

Cabinet Decision Statement	Gloucestershire County Council
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Agenda Item	Decision	Portfolio
6	<p>MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2024/25 TO 2027/28</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne and Cllr Lynden Stowe sought Cabinet approval to recommend the MTFS, 2024/25 revenue and capital budgets and Precept to Council.</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. To consider the outcome of the budget consultation as set out in Appendix 2 and the report from the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) in Appendix 3. 2. To approve the MTFS and final revenue and capital budget for 2024/25 for recommendation to County Council, including all the proposals set out in the annexes of the detailed MTFS (Appendix 1). 3. To note the schools funding allocations, the provisional local government finance settlement and forecast reserve movements as summarised in this report and set out in the MTFS. 4. To recommend to Council a revenue budget of £610.425 million, a band D council tax of £1,599.82, and consequential precepts on District Councils. 5. To note the Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy & Investment Strategy as set out in Annexes 7 & 10 of the detailed MTFS. 6. To delegate authority to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Finance and Change to make further changes to the draft budget in response to additional funding allocated to Gloucestershire County Council in the final financial settlement from HMGovernment. 	<p>Leader of Council</p> <p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Change</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2023/24</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe provided an update on the Quarter 3 forecast for the 2023/24 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the forecast revenue year end position based on Quarter 3 forecasts for the 2023/24 financial year, which is an overspend of £757k. 2. Approve the revised drawdown of £2.892 million from the Pay & Prices reserve for the 2023/24 pay award, as set out in paragraph 3. Note the forecast delivery of £16.328 million of savings against a target of £21.101 million in 2023/24 or 77.38% of target. 4. Note the forecast capital year end position of £159.225 million against a current budget of £157.433 million. 5. Approve an increase in the capital programme of £5.564 million as detailed in section C. 6. Note Section D Treasury Management Prudential Indicators 	<p>Finance and Change</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE FINAL REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne reported the findings of the Local Government Association's (LGA) recent Corporate Peer Review of Gloucestershire County Council.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Formally record its thanks to the team that undertook the Corporate Peer Challenge in November 2023.</p> <p>Accept the findings and recommendations arising from the Local Government Association's Corporate Peer Review of Gloucestershire County Council and supports the development by officers of an action plan to be brought back to Cabinet for approval</p>	<p>Leader of Council</p>

	on 10 April 2024.	
9	<p>FOURTH ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN</p> <p>Cllr David Gray provided an annual update of progress with the Gloucestershire Climate Change Strategy and sought approval of the updated five year action plan.</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 overall emissions for the County Council and for Gloucestershire outlined in this report. 2. Note the progress and planned key actions outlined in Annex 1 (Progress on 2021/22 actions to date). 3. Approve the five-year Action Plan in Annex 1 to be reported to Climate Leadership Gloucestershire. 	Environment and Planning
10	<p>GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WORKFORCE STRATEGY 2024-2027</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe sought approval for a refreshed Workforce Strategy which will support the delivery of the Council Strategy 'Building Back Better in Gloucestershire' 2022 to 2026.</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 Workforce Strategy set out in appendix one. 2. delegate authority to the Director of People and Digital Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Change to develop an implementation plan aligned to business planning for the Human Resources Service 	Finance and Change
11	TO SEEK CABINET APPROVAL TO CARRY OUT PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON GFRS' RESOURCE	Fire, Community Safety and Libraries

	<p>CONFIGURATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN</p> <p>Cllr David Norman sought Cabinet approval to carry out a public consultation in respect of the preferred option outlined in this paper with regard to the configuration of the Fire and Rescue Service in order to meet the priorities of the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022- 2026.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Approve the carrying out a public consultation on its preferred option for enhancing the ability of the Fire and Rescue Service to deliver the outcomes set out in the Community Risk Management Plan, as set out in this report.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S (THE COUNTY COUNCIL) ADULT SOCIAL CARE (ASC) FAIRER CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY REVIEW</p> <p>Cllr Stephan Fifield sought Cabinet approval to carry out a consultation process with residents which will inform Gloucestershire County Council's (the County Council's) plans to amend the Adult Social Care (ASC) Fairer Contributions Policy (attached as appendix 1), including charging illustrations for consultation.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Approve the plan for a 12-week consultation with residents which will inform the proposed options to amend the ASC Fairer Contributions Policy.</p>	<p>Adult Social Care Delivery</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2025/26 ACADEMIC YEAR</p> <p>Cllr Philip Robinson sought Cabinet approval to determine the School Admissions Arrangements for 2025 - 26, including:</p> <p>The Co-ordinated Admissions Schemes for all schools and Academies</p>	<p>Education, Skills and Bus Transport</p>

The Admission Arrangements for Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools

The Protocol for pupil admittance over Published Admission Number (PAN) for Community & Voluntary Controlled Schools and Service Personnel.

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

RESOLVED to:

That Cabinet approves the School Co-ordination and Admission Arrangements as set out in the documents referred to below:

Appendix 1 - The Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme for 2025 for all Primary/Infant/Junior/Secondary Schools and Academies

Appendix 2 - The Admissions Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Primary/Infant/Junior Schools and Secondary School for 2025

Appendix 3 - Protocol for pupil admittance over published admission number for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for 2025

Appendix 4 - School Admissions guidance for children of UK service personnel and crown servants for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools

Appendix 5 Results of the Consultation

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 7 February 2024**.

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