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Gloucester City Council

| Decision Of      | Cabinet                                         |              |    |
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| Date of Decision | 14 June 2023                                    | Item No.     | 7  |
|                  |                                                 |              |    |
| Title            | 2022-2024 End of Year Council Plan 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: 22 June 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:

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| Date of Decision | 14 June 2023                                                            | Item No.     | 8   |
| Title            | Community Asset Transfer Policy                                         |              |     |
| Report Of        | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman) |              |     |
| Report Author    | Abi Marshall, Property Commissioning Manager                            |              |     |
| Wards Affected   | All Wards                                                               | Key Decision | Yes |

**RESOLVED** that the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Policy is adopted.

# **REASON FOR DECISION:**

We need to provide a clear framework and process to empower our CO/TSO's and help forge stronger, more positive relationships and enable more success stories and increase what we can do to best serve our communities together.

We can be more robust and reasoned in our decision making and increase transparency around the decision making process.

# **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

### Do nothing.

We already have tenants who have benefited from preferential terms due to their CO/TSO status and what they deliver for our communities. Many of these tenants are what are known as protected tenants. This means they have an automatic right to renew their tenancies on the same terms, apart from the rent. To meet other legislative requirements the rent would have to go up and a 'market rent charged' unless we could apply a standardised policy. Therefore, doing nothing is not an option due to the legal status of our tenants we have to do something to help protect the services and benefits they deliver.

Continue as we do now.

This is causing confusion, organisations are unclear how best to meet their objectives and often CO/TSO's are made promises, or making demands on the Council that legislatively, financially, physically impossible to deliver. This leads to frustration, and reputational damage. By having a clear policy, we can treat every CO/TSO on their own merits and manage their expectations. We can forge stronger and better relationships benefiting the communities we serve.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

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| Date of Decision | 14 June 2023                                                            | Item No.     | 9  |
|                  |                                                                         |              |    |
| Title            | Treasury Management Update - Annual Report 2022/23                      |              |    |
| Report Of        | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman) |              |    |
| Report Author    | Greg Maw, Head of Finance and Resources                                 |              |    |
| Wards Affected   | All Wards                                                               | Key Decision | No |
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DECISION:

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the report are 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). This report covers the six months 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and therefore, ensures this Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the Code.

# ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

There are no alternative options.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

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| Date of Decision | 14 June 2023                                                     | Item No.     | 10 |
|                  |                                                                  |              |    |
| Title            | Blackfriars Priory Business Plan 2023-2028                       |              |    |
| 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 interim Head of Finance and Resources and Head of Culture, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture, are delegated to enter into negotiations for a new lease agreement with English Heritage
- (2) the aims of the business plan and continuation of Cabinet as an advocate for the Blackfriars programme are endorsed
- (3) a continued financial contribution by the authority for the next 5 years to develop Blackfriars Priory is committed to.

## **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Blackfriars is an asset to Gloucester City Council. The commercial arm of the business is strong and once it reaches a profit, the business can support other cultural activity across the Council's remit.

Blackfriars is an important heritage venue in Gloucester. Gloucester is an historic city and Blackfriars plays a significant role – if Gloucester City Council does not extend the lease arrangement, then the doors will close to the public.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Gloucester City Council could end its agreement with English Heritage. A financial saving would be made but would negatively affect the cultural offer within Gloucester. This is not recommended as the business plan shows substantial growth over the next 5 years.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION: None

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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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