

Gloucester City Council

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| <b>Decision Of</b> | Cabinet   |              |    |
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| Date of Decision   | 12 July 2023  | Item No.     | 7  |
| Title              | Response to the Recommendations of the Task and Finish Group on Damp and Mould in Gloucester's Rented Accommodation |              |    |
| Report Of          | Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Stephanie Chambers)                                    |              |    |
| Report Author      | Lauren Richards   |              |    |
| Wards Affected     | All Wards   | Key Decision | No |

### **DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report are addressed and implemented at the earliest opportunity, and those recommendations requiring more detailed consideration be the subject of a further report to Cabinet as necessary.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Cabinet is asked to accept and implement the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group as set out in Section 6 of Appendix 1 of the report.

### **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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## **CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:**

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| Decision Of      | Cabinet   |              |     |
| Date of Decision | 12 July 2023  | Item No.     | 8   |
|                  |   |              |     |
| Title            | Blackbridge Sports Hub  |              |     |
| Report Of        | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman), Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Andrew Lewis) |              |     |
| Report Author    | Melloney Smith, Asset Officer   |              |     |
| Wards Affected   | Podsmead  | Key Decision | Yes |

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the acquisition of land from the County Council for £1 subject to a restriction that the land acquired is used only as a community sports hub (see plan of land in appendix 1 of the report) is agreed
- (2) following the completion of the acquisition of the land from the County Council, a 125-year lease at a minimal rent to BCCBS (see plan of land in appendix 2 of the report) is granted.
- (3) it is agreed to delegate authority to the Head of Finance and Resources in consultation with the Asset Management Team to agree the terms for the acquisition of the land from the County Council and for the disposal by way of a 125-year lease to BCCBS
- (4) authority is delegated to the Director of One Legal to prepare and conclude the necessary legal documentation to:
  - a) reflect the acquisition terms negotiated and agreed between the County Council and the Council and to execute such documents
  - b) reflect the lease terms negotiated and agreed between the Council and BCCBS and to execute such documents.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

It is recommended that the Council support this project to provide a new sports facility in this location as it complies with both Gloucester City Council's City Plan and the Sports and Physical Activity Strategy 2023-2028.

The long lease that is proposed is offered to BCCBS by the Council will protect the land transferred for the future use as a sports facility and playing fields.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Not to go ahead with this project - This would mean the loss of the opportunity to support the provision of a community sports hub

The Council undertakes the project itself. The Council does not have the resources to undertake this project. The Council would not be able to access such wide sources of grant funding meaning the project would not be financially viable.

The County Council deal directly with leasing the land to BCCBS – This would not meet with the County Council's Disposal Policy and the function of providing sports/leisure facilities is the Council's responsibility

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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| Date of Decision   | 12 July 2023   | Item No.     | 9  |
| Title              | Local Development Scheme and Timetable for Cheltenham,<br>Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan |              |    |
| Report Of          | Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Stephanie Chambers)                             |              |    |
| Report Author      | Adam Gooch, Planning Policy Team Leader  |              |    |
| Wards Affected     | All Wards  | Key Decision | No |

#### **DECISION:**

### **RECOMMENDED** to Council that:

- (1) the updated Local Development Scheme (Appendix 1 of the report) is adopted and takes effect immediately
- (2) Council delegates authority to the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy, to prepare the Local Development Scheme for publication correcting any minor errors such as spelling, grammar, typographical and formatting changes that do not affect the substantive content of the Local Development Scheme.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The purpose of the LDS is to set out the Local Development Documents that are to be Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and which will be prepared by the Authority. The LDS also needs to give details as to what they will contain and timescales for their production. It is important that plans for the future of the city are produced in a timely and efficient manner. If they are not, development which is necessary for the city's continued growth and prosperity may be delayed or abandoned, the coordination of housing development and infrastructure provision may be difficult to achieve and there is the potential for development to be approved on appeal in locations that the Authority does not consider suitable

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

An alternative option would be to progress a single strategic and local plan just for Gloucester. However, the geography of the three councils is such that there are very strong inter-relationships and dependencies in housing, employment, infrastructure and transport patterns. The combined approach would simplify the duties around cross-

boundary co-ordination and evidence collation.

Another alternative would be to work in partnership with Cheltenham and Tewkesbury councils to prepare a 'strategic plan' for the whole area and then to prepare a more detailed plan for Gloucester. This would mirror the approach taken since 2017. In doing so the benefits outlined of 3.7 of the report would not be realised, and as such this is not a recommended approach.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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

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| Decision Of      | Cabinet   |              |    |
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| Date of Decision | 12 July 2023  | Item No.     | 10 |
| Title            | Financial Outturn 2022/23   |              |    |
| Report Of        | Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman) |              |    |
| Report Author    | Hadrian Walters, Accountancy Manager                                    |              |    |
| Wards Affected   | All Wards   | Key Decision | No |

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) it is noted that:
  - a) the year-end position for the financial year 2022-23 is currently a decrease to the General Fund balance of £278k against a budgeted net zero position
  - b) the General Fund balance has decreased from £1.127m to £0.849m at the end of 2022-23
  - c) that the level of earmarked reserves has decreased by £3.209m to £4.264m, with the final release of £2.811m from the Section 31 Grant Repayment Reserve created in 2020-21 because of the Covid-19 pandemic
  - d) the current level of Capital expenditure as shown in Appendix 1 of the report
  - e) that the work to reconstitute the large volume of data from the manual transactions processed following the cyber incident in December 2021 into the system is in progress. The volume of manual data being analysed and reconciled means that there will be movements between the outturns forecast for the detailed categories, and that the figures provided are the best estimates based on current analyses
- (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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| Date of Decision | 12 July 2023  | Item No.     | 11 |
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| Title            | Risk Management Annual Report 2022/23                                   |              |    |
| 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 2022/23 are noted and endorsed.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

A Risk Management Annual Report and Action Plan 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

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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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