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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	7
Title	Blackfriars Priory 2023-2024 Report and 2024-2025 Forward Plan		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Andrew Lewis)		
Report Author	Louisa Davies, Cultural Development Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that the:

- (1) report is accepted, and progress noted;
- (2) planned activity for 2024-2025 is supported.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The approach builds on the strengths of the Blackfriars Priory programme, whilst introducing opportunities to raise the venue's profile in line with the ambitions of the Cultural Strategy.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

None

### 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	06 March 2024	Item No.	8
Title	Guildhall Galvanised		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Co	ouncillor Andrew L	.ewis)
Report Author	Lucy Chilton, Visitor Experience Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

### **DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that the report is accepted and that the project is celebrated and noted.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Update report.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

N/A

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	9
Title	Museum Development Plan Update		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Co	ouncillor Andrew L	.ewis)
Report Author	Lucy Chilton, Visitor Experience Manager		
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:**

Update report.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

N/A – update report.

#### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	10
Title	Tourism & Destination Marketing – Christmas Evaluation Report 2023		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor Andrew Lewis)		
Report Author	Jack Fayter, Tourism and Destination Marketing Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

### **DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that the Tourism and Destination Marketing Christmas campaign evaluation is noted.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The report shows the impact of the Christmas Campaign in promoting the city and supporting our visitor economy businesses in November and December 2023.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

N/A

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	11
Title	Leisure Services 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:

- (1) the provision of Leisure services since October 2023 is noted;
- (2) the appointment of Freedom Leisure to deliver leisure services on behalf of the City Council from 11 November 2023 to 1 January 2025 is noted;
- (3) authority is delegated to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure and the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, to procure and award a contract for the longer term provision of management of the facilities at GL1 and Oxstalls from 2 January 2025 following a full and robust tender process.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The procurement of an interim leisure provider to manage the Council's and University's leisure facilities for sports clubs, public and community use, was considered the best option to improve the social, physical, and mental well-being of the residents of Gloucester in the most economical way.

The procurement of a long-term leisure operator will deliver the best outcome for Gloucester residents in the current circumstances.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	12
Title	2022-2024 Council Plan Six Month Update		
Report Of	Leader of the Council (Councillor Richard Cook)		
Report Author	Tanya Davies, Policy and Governance Manager		
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):**

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	13
Title	Electric Vehicle Charging in Gloucester		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)		
Report Author	Jon Burke, Climate Change Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- Council officers continue to work closely with County Council officers on current and future phases of the County Council's on-street electric vehicle charge point programme;
- (2) Council officers proceed to identify options for installation for of electric vehicle charge points to be located within Council-owned car parks on the basis set out within the report;
- (3) Authority is delegated to the Head of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, One Legal, and the Climate Change and Decarbonisation Lead officer to progress with the most suitable option.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

To ensure the timely and orderly rollout of electric vehicle charge points across the City Council's car parking assets.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The City Council could choose to take no action and to allow the County Council and the market to lead on the rollout of electric vehicle charge points in the district.

It is the view of officers that a collaborative approach in which the Council uses the resources at its disposal – in this case car parks – to supplement the work of the County Council is most likely to yield both an increase in charge points, support the Council's net zero emissions reduction target and raise revenue for the Council.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	14
Title	Air Quality Action Plan		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillo	r Richard Cook)	
Report Author	Gupti Gosine, Community Wellbeing Manage	er	
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the progress of the draft Air Quality Action plan is noted;
- (2) the Air Quality Action Plan is endorsed to go out for public consultation.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

In accordance with part 4 of the Environmental Act 1995 as required by DEFRA.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

None. It is a statutory requirement to have an Air Quality Action Plan.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	15
Title	Future Opportunities for the Fleece		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)		
Report Author	David Evans, City Growth and Delivery Manager, Claire Dovey- Evans, Townscape Heritage Officer		
Wards Affected	Westgate Key Decision Yes		

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, agrees a 'Statement of Intent' with the Phoenix Village Project to use as the basis to progress the project to agree Heads of Terms as set out in (2) below;
- (2) the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Environment, the Head of Finance and Resources, and the Council Solicitor, develops Heads of Terms with Phoenix Village Project to enable the redevelopment of the Fleece Hotel site (including Longsmith Street Carpark), and report these back to Cabinet in due course;
- (3) the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for the Environment, the Head of Finance and Resources, and the Council Solicitor, should pursue appropriate grant funding opportunities to enable the development of the Fleece Hotel Site. Should such grant funding require capital investment from the Council, appropriate authority will be sought.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

There is a need to bring The Fleece site, which includes some highly significant heritage assets, back into active use. Pursuing the development of the site will preserve those assets for future generations and contribute to the vibrancy and vitality of the Cathedral Quarter and the city centre.

It is felt that with the detailed survey work on the Great Inn and Westgate range now complete, giving cost assurance on the most significant buildings, and with an interested party with a business case that fits with the Councils aspirations for the site, the Council

should take this opportunity to develop the proposals into firm plans. Officers should now be authorised to work with the Phoenix Village project, to secure external funding to achieve this.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Do nothing.

Doing nothing does not meet our requirement to safeguard and bring back into use buildings of historic importance.

Continue as we do now.

We could continue to leave the site mothballed, but there are annual maintenance costs incurred by the Council and it is likely that deterioration of the site will incur increased costs in the future.

It is not possible to simply offer the Fleece for sale, given the considerable conservation deficit on the site. The Council could act alone as the developer but doing so would involve a multi-million pound commitment as well as significant Officer resource. This would not bring the benefits of private sector capital or innovation. A community-led approach has been considered but the scale and complexity of the project is likely to be too great for this to happen within a reasonable timescale.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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Cabinet		
06 March 2024	Item No.	16
Contract Award Whitefriars Phase Two Land	Remediation	•
Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook)		
Craig Cassely, Senior Projects Officer, Major Projects		
Westgate	Key Decision	Yes
	06 March 2024  Contract Award Whitefriars Phase Two Land Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Craig Cassely, Senior Projects Officer, Majo	06 March 2024  Contract Award Whitefriars Phase Two Land Remediation Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Richard Cook) Craig Cassely, Senior Projects Officer, Major Projects

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the grant funding of £477,903 from One Public Estate Brownfield Land Release Fund 2 (BLRF2) associated with Whitefriars Apartments Phase 2, Gloucester is accepted;
- (2) the contract for works is awarded to Reef Estates through a contract variation to the Forum Development Agreement to enable Brownfield Land remediation to be undertaken at Whitefriars Phase 2.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The acceptance and spend of the BLRF grant funding will facilitate the redevelopment of the Whitefriars Phase 2 development, as part of the ongoing Kings Square redevelopment.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Do nothing. The council could do nothing and not award a contract for remediation. Doing so would require either a variation to the funding agreement with One Public Estate or the handing back of grant funding.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	17
Title	Gloucestershire City Region Board		
Report Of	Leader of the Council (Councillor Richard Cook)		
Report Author	David Evans, City Growth and Delivery Man	ager	
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the establishment of the Gloucestershire City Region Board (GCRB) is agreed;
- (2) Authority is delegated to the Managing Director in consultation with The Leader to finalise and complete the Inter-Authority Agreement and other key documentation and to take all necessary steps to create the GCRB, including finalising the terms of reference for the GCRB;
- (3) the above recommendations will not be effective until all Gloucestershire Councils pass equivalent resolutions.

Furthermore, upon the establishment of the GCRB:

- (4) this Council's functions are delegated to the GCRB as are necessary for the delivery of the functions identified in the Terms of Reference at Appendix 1 to the report;
- (5) the appointment of the Gloucestershire County Council as the Administering Authority;
- (6) it is agreed to appoint the Cabinet Member for Environment to the GCRB as the nominated member of the Board, if the Cabinet Member for Environment is unable to attend, the Leader will nominate an alternative member of the Cabinet to attend the Board as a substitute.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

To enable the Council to play an active part in the formalisation of a new Gloucestershire Regional Board, and to support the development of a vision for the future growth of the economy of Gloucestershire.

Reports with similar recommendations are being taken to decision-making meetings of each principal Local Authority in Gloucestershire.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

As part of the development of the GCRB alternative options were discussed and discounted. Retaining both a GCRB and a GEGJC would create significant duplication and would be unlikely to be effective. Disbanding any joint governance for Gloucestershire authorities to operate individually was considered as an option and rejected. Without a collective decision-making forum to invest pooled business rates funding via the SEDF, Gloucestershire Authorities would be significantly financially worse off. In addition, disbanding a joint decision making forum and not proceeding with the GCRB would likely limit Gloucestershire's ability to proceed with and secure further devolution of powers from Whitehall.

### 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	06 March 2024	Item No.	18
Title	Private Sector Stock Condition Survey		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Stephanie Chambers)		
Report Author	Neil Coles, Housing Innovation Manager		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the contents of the Private Sector Stock Condition Survey are noted;
- (2) the overarching conclusion set out in the Private Sector Stock Condition Survey report that the condition of housing stock across Gloucester is generally good compared with the national picture, is noted;
- (3) it is noted that despite the positive feedback on housing conditions, there remain pockets of poor housing across the city that impact on the health and well-being of residents across all tenures;
- (4) the improvement of housing standards since the previous Private Sector Stock Condition Survey in 2011 is noted;
- (5) the following recommendations to address the key conclusions set out in the survey report are agreed:
  - a) the Council will continue to target resources to maintain and improve housing standards and environmental issues in Barton and Tredworth;
  - officers continue to work to bring empty homes back into use with a focus on empty dwellings in Kingsholm and Wotton, and Barton and Tredworth;
  - the Planning Committee will determine whether there is a business case for an Article 4 Direction to be introduced to manage the conversion of existing dwellings to small HMOs in one or more areas of the city;
  - d) the Council continues to support the Warm and Well Partnership to deliver energy efficiency advice and improvements to residents across Gloucester:

- e) officers explore opportunities to partner with an ethical low-cost loan organisation to deliver home repair and improvement loans (including Sharia compliant finance) to residents;
- (6) the high level of support and co-operation of households that agreed to participate in the Private Sector Stock Condition Survey is acknowledged.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The recommendations respond to the key outcomes identified in the Stock Condition Survey report and aim to provide the opportunity for better outcomes for residents.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The option not to respond to the Stock Condition Survey report was dismissed.

### 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	06 March 2024	Item No.	19
Title	Regulating Housing Standards		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Stephanie Chambers)		
Report Author	James Dykes, Principal Private Sector Hous	ing Officer	
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the adoption of the Regulating Housing Standards Policy, supporting appendices and statements of principles is agreed;
- (2) the revision and minor amendments to the Gloucestershire Civil Penalties Policy 2018 through the adoption of the Gloucester City Council Civil Penalties Policy (Appendix 3 to the Regulating Housing Standards Policy) is agreed;
- (3) it is agreed that the removal of discretionary 'Early Payment' deductions for Civil and Financial Penalties, recipients of financial penalties are already legally afforded a 2-stage process to review and appeal the amount of the penalty;
- (4) delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director to approve decisions to introduce new Statements of Principles to supplement the Regulating Standards Policy;
- (5) delegated authority is given to the Corporate Director to approve decisions to review and amend the existing Statements of Principles supplementing the Regulating Standards Policy.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The recommendations respond to the changing statutory role of the private sector housing service and aim to provide the opportunity for better outcomes for residents.

The recommendations promote clear, consistent, and effective approaches to the practical application of enforcement to address health inequalities by improving housing conditions, wellbeing, and regulatory outcomes without imposing unnecessary burdens on compliant businesses.

The recommendations reduce the legal, financial, and reputational risk to the Council in the delivery of its regulatory functions.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

The alternative option to retain the existing policies was considered. This was discounted as it is best practice to review policies to allow for changes in new and amended legislation. If not, officers may be limited in the regulatory options available to improve housing standards.

The role of the private sector housing service is to deliver its statutory functions as set out by the Legislation. Other alternative options are not available.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	20
Title	City Centre Conservation Area (CCCA) App Management Plan	raisal and	
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Councillor Stephanie Chambers)		
Report Author	Ullin Jodah McStea, Principal Conservation Officer		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

#### **DECISION:**

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

- (1) the City Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan be approved as a Supplementary Planning Document with immediate effect;
- (2) the alteration of the boundary of the city centre conservation area be approved;
- (3) authority be delegated to the Head of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing, to obtain graphic design input for the layout of the document, add additional photographs and maps to the document, and to make any other necessary minor amendments, corrections and additions to the document prior to publication.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

To strengthen and update the relevance of the Gloucester City Centre Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

To continue without updating the Appraisal and Management Plan. The extant document, produced in 2007 would become increasingly outdated and irrelevant, potentially exposing the Council to challenge and resistance to its efforts to improve the city centre.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	21
Title	Community Wellbeing Engagement Update		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Raymond Padilla)		
Report Author	Gupti Gosine, Community Wellbeing Manag	er	
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

#### **DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that the community engagement work undertaken by the Community Wellbeing Team, particularly using Asset Based Community Development and strengths-based working is noted.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The report is for information only.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Gloucester City Council could have continued to work in a traditional way in all of the examples mentioned above. However, this would have reduced the opportunity for residents to become more engaged and get involved in issues they feel passionate about. It would also mean that there are cases where we use enforcement options available to us when an underlying cause of a problem is overlooked, meaning a sustainable solution is not found.

### 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	06 March 2024	Item No.	22
Title	Social Value Policy Review		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Ruth Saunders, Corporate Director		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the progress made against the aims of the Social Value Policy is noted;
- (2) the changes to the Social Value Policy and the Gloucester City Themes Outcomes and Measures (TOMs) are accepted;
- (3) authority to review and make minor changes and updates to the Social Value Policy (including any changes to the thresholds) as required is delegated to the Corporate Director, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources, with only significant changes requiring Cabinet approval.

#### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Social Value Policy has been reviewed and new measures from the National TOMs have now been included in the Gloucester TOMs. There are a number of types of procurement which are currently not covered by the policy which includes purchases off a procurement framework (where social value should have already been taken into account) and contract extensions. This means that for a lot of the councils contracting work over the past 2 years, the Policy has not applied so we are now recommending that those types of procurement are included.

As the Social Value Policy has grown in success over the past few years this will now be adopted as a permanent policy with no expiry date, but with review dates, in the same way as other Council Policies.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

We could cease to support the Social Value Policy and work but given the value to our communities, this option has been ruled out.

### 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	06 March 2024	Item No.	23
Title	Review of Gloucester Cemetery Rules and F	Regulations	
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Carly Hughes, Bereavement Services Management	ger	
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

### **DECISION:**

### **RESOLVED** that:

- (1) the changes to the rules and regulations of Coney Hill and Tredworth Cemeteries as set out in appendix 2 of the report is approved with effect from 1st April 2024;
- (2) the public consultation on the rules and regulations is noted;
- (3) all deed holders who do not comply with the rules and regulations shall receive written notification asking them to comply within 14 days.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Changes to the current rules and regulations have been subject to public consultation.

Public Consultation ended on Friday 16th February 2024 the result of the consultation is summed up in appendix 8 of the report. The questions asked in the public consultation were based around the potential changes to the rules and regulations, looking at the collated data, feedback for the proposed changes was positive.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Council could continue with the current rules and regulations.

### 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	06 March 2024	Item No.	24
Title	Financial Monitoring Quarter 3 Report 2023-	24	
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:

- it is noted that the forecast year end position is currently for a decrease to the Council's General Fund balance of £683k against a budgeted decrease of £104k;
- (2) the details of specific budgetary issues identified by officers and the actions being taken to address those issues are noted;
- (3) the current level of Capital expenditure as shown in Appendix 1 of the report is noted.

### **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 being 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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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	25
Title	Pay Policy Statement 2024/25		
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:**

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25 attached as Appendix 1 of the report be approved.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

To demonstrate transparency in publication of the Council's pay policy arrangements in accordance with the principles of the Localism Act.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Council is required to produce the statement in accordance with the Localism Act 2011; there is no alternative option on this matter.

### 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	06 March 2024	Item No.	26
Title	Capital Strategy 2024/25		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resort Hannah Norman)	urces (Councillor	
Report Author	Greg Maw, Head of Finance and Resources		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No

### **DECISION:**

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that the Capital Strategy be approved.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

Capital Strategy is a requirement of the CIPFA Prudential Code.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Capital Strategy is a requirement of the CIPFA Prudential Code, no alternatives considered as this is a code requirement.

### 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	06 March 2024	Item No.	27
Title	Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25		
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:**

**RECOMMENDED** to Council that the Treasury Management Strategy be approved.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The Council is required to approve a Treasury Management Strategy before the start of each financial year to meet the requirements of the Local Government Act 2003. The Treasury and Investment Strategies recommended provide the best platform for financing the long-term capital programme and managing daily cash flow whilst protecting Council funds.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The following option has been considered: there remains the option to replace existing short term borrowing with longer term options, this is not as attractive due to the availability of short term funding which remains below rates available for longer term funds.

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

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Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	06 March 2024	Item No.	28
Title	Business Rates Retail, Leisure and Hospital	ity Relief 2024/25	
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Hannah Norman)		
Report Author	Karen Haile, Service Delivery Manager (Revenues & Benefits)		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	Yes

### **DECISION:**

**RESOLVED** that the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Rates Relief Scheme 2024-25 (Appendix A of the report) be the approved scheme for Gloucester City for 2024-25.

### **REASON FOR DECISION:**

The 2024-25 Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Rates Relief scheme is part of the Government's wider support for businesses.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

The Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Rates Relief Scheme proposes discounts of 75% for qualifying occupied retail, hospitality, and leisure properties. Some businesses will already have their business rates bill reduced. Retail, Hospitality and Leisure reliefs will be applied after mandatory reliefs and Section 31 funded discretionary reliefs have been applied. The full eligibility criteria and arrangements for administering the scheme are detailed in appendix A of the report. Gloucester City Council's Revenues Service will administer the retail discount. The government expects billing authorities to apply and grant relief to qualifying ratepayers from the start of the 2024/25 billing year. Therefore, the annual billing process will see qualifying ratepayers on 31 March 2024 automatically awarded relief for the 2024/25 tax year subject to the cash cap and Subsidy Control. Ratepayers will be asked to self-assess and inform the council if there is doubt over eligibility and/or their cash cap limit. Should there be any dispute over eligibility then an appeal can be made, and considered by the Section 151 Officer

### OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

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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 a Corporate Directors 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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