



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 12 January 2023

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

11 January 2023

Item No.

7

Title

Gloucester City Council Plan 2022-2024 Update

Report Of

Leader of the Council (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Liam Moran, Policy and Development Officer

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that progress on delivery of the Council Plan 2022-2024 is noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

This update on the delivery of the Council Plan 2022-2024 enables Members, partners, and residents to hold the Council to account for the delivery of its planned actions.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

This is a progress report therefore alternative options are not applicable.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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

This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.

Call-in Deadline: 19 January 2023

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

Decision Maker:

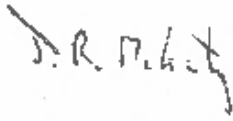
Councillor Richard Cook
Leader of the Council



Date: 11 January 2023

Proper Officer:

Jon McGinty
Managing Director



Date: 11 January 2023



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 12 January 2023

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2023	Item No.	8
Title	Response to the Recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on Engagement with Young People		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Raymond Padilla)		
Report Author	Lauren Richards, Democratic and Electoral Services Officer		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION:			
<p>RESOLVED that the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, as set out in Appendices 1 and 3 to the report, are addressed and implemented at the earliest opportunity, and that those recommendations requiring more detailed consideration be the subject of a further report to Cabinet as necessary.</p>			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
<p>The recommendations stem from the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group and it is the discretion of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods to make a final decision on these recommendations.</p>			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
N/A			
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:			
None			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):			
None			
SCRUTINY (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):			
<p>This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.</p> <p>Call-in Deadline: 19 January 2023</p>			

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

Decision Maker:

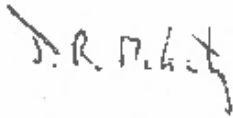
Councillor Richard Cook
Leader of the Council



Date: 11 January 2023

Proper Officer:

Jon McGinty
Managing Director



Date: 11 January 2023



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 12 January 2023

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2023	Item No.	9
Title	Gloucester Guildhall National Portfolio Organisations (NPO) Funding Decision		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Andrew Lewis)		
Report Author	Philip Walker, Head of Culture		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the successful application and offer of multi-year funding by Arts Council England to the City Council for Gloucester Guildhall is noted
- (2) the increase in the number of National Portfolio Organisations (NPO) in the city is noted as an indicator of the success of the Cultural Strategy
- (3) the Head of Culture, in consultation with the Director of Policy and Resources and the Director: One Legal is given delegated authority to accept the award on behalf of the council and to enter the 3-year agreement
- (4) the Head of Culture is given delegated authority to establish an independent Steering Board for Gloucester Guildhall.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The investment from ACE will enable a step-change in the ability of Gloucester Guildhall to attract high-quality acts and also help to develop local talent and audiences.

A new strand of workshops will be offered to support skills development in the city with a particular emphasis on young people.

The current lack of capacity to market and promote Gloucester Guildhall more widely to audiences across the city and beyond will be addressed through a dedicated Senior Marketing role and marketing budget.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Arts Council offer one-off project grants, which could have been an option. However, these are for smaller amounts and for specific projects and are not offered on a multi-year basis. The NPO offered a greater investment over a sustained multi-year period, which made the effort to apply worthwhile.

The council could have applied for NPO funding for its entire Cultural portfolio, however, the likelihood of success would have been much lower.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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

This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.

Call-in Deadline: 19 January 2023

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

Decision Maker:

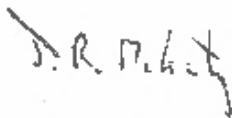
Councillor Richard Cook
Leader of the Council



Date: 11 January 2023

Proper Officer:

Jon McGinty
Managing Director



Date: 11 January 2023



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 12 January 2023

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2023	Item No.	10
Title	Events and Festivals Report on 2022 and Plan for 2023-24		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Andrew Lewis)		
Report Author	Philip Walker, Head of Culture		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the Review of Festivals and Events Activity 2022 (appendix 1 to the report) is noted
- (2) the proposed events for 2023 (appendix 2 to the report) are endorsed
- (3) the budgets for Bright Nights and Kings Square are used as financial match to support future funding bids.

REASON FOR DECISION:

This approach builds on the strengths of the festivals and programme in the city, whilst introducing new opportunities for the city to strengthen partnerships and continue to raise its profile in line with the ambitions of the Cultural Strategy.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None.

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

This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.

Call-in Deadline: 19 January 2023

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

Decision Maker:

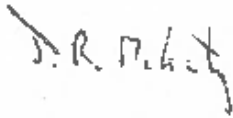
Councillor Richard Cook
Leader of the Council



Date: 11 January 2023

Proper Officer:

Jon McGinty
Managing Director



Date: 11 January 2023



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 12 January 2023

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2023	Item No.	11
Title	Tourist Information Provision		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Andrew Lewis)		
Report Author	Philip Walker, Head of Culture		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the City Council supports the provision of all visitor information points across the city including visitor attractions, accommodation providers, transport hubs and digital information instead of one single Tourist Information Centre.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Museum of Gloucester is already providing visitor information to the same level as other visitor attractions and key locations.

The report is simply about a change of words – no longer offering a City Council run Tourist Information Centre but supporting the increased use of visitor information points across the city and supporting digital information.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Reverting to a sole-use Tourist Information Centre will have overheads more than £100k if based on the previous model and the City Council is not able to fund a service of this kind when there is a focus on making efficiencies. With a successful digital offer, the city does not require a stand-alone service.

The Museum of Gloucester could continue to promote itself as housing the city's Tourist Information Centre but as highlighted in 3.9, the current service has naturally reduced and is now like all other visitor attractions that has maps and leaflets on offer.

The Museum of Gloucester could fully withdraw from any Tourist Information provision however this is discounted as all visitor attractions and key locations want to provide visitor information to enhance the visitor experience.

An independent tourist office was due to open on Westgate but owing to lack of resources this has not ever opened. The city council is unable to subsidise an independent TIC.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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

This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.

Call-in Deadline: 19 January 2023

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

Decision Maker:

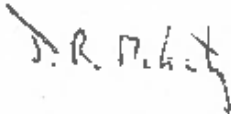
Councillor Richard Cook
Leader of the Council



Date: 11 January 2023

Proper Officer:

Jon McGinty
Managing Director



Date: 11 January 2023



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 12 January 2023

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	11 January 2023	Item No.	12
Title	Car Parking - Tariff Increase		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Jon Topping, Director of Policy and Resources		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the car parking tariffs are increased to reflect inflationary pressures, encourage people to consider other alternative modes of transport and better reflect current parking trends
- (2) the number of parking zones is reduced from 3 to 2 zones through the combination of the current zones 1 & 2 into a single zone to reflect the changes being brought about by the redevelopment of the City Centre and bring regularity across our City Centre car parks
- (3) the tariff options are regularised for purchasing tickets for users of the car parks, by removing the 1-hour option, in line with other comparable car parks and to encourage a longer visit to support our city centre businesses
- (4) the Director of Policy and Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Policy and Resources is authorised to undertake the necessary statutory procedures to implement these changes as outlined in the report and in appendix 1 to the report
- (5) a review of car parking charges is undertaken biennially

REASON FOR DECISION:

Parking tariffs have not been reviewed for over 5 years and are not reflective of current trends or habits. The all day tariff has not been reviewed for over 10 years. Our current charging regime does not help change people's mindset in relation to other more sustainable transport methods. Our current regime encourages short stays for an hour or less which does not fit with the Council trying to encourage longer stays and more use of our City Centre businesses and actually encourages hopping into the car to drive to multiple places.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

To maintain tariffs at their current level which will continue to reduce net revenues to the Council creating an unsustainable position in the long term because of the inflationary pressures noted above. This also hinders future investment in the enhancements to the car parking infrastructure required to achieve the Council's carbon neutral aims.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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

This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.

Call-in Deadline: 19 January 2023

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

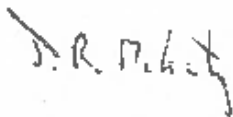
We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

Decision Maker:

Councillor Richard Cook
Leader of the Council

**Date:** 11 January 2023**Proper Officer:**

Jon McGinty
Managing Director

**Date:** 11 January 2023



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 12 January 2023

Decision Of

Cabinet

Date of Decision

11 January 2023

Item No.

13

Title

Annual Report for Energy Costs and Energy Reduction Projects

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Abi Marshall, Property Commissioning Manager

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) energy usage and consumption in the year April 2021-22 is noted
- (2) future reporting focuses on energy saving initiatives and projects led by the Climate Change Manager and annual benchmarking reporting ceases as the portfolio has evolved and habits significantly changed since 2012.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Strategy will enable the Council to continue to make a significant contribution towards carbon reduction while cutting costs.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The 2012 strategy had been carefully considered and is an amalgam of good estate management and the Council's values for that time period. This is the last report referring to that strategy.

Carry on with the current reporting regime, which has due to market changes, portfolio changes and habitual changes become a rather meaningless task. A new format has to be taken forward, led by the Climate Manager.

No further reporting to occur, which is not in keeping with Council objectives.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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

This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.

Call-in Deadline: 19 January 2023

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 and is a true and accurate record of that decision:

Decision Maker:

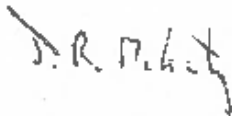
Councillor Richard Cook
Leader of the Council



Date: 11 January 2023

Proper Officer:

Jon McGinty
Managing Director



Date: 11 January 2023

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.

—

If you have any queries about the content of Decision Records please contact:

Tanya Davies
Policy and Governance Manager
tanya.davies@gloucester.gov.uk
01452 396125