



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date

10 December
2020

Decision Of

Cabinet

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09 December 2020

Item No.

7

Title

Climate Change Strategy

Report Of

Leader of the Council (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Meyrick Brentnall, Climate Change and Environment Manager

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the draft action plan be subject to a targeted consultation with the Environment and Ecology Forum and the Climate Change cross-party Member Group
- (2) authority be delegated to the City Council Climate Change Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to make any changes to the actions following the consultation referred to above prior to submitting a report to Full Council in early 2021.
- (3) the steps needed to move the whole City towards carbon neutrality by 2050 are noted as per the appendix report, and that officers continue to develop this city-wide action plan.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (4) subject to (1) and (2) above, the actions contained in the CLS report (appendix 1 of the report) are adopted as a plan for achieving the goal of net zero carbon emissions by the city council by 2030.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The City Council has adopted ambitious climate change targets, in particular a desire to be a carbon neutral authority by 2030. If this target is to be met along with all the co-benefits around energy security, cost, local emissions etc then the strategy as laid out in this report and in the appendix will need to be broadly followed.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

To not develop a comparable action plan would mean the City Council would miss its climate change targets, find it difficult to persuade local residents and businesses to cut their emissions and waste money on energy.

To go further and faster, while this may bring emissions down quicker, would come at more expense and may generate resistance from a public not used to the compromises and costs involved.

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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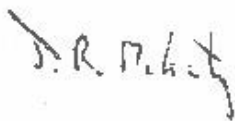
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	09 December 2020	Item No.	8
Title	Cultural Strategy Six Monthly Update		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Steve Morgan)		
Report Author	Philip Walker, Head of Cultural Services		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION: RESOLVED that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) the report is accepted and progress against the objectives noted(2) the plan to update the Cultural Strategy for the next five years is accepted(3) the Public Art Principles are adopted.			
REASON FOR DECISION: <p>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.</p> <p>There is no reference to the environment and climate change in the current strategy, and other city strategies have been published since 2016, so these also need to be taken into account. These omissions will be addressed in the updated version.</p>			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED: <p>The original cultural strategy (2016-26) 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 the government funding schemes such as the Cultural Development Fund (CDF) and other Cultural Recovery Funding schemes the city may wish to apply for.</p>			
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None			

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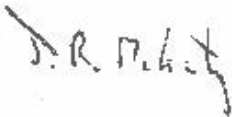
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Item No.

9

Title

Draft 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 that:

- (1) that the assumptions contained in the Council's draft Money Plan from 2021/22 to 2025/26 and revisions to the draft revenue budget be approved
- (2) the uncertainties regarding future incomes, as shown in the report and Appendix 1, and the need to update the Draft Money Plan when there is more certainty regarding Central Government financing, be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To review the Money Plan that sets out the Council's strategic approach to the management of its finances, and presents indicative budgets and Council Tax levels for the medium term and comments on the significant financial risks facing the Council in the forthcoming years and explains what the Council is doing to reduce those risks.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council must set a balanced budget in time to start collecting Council Tax by 1st April 2021. 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):

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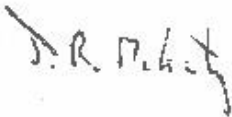
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10

Title

Treasury Management Update - Mid Year Report 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:

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management recommends that members be updated on treasury management activities regularly (TMSS, annual and midyear reports). The report covers the six months 1st April 2020 to 30th September 2020 and therefore, ensures the Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the Code.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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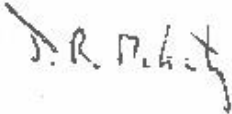
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Item No.

11

Title

Financial Monitoring Quarter 2, 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:

RESOLVED it be noted that:

- (1) the forecast year end position is currently for a decrease to the Council's General Fund balance of £99k against a budgeted decrease of £49k
- (2) the uncertainty surrounding the exact levels of grant income to be received from Government will affect the eventual financial outcome for the year
- (3) the details of specific budgetary issues identified by officers and the actions being taken to address those issues
- (4) 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

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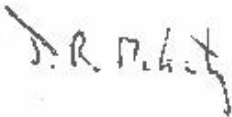
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12

Title

Performance Monitoring Quarters 1 & 2 2020/21

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)

Report Author

Jay Bishop, Improvement and Improvement Officer

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the Quarters 1 & 2 Performance Report 2020/21 at Appendix 1 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 first and second quarter of 2020/21.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

There are no alternative 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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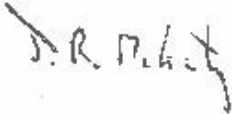
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	09 December 2020	Item No.	13
Title	Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Alison Bell, Intelligent Client Officer (Revenues and Benefits)		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RECOMMENDED that:

- (1) the current Local Council Tax Support scheme, as the approved scheme for Gloucester City in 2020/21, be adopted for 2021/22
- (2) the scheme approved at (1) above be updated to align with any legislation changes in January 2021 and to be implemented from 01 April 2021
- (3) any urgent amendments to the scheme approved at (1) above, in the event of a national emergency and authorised by the government, be adopted and implemented immediately.

REASON FOR DECISION:

Gloucester City Council have managed to maintain the current scheme broadly mirroring the original fully funded scheme for eight years, to date. Whilst the Council are facing a range of financial pressures, it is not considered pertinent to amend the scheme at this time. The UK is undergoing an unprecedented pandemic and the uptake of the council tax support scheme has increased. The current scheme offers a degree of financial stability in uncertain financial times for our residents.

As government funding continues to decrease, we also need to strike a balance between a revised scheme that is fair and affordable for those who receive support, and also for all our residents who receive council services. However, we do remain

committed to providing support to our residents with low incomes.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Amendments to the scheme have not been considered for the 2021-22 year.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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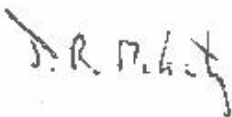
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	09 December 2020	Item No.	14
Title	Energy Contract Renewal		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Melloney Smith, Asset Officer		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the S151 Officer and the Property Commissioning Manager be authorised to enter into a formal partnership with Tewkesbury Borough Council to jointly procure the Council's energy supply by entering into a new 3 year contract with the option to extend by up to 2 years with West Mercia Energy on terms agreed by S151 Officer and the Council's Solicitor.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The decision is required as the contract expires at the end of March 2021. The new contract needs to be in place before this date to allow West Mercia Energy (WME) to forward purchase energy on the Council's behalf.

The product provided by WME suits the Council's needs in providing budget certainty and the ability to make money by being able to buy and sell energy within a controlled risk environment.

Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council are satisfied with the service and product provided by WME.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

To enter into a contract direct with energy provider. This would not provide flexibility with price as you have to buy at a set point. They would not provide a validation service on bills. It is considered that it would involve more officer time to manage it.

To enter into a contract with another organisation that could offer a framework

agreement. No other company offers a fully flexible purchasing model with the ability to sell.

Previously consideration has been given to joining up with the County Council that use WME but because of the differences in the portfolios the costs would have been more.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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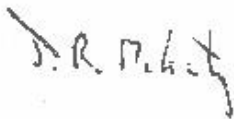
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Title

Community Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS)

Report Of

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

Report Author

Paul Hardiman, Joint Core Strategy CIL Manager

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the publication of the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) for 2020 be approved; and
- (2) it be noted that the Annual Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Rates Summary Statement will be published alongside the IFS.

REASON FOR DECISION:

All 'contribution receiving authorities' are now required, under the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 (as amended) to produce an IFS at least annually [Regulation 121A].

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None as the publication of the IFS and CIL rates statement are a statutory requirement.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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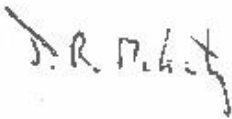
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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