



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 9 November 2023

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	8 November 2023	Item No.	7
Title	Annual Report on the Grant Funding Provided to the Voluntary Sector		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Raymond Padilla)		
Report Author	Leanne Purnell, Community Wellbeing Officer		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION:			
RESOLVED that the report is noted and the same approach is endorsed for the 2023/24 year.			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
Cabinet is asked to note the contents of this report and endorse the same approach for the coming year.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
No longer providing grant funding in any form is an option, however this does not help to realise the ambitions we have for our City and build on the excellent progress which has been made in previous years through small investments in our communities.			
Other Districts in Gloucestershire deliver support to the VCS in a variety of different ways which are similar to our approach in Gloucester and reflect the local context and approach. The amount of grant funding available to community groups is similar across the County, however, we are confident that our approach fits with our ethos around ABCD which adds benefit to our residents.			
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: 16 November 2023			

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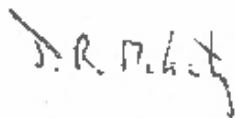
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Item No.

8

Title

Domestic Abuse and Places of Safety

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Stephanie Chambers)

Report Author

Ruth Saunders, Director of Communities

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director following consultation with the Head of Finance and Resources and Director, One Legal to accept funding from other members of the Strategic Housing Partnership to deliver Domestic Abuse Housing;
- (2) delegated authority is provided to the Corporate Director in consultation with the Head of Finance and Resources and the Director of One Legal to accept tenders following procurement exercises carried out on behalf of the Strategic Housing Partnership; and
- (3) the Council continues to employ a lead Member of staff on behalf of the Strategic Housing Partnership with a shared funding arrangement.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The needs assessment outlined the greatest need in the county in respect of Domestic Abuse being in Gloucester. As a result, the Council has taken the lead to ensure the Housing work is delivered for all partners, as well as ourselves.

Given the shared funding arrangements it is important that the Council is able to receive funds from other partners to cover the obligations made on behalf of the Partnership.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council could have stepped back and let one of the other Districts lead on this work, however, the needs assessment outlined the highest need is in our District, so the Council agreed to be the lead.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

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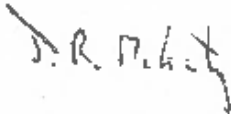
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	8 November 2023	Item No.	9
Title	Temporary Accommodation Acquisition Programme		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Stephanie Chambers), Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Neil Coles, Housing Innovation Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

DECISION:

RECOMMENDED to Council that:

- (1) delegated authority be provided to the Corporate Director in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and the Director of One Legal to:
 - a) approve the establishment of a capital investment fund, funded from borrowing, to enable an acquisition programme for buildings or other structures for use as temporary accommodation for households who present as homeless to the Council
 - b) explore options and appoint a provider, or other arrangement, to manage the temporary accommodation provided on behalf of the Council
 - c) procure and appoint contractors and associated professional services to carry out any works required to bring the properties into use as units of temporary accommodation
- (2) acquisitions be made in accordance with the principles of this report and the total costs will not exceed £5m.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The continued reliance on hotel and/or bed and breakfast accommodation as temporary accommodation for homeless households results in uncontrolled expenditure risk for the Council and does not provide the most appropriate accommodation for those households.

The extension of the Council's temporary accommodation portfolio provides the Council with greater security in respect of future expenditure while providing more appropriate accommodation for homeless households.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The option to continue the current approach of spot booking temporary accommodation without acquiring new units of temporary accommodation is not recommended as it would impact detrimentally on the Council's temporary accommodation expenditure, and it would result in continued uncontrolled use of hotel and/or bed and breakfast accommodation that while lawful does not provide the most appropriate accommodation for homeless households.

Further options include the consideration of policy levers to place homeless households outside of the County for the majority of cases. Whilst this is a suitable option to consider for some households, it will not be for many, and may result in significant transport costs to ensure children can remain in school, for example.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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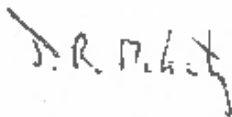
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	8 November 2023	Item No.	10
Title	Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury Strategic and Local Plan - Public Consultation (Regulation 18)		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Stephanie Chambers)		
Report Author	Adam Gooch, Planning Policy Team Leader		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION:			
RECOMMEND to Council that:			
<p>(1) the Strategic and Local Plan Consultation Document (Appendix 1) be approved for consultation under Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012</p> <p>(2) authority be delegated to the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing, to prepare diagrams illustrating the general location of development options for inclusion in the consultation document, and to make any other necessary minor amendments, corrections and additions to the document prior to publication for consultation.</p>			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
The City Council agreed to the preparation of the Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury SLP in July 2023. This represents the first full consultation of the SLP under Regulation 18 and is an opportunity for the community and stakeholders to engage early in the process and inform the scope of the Plan.			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
This consultation considers different alternatives and invites comment on other alternatives that should be considered through the SLP process.			
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:			
None			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):			
None			

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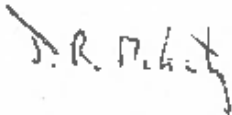
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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	8 November 2023	Item No.	11
Title	Proposed Disposal of Barbican House, 31 Commercial Road, to Gloucestershire Academy of Music		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Melloney Smith, Asset Officer		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION:			
<p>RESOLVED that authority is delegated to the Head of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources and Investment Manager, to agree terms to dispose of the freehold interest or a long leasehold interest in Barbican House within the next two years.</p>			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
<p>It is recommended that Barbican House is disposed to support the good work of GAM and to allow them to further invest in the building and be in a better position to apply for more grant monies.</p>			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
<p>Retain the property and continue to rent the property to GAM. The property is no longer needed for strategic purposes as the Blackfriars/Barbican site has been disposed of for student accommodation. The car park land is not required for access to the prison site. Under the terms of a lease the Council as landlord is responsible for external repairs so we would lose this liability.</p> <p>Sell the property on the open market, this may mean that GAM is not successful in acquiring the property. It may result in a larger capital sum being received but puts at risk the services GAM provide.</p>			
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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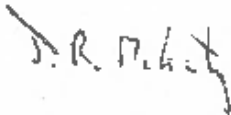
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12

Title

Open Space Strategy Clarification

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)

Report Author

Mark Graham, Open Spaces Officer

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) amendments to the current Open Space Strategy, which have been made in order to clarify the Council's policy in respect of unadopted land, are noted
- (2) the Amendments Open Space Strategy is adopted
- (3) authority is delegated to the Corporate Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy, to make any other necessary minor factual amendments and corrections to the Open Space Strategy.

REASON FOR DECISION:

In order to maximise resources available for the maintenance of the Council's open spaces, it is recommended that the Council cease the maintenance of private land currently being maintained at public expense.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

To continue to manage private land at public expense.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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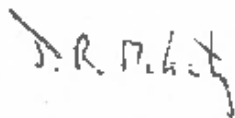
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Item No.

13

Title

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) - Annual Update

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

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the annual update on the use of RIPA powers is noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

No action is required and the recommendation is therefore for Cabinet to note the Council's use of its RIPA powers.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council still has and can make use of other investigatory powers, such as overt surveillance, when investigating potential criminal offences, but must comply with RIPA when it carries out Directed Surveillance or CHIS. There are therefore no real alternative options relevant to the Council's use of its RIPA powers.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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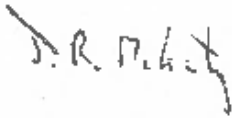
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

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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