

# Gloucester City Council

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 January 2023</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Gloucester City Council Plan 2022-2024 Update</b>		
<b>Report Of:</b>	<b>Leader of the Council</b>		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Budget/Policy Framework:</b>	<b>No</b>
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<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>1. Progress Report on Council Plan Actions/Projects 2022-2024</b>		

## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the delivery of the activities as outlined in the Council Plan 2022-2024, to build a greener, fairer, better Gloucester.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to **RESOLVE** that progress on delivery of the Council Plan 2022-2024 be noted.

### 3.0 Background and Key Issues

- 3.1 The Council Plan was approved unanimously by Council in January 2022. It set out the vision for the Council, its partners, and residents to “build a greener, fairer, better Gloucester”. The Plan details the Council’s planned projects and activities between 2022 and 2024, to achieve its ambition of improving the lives of everyone who lives in, works in and visits Gloucester.
- 3.2 There are three priorities that set out how we will achieve our vision:
- Building greener, healthier, and more inclusive communities
  - Building a sustainable city of diverse culture and opportunity
  - Building a socially responsible and empowering council.
- 3.3 The Plan set out 45 actions, split equally across three priorities, with 15 actions in each priority area. It should be noted that some of the actions represent activity that will become business as usual, but for the purposes of the action tracking will have a completion date of the end of the Plan period.
- 3.4 Delivery of the Council Plan in the first two quarters of the financial year is encouraging across all priorities. Of the 45 actions that are listed in the Council Plan:
- 6 actions (13.3%) are completed
  - 34 actions (75.6%) are currently expected to complete on time
  - 5 actions (11.1%) are currently delayed.

3.5 Appendix 1 provides an update on each actions. Attention is drawn to the following significant achievements:

- The Learning Hub at The Forum was opened by Kier Construction in August 2022 and now provides a suite of services to create links between employers and recruiters within the Forum development and residents. The Hub provides training and learning courses, work experience opportunities for young people, and visits schools and colleges to promote the local employment opportunities.
- The Kings Square regeneration project was completed and opened in Spring 2022. The revamped square's design is based on the Severn Bore, the tidal surge along the River Severn, with its sweeping granite seating areas, water fountains and atmospheric coloured lighting. So far this year, the square has been used to host the Kings Square re-launch event in May, Arboria II as part of the Luminaria series, as well as hosting dance performances and a high-wire act. Community-led initiatives have included a celebration of Polish Heritage Day at Kings Square, which took place in May with traditional Polish food, music, dancing and performances. Furthermore, Filipino Heritage Day took place in Kings square in July, with everyone invited to experience the Philippines through food, music, and culture.
- The transition to the new waste partnership in spring 2022 was completed successfully. The contract was successfully migrated with a seamless transition for residents. The service remains as was and collection days have also remained the same. As we move forward, we look to digitally transform our systems, bringing greater efficiency and improving performance.
- The council secured capital investment funding from Arts Council England for over £600k capital investment into improvements into our cultural venues. Guildhall Galvanised (£230k funding) project includes WiFi, bar-expansion and upgrades throughout the venue to increase performance. Funding was achieved and the refurbishment was delivered over Summer - Autumn 2022. Capital improvements to the Museum of Gloucester from the MEND fund will commence in 2023.

#### **4.0 Social Value Considerations**

4.1 Several actions relate directly to the Council's objective of generating social value from its activities.

#### **5.0 Environmental Implications**

5.1 Tackling climate change is one of the key themes embedded throughout the Council Plan and actions have been developed with this in mind.

#### **6.0 Alternative Options Considered**

6.1 This is a progress report therefore alternative options are not applicable.

#### **7.0 Reasons for Recommendations**

7.1 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.

#### **8.0 Future Work and Conclusions**

8.1 Work will continue towards achieving the actions, with activity built into 2023-24 Service Plans. Monitoring is continuous and the next progress report will come forward at the end of the current financial year.

## **9.0 Financial Implications**

9.1 None arising directly from this report.

(Financial Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.)

## **10.0 Legal Implications**

10.1 Officers will continue to work together with One Legal to implement the delivery of the activities as outlined in the Council Plan 2022-2024

(One Legal have been consulted in the preparation of this report.)

## **11.0 Risk & Opportunity Management Implications**

11.1 Management of risk and opportunity is overseen by those with responsibility for leading on each action.

## **12.0 People Impact Assessment (PIA) and Safeguarding:**

12.1 The PIA Screening Stage was completed and did not identify any potential or actual negative impact; therefore a full PIA was not required.

## **13.0 Community Safety Implications**

13.1 One of the Council Plan priorities is 'Building greener, healthier, and more inclusive communities' and actions within this priority have been developed with the aim of having a positive impact on community safety.

## **14.0 Staffing & Trade Union Implications**

14.1 None arising directly from this report.

**Background Documents:** None