



# DECISION RECORD

# Gloucester City Council

Publication Date

16 July 2021

**Decision Of**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

14 July 2021

**Item No.**

7

**Title**

Cultural Strategy Six Monthly Update

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Steve Morgan)

**Report Author**

Philip Walker, Head of Culture

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

## DECISION:

### RESOLVED that:

- (1) the report is accepted and progress against the objectives of the Cultural Strategy noted
- (2) the City Council submits a bid to the Cultural Investment Fund
- (3) should the eligibility criteria be met, the City Council submits an expression of interest to the Arts Council England Cultural Development Fund round 2 and submit a full bid should the City Council expression of interest be successful
- (4) authority is delegated to the Head of Culture, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and Council Solicitor, to
  - a) submit bids to the Cultural Investment Fund and Arts Council England Cultural Development Fund round 2
  - b) enter into any grant agreement required by the grant providers
  - c) enter into any necessary agreements with the cultural partners referred to in paragraph 3.3 of the report to facilitate the submission of the applications for funding
- (5) that an expression of interest for Gloucester being UK City of Culture 2025 be submitted by Gloucester Culture Trust is fully endorsed and supported.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

**Cultural Development Fund** - The city has developed its cultural activity, partnerships, impact and reach over the past 5 years. Further cultural development and investment in the city's infrastructure is needed and the Cultural Development Fund is a very good opportunity for Gloucester to continue to demonstrate its ambition and commitment to drive the city forward with a strong cultural offer. Investment in cultural assets in the city will contribute to boosting the economy, instil greater local pride in residents and ultimately make Gloucester a more attractive place for visitors and businesses.

**City of Culture** - The Great Place evaluation demonstrated that Gloucester is ready for this opportunity to showcase its progress more widely and embed culture across the city. Gloucester Culture Trust are a respected and trusted partner of GCC and have a credible track record with funders, sponsors partners, artists and communities in the city. They are well-placed to lead a bid for UK City of Culture and have the skills amongst their staff and board and contacts to produce a high-quality EOI.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The alternative would be not to submit expressions of interest to Cultural Investment Funding bids. More investment is required into Gloucester's cultural infrastructure and these funds provide an opportunity. Not applying for them was not recommended.

Applying at a later date for a future year to bid for City of Culture – i.e. in 4 years' time for 2029. There is evidence that Gloucester on a positive trajectory with its cultural development and that delaying for a further four years would lose the momentum gained in recent years. This option was 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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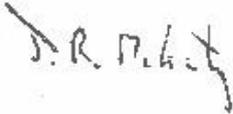
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**Title**

The Use of Sandbags during Flooding Events

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Environment

**Report Author**

Tom Hitchen, Environment Officer - Flood Management

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

## DECISION:

### RESOLVED that:

- (1) it is confirmed that householders continue to be primarily responsible for the protection of their own property;
- (2) it is confirmed that householders at frequent risk from flooding continue to be primarily responsible for being prepared in advance of the onset of flooding;
- (3) it is affirmed that the Council's primary roles in relation to flood management in the city are:
  - a) source of advice to householders to make appropriate provision for protecting their property in the event of a flooding incident and find alternative methods of protection such as flood barriers and other physical measures;
  - b) to manage and maintain watercourses within its own ownership;
  - c) through production of appropriate strategic planning policies and enforcement of planning conditions related to flood management and
  - d) during and after a flooding incident, to provide support as requested/appropriate by the lead flood agencies (Environment Agency and Gloucestershire County Council) in this area;
- (4) the policy statement outlined in Appendix 1 of the report is adopted.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

Based on the policy review, the effectiveness of the resources available and the Councils approach to flood management and community engagement the recommendation outlined in the report (6.3) gives the Council the ability to use sandbags flexibly, in situations where they may be of benefit, and after other critical actions have been taken, balanced alongside the Council's financial and workforce constraints.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

No provision of sandbags, deliver sandbags to meet any incoming requests, flexible prioritised response, collection from the depot and collection from a location within a Community or at-risk areas (report 6.1-5).

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

None

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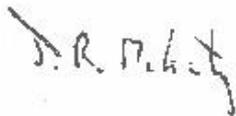
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10

**Title**

Financial Outturn 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:

(1) it is noted that:

- a) the year-end position for the financial year 2020/21 is a decrease to the General Fund balance of £122k against a budgeted decrease of £48k
- b) the General Fund balance has decreased from £1.501m to £1.379m at the end of 2020/21
- c) that the level of earmarked reserves has increased by £9.738m to £13.771m, including the creation of an £8.929m Section 31 Grant Repayment Reserve
- d) the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on the Council year end position

(2) the transfers to and from earmarked reserves as detailed in the table in section 6 of the report is 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:**

A wide range of options are explored by officers in order to reduce budgetary pressure, to achieve savings targets, and to ensure value for money.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

None

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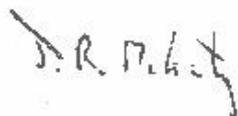
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**Title**

Annual Risk Management Report 2020/21

**Report Of**

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)

**Report Author**

Paul Brown, Senior Risk Management Advisor

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Key Decision**

No

**DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that the Strategic Risk Register and the planned risk management arrangements for 2021/22 is noted and endorsed.

**REASON FOR DECISION:**

An annual risk management report and a risk management plan for the new financial year are required to support the Audit and Governance Committee function to 'monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's governance arrangements'.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

No other options have been considered.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:**

None

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

None

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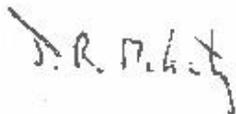
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**Title**

Acquisition of Property to meet Temporary Accommodation Needs

**Report Of**

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

**Report Author**

Neil Coles, Housing Innovation Manager

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**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):**

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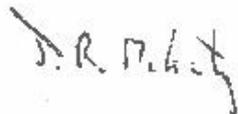
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**CALL-IN PROCEDURE**

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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