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15 June 2023

Gloucester City Council

Decision Of	Cabinet		
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:

Decision Maker: Councillor Richard Cook Leader of the Council

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Proper Officer: Jon McGinty Managing Director

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
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

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
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 1st October 2022 to 31st 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:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
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

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted): 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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