

Cabinet Decision Statement	Gloucestershire County Council
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Agenda Item	Decision	Portfolio
5	<p>PERFORMANCE AND RISK MONITORING REPORT</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe reported on the Council's performance and risk during Quarter 3 of 2023/24.</p> <p>Having considered all the information, Cabinet</p> <p>RESOLVED to</p> <p>Note the report of the Council's performance and risks, identifying any areas of concern requiring further analysis, assurance or action.</p>	Finance and Change
6	<p>ZERO EMISSION BUS REGIONAL AREAS (ZEBRA) FUNDING APPLICATION</p> <p>Cllr Philip Robinson sought Cabinet approval to move forward with the ZEBRA project, should the council's bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) for ZEBRA grant funding be successful.</p> <p>Having considered all the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>1. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Economy, Environment, and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Bus Transport to:</p> <p>1.1 enter into a funding agreement with the DfT for Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) to accept the DfT ZEBRA grant and then add the DfT grant amount to GCC's capital programme;</p> <p>1.2 enter into funding agreements with:</p> <p>(a) Stagecoach West,</p> <p>(b) Oxford Bus Company (Pulman's parent company) and</p> <p>(c) Lydney Dial a Ride and Community Transport for GCC to award</p>	Education, Skills and Bus Transport

	<p>the ZEBRA capital grant funding together with GCC's own funding contribution for the purpose of contributing towards the cost difference between Zero Emission Buses (ZEBs) and standard conventional diesel bus equivalents as well as the capital expenditure incurred as a result of infrastructure purchase and installation.</p> <p>1.3 agree and implement a contracting arrangement with the Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC) to provide GCC with part funding for the Lydney Dial a Ride & Community Transport to purchase and operate a ZEB.</p> <p>2 Approve GCC paying up to £1,500,000 in GCC grant funding by means of the three funding agreements described in Recommendation 1.2.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE ACTION PLAN</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne reported to Cabinet the proposed Action Plan in response to the recommendations of the Local Government Association's (LGA) recent Corporate Peer Review of Gloucestershire County Council.</p> <p>Having considered all the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Approve the action plan appended to the report in response to the recommendations arising from the Local Government Association's Corporate Peer Review of Gloucestershire County Council.</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>M5 JUNCTION 10 IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME – FUNDING UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Mark Hawthorne on behalf of Cllr David Gray kept Cabinet updated on the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme Funding requirement and set out funding proposals in relation to delivery of the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme, including how the council intended to secure contributions from development sites benefitting from the scheme.</p> <p>Having considered all the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>1. Acknowledge that revisions will be required in the future to the Highways Capital budget in relation to the scheme up to a value of £334.270 million, on the basis of £249.131 million secured HIF funding, £4 million secured GCC funding and notes the remaining gap of £81.139 million, in funding for the M5 J10 improvement scheme and confirms its intention to seek to raise those funds through section 106 contributions from developers.</p>	<p>Environment and Planning</p>

	<p>2. Approve the principle of requesting Section 106 contributions toward the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme from development sites benefiting from the scheme, with such contributions being sought under policy INF7 of the Joint Core Strategy (Appendix 1 - JCS Adoption Version November 2017.pdf (gloucester.gov.uk)) and/or any subsequent policy replacement.</p> <p>3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Economy Environment & Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning and the Chief Finance Officer to negotiate and determine GCC's position with regard to the scope, mechanism and levels of contribution being sought from each development site under policy INF7 of the Joint Core Strategy and/or any subsequent policy replacement.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>ARLE COURT TRANSPORT HUB BUS SERVICE AND CAFE CONCESSIONARY CONTRACTS</p> <p>Cllr Philip Robinson, on behalf of himself and Cllr David Gray, sought Cabinet approval to procure and award the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A seven-year contract for a high frequency bus service to serve the new Arle Court Transport Hub. The proposed contract shall operate for an initial period of seven years and include an option to extend its term for a further period of not more than three years. 2. A ten-year concession contract, with up to a five-year extension to operate a café concession at the new Arle Court Transport Hub. <p>Having considered all the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Bus Transport to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a competitive procurement process, via the current transport dynamic purchasing system in respect of a contract for the supply of a high frequency park and ride bus service between Arle Court Transport Hub and Cheltenham Town Centre. The proposed contract shall continue for an initial period of seven years and include an option to extend its term for a further period of not more than three years; 2. Award such contract to the preferred tenderer; 3. To undertake a review of passenger demand before the end of the initial two-year contract period to decide the most efficient frequency and identify the necessary funding during years three to ten; and, 	<p>Environment and Planning</p> <p>Education, Skills and Bus Transport</p>

	<p>4. Determine whether to exercise the option to extend the contract for a further period of not more three years on the expiry of the initial seven-year term.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Economy, Environment and Infrastructure in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning to:</p> <p>5. Conduct a competitive procurement process in respect of a concession contract to fit out and operate a café at the Arle Court Transport Hub. The proposed contract shall continue for an initial period of ten years and include an option to extend its term for a further period of not more than five years;</p> <p>6. Award such contract to the preferred tenderer; and</p> <p>7. Determine whether to exercise the option to extend the contract for a further period of not more five years on the expiry of the initial ten-year term.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED DISPOSALS</p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe sought approval for the proposed Schedule of Disposals in order to meet capital receipt targets.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and</p> <p>RESOLVED to</p> <p>1. Approve those sites described in Appendix A (Exempt) which have previously been declared surplus by Cabinet in September 2023 and not yet disposed of, continue to be declared surplus to requirements.</p> <p>2. Approve the sites listed on the proposed Schedule of Disposals Appendix B (Exempt) surplus to the Council's land and property requirements.</p> <p>3. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director – Asset Management and Property Services to dispose of these sites in consultation with the Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Finance and Change and Deputy Chief Executive/Executive Director for Corporate Resources.</p>	<p>Finance and Change</p>

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@gloucestershire.gov.uk by **5 pm on 5 April 2024**.

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