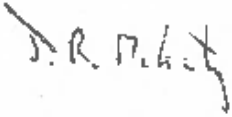
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Title

Performance Monitoring Quarter 3 - 2019/20

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)

Report Author

Tanya Davies, Policy and Governance Manager

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the Quarter 3 Performance Report 2019/20 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 during the third quarter of 2019/20.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

There are no alternative options.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

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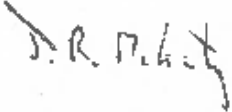
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18

Title

Financial Monitoring - Quarter 3 2019/20

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 it be noted that:

- (1) the forecast year end position is currently for an increase to the Council's General Fund balance of £55k against a budgeted decrease of £91k
- (2) the details of specific budgetary issues identified by officers and the actions being taken to address those issues
- (3) the current level of Capital expenditure as shown in Appendix 2 of the report.

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

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

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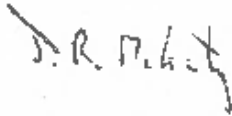
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19

Title

Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21

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:

RECOMMENDED that the Treasury Management Strategy be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION:

As outlined in the legal implications the recommendations require Council approval. The Treasury and Investment Strategies recommended provide the best platform for financing the long-term capital programme and managing daily cash flow whilst protecting Council funds.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The following two options have been considered:

As a result of the PWLB adding 100bps to their rates in October 2019, the market has become more attractive to alternative long term lenders. This market is in its infancy and options will continue to develop as an alternative to the PWLB. The Council will continue to actively investigate such opportunities as part of any future long term investment appraisals as well as current options in the market for long term funding, including the municipal bonds agency, private bonds and other sources of funding deemed appropriate for the Council to utilise.

There remains the option to replace existing short term borrowing with longer term options, this is not as attractive due to the availability of short term funding which remains significantly below rates available for longer term funds.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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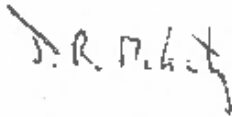
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20

Title

Capital Strategy 2020/21

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:

RECOMMENDED that the Capital Strategy be approved.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To ensure the Council adopts the Prudential Code for Capital Finance 2017.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Capital Strategy is a requirement of the Prudential Code for Capital Finance 2017, no alternatives considered as this is a code requirement.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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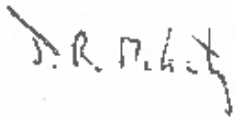
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21

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 to the report) be the approved scheme for Gloucester City for 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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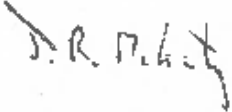
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Business Rates - Pub Discount 2020-21

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Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)

Report Author

Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the Business Rates Pub Discount Policy (attached as the appendix to the report) be the approved scheme for Gloucester City for 2020/21.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Business Rates pub discount is a one year scheme; backed and financed by Central Government to support those smaller public houses which have business rate bills of less than £100,000 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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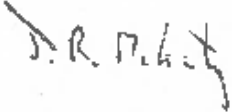
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Risk Based Verification

Report Of

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Report Author

Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the reviewed Risk Based Verification Policy for verifying Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claims as outlined (Appendix 1 of the report) be approved
- (2) Approve the reviewed Risk Based Verification policy as at February 2020 (Appendix 1 of the report) be approved for implementation immediately.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The policy must be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains compliant in line with DWP guidance and creates the best experience for our Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support customers.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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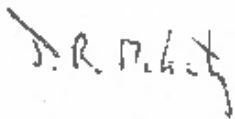
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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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