



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the **CABINET**

Held on **WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017**

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Cabinet	Gloucestershire County Council
1 February 2017	

Cllr Mark Hawthorne MBE	Leader of Council
Cllr Ray Theodoulou	Deputy Leader: Cabinet Member for Finance and Change
Cllr Dorcas Binns	Older People
Cllr Andrew Gravells	Public Health and Communities
Cllr Paul McLain	Children & Young People and Strategic Commissioning
Cllr Nigel Moor	Fire, Planning and Infrastructure
Cllr Vernon Smith	Highways & Flood
Cllr Kathy Williams	Long-term Care

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2016 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of that meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

4. Questions at Cabinet Meetings

Public Questions

No public questions were considered at the meeting.

Member Questions

A total of 28 (member) questions were submitted in advance of the meeting.

Please refer to the following link to view the responses to the questions

<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/b12523/Questions%20and%20Answers%20-%201%20February%202017%20Wednesday%2001-Feb-2017%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9>

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<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&MId=8406&Ver=4>

The following supplementary questions were asked at the meeting.

Question 1: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

Item 6: Recommendations to Council: Medium Term Financial Strategy

From what you've said, the council has made £10 million profit from parking revenue in recent years. Can you explain why, during the 12 year Conservative administration, the roads and pavements in Gloucestershire are in a truly terrible state. Can you justify this position?

Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith

The £9.8 million parking revenue is not all profit. We operate a system where surplus revenue is reinvested into highways. It is important to deal with the facts, not opinions. The income is recirculated so there is no profit. The current administration inherited a £120 million backlog in highway repairs. This has since reduced to £80 million. The current strategy aims to continue reinvesting whatever surplus there is into highway maintenance. This approach is recognised by the council's independent verifiers, who have noted a marked improvement in recent years.

Question 2: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

Item 6: Recommendations to Council: Medium Term Financial Strategy

I am pleased the Highways Local Scheme will continue and support this proposal. However, following a Lib/Dem motion at the council meeting in February 2016, the Highways Budget 2016/17 increased by £30,000. Why are you proposing to cut the Highways Budget by £20,000 in 2017?

Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith

This is a fantastic scheme. The decision to increase the 2016/17 Highways Budget was made by Full Council. Funding for the 2017/18 budget will be agreed at the council meeting on 15 February 2017.

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Question 3: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

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Road Safety is a serious issue. The draft budget proposal for 2017/18 includes a budget of £107k for the Road Safety Partnership, a 40 per cent cut on last year's budget of £140k. Given the number of deaths reported, and missed targets in road safety, how can you justify the cuts?

Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor

We agreed in November to invest £0.5 million into the Highway Safety Scheme.

Question 4: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

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I am familiar with the good work on the A429 Fosse Way. Given that 52 % of Road Safety Partnership funding was spent on staffing costs in 2016/17 and only 7 % on School Crossing Patrols, surely it would be more appropriate to invest on the projects on the ground rather than on staffing?

Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor

I can give you a more detailed breakdown after the meeting. Less than a third of the proposed Road Safety Partnership funding will be spent on GCC, staffing costs, the remainder to be spent on road safety measures, including cycle safety and training.

Question 5: Cllr Iain Dobie

Item 6: Recommendations to Council: Medium Term Financial Strategy

Firstly, may I applaud the excellent work being done by Gloucestershire County Council to get people with learning disabilities into work.

However, as Chairman of the Gloucestershire Health and Care Scrutiny Committee, I am aware of the increasing delays affecting people with learning disabilities having assessments and reassessments, including annual assessments. This means some of the most vulnerable people in Gloucestershire are not having their needs met, which is why I ask my specific question again.

Will there be any additional investment in 2017/18 to increase the number of people with learning disabilities having a full reassessment of their needs?

Response by: Cllr Kathy Williams

Part of the proposed increase in the Adult Care Budget will be used for this purpose.

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The figures show continuing cuts made in the budget for children with disabilities and parallel cuts relating to adults with learning disabilities.

How can you say you are protecting the most vulnerable?

Response by: Cllr Kathy Williams

Most of the reductions have been in residential care. Each child receives the same package of care.

Question 7: Cllr Jeremy Hilton

Item 8: Gloucester South West Bypass (GSWB) – Llanthony Road Improvements

I support the Llanthony Road Road Improvement Scheme 100 %. It is Gloucester's Missing Link. As part of the traffic modelling for the scheme, could the Cabinet Member look at the impact on Gloucester Quays, Kimbrose Triangle and Southgate Street, which is often used as an alternative route to the bypass.

Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor

I will give you an undertaking we will look at the impact in that area.

Question 8: Cllr Jeremy Hilton

Item 8: Gloucester South West Bypass (GSWB) – Llanthony Road Improvements

I have concerns about archaeological issues. What assurance do you have that buildings of archaeological interest, for example, a listed wall, will be protected?

Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor

As a listed building, the council has a duty of protection to the Priory. We will take up any issues as we progress.

Question 9: Cllr Jeremy Hilton

Item 8: Gloucester South West Bypass (GSWB) – Llanthony Road Improvements

I am looking forward to Gloucester City Football Club returning home. Homes and businesses will also be affected by increased traffic. Do you agree, that access off the bypass must be better?

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Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor

We will examine this as part of the traffic modelling for the scheme.

Question 12: Cllr Bernie Fisher

Item 6: Recommendations to Council: Medium Term Financial Strategy

From the figures provided, the budget for the Trading Standards Service has been cut by 51 % in the period since 2010/11. From your answer, it would appear we are not doing the right checks and that we have to wait until the information is reported before we collect data. My concern is that, any further cuts will make it unviable. Will there be further cuts?

Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor

I don't believe there have been cuts in the service. A number of prosecutions and cautions have been issued with current performance greater than in 2010. Yes, there have been savings and efficiencies, but not a reduction in service. Having looked at a whole series of issues, I am satisfied we can maintain services.

Question 13: Cllr Bernie Fisher

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I am concerned vulnerable people in some outlying areas are being asked to pay more for public transport and may lose their bus services. Bus operators are already complaining about how little they receive. Where will we get the shortfall from?

Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor

A motion was due to be considered at the council meeting on 7 December 2016, which we may come back to. I will have no problem lobbying the Government on this issue.

In comparison with neighbouring authorities, Gloucestershire's shortfall is less than at other authorities. Oxfordshire has taken £3.5 million out of subsidised transport to address the problem. This is a national issue to lobby the Government about.

Question 16: Cllr Lesley Williams

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With national recognition of the crisis in social care, why didn't the council ask supplementary questions of the public when considering about a further increase in the Social Care Levy?

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Response by: Cllr Ray Theodoulou

I believe we a viable budget that works. With adequate resources and reserves, we are able to manage the challenges we are faced with. That is not to say we wouldn't be grateful if we received more money. We need to be mindful of the impact of extra taxes on residents

Question 19: Cllr Lesley Williams

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I am pleased you meet with local people, but as Leader of the Council, why do not stand up for the residents of Gloucestershire in public, as other individuals do, including Paul Carter, David Hodge and Neil Carmichael?

Response by: Cllr Mark Hawthorne

I am in contact with, and provide input, to the 3 individuals you refer to. Paul Carter, is the Chairman of Maidstone County Council; David Hodge is the Conservative Group spokesman on the Local Government Association; and Neil Carmichael MP is the Chairman of the Education Select Committee. It is there job to speak for the sector.

I also undertake a number of lobbying exercises, resulting in several successes over the past two years. There is a huge amount of work to do. I do my job but don't necessarily feel the need to appear on the front page of every newspaper every time I achieve something.

Question 21: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson

Item 6: Recommendations to Council: Medium Term Financial Strategy

On page 34 of the agenda, details of the overall budget propose a total of almost £6million of cuts, comprising 13.31 % in Children's and Families; 1.21 % in Communities and Infrastructure; 3.4 % in business support and 2.4 % in Public Health. Is this correct?

Response by: Cllr Mark Hawthorne

I feel it is important to concentrate on the facts and the need to invest in the most vulnerable in our communities. Increases have been made in the Adults, Children and Families and Highway's Budgets. Although we have had to make difficult decisions, we will continue to invest in the areas that really matter. This is achieved through prudent financing. In the Technical and Corporate Budget we are proposing £3 million worth of savings in Capital Finance and £4.5 million in one off investments. This combined total exceeds the total drop in the budget. We believe it is important to invest in a budget that will deliver services to the most vulnerable people in the community and improve the services people care about the most.

Question 22: Cllr Klara Sudbury

Item 13: Contract Award: Fastershire Broadband Strategy (Stage 3)

Elected members are the first point of contact for residents. In what ways will you be working with them to obtain detailed local knowledge on 'not-spots' in the county so that they can share information with residents?.

Response by: Cllr Mark Hawthorne

I get lobbied all the time about broadband by members via email. I haven't had an email from yourself. The latest data will show the status of individual properties. This information will be released during the summer, where everyone will be able to see what broadband provision they will receive.

I would like to praise Alex Chalk, MP for Cheltenham, for helping to drive the programme forward in urban areas. A great effort was made. We will continue to work with the MP to deliver the next phase of the programme under new EU procurement rules.

Question 23: Cllr Lesley Williams

Item 6: Medium Term Financial Strategy

Could you please explain what a 'strengths based approach' is?

Response by: Cllr Kathy Williams

A strengths based approach is an assessment of what individuals 'can' and 'cannot' do. The approach recognises individual qualities not noted before and focusses on the individual rather than on the collective. The approach is useful in recognising what might need to be looked at to achieve better outcomes for people requiring Adult Social Care.

Question 24: Cllr David Brown

Item 10: Investing in Support for Homeless Vulnerable People

I welcome the successful bid for government funding, which is great news for the county. You state the county council will continue to work in partnership with district councils and other agencies. What assurances can you give to ensure joined up thinking across the districts?

Response by: Cllr Kathy Williams

We couldn't do our work without joined up thinking. All district councils are included in the programme. We rely on information from the district councils to give feedback. There is more investment in Cheltenham and Gloucester, because of need.

Questions 26/27: Cllr David Brown

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Members noted a correction to the amount of government funding recorded in the responses to questions 26 and 27. The amount of funding awarded to target rough sleepers was confirmed as £990,000.

5. Financial Monitoring Report: 2016/17

Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Cabinet Member: Finance and Change, gave an update on the year end forecast for the 2016/17 County Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets.

Cllr Theodoulou reported a forecast year end position with an £0.89 million underspend. He said that this had been achieved using the unallocated Social Care Levy and corporate underspends used to offset demand led underspends in the Adult and Children and Families Budgets. It had not been necessary to draw from the Vulnerable Adults and Vulnerable Children Reserves.

Drawing attention to national issues, Cllr Theodoulou informed members that the difficulties from managing pressures placed on council services, particularly in Adult and Children's Services, were anticipated to continue throughout the year. It was proposed the council should continue its focus on these areas.

Cabinet members were invited to summarise some of the financial issues within their individual portfolios and these were noted.

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,

RESOLVED to:

1. *Note the forecast;*
 - a) *Revenue year end position, as at the end of November for the 2016/17 financial year, of a £0.893 million under-spend.*
 - b) *Capital year end position for 2016/17 of a £1.64 million under-spend against the re-profiled budget and the changes to the 2016/17 re-profiled budgets detailed in section B.*
2. *Approve the transfer of £0.454 million from a revenue underspend in the Technical & Corporate budget to the Economic Stimulus Reserve to fund costs associated with expanding the Council's apprenticeship programme.*
3. *Confirm the revised payment timetable of £1.0 million to Highways England between 1st February 2017 and 1st January 2018 in relation to the A417*

Missing Link project in line with the funding agreement between the Council and Highways England.

4. *Approve the following changes to the capital programme:*

- a) *Increase the Adults capital programme by £1.834 million (£0.8 million in 2016/17 and £1.034 million in 2017/18), funded by a Department of Health Capital Grant, to enable the purchase and adaptation of various properties for people with learning difficulties.*
- b) *Increase the Highway capital budget by £0.44 million, funded from a revenue contribution of £0.35 million and an additional £0.09 million of developer and other external contributions to help fund a variety of highway schemes.*
- c) *Increase the capital programme for Safety Fencing by £0.25 million, funded from a revenue contribution from the Highways revenue budget.*
- d) *Increase the Waste capital budget by £0.10 million to fund capital improvements at Household Recycling Centres funded from a revenue contribution from the Waste revenue budget.*
- e) *Increase the ICT capital budget by £0.450 million, funded by a revenue contribution from a one off underspend in the ICT revenue budget, to fund investment in ICT equipment for social workers which will facilitate mobile working.*

6. Recommendations to Council: Council Strategy and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 - 2019/20

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Leader of Council, introduced Cabinet's recommendations to Council on the Draft Council Strategy, Medium Term Financial Strategy, and final revenue and capital budget for 2017/18. The recommendations will be presented at the full council meeting on 15 February 2017.

Cabinet Member for Finance and Change, Cllr Ray Theodoulou, summarised the budget proposals for 2017/18 and proposed a draft budget of £402.68 million, a decrease in cash terms of £5.78 million from 2016/17. The decrease was due to a significant reduction in government grant funding.

Members were reminded that in December 2016, Cabinet had proposed a budget for consultation totalling £397.13 million. This had been based on a 1.99 per cent council tax increase and a 2 per cent National Social Care Levy.

Following the cabinet decision in December, the government had announced the draft financial settlement on 15 December 2016, awarding further funding to the council. The revised budget presented at this meeting included an increase of £5.56 million on the consultation budget approved in December.

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Proposals relating to increases in Council Tax and social care levy remained the same as those proposed by the consultation budget. The increase to Council Tax Band D, at £1179.26, remained the same as that proposed by the consultation budget.

Outlining the recommended budget for 2017/18, Cllr Theodoulou confirmed that the proposed budget contained £25.5 million of investment into key services, including services for older people and vulnerable children and adults, and funding of £103.81 million new capital investment in roads, schools and other services. Full details of the budget proposals are set out at annexes 2 and 3 of the agenda/published decision report relating to this item. Cllr Theodoulou referred to the Due Regard Statement which accompanied the report.

Cabinet members summarised the key investments within their budgets, including over £4 million for Adult Social Care, £1.5 million for vulnerable families, children and young people, £300k to help people struggling with mental health and £6 million on highways infrastructure.

Confirming that the proposed budget had been reviewed by the council's scrutiny committees, the Leader of the Council invited Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, Cllr Brian Oosthuysen, to present the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to the meeting.

Cllr Oosthuysen informed members briefing sessions had been held with Directors and Cabinet Members throughout November 2016, with an opportunity for scrutiny members to scrutinise the draft budget in detail during discussions at specific scrutiny committee meetings in January.

Some of the key points highlighted by the scrutiny report included; a request from the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee to extend the duration of the Lengthsman and Highways Local Schemes; support for the proposed additional investment in the Better Care Fund from 2018/19; support for the proposed additional investment in Social Workers, (following recommendations from the Social Worker Task Group Review).

The scrutiny report, (published as a supporting document to item 6 of the council agenda), was noted. Please refer to the following link to view the views and comments included within the report: -

<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=117&MId=8406&Ver=4>

Leader of Council, Cllr Mark Hawthorne, referred to the challenges of creating an achievable budget and thanked members and officers for their contributions. The Leader stated that the 2017/18 budget was the result of having to make tough choices and from prioritised spending. He said it was not easy making savings, especially when having to balance government expectations with the need to invest in delivering key services in Adult Social Care, Children and Families, and those that impacted on the local infrastructure.

Drawing on comparisons with budgets proposed at other authorities, the Leader stated that the 2017/18 budget put forward for approval by full council would enable the council to deliver the right choices. Ultimately, approval of the budget was a decision for full council and would be considered at the council meeting on 15 February 2017.

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,

RESOLVED to:

- 1. Consider the outcome of the consultation received, as summarised in the published decision report and in Section C of the MTFs, and as set out in detail in the consultation report.*
 - 2. Approve the Draft Council Strategy for submission to County Council.*
 - 3. Approve changes to the draft budget as set out in paragraphs 8 (revenue) and 10 (capital), which are now included within the MTFs, and to approve the MTFs and final revenue and capital budget for 2017/18 for recommendation to Council, including all of the proposals set out in the annexes to the published decision report.*
 - 4. Note the schools funding, the provisional local government finance settlement and forecast reserve movements as summarised in this report and set out in the MTFs, and to recommend to Council a revenue budget of £402.68 million, and a band D council tax of £1179.26, and consequential precepts on District Councils.*
 - 5. Approve, for recommendation to Council, the Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators as set out in Section I of the published decision report and Annex 9 of the detailed MTFs.*
 - 6. Approve, for recommendation to Council, the Risk Management Policy Statement & Strategy as set out in Section M of the published decision report and Annex 10 of the detailed MTFs.*
- 7. Proposed Award of a South-West sub-regional framework agreement for the provision of leaving care/independent living settings**

Cllr Paul McLain, Cabinet Member: Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning, sought authorisation to participate in a tendering process for the creation and award of a sub-regional framework for the provision of leaving care or independent living settings.

Cllr McLain explained that the council had a duty to provide sufficient and appropriate accommodation for Young People when leaving care. Referring to some of the benefits that might be anticipated from the proposals, he informed

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members that the purpose of the report was to discharge this duty by participating in a collaborative arrangement led by South Gloucestershire Council.

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,

RESOLVED to:

Authorise the Commissioning Director: Children and Families to:

- 1 Participate in a competitive tendering process compliant with the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) and conducted by South Gloucestershire Council as the lead authority for the award of a four year South West sub-regional Framework Agreement (the Framework) commencing on the 1st July 2017 for the provision of leaving care/independent living settings.*
- 2 Enter into a Participation Agreement with South Gloucestershire Council to give effect to the recommendation above and pay South Gloucestershire Council up to £5,000 as a contribution to their costs in acting as lead authority for the procurement of the Framework.*
- 3 Enter into such number of call-off contracts (placements) as are required to meet the Council's responsibility to provide services for Care Leavers who require Independent Supported Living.*

8. Gloucester South West Bypass (GSWB) – Llanthony Road Improvements

Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member: Fire, Planning and Infrastructure, sought approval to underwrite the risk of the council not receiving all of the committed Growth Deal funding scheduled for 2018/19 by allowing land acquisition intentions relating to road improvements at the Llanthony Road section of the Gloucester South West Bypass to be brought forward from 2018/19 to 2017/18.

Cllr Moor explained that the proposed scheme involved the acquisition of third party land to enable the widening of the road to take place. The land in question was currently in the ownership of various owners with the proposed scheme requiring demolition of some of the commercial buildings currently in use.

Funding to be provided by two main funding streams; Gloucestershire County Council and GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership. Members noted the support from Gloucester residents and the importance of developer contributions in taking the scheme forward

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,

RESOLVED to:

- (1) Make provision to allow the County Council to underwrite the risk of the County Council not receiving all of the committed Growth Deal funding scheduled for 2018/19;*
- (2) Commence land acquisition via Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) in addition to negotiated settlement route allowing the land acquisition to commence in financial year 2017/18; and*
- (3) Make any other ancillary orders that might be required to successfully implement the scheme.*

9. A40 Over Roundabout Improvement Scheme

Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member: Fire, Planning and Infrastructure, sought approval to conduct a legally compliant, competitive, tendering process for the purpose of awarding a contract to carry out construction works in accordance with the detailed design of the A40 Roundabout Improvement Scheme.

Cllr Moor highlighted some of the benefits from addressing congestion issues at the A40 Over roundabout and the relevance of Section 106 developer contributions in enabling construction works to commence within proposed timescales. Accentuating the merits of the design proposals and the civil engineering skills relating to the scheme, Cllr Moor also referred to the economic advantages of making Gloucester accessible to some of the more rural parts of Gloucestershire.

It was noted that a Due Regard Statement had not been produced for this item. Consideration of the public sector equality duty referred to in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 had, however, been considered during development of the council's Integrated Transport Plan.

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,

RESOLVED to:

Authorise the Commissioning Director, Communities & Infrastructure to:

- 1) Conduct a legally compliant competitive tender process for the award of a works contract to a single supplier for the construction of the A40 Over Roundabout Improvement Scheme; and*
- 2) Upon conclusion of the competitive tender process, and in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Fire, Planning and Infrastructure, to enter into a contract with the preferred provider evaluated as offering the Council best value for money for delivery of the works OR, in the event that the preferred provider for the contract is either unable or unwilling to enter into that*

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contract, to enter into such contract with the next willing highest placed suitably qualified provider.

10. Investing in Support for Homeless Vulnerable People - Interim Arrangements

Cllr Kathy Williams, Cabinet Member: Long-Term Care sought to endorse the council's continued involvement with district councils in developing and reviewing services for homeless, vulnerable people.

Cllr Williams reinforced the need to ensure pro-active services were in place to assist homeless people rebuild their lives within the wider community. It was noted that a small number of individuals had been homeless for a long period of time and for whom rough sleeping had become a permanent way of life.

Cllr Williams informed members that work undertaken as part a long term strategy with partners and district councils had resulted in securing up to £990k from the Department Communities and Local Government to fund a local social impact bond. This had been the result of a successful partnership application submission and reflected some of the good work intended by the council and district councils to provide support to the homeless people of Gloucestershire.

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,

RESOLVED to:

- 1)
 - a) *Note the Social Impact Bond investment of up to £990k as detailed in section 5 of the report, which will enable personalised support to rough sleepers and individuals entrenched within the homelessness system and provide link workers to support each individual to navigate their journey away from homelessness to positive, sustainable outcomes.*
 - b) *Endorse the council's continued involvement, with district councils, in developing the Social Impact Bond and review of services to homeless vulnerable people.*
- 2) *Delegate authority to the Commissioning Director: Children and Families, in consultation with Cabinet Member Long Term Care, to:*
 - a) *Direct award interim contracts to the five incumbent providers of each of the contracts for homeless vulnerable adults, as listed in Section A of Appendix A of the published decision report, so that they should all expire 30th September 2018, and*
 - b) *Exercise contractual options to extend the existing contracts for accommodation-based support for homeless young vulnerable people with each of the six providers, as listed in Section B of Appendix A of this report, for a further period of 1 year, commencing on 1 July 2017, and then, vary such contracts to extend their terms by a further three month*

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period to expire 30th September 2018 on the basis set out in Section C of Appendix A to the published decision report,

for the purpose of aligning contract end dates to enable their alignment with future plans as described in section 9 of the decision report.

11. Proposal to develop an intensive intervention service for children and young people

Cllr Paul McLain, Cabinet Member: Children & Young People and Strategic Commissioning sought approval to develop an intensive intervention service for the most vulnerable at risk young people.

Cllr McLain believed the proposals represented a radical new approach to addressing the needs and complex issues affecting some young people's lives, continuing into adult life.

Drawing attention to the proposed joint working arrangement with the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Cllr McLain advised members that by providing a 'wrap around service' for children and young people with complex issues would hopefully allow them to lead normal lives.

Cllr McLain urged members to support the proposals.

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,

RESOLVED to:

- 1. Approve the proposal to develop an Intensive Intervention Service for Young People, and*
- 2. Authorise the Commissioning Director, Children and Families, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning, to enter into a formal joint funding agreement with Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, if required, to invest in the Intensive Intervention Service.*

12. Priors and Oakley Flood Alleviation Scheme

Cllr Vernon Smith, Cabinet Member: Highways and Flood sought approval of a legal strategy to enable the implementation of the Priors and Oakley Flood Alleviation Scheme, Cheltenham.

Members noted a correction to recommendation iii (b) and deletion of the reference to paragraph iv).

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Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report, including the exempt annex, and,

RESOLVED to:

- i. Subject to the granting of planning permission, approve the use of Section 64 of the Land Drainage Act 1991 to issue a notice on the relevant landowners for the purpose of undertaking the construction of a flood alleviation scheme in relation to the land outlined red in the planning application 17/00017/FUL;*
- ii. Settle compensation claims from affected landowners arising from the interference in their use of land affected by the work if it can be shown that injury is sustained by reason of the exercise of the Council to construct the flood alleviation asset, the periods of time when the storage basins fill with surface water and the occasions when maintenance and inspection is undertaken, and;*
- iii. Delegate authority to the Commissioning Director for Communities and Infrastructure in consultation with the Lead Cabinet member for Highways and Flood and the S151 officer, to undertake such ancillary steps necessary to;*
 - (a) Exercise the powers contained in the FWMA 2010 to approve the designation of the flood risk management asset on completion and, subject to the granting of planning permission, and*
 - (b) Undertake such ancillary steps necessary to implement the recommendations set out above in paragraphs (i), (ii), and (iii)*

Prior to the discussion, members were advised that, should Cabinet wish to discuss the contents of the exempt Annex at the meeting, consideration would need to be given as to whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Cabinet agreed to consider the item without reference to the exempt information.

13. Contract Award: Fastershire Broadband Strategy Stage 3 - Lots 3C, 3D, 3E and 4

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, Leader of Council, summarised the positive progress in bringing superfast broadband to Gloucestershire. This report sought to authorise the next phases of the work.

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,

RESOLVED to:

Authorise the Commissioning Director: Communities and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Director of Strategic Finance, to:

*(a) Award a contract to the highest scoring supplier (namely “Gigaclear”) that was identified in a competitive procurement process carried out by Herefordshire Council, (in its role on the joint Gloucestershire County Council and Herefordshire Council Fastershire project), for the deployment of superfast broadband in Gloucestershire (and Herefordshire). Such a contract shall require Gigaclear to (i) deliver fibre broadband infrastructure within the areas described in **Lot 3c**, (South Herefordshire & West Gloucestershire), **Lot 3d**, (North Gloucestershire), **Lot 3e**, (South Gloucestershire) and **Lot 4**, (North Herefordshire) and (ii) provide gap funding in respect thereof. The maximum value of such a contract, (for Lots 3c, 3d, 3e and 4), shall be £12.7m, (made up of £5.14m to be contributed by Gloucestershire County Council and £7.56m to be contributed by Herefordshire Council). Such a contract shall include an option to increase Herefordshire Council’s Lot 3c subsidy contribution by no more than £1.4m in accordance with the original published subsidy limit set out in the ITT. Such an option may be exercised only if a delivery plan has been agreed by Gloucestershire County Council’s Commissioning Director. The term of such contract shall expire seven years after the final infrastructure payment is made, (anticipated to be December 2019). The said contract shall not be entered into with Gigaclear until Herefordshire Council has provided its approval, therefore;*

*(b) Subject to the positive conclusion of BDUKs due diligence, to award a contract to the highest scoring supplier that was identified in a competitive procurement process carried out between September and November 2016 for the deployment of superfast broadband in Gloucestershire (and Herefordshire). Such contract shall require the highest scoring supplier to i) deliver fibre broadband infrastructure within the areas described in **Lot 3a** (Cheltenham and Gloucester) and **Lot 3b** (Hereford). The value of such contract shall be £910k (made up of £0.691m to be contributed by Gloucestershire County Council and £0.219m to be contributed by Herefordshire Council). The term of such contract shall expire seven years after the final infrastructure payment (anticipated to be December 2019). The said contract shall not be entered into with the highest scoring supplier until Herefordshire Council has provided its approval therefore; .*

(c) Take all operational decisions in relation to (i) the approved £0.58m of uncommitted funds detailed as “Future Procurements and Contract Extensions” in the table below, (ii) further ERDF and EAFRD European Funding (subject to approval); and (iii) the possible reinvestment of any underspend from previous stages of the approved Fastershire Broadband Strategy.

Prior to the discussion, members were advised that, should Cabinet wish to discuss the contents of the exempt information included in the Appendix for this item, consideration would need to be given as to whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local

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Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Cabinet agreed to consider the item without reference to the exempt information.

14. Schedule of Proposed Disposals

Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Cabinet Member: Finance and Change sought approval of the Schedule of Disposals proposed to meet the three year 'Meeting The Challenge 2' capital receipt target of £60 million covering the period 2015/16 to 2017/18.

Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and, in line with the Policy for the Disposal of Property:

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Confirm that those sites described at Appendix A (Exempt) which have previously been declared surplus by Cabinet in September 2016 and not yet disposed of, continue to be declared surplus to requirements*
- 2) Declare the sites listed on the proposed Schedule of Disposals Appendix B (Exempt) surplus to the Council's land and property requirements,*

and in relation to both of these schedules, delegate authority to the Head of Property Services to dispose of the sites in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Change.

Prior to the discussion, members were advised that, should Cabinet wish to discuss the contents of the exempt information included in Appendix A and Appendix B, consideration would need to be given as to whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Cabinet agreed to consider the item without reference to the exempt information.

Leader of Council

Meeting concluded at 11.40 am