

Cabinet Decision Statement	Gloucestershire County Council
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Agenda Item	Decision	Portfolio
5	<p>FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2021/22</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe provided an update on the year-end forecast for the 2021/22 County Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets.</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 January 2022 (Period 10) forecasts for the 2021/22 financial year is an overspend of £946k 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 £5.717 million of savings against a target of £6.761 million in 2021/22 or 84.6% of target.</p> <p>3. Note the forecast capital year end position as at the end of December 2021 of £137.910 million against the current budget of £153.404 million.</p> <p>4. Approve the £1.041 million increase to the capital programme as outlined in Section C.</p>	Finance and Change
6	<p>THE RECOMMISSIONING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRES AS THE STARTING POINT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FAMILY HUBS ACROSS GLOUCESTERSHIRE FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-19 YEARS (UP TO 25 YEARS WHERE CHILDREN HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES).</p>	Children's Safeguarding and Early Years

	<p>Cllr Philip Robinson, on behalf of Cllr Stephen Davies, sought Cabinet permission to invite tenders for new contracts for Children and Family Centres from 1st April 2023 as a starting point in the development of the Family Hub model for children 0-19 (0-25 for SEND) across Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>1. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Integrated Children and Families Commissioning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years, to:</p> <p>a) Conduct a competitive procurement process in respect of one or more contracts for the supply of Children and Family Centres that will begin the new Family Hubs model across Gloucestershire. The proposed contracts shall continue for an initial period of 7 years and include an option to extend its/their term for a further period of not more than 2 years;</p> <p>b) Award such contract(s) to the preferred tenderers.</p> <p>2. Delegate power to the Assistant Director for AMPS to grant leases for the 16 sites to the preferred tenders as required.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>LOCAL WELFARE PROVISION 2022-2024 CONTRACT EXTENSION</p> <p>Cllr Tim Harman, on behalf of Cllr Stephen Davies, sought Cabinet approval to exercise an option to extend the term of the council’s existing Gloucestershire Welfare Support contract for a period of 2 years (2022/23 & 2023/24), following the expiry of its initial 3 year term.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Approve the exercise of a 2 year extension option (commencing 01/04/2022) under a contract with Auriga Services Ltd for the provision of Local Welfare Support services in respect of the Gloucestershire Welfare Support Scheme for eligible adults, families and young people that was awarded pursuant to a decision by Cabinet dated 18/07/2018.</p>	<p>Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years</p>

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Cllr Carole Allaway-Martin and Cllr Kathy Williams, sought Cabinet permission to invite tenders for new contract(s) for Children's and Adults advocacy services from 30th September 2022 and to award such contract(s). The proposed model provides for a contract divided into the following 2 lots:

Lot 1. Independent Advocacy Health and Social Care for Adults.

Lot 2. Independent Advocacy for Children and Young People.

This would allow an alignment of Independent Advocacy services across Health and Social Care for Adults, Children and Young people to meet the Council's statutory duties laid down in the Mental Health Act 1983, the Mental Health Act 2005, the Care Act 2014 and the Children Act 1989, in addition to the Human Rights Act of 1998.

This aligned contract(s) for the duration of the term and saved resources for Commissioning and support services in a joint procurement exercise. In addition, it had the potential to gain more interest in the marketplace.

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

RESOLVED to:

Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Public Health in consultation with the Executive Director of Children's Services, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Commissioning, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Delivery and the Cabinet Member for Children's Safeguarding and Early Years to:

1. Conduct a competitive procurement process in respect of the following two lots:

a) Lot 1: The provision of Independent Advocacy services across Health and Social Care for Adults; and

b) Lot 2: The provision of Independent Advocacy services across Health and Social Care for Children and Young people. Such lots may be awarded to the same tenderer or awarded to two separate tenderers. The contract(s) shall continue for an initial period of five years and include an option to extend their terms for a further period of not more two years.

2. Reserve the council a right under the above-mentioned contract (Lot 1) insofar as it relates to Independent Advocacy Services for

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	<p>Adults to modify its provisions following the introduction of anticipated legislative changes Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and Liberty Protection Safeguards, changes arising from the Mental Health White Paper and the expectation of increased demand for advocacy for self-funded clients. It is anticipated that such changes will result in increased requirement to commission additional volume of existing statutory advocacy for adults (up to an additional 50%), depending on yet to be released Government guidance.</p> <p>3. Award such contract(s) to the preferred tenderer(s) for the specified period of five years.</p> <p>4. Determine whether to exercise the option to extend the term of the contract(s) for a further period of not more than 2 years on the expiry of the initial 5-year term.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>GLOUCESTERSHIRE’S HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME</p> <p>Cllr Philip Robinson, on behalf of Cllr Stephen Davies, sought Cabinet approval for the commissioning of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information. Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>1. Approve the allocation of £239,232 from the £1,594,880 received by the council from the Department for Education (“DfE”) pursuant to a Section 31 Grant Determination for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) 2022 -2023 (No: 31/5854) (referred to in these Recommendations as the “HAF 2022 -2023 Funding”) for the provision the Holiday Activity and Food Programme during the Easter School holiday period (11th – 14th April 2022) as follows:</p> <p>1.1 £187,674 shall be apportioned between the six Gloucestershire districts based upon the number of children and young people who are eligible to receive Free School Meals (“FSM”) in the relevant district as set out in Annex One. £36,230 from such sum shall be provided as grants to district lead organisations for the purpose of developing the delivery of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme in their district. £151,444 shall be allocated to a grants pot that will be used by local public, private and voluntary sector organisations to deliver enriching activities and food to children and young people who are eligible to receive FSM.</p> <p>1.2 The remaining £51,558 shall be allocated to funding the delivery of the HAF programme during the Easter Holiday period 11th April to 14th April 2022, by funding activities to meet the</p>	<p>Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years</p>

requirements of the programme and with a view to providing nutritional education, family support, tickets for local attractions, activity packs and other such items in line with the funding guidance from the DFE. The opportunity to receive such grants will be advertised and made available by way of an online grant application and due diligence process using the council's online procurement system and local voluntary and public sector networks.

2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Integrated Children and Families Commissioning to award the grants and funding described in Recommendations 1.1 and 1.2 above.

3. Approve the allocation of £159,488 (i.e., 10% of the £1,594,880 HAF 2022 -2023 Funding) to support the council's administration costs in relation to the delivery of the Holiday Activity and Food Programme across Gloucestershire during the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

4. Delegate Authority to Assistant Director for Integrated Children and Families Commissioning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Safeguarding and Early Years to:

4.1 Conduct a competitive procurement process in respect of a multisupplier three year (2022 – 2025) Modified Framework Agreement under which public, voluntary and private sector organisations shall be engaged by the council (subject to receipt by it of additional DfE funding) to co-ordinate the council's future HAF programmes, comprising the provision of holiday activities, food ; family support; nutritional education, and such other related deliverables as may be required during school holidays (referred to in these Recommendations as the "HAF Deliverables"). Such Modified Framework Agreement shall remain open throughout its term to enable further tenderers to be admitted to it on a rolling basis.

4.2 Appoint each of the council's preferred tenderers to such Modified Framework Agreement.

4.3 Allocate £988,368 from the £1,594,880 HAF 2022 -2023 Funding to fund the provision of the HAF Deliverables in line with DFE requirements during the period of the Summer 2022 school holidays (1st August to 26th August 2022) and Christmas 2022 school holidays (19th to 22nd December 2022).

4.4 Conduct mini-competition processes in respect of as many Call-Off Contracts under such Framework Agreement as may be required for the purpose of procuring HAF Deliverables described in Recommendation 4.3 and then award such Call-Off Contracts to the preferred tenderers. If the value of any single proposed Call-Off Contract under such Framework Agreement exceeds £500,000, a separate Cabinet decision shall be required to authorise the procurement of such Call-Off Contract.

5 Allocate £207,791 from the £1,594,880 HAF 2022 – 2023 Funding to the delivery, in accordance with DFE of funding guidance, of the HAF programme in the financial year of 2022 - 2023 for the purpose of filling any gaps and shortfalls in delivery that may exist in relation to the HAF deliverables procured under Recommendations 4.3 and 4.4.	
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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 2 March 2022**.

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