



CABINET

MEETING : Wednesday, 6th December 2017

PRESENT : Cllrs. James (Chair), Watkins (not present for items 71-77), Noakes, D. Norman, Organ and Cook

Others in Attendance

Cllrs Hilton (not present for items 76-77) and Stephens
Jonathan Lund, Corporate Director
Anne Brinkhoff, Corporate Director
Jon Topping, Head of Policy and Resources
Lloyd Griffiths, Head of Communities
David Rice, Democratic Services and Elections Officer

APOLOGIES : Jon McGinty, Managing Director

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

64. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following corrections:

1. Others in Attendance
That 'Cllr Terry Pullen' be substituted for 'Cllr Pullen'
2. Minute 60
That 'Tom Denny' be substituted for 'John Denny'

65. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

66. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

There were no petitions or deputations.

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67. LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

In relation to agenda item 7 (Public Space Protection Orders) Cllr Hilton sought assurance that the London Road rose garden would be included in the PSPO for Gloucester City Centre (Appendix 2). The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods responded that it would be incorporated within the boundary as defined by the map in appendix one of the PSPO document prior to the consultation. Cllr Hilton further asked if it was possible to vary restrictions across the PSPO zone so that issues in particular areas might be addressed without imposing inappropriate restrictions on the whole. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods replied that this would be considered as part of the consultation process which would be open to all ideas. Cllr Hilton enquired if there was a start date for the consultation. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods responded that there would be draft document prepared within the next week or so and took the opportunity to urge that as many residents as possible be encouraged to give feedback.

In relation to agenda item 9 (Regeneration of the Former Fleece Inn Site) Cllr Hilton asked if its security had been improved since the fire of July 2017 and whether Members were confident that the site was secure. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy gave reassurance that the Asset Management Team had indeed reviewed security measures. He pointed out that no site is ever 100% secure but that bringing it back into use as soon as possible would be the best way to protect it. Cllr Hilton stated that the report was good and emphasised the importance of the site but sought clarification on how much consultation with Council Members there would be. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy indicated that he would take guidance from officers. The Corporate Director (Jonathan Lund) stated that the process would be pursued with Members, and that there will be further discussions with Cabinet on the matter.

68. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods that outlined plans to introduce Public Space Protection Orders.

The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods acknowledged the useful contributions from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on (27 November 2017) and advised Members that 1114 reports of anti-social behaviour 305 of which were personal, 72 environmental and 737 nuisance related had been received in the year before December 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure pointed out that the Coney Hill Designated Public Places Order (3.3) included Barnwood and drew Members' attention to how much has been learnt since the previous types of order were implemented. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning sought reassurance that anti-social cycling would be addressed. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that this was covered by the list of prohibitions (3.18) and thanked Members for their contributions which would be addressed before the public consultation.

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RESOLVED that:

1. The contents of the report be noted;
2. The the use of PSPO Guidance included at appendix 1 be approved;
3. The undertaking of a 12 week public consultation exercise in respect of a draft PSPO for a designated area of the City Centre, a copy of which is included at appendix 2 be approved,
4. Delegation be provided to the Head of Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Neighbourhoods to implement the PSPO referred to in para 2.1.(3) following consideration of consultation feedback
5. Delegation be provided to Head of Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities & Neighbourhoods to undertake further consultation exercises to allow the remaining Gating Orders, Dog Control orders and Designated Public Space Orders (DPPOs) to be reviewed.

69. FUTURE PROGRAMME FOR GULL CONTROL

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Environment that informed them of the results of the egg & nest removal programme and sought Cabinet's approval to extend the current programme for a period of one year through to 1st April 2019 and to undertake a gull breeding survey during the summer of 2018 to assess the impact of the treatment programme.

The Cabinet Member for Environment commented on anecdotal evidence of gull displacement away from the city centre and population reduction at Hempsted due to changes in the way food waste is processed at the waste management site. The Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources advised Members that he had seen fewer gulls in the city and received fewer complaints in his ward. The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning suggested that less refuse in the streets was a contributing factor in the perceived reduction.

RESOLVED that:

1. The positive impact that the egg & nest removal programme has had on the treatment sites be noted and that the continuation of such a treatment programme in order to further decrease the urban gull population growth rate be endorsed.
2. Approval be granted for a 1 year extension of the current egg & nest removal contract through use of Condition 4 of the contract between the Council and Mitie Pest Control Ltd, and
3. Approval be granted to procure a gull breeding survey to be carried out in 2018 and for delegation to be provided to The Head of Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member of Environment and s.151

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Monitoring Officer to award the contract in line with the Council's procurement rules.

70. REGENERATION OF THE FORMER FLEECE INN SITE

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy that sought approval to take the Fleece site to the open market to secure a partner to deliver a regeneration scheme that safeguards its future.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning commented on the complex nature of the site and welcomed the approach being taken to generate a greater range of options to explore from which the best can be adopted.

RESOLVED that:

1. Officers be instructed to prepare a development brief for the Fleece site that sets the parameters for the development scheme, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economy
2. A soft market testing and appropriate tender exercise, based on the brief, be undertaken by the Managing Director in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Economy, to test the commercial appetite for the various options for the site and to secure an investor/developer partner
3. A further report be brought back to Cabinet in March 2018, detailing the basis of the proposals received and identifying a preferred partner

71. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources that presented the Strategic Risk Register.

RESOLVED that the Strategic Risk Register be noted and endorsed.

72. FINANCIAL MONITORING QUARTER 2 REPORT

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources Environment that informed them of the year-end forecasts and progress made against agreed targets for the 2nd quarter ended 30th September 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy commented that each Member will be examining their own portfolio for progress towards targets in the 3rd quarter.

RESOLVED that it be noted that:

1. The savings achieved in year to date total £1.694 million with a further £511k in progress.

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2. The forecast year end position is currently for a reduction to the Council's General Fund balance of £163k.
3. The details of specific budgetary issues identified by officers and the actions being taken to address those issues
4. The current level of Capital expenditure as shown on Appendix 2.

73. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR UPDATE 2017/18

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources that sought to update Members on treasury management activities over the six month period ending 30th September 2017 in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Code of Practice for Treasury Management.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

74. DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS (INCLUDING MONEY PLAN AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME)

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources that sought to review the Council's Draft Money Plan and Draft Budget Proposals.

The Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources informed Members that the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Budget (22 November 2017) appeared to have no impact and that the Scrutiny and Overview Committee of 4 December 2017 had sought clarification on the definition of terms around price inflation (7.4) and reserves (13). He commented that officers should be praised for making so much progress thus far.

The Cabinet Member for Environment drew Members' attention towards a typographical error (6.2 Table 1) where 1.99% had been represented as £1.99. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy stated that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's examination was comprehensive and its findings would be taken on board. He further reminded Members of the positive impact of the King's Walk regeneration project in reducing challenges this year.

RESOLVED that:

1. The assumptions contained in the Council's draft Money Plan from 2018/19 to 2022/23 and revisions to the draft revenue budget be approved.
2. The uncertainties regarding future incomes, as shown in this report and Appendix 1, and the need to update the Draft Money Plan when there is more certainty regarding Central Government financing, be noted.

75. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following items of business (Agenda items 15, 16) on the grounds that it is likely, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public are present during consideration of this item there will be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

76. GOVERNANCE REVIEW GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources concerning the Governance Review of Gloucestershire Airport.

RESOLVED as per the recommendations in the confidential report.

77. KINGS QUARTER PLANNING APPLICATION

To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Economy concerning the King's Quarter Planning Application.

RESOLVED as per the recommendations in the confidential report.

Time of commencement: 6.00 pm

Time of conclusion: 6.45 pm

Chair