

Cabinet	
Wednesday 27 September 2017 10.00 am	
Cabinet Suite - Shire Hall, Gloucester	
AGENDA	

Item	Discussion	Portfolio
4	<p>Questions at Cabinet Meetings (Pages 1 - 6)</p> <p>Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item.</p> <p>Written questions</p> <p>To answer any written questions from a County Councillor, (or any person living or working in the county, or is affected by the work of the County Council), about any matter which relates to any item on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>The closing date for the receipt of written questions was 4.00 pm on Thursday 21 September 2017.</p> <p>Oral questions</p> <p>To answer any oral questions from members of the public. An oral question may be asked by a member of the public about any item on the agenda for this meeting, provided notice of the question is given by the questioner to the Chief Executive's representative, at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.</p> <p>Depending on the nature of the questions, it may not be possible to provide a comprehensive answer at the meeting, in which case a written answer will be provided as soon as reasonably possible after the meeting. Questions received and proposed responses do not accompany this agenda but will be circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	Leader of Council

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<p>Question 1: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 5: Financial Monitoring Report 2017/18 (Pages 1 to 14)</p> <p>I note that in Paragraph 14 on page 5 of this report, reference is made to cost reductions in GCC Mental Health budgets. Would you please provide the details on these cuts?</p>	<p>We have saved money by commissioning services more effectively – for example using Electronic Call Monitoring. There have been no cuts to services.</p>
<p>Question 2: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Tim Harman</p>
<p>Agenda Item 5: Financial Monitoring Report 2017/18 (Pages 1 to 14)</p> <p>In Paragraph 20 on page 6 of the agenda, an under- spend on public mental health is mentioned. Would you please provide full details?</p>	<p>Officers ended a pilot project that wasn't working as well as hoped. The plan is to transfer the money to two projects identified in the Suicide Prevention Action Plan, which should remove any underspend.</p>
<p>Question 3: Cllr Iain Dobie</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Roger Wilson</p>
<p>Agenda Item 10: Direct award contract for Electronic Call Monitoring to Disability Community Care and Support Providers (Pages 103 to 110)</p> <p>Will you confirm that this system could be used to ensure/check that service providers are allowing adequate time for carers to travel between appointments, (an issue with the GCC's contract with Cleeve Link)?</p>	<p>Yes. This is one of the stated aims of the system.</p>

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<p>Question 4: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>Agenda Item 12: Property Acquisition Policy (Pages 131 to 152)</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member indicate what sort of properties the Council might buy for investment purposes?</p>	<p>The purpose of the policy is to cover the purchase of assets to support business need as opposed to pure investment.</p>
<p>Question 5: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>Agenda Item 12: Property Acquisition Policy (Pages 131 to 152)</p> <p>Does the administration plan to purchase land and buildings for investment purposes situated outside the county of Gloucestershire?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Question 6: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>Agenda Item 12: Property Acquisition Policy (Pages 131 to 152)</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member indicate the current size of the rural estate (in hectares) compared to its size in 2005?</p>	<p>The current size of the GCC rural estate is 3099 hectares compared with 3511 hectares in 2005.</p>

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<p>Question 7: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13: Interim Residual Waste Disposal Arrangements (Pages 153 to 164)</p> <p>The report suggests that the cost of extending the waste management services contract by eighteen months is £16m.</p> <p>What proportion of the £16m will be used to cover landfill?</p>	<p>85% of the value of our contract relates to landfill. This is a planned extension – and shows how important it is to complete the Javelin Park project and deliver the £100m savings it will offer to taxpayers.</p>
<p>Question 8: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Ray Theodoulou</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13: Interim Residual Waste Disposal Arrangements (Pages 153 to 164)</p> <p>What will be the annual cost to this council to process its residual household waste at the Javelin Park incinerator?</p>	<p>The affordability figures were available as an exempt annex to the Financial Monitoring Report, which can be forwarded to you at your request.</p>
<p>Question 9: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13: Interim Residual Waste Disposal Arrangements (Pages 153 to 164)</p> <p>When will the Cory landfill site at Hempsted be full up?</p>	<p>We anticipate that Hempsted will close for new landfill in late 2019 or early 2020, although other waste treatment services, including our Household Recycling Centre, will continue.</p>

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<p>Question 10: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service: Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2018-21 (Pages 15 to 70)</p> <p>Has the Cabinet Member been asked to make further savings in the Fire and Rescue Service budget for 2018/19 and beyond?</p>	<p>No savings plan has been developed as the county council budget planning process is currently ongoing and a full budget position and proposal will be presented to Full Council in early 2018 for consideration.</p>
<p>Question 11: Cllr Jeremy Hilton</p>	<p>Respondent: Cllr Nigel Moor</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6: Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service: Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2018-21 (Pages 15 to 70)</p> <p>How will Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service continue to meet its obligations of equality and diversity in its workforce, in particular its frontline firefighters?</p>	<p>GFRS is working hard to have a better ethnicity and gender balance within the Service. Comparisons with national statistics demonstrate that Service figures are well above average with 19% of the staff in GFRS being female compared to 4/5% as the national average.</p> <p>The Service has an employee led Inclusive Network Group which won a CIPD award for inclusion in 2017. A key work-stream for the group is to improve organisational diversity through positive action and inclusion.</p> <p>In support of this, the Service has an Inclusion Strategy and a Recruitment and Selection Strategy for frontline firefighters over the next 3 years and we at GFRS are adequately supported by the GCC HR and organisational development team.</p>

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<p data-bbox="107 311 1046 419">Agenda Item 6: Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service: Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2018-21 (Pages 15 to 70)</p> <p data-bbox="107 459 1046 528">How will you use Social Media to promote the IRMP and its public consultation?</p>	<p data-bbox="1064 311 1928 384">As with the previous IRMP, social media will be an important constituent part of the consultation process.</p> <p data-bbox="1064 424 2024 533">Lessons have been learnt from experience and use will be made of social media and traditional platforms to ensure that we include as wide a demographic as possible and encourage participation.</p> <p data-bbox="1064 572 2033 715">This year, we will be making use of paid for social media advertising to target specific demographic groups. In addition, GFRS will take professional advice from GCC's media and comms team to ensure any consultation is maximised through various channels.</p>

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