

Cabinet Decision Statement	Gloucestershire County Council
Wednesday 22 November 2023 Published 22/11/2023	

Agenda Item	Decision	Portfolio
6	<p>FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND RISK MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe provided an update to Cabinet on the year-end forecast for the 2023/24 County Council's Revenue and Capital Budget and reported on the Council's performance and risk during Quarter 2 of 2023/24.</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. Note the forecast revenue year end position based on Quarter 2 forecasts for the 2023/24 financial year is an overspend of £1.357 million. 2. Approve the drawdown of £3.289m from Pay & Prices reserve to fund the additional pay award as set out in paragraph 3. 3. Note the forecast delivery of £16.076 million of savings against a target of £21.101 million in 2023/24 or 76.18% of target. 4. Note the forecast capital year end position as at Quarter 2, of £154.800 million against a current budget of £157.245 million. 5. Note the intention to re-profile the capital budget to reflect the current forecast. 6. Approve the £4.923 million increase to the capital programme as detailed in Section C. 7. Note Section D Treasury Management Prudential Indicators 8. Note the planned process set out in paragraph 52, for commencing the consultation for the 2024/25 Budget. 9. Consider this report of the Council's performance and risks and 	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Change

	<p>identifies any areas of concern requiring further analysis, assurance or action.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>GCC EDUCATION PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTHWEST DFE SEND CHANGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME</p> <p>Cllr Philip Robinson sought approval for Gloucestershire County Council to act as a joint lead authority, with Swindon Borough Council, in the Department for Education (DfE) Southwest DfE Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Change Partnership Programme.</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. Approve the receipt of £5.8 million of funding from the DfE to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) GCC’s participation in the SEND Change Partnership Programme from September 2023 to April 2025; and (b) the appointment of GCC as the financial Lead Authority (LA) under that programme, with responsibility for apportioning the DfE Change Partnership Programme funding to Swindon Borough Council to support its participation. 2. Approve the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GCC and the DfE relating to piloting and testing proposed SEND reforms under the DfE Change Partnership Programme; 3. Approve the formation of a partnership arrangement between GCC and Swindon Borough Council relating to their joint leadership of the Programme in the Southwest 4. Approve the execution of a MoU between GCC and Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (GICB) relating to the Early Language and Speech Development programme if GICB is awarded funding for the Early Language Support for Every Child (ELSEC) Pathfinder Programme described in the NHS England guidance documentation. If such funding is not received by GICB, ELSEC will not be funded and will not proceed. 5. Approve the joint development by GCC and Swindon Borough Council of a Strategic Delivery Plan for the delivery of the Programme in Gloucestershire and Swindon. 6. Delegate authority to the Director of Education in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills, and Bus Transport to allocate the above funding, subject to any individual decisions 	<p>Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Bus Transport</p>

	<p>that in the event that the value of any individual proposed procurement exercise or grant exceeds £500,000, a separate key decision shall be sought in order to authorise that procurement exercise or grant.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>MARKET SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPROVEMENT – WORKFORCE FUND</p> <p>Cllr Carole Allaway Martin sought Cabinet approval for recommendations to allocate the Market Sustainability and Improvement – Workforce Fund 2023-24.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Approve the allocation of the £3.847m Market Sustainability and Improvement – Workforce Fund as follows:</p> <p>1. To allocate £0.5m for the purpose of supplementing, with effect from April 2023, the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (already received by the council on 29th September 2023) and then funding therefrom the payment of a one-off 4% annual fee uplift to those providers of bed-based nursing and dementia care with whom Gloucestershire County Council contracts under the Pre-Placement Contract for the Provision of Care (2006). The payment of such uplift shall be made in accordance with the price review provisions of the said contract.</p> <p>2. To allocate £0.28m retrospectively for the purpose of funding, with effect from April 2023, the payment of a one-off annual fee uplift to those specific providers of residential services for people with disabilities with whom Gloucestershire County Council contracts under the Pre-Placement Contract for the Provision of Care (2006) for the purpose of addressing historical anomalies in fee calculations where fee reviews have indicated a need to do so. The payment of such uplift shall be made in accordance with the price review provisions of the said contract.</p> <p>3. To allocate £2.057 to enable to the council to commission and purchase additional packages of care from providers of community and bed-based statutory social care services with whom Gloucestershire County Council contracts under the Pre-Placement Contract for the Provision of Care (2006) and the Gloucestershire Health and Social Care Community Framework Contract (2020-2024) during the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 for the purpose of increasing the capacity of the local adult social care market to meet increases in demand in Gloucestershire.</p> <p>4. To allocate £1.01m to enable the council to commission and purchase additional packages of care with providers of statutory</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Commissioning</p>

	<p>domiciliary care services with whom Gloucestershire County Council contracts under the Gloucestershire Health and Social Care Community Framework Contract (2020-2024) during the period 1st December 2023 to 31st March 2024 for the purpose of increasing the existing capacity of the Home First project (described in 2019 and 2022 Cabinet reports under which people will be supported to go home from hospital with appropriate care, support and therapy to facilitate safe discharge) to meet increases in demand in Gloucestershire.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>PLAN FOR THE MINOR ADAPTATIONS SERVICE AND SERVICING AND REPAIR OF COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT</p> <p>Cllr Carole Allaway Martin sought Cabinet approval to undertake a procurement exercise and award contracts that will enable the council to continue to provide, with effect from 1st August 2024, minor adaptation services and the servicing and repair services of community equipment. The services are available for all ages. The continued provision of such services would enable the council to discharge its statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 by providing support to individuals that enables them to stay independent and safe within their own homes.</p> <p>Having considered all the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to</p> <p>Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care, Wellbeing and Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Commissioning to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a competitive procurement process in respect of a contract or (as appropriate) contracts for the supply of various community equipment and adaptations related services, divided into the following four lots: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Lot 1: Community equipment servicing, maintenance, and repair services. ii. Lot 2: Installation, support, maintenance, removal, and collection services in respect of ceiling track hoist equipment. iii. Lot 3: Installation, support, maintenance, removal and collection services in respect of modular ramping equipment. iv. Lot 4: General minor works: comprising installation and removal services in respect of minor aids and adaptations, together with minor plumbing, electrical and carpentry works. <p>Such lots may be awarded to the same tenderer under a single contract or to a number of separate tenderers under not more than 4 separate contracts whose term(s) shall each continue for an initial</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Commissioning</p>

	<p>period of 3 years and include options to extend their term for a further period of 2 years on its third and fifth anniversaries (ie, 3+2+2 years).</p> <p>2. Award such contract or (as appropriate) contracts to the preferred tenderer(s); and</p> <p>3. Determine whether to exercise the option to extend the term of such contract(s) for a further period of 2 years on its third and fifth anniversaries.</p>	
10	<p>TRANSFER OF LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP FUNCTIONS</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne sought Cabinet approval to transfer core functions of GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to the council.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>a) approves the transfer of LEP functions set out in this report to the Council</p> <p>b) delegates authority to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Infrastructure to implement the integration plan, in consultation with the Leader of the Council</p>	Leader of the Council
11	<p>GLOUCESTERSHIRE CARE PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT EXTENSION</p> <p>Cllr Carole Allaway Martin sought Cabinet approval for a short-term extension to the term of the council's contract with Gloucestershire Care Partnership (GCP) for the provision of Residential & Nursing care at 5 of the care homes it operates.</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, Wellbeing and Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Commissioning to extend the term of the council's contract with Gloucestershire Care Partnership (GCP) relating to the provision of residential and nursing care for a period of nine months at the following five care homes:</p>	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Commissioning

	<p>1) Grevill House (Cheltenham) 2) Paternoster House (Cotswolds) 3) Rodley House (Forest of Dean) 4) The Coombs (Forest of Dean) 5) Henlow Court (Stroud)</p>	
12	<p>CIVIL PARKING, SOCIAL CARE AND COMMERCIAL COUNCIL DEBT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne, on behalf of, Cllr Dom Morris sought Cabinet approval to procure and award a fouryear Civil Parking and social care and commercial Council Debt Enforcement Services Contract to replace the current contract for such services when it expires at the end of April 2024.</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 of Economy, Environment & Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Flooding to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a competitive procurement process in respect of a contract for the supply of Enforcement Agent Services for parking related, social care and commercial council debt recovery services. The proposed contract shall continue for a period of four years; and 2. Award such contract to the preferred tenderer. 	Cabinet Member for Highways and Flood
13	<p>DISPOSAL OF LAND AT NORTH WEST CHELTENHAM</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe sought Cabinet approval to enter into a contract for the disposal of County Council land at North West Cheltenham within the parameters set out in Exempt Appendix A.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve entering into a contract for the disposal of County Council land at North West Cheltenham within the parameters set out in Exempt Appendix A. • Delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Asset Management and Property Services to conclude negotiations and enter into a contract for the disposal of County Council land at North West Cheltenham within the 	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Change

parameters set out in Exempt Appendix A, in consultation with the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Resources and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Change.	
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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 Stephen Bace by **5 pm on 29 November 2023**.

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