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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	07 February 2024	Item No.	7
Title	Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)		
Report Author	Jon Burke, Climate Change Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Gloucester City Council Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan at Appendix 1 of the report be adopted and issued for public and key stakeholder consultation.

REASON FOR DECISION:

In 2019, Gloucester City Council (GCC) declared a climate emergency. In doing so the council committed to reaching net zero emissions across its own functions by 2030 and working towards net zero emissions across the wider district by 2050; this target was subsequently brought forward to 2045 in November 2021 in line with the higher confidence thresholds of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) 1.5°C report.

In approving the recommendations of this report, Council will be supporting further progress towards the achievement of its stated decarbonisation goals in consultation with key stakeholders and residents of Gloucester.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The alternative option would be for the City Council to have not undertaken delivery of the Climate Action Plan and Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA). However, this would not have been conducive to the delivery of an orderly approach to decarbonisation at the level of either the district or council. Furthermore, both a comprehensive Climate Action Plan and CRVA are conditions of membership of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Energy and Climate.

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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Call-in Deadline: 15 February 2024

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	07 February 2024	Item No.	8
Title	Money Plan 2024-29 & Final Budget Proposals 2024/29		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman), Leader of the Council (Councillor Richard Cook)		
Report Author	Greg Maw, Head of Finance and Resources		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RECOMMENDED to Council that:

- (1) the proposals for the 2024/25 budget included in this report be approved;
- (2) it be noted that consultation has been undertaken on budget proposals.

REASON FOR DECISION:

For Members to review the Council's Money Plan for recommendation to Council.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council must set a balanced budget in time to start collecting Council Tax by 1 April 2024. Alternative proposals put forward for budget savings will be considered as part of this process.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	07 February 2024	Item No.	9
Title	Suspension of `Purchase in Reserve' Grave Spaces		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Carly Hughes, Bereavement Services Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Gloucester City Council implement a suspension on the ability to purchase in reserve graves until an additional site for burial land is available;
- (2) authority is delegated to Head of Finance and Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources to remove the suspension once additional burial land has been secured.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The rationale behind the suspension is to ensure we have sufficient space to accommodate residents needs into the future, to allow us to ensure that we accommodate all residents that do not wish to be cremated.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

To continue to allow purchase in reserve graves at Gloucester Cemetery. This would mean burial land is used sooner than the planned and we would no longer be able to offer residents the option of burial which means the residents who have a religious belief of burial not cremation may not be able to be accommodated at Gloucester.

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	07 February 2024	Item No.	10
Title	Lease of Land at Hempsted Meadow		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Melloney Smith, Asset Officer		
Wards Affected	Westgate	Key Decision	No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) authority is given to the Investment Manager in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Policy & Resources and Culture & Leisure to undertake a competitive process to enter into a lease for a term of up to 15 years with 5 year breaks for the area identified at Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) the site conditions are evaluated and recommendations made so that the site can operate all year round;
- (3) the existing operator is given a 9-month extension to their existing licence to enable the car boot sale to stay operational while the competitive process offering a lease of the area identified is undertaken.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The physical nature of the site limits possible uses. However, there has been much local support for bringing the car boot back to Hempsted Meadow.

The advantages of a lease over a licence are that it will give any tenant a propriety interest in the land. This in turn will encourage investment from the tenant which will promote longevity of the site, enhance the area and the Council will be in a position of receiving a fixed rental income to aid recovering its costs for the ongoing operational management of the site.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The Council's land holding portfolio has been considered to seek alternative locations for a car boot sale. There is no other site that offers sufficient scale, transport connections or access provisions. Car parks provide the closest potential but were unlikely to be big enough for vendors and patrons to be located on the same site. Also a

car park being unavailable to shoppers and business users, due to a car boot, would have a detrimental impact on the local economy.

Consideration has also been given to whether Hempsted Meadow should be used for different purposes. Other opportunities have been considered and whilst other aspects of the site are suitable for other uses, the area where the car boot currently trades has a number of restrictions making permanent development challenging. However, the Council will continue to keep this under review, including the potential for disposal of the freehold of the site.

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	07 February 2024	Item No.	11
Title	Cultural Strategy Update		
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 report is accepted and progress against the objectives and actions noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To update Members.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None.

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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