

Cabinet Decision Statement	Gloucestershire County Council
Wednesday 22 December 2021 Published	

Agenda Item	Decision	Portfolio
5	<p>DRAFT COUNCIL STRATEGY AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (FOR PUBLICATION AND CONSULTATION)</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne and Cllr Lynden Stowe sought Cabinet approval for consultation and scrutiny of the proposed detailed revenue and capital budget for 2022/23 (including the Dedicated Schools Grant which will also be considered by the Schools Forum), the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) covering the period 2022/23 to 2025/26 and the updated Council Strategy covering the period 2022-2026.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Approve for consultation and scrutiny the proposed detailed revenue and capital budget for 2022/23 (including Dedicated Schools Grant which will also be considered by the Schools Forum), the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) covering the period 2022/23 to 2025/26 and the Council Strategy.</p>	<p>Leader of Council Finance and Change</p>
6	<p>ADOPTION WEST CONTRACT EXTENSION</p> <p>Cllr Stephen Davies sought Cabinet approval for Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) to continue its participation in Adoption West (a company it owns jointly with Bath and Northeast Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Councils) that was created for the purpose of delivering adoption services, by extending the term of a commissioning agreement for the provision of an integrated adoption service between GCC, the other participating councils and Adoption West (the "Commissioning Agreement"), for a period of 5 years.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p>	<p>Children's Safeguarding and Early Years</p>

	<p>Approve</p> <p>a) The exercise by GCC of an option under the Commissioning Agreement to extend its term for a period of 5 years, commencing 1st March 2022 and expiring 28th February 2027;</p> <p>b) An amendment to the Commissioning Agreement's financial mechanism in order to reflect changes in both population and service activity levels, as described in more detail in paragraph 14 of the report; and,</p> <p>c) An amendment to the Commissioning Agreement's service specification in order to reflect revised working arrangements between participating councils and Adoption West, as described in more detail in paragraph 14 of this report</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>MINI-COMPETITION TO PROCURE A CALL-OFF CONTRACT UNDER LOT 3 OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE</p> <p>Cllr Kathy Williams sought Cabinet approval to conduct a mini-competition between all the providers on Lot 3 of the Gloucestershire Framework for Domestic Abuse (GFDA) for the procurement of a four-year contract with an initial term of three years, with the option to extend for a further year, for services to address domestic abuse perpetrator behaviour.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Adult Social Care and Public Health in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care Delivery to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a mini-competition process under Lot 3 of the Gloucestershire Framework for Domestic Abuse (GFDA) in respect of a call-off contract for the supply of services to address domestic abuse perpetrator behaviour. The proposed call-off contract shall continue for an initial period of three years and include an option to extend its term for a further period of not more than one year; 2. Award such call-off contract to the preferred tenderer; and 3. Determine whether to exercise the option to extend such contract for a further period of not more than one year on the expiry of the initial three-year term. 	<p>Adult Social Care Delivery</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>PROCUREMENT OF ENERGY CONTRACTS (GCC ESTATE AND SCHOOLS))</p>	<p>Environment and Planning</p>

Cllr Lynden Stowe and Cllr David Gray sought Cabinet approval to conduct competitive tender processes for the purchase and sale of energy.

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Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and

RESOLVED to:

1) That Cabinet authorises the Executive Director of Economy, Environment and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Resources, the Cabinet Member for Finance and Change and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning to:

i. Utilise the services of a central purchasing body (the "CPB") (i.e. a contracting authority which provides centralised purchasing activities on behalf of other contracting authorities in accordance with public procurement law) that has been selected by the Council using a risk/benefit analysis to procure the supply of energy (electricity, gas and other fuels) on behalf of the Council, maintained schools and Academies on a commission-only basis.

ii. Enter into a commission-only contract(s) with such CPB for the supply of energy purchasing services. Such contract(s) shall continue for an initial period of 41 years and include an option to extend its/their term(s) for a further period of not more than 3 years.

iii. Determine whether to exercise the option to extend the term of such contract(s) for a further period of not more than 3 years on its/their third anniversary.

iv. Procure, subject to the financial restrictions set out in the Resourcing Implications section of this report, such number of contracts for the supply of gas and renewable electricity on behalf of the Council, maintained schools and Academies as may be required by them based on their respective energy needs from time to time, using the CPB's range of EU compliant procurement products. Each such contract shall be co-terminous with the contracts(s) described in Recommendation ii) above.

v. Award such contracts to the preferred tenderers.

vi. Determine whether to exercise the option to extend the term of such contract(s) for a further period of not more than 3 years on its/their third anniversary.

vii. Conduct a competitive tender process in respect of a single supplier contract for the sale of electricity that has been generated by the Gloucestershire Energy from Waste Facility. The proposed contract shall continue for an initial period of 42 years and include an option to extend its term for a further period of not more than 3 years.

	<p>viii. Award such contract to the preferred tenderer.</p> <p>ix. Determine whether to exercise the option to extend the term of the proposed contract for a further period of not more than 3 years on its third anniversary.</p> <p>x. Regularly report to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Change and the Cabinet Member Environment and Planning regarding the progress of such procurement exercises and keep them informed of any significant new risks that emerge therefrom</p>	
9	<p>GLOS. CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY SECOND ANNUAL REPORT & ACTION PLAN 2022/23 - 2027/28</p> <p>Cllr David Gray provided an annual update of progress with the Gloucestershire Climate Change Strategy and to seek approval of the action plan 2022-2027.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Note the overall emissions for the county council and for Gloucestershire outlined in the report and in Annex 1;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the progress and planned key actions outlined in the report and in Annex 2, 3 and 4; and • Approve the outline five year Action Plan (Annex 4), to be reported to Leadership Gloucestershire’s Countywide Climate Leadership Group. 	Environment and Planning
10	<p>ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe sought approval for the refurbishment of the Council Chamber, Shire Hall, to improve accessibility and energy efficiency.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree to upgrade and refurbish the Council Chamber in Shire Hall in order to improve accessibility, to bring it into line with fire and other buildings related legislation and make it more energy efficient. 2. Delegates authority to the Assistant Director of Asset Management and Property Services in consultation with the 	Finance and Change

	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance and Change:</p> <p>a. to conduct a competitive procurement process under the council's Major Partnering Framework in respect of a call-off contract for the supply of various new build and refurbishment works and services in relation to the Council Chamber.</p> <p>b. to award such call-off contract to the preferred tenderer.</p>	
11	<p>SUPPLIER EARLY PAYMENT PROGRAMME</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe sought Cabinet approval to appoint Oxygen Finance to implement and manage a Supplier Early Payment programme.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Approve, without further competition, the award of a call-off contract to the supplier known as Oxygen Finance Ltd for the supply of Early Payment Services under the NEPO 521 Framework Agreement (established in May 2020 by South Tyneside Council on behalf of NEPO (North East Procurement Organisation)) in accordance with the contract award criteria thereunder. The proposed call-off contract shall continue for a period of 5 years.</p>	Finance and Change
12	<p>FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2021/22</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Change gave an update on the Council's forecast revenue year end position.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>1. Note the forecast revenue year end position based on October 2021 (Period 7) forecasts for the 2021/22 financial year is an overspend of £2.076 million all of which relates to non Covid-19 expenditure, as we are forecasting a balanced position in relation to Covid-19 expenditure and income.</p> <p>2. Note delivery of the £5.668 million of savings against a target of £6.761 million in 2021/22 or 83.83% of target.</p> <p>3. Note the forecast capital year end position as at the end of September 2021 of £152.768 million against the current budget of £153.180 million.</p>	Finance and Change

<p>4. Approve the £987,192 million virement within the AMPS capital programme outlined in Section C</p> <p>5. Approve the £4.054 million increase to the capital programme - made up of £3.7m for Gloucester City Centre Cycle Spine, £37.8k for Lydney Highway Strategy, £1.5k for Easington Bus Shelter, £300k for Treescape project and £15k for GFRS Light Vehicles (see Section C).</p> <p>6. Note the £9.242 million increase to the capital programme – made up of £9.122m Levelling Up grant funding towards the Gloucester SW Bypass, Llanthony Road scheme and £120k to purchase a second-hand aerial ladder platform (ALP) funded from capital receipts (see Section C).</p>	
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The decisions published above will come into force and may be implemented on , unless a request is made for the decision to be called-in.

CALL-IN PROCEDURE

A decision may only be only called-in if one or more of the following conditions are satisfied: -

- 1) The decision conflicts in whole or part with any existing policy that has been formally approved or adopted by the Council;
- 2) The decision would not be wholly in accordance with the Council's budget;
- 3) In making the decision, the Cabinet, the Leader of the Council, or a Cabinet Member or Officer under delegated powers, has taken account of an irrelevant matter or failed to take account of a relevant matter, which in the opinion of the Chief Executive, had (or would have), a significant bearing on that decision;
- 4) The Cabinet, the Leader of the Council, or a Cabinet Member or Officer under delegated powers, acted contrary to the Cabinet Procedure Rules, the Access to Information about the County Council's Formal Business, and/or the principles of the decision making set out in Part 2, Article 7.02 of the Council's Constitution.

At least **five members** of the council must give notice in writing of their request to call-in a decision.

The request, including reasons for the call-in, must be delivered to the Chief Executive before the end of the fifth working day after the day on which the decision is published.
The request for a call-in of any of the decisions above should be made to Democratic Services by **5 pm on 31 December 2021**

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