



CABINET

MEETING : Wednesday, 5th April 2023

PRESENT : Cllrs. Cook (Chair), Norman (Vice-Chair), S. Chambers and Lewis

Others in Attendance

Managing Director

Director of Communities

Monitoring Officer

Head of Finance and Resources

Head of Culture

Democratic and Electoral Services Officer

APOLOGIES : Cllr. Padilla

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

93. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2023 are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

94. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

95. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

There were no petitions or deputations.

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

There were no questions to the Leader or Cabinet Members.

97. ANNUAL EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (ED&I) REPORT 2022

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods that updated Members on the work Council Officers have undertaken regarding equalities, including that completed by the Equality and Diversity Working Group, over the last year.

The Cabinet Member for Environment summarised the report. The Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources reminded Members that it had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (27th March 2023 Minute 122) and advised that they had been supportive of the work undertaken. She expressed thanks to its authors, the Equality and Diversity Working Group and the Head of Culture.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the work undertaken by council officers, the Equality and Diversity Working Group, elected members and Council partners regarding equalities is welcomed
- (2) the 2023-2024 ED&I Action Plan set out in Appendix 1 to the report is approved.

98. FOOD INEQUALITIES STRATEGY (NOURISHING GLOUCESTER PROJECT)

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods that outlined the activity in relation to food inequality and seeking support for the partnership strategy.

The Cabinet Member for Environment highlighted the key features of the report. He commented that long-term solutions can be reached through fostering good relationships. The Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources noted the success of the Gloucester Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF). She emphasised the importance of communities being made aware of the opportunities offered through HAF and asked that its activities be communicated beyond the monthly Members' bulletin.

RESOLVED that the approach as outlined in the strategy in Appendix 1 to the report is supported.

99. NOMINATIONS TO THE GLOUCESTER CITY HOMES BOARD

Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy that sought Members to review the current approach to nominating Members to sit on the Gloucester City Homes Board.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy outlined the background to the report. She advised Members that it was important to note that Council appointees did not sit on the board of any other registered housing provider and drew their attention to changes in the regulations governing the operation of

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providers (3.6). The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy further stated that the proposed recommendation would enable GCH to better meet their ambitions to support to support both their business and customers.

RECOMMENDED that the Council agrees to surrender their right to appoint up to two Council Board Members to the Gloucester City Homes Board.

Time of commencement: 6.00 pm

Time of conclusion: 6.10 pm

Chair