



# Gloucestershire

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COUNTY COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the Cabinet

Held on WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2016

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

<b>CABINET</b>	<b>Gloucestershire County Council</b>
<b>8 June 2016</b>	
<b>Minutes</b>	

**Present:**

Cllr Mark Hawthorne	Leader of Council
Cllr Ray Theodoulou	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 20 April 2016 were agreed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

**4. Questions at Cabinet Meetings**

**Public (written) questions**

A public (written) question was submitted by Mr Nigel Wise. Mr Wise was not present at the meeting and, therefore, unable to ask a supplementary question.

The question and written response can be viewed at the following link: -

<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/b11820/Cabinet%20Questions%20and%20Answers%20Wednesday%2008-Jun-2016%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9>

## **Public (oral) questions**

### **Question 1**

#### **Item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

Cllr Paul McLain, (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning), informed members that an additional, (written), question had been submitted by Mrs Chris Roberts, (a member of Fairford Town Council). Although the question had been submitted after the deadline for submitting written questions, it was agreed a written response would be provided after the meeting.

Mrs Roberts was unable to attend the meeting to ask the question as an oral question and subsequently requested that the following written statement be considered by cabinet members in advance of making their decision in relation to item 7 of the agenda, Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children.

#### **Question submitted by: Mrs Chris Roberts**

Regarding the re-structuring of the Children's Centres in Gloucestershire, could someone explain why Glos County Council is considering closing the Centre in Fairford when the town is being inundated with hundreds of new homes and young families needing these services?

#### **Response from Cllr Paul McLain: Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning**

The children's centre service is based in Fairford Library and there are no plans to close this provision. The library will become the host organisation for the facilitation of services for families. The current children centre provider delivers one session on Tuesday afternoons. Currently the majority of services are delivered by library staff including Toddler Time on a Monday and Baby Bounce and Rhyme on Wednesday. These two sessions, for parents and young children will continue.

Families requiring additional 1.1 support will be able to receive this through the outreach service provided by an integrated team of Gloucestershire County Council family support workers, who will work exclusively across the Cotswolds. Opportunities for future services will be developed with the community according to identified needs.

The response was emailed to Mrs Roberts on 9 June 2016 and circulated to all Gloucestershire County Councillors for information.

The following questions were submitted as oral questions at the meeting.

The questions were acknowledged by both the Leader of the Council, Cllr Mark Hawthorne, and by Cllr Paul McLain, (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning), and the following responses provided and emailed to the respective councillors on 9 June 2016. The responses were circulated to all Gloucestershire County Councillors the same day.

Although Cllr Majoram was not present at the meeting for consideration of his question, Cllr McLain agreed to provide a written response after the meeting.

**Question 2: Cllr Lucas Schoemaker (Stroud Town Council)**

Cllr Schoemaker submitted the following question in relation to the Parliament Children's Centre in Stroud .

What guarantees and necessary funding will there be that the building -

- 1) Will continue to be used as a Children's centre, even community run?
- 2) Stay in public ownership?

**Response:**

The Parliament Children Centre is based on the same site as Severn View Academy. The school will become the host organisation for the facilitation of services from the children's centre building, and services for families will continue to be delivered from this building. This will include the current provision, which includes nursery education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds, health visitors, antenatal sessions and parental peer support groups. Opportunities will be explored with the community for the further development of services according to the needs of families. The building will stay in public ownership and will be leased by Gloucestershire County Council to the school.

**Question 3: Cllr John Marjoram (Stroud District Council)**

I wish to ask a specific question about the Children's Centre at Severn View in Stroud . As that school is an academy and no longer in democratic control, what guarantees are there that those centre buildings will be used as a children's centre, and further, will the school claim ownership of those premises?

**Response:**

Severn View Academy have expressed an interest in becoming the host organisation for services delivered from Parliament Children's Centre. The building, however, will remain in public ownership and Gloucestershire County Council will enter into a lease arrangement with the school. The Parent and Community Support Service will work with the school to ensure the provision for families offered from the site is legal, safe and sustainable.

## **Member questions**

Please refer to the following link to view the responses to the member questions submitted for consideration at the meeting.

<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/b11820/Cabinet%20Questions%20and%20Answers%20Wednesday%2008-Jun-2016%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9>

A total of 34 (member) questions were submitted for consideration, for which the following supplementary questions were asked at the meeting.

### **Question 1: Cllr Jeremy Hilton**

#### **Agenda item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

Will you welcome bids for all school sites, individual or consortium?

#### **Response by: Cllr Paul McLain**

Thank you for your work with Kingsholm Primary School. Cllr McLain confirmed he would be happy to meet with Cllr Hilton and a delegate from the school outside the meeting.

Subject to detailed conversations with the schools involved, we welcome all bids, including consortium bids.

### **Question 3: Cllr Jeremy Hilton**

#### **Agenda item 13: Quarter 4 Strategic Performance Report 2015-16**

When the new Traffic Regulations Order (TRO) Officer is in place, and the draft programme ready, will you be able to confirm the TRO's affecting our divisions?

#### **Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith**

I will list this information for you when in a position to do so.

### **Question 4 : Cllr Jeremy Hilton**

#### **Agenda item 13: Quarter 4 Strategic Performance Report 2015-16**

The Local Highway Manager is aware of the list of hotspots in my division and it is increasingly frustrating by the lack of progress that has been made during the past two years. Do you agree, 18 months is too long to implement a Traffic Regulation Order?

#### **Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith**

The council has to follow legal processes, which can be complex and can sometimes cause delays. I believe the Highways Advisory Group would be a good

way of considering this, but we need to be realistic. The cost of implementing a TRO is £10,000. I am keen for the issues you have raised today to be resolved and suggest you talk once more with the Local Highway Manager about the list of hotspots.

**Question 5: Cllr Joe Harris**

**Agenda item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

I would like to thank Linda Uren, Commissioning Director: Children and Families and her team for the work that has gone into considering this issue. I believe, however, there is still a lot of work to do. Do you agree there is real concern from certain areas of Gloucestershire, including the Stroud area about the future of our children's centres?. What will you do to regain their confidence and provide a quality service when making changes to the council's services for families with young children.

**Response by: Cllr Paul McLain**

This is a valid point. We need to get out there and make clear what is being proposed. There have been a lot of misconceptions. We need to be more effective when talking about improved outcomes. There are a number of community groups in the Stroud area who are very keen to show an expression of interest. When people see trusted organisations getting involved, they can see how we can enhance and improve our services.

**Question 7: Cllr Joe Harris**

**Agenda item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

I believe the council's cuts are strangling the life out of our children's services. I would like to see a more targeted approach. How much of the current review has been introduced to improve services, or are the changes in response to government cuts and cuts to the budget?

**Response by: Cllr Paul McLain**

This is a difficult time. The Parent and Community Support Service will target those families with most need. We also need to look at the GCC contracts that are due for renewal and at the same time try to enhance all other services to map this. It would be nice to have more money but, unfortunately, we have to work with the money we have given. Evidence suggests, this is the best way forward.

**Question 8: Cllr Joe Harris**

**Agenda item 5: Overview and Scrutiny Task Group Report (A429 Fosse Way)**

I don't believe this is good enough and it doesn't refer to the task group recommendations. Cotswold District Council and Cirencester Town Council both indicated their support to the proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A429 ring

road. I would like to see a commitment to this action. Will the Cabinet Member commit to supporting the proposal to reduce the speed limit on the A429 ring road?

**Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor**

The task group's report will be submitted to the Road Safety Partnership to seek advice on the recommendation to reduce the speed limit on the A429. A prompt response is anticipated, followed by a report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. I cannot predict the outcome of this response, but my undertaking will be as prompt as possible.

**Question 9: Cllr Lesley Williams**

**Agenda item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

It seems you are building this policy around expectations and assumptions rather than fact. You have listed 3 services; Libraries; Schools and Charities, that all operate because of the good will of volunteers. With Children Centres in the mix, volunteers will be needed more than ever. I ask again, how many volunteers will be needed to carry on?

**Response by: Cllr Paul McLain**

I don't agree. Some services are already provided by a huge range of organisations, including adult education organisations and health professionals and a significant amount of time and money will be invested in providing support to Children's Centres. I am concerned by the myth the services will be run by volunteers. This is not the case. Lots of parents' groups want to work together, but there is also a wealth of professionals who are keen to lead and provide services.

**Question 10: Cllr Lesley Williams**

**Agenda item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

The simple answer is you really don't know how many volunteers there will be. Once these centres go out into the community, the quality of service will go unchecked. Expectation is not the same as assurance. Right now, there are families across the county who are unsure their service will continue. What will you do to ensure that these services remain consistent, universal, and of the highest quality once they have left the remit of the county?

**Response by: Cllr Paul McLain**

There are a number of universal services available, including 22 nursery centres. The services will be properly maintained and regulated by Ofsted. With the income generated from providing nursery places, there will be an opportunity for further investment and expansion. This is not about change but about expansion.

**Question 13: Cllr Lesley Williams**

**Agenda item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young**

I'm afraid your reply displays a lack of responsibility. What contingency plans are in place to step in and secure failing children centres once they are in the community's hands.

**Response by: Cllr Paul McLain**

We will continue to monitor performance. I don't accept your statement about a lack of responsibility. The services are universal and of the highest quality, including the best take up of nursery places in the country. The idea children's centres will close is simply not the case. Cllr McLain offered to discuss the issue in more detail after the meeting.

**Question 14: Cllr Lesley Williams**

**Agenda item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

I am relieved that at last the Cabinet Member recognises that his pledge 'that no children centres will close' is misleading. Once children centres are given to the communities to run, there can be no promises that they will remain operational. I am glad that the Cabinet Member brings up expectations; the people of Gloucestershire have expectations too. They expect a consistent, high quality and universal service – something you can no longer promise.

**Response by: Cllr Paul McLain**

I find this very disappointing. Although I cannot comment on what action is being taken by other administrations across the country, this administration is committed to keeping children's centres open. I can't comment beyond that.

**Question 16: Cllr Lesley Williams**

**Agenda item 7: Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

I'm afraid you didn't answer the question. What are your biggest concerns about this policy change?

**Response by: Cllr Paul McLain**

My concern is that the critical investment we have made in social workers will have to stop.

**Question 19: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson**

**Agenda item 13: Quarterly Strategic Performance Report**

At last week's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee meeting, the committee were given lots of reasons as to why the council had only met 60 per cent of its targets in the last year. As with any organisation, it is important to set SMART and realistic targets. Missing 40 per cent of its own targets is a poor appraisal of this council's performance, for which senior positions in other organisations would either lose their jobs or receive a serious ticking off. Which of these relate to you?

**Response by: Cllr Mark Hawthorne**

Due to high levels of demand, there are a number of areas where the council has struggled to meet its ambitious targets. Following a scrutiny review of the council's draft budget, it was evident the council would need to make changes in how it invested to make improvements to children's services.

**Question 20: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson**

**Agenda item 13: Quarterly Strategic Performance Report**

I am pleased to see the positive actions. If meeting 60 per cent of our targets is acceptable this year, what personal goals will you set for next year. What is acceptable?

**Response by: Cllr Mark Hawthorne**

I think we need to look beyond numbers and look at the services we provide. I believe tough targets are the right choice. As a council, we need to need to make choices collectively. Working with our partners and reviewing contracts is how we deliver the best possible service for our communities.

**Question 21: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson**

**Agenda item 6: A417 Missing Link**

With no changes to the funding for the A417 Missing Link Solution, should it not be a Highways England funding commitment, as per the original commitment, and not this council's.

**Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor**

The only funding set aside was that outlined by the feasibility study. The full sum was never committed pending confirmation of the project by the government. Our role is to support the proposals and keep the momentum going. It is good all Gloucestershire MP's are in support of the development. It is important to confirm Phase 1 of the project before moving on to the construction phase.

**Question 22: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson**

**Agenda item 6: A417 Missing Link**

Having asked for confirmation of the timescales for the A417 Missing Link Solution in September 2015 and April 2016, I am increasingly frustrated that, despite a commitment from Cabinet in April, I have still not received this information. It is important for the public to understand what is proposed, and when. Can you please confirm the timescales for the project timings of the A417 Missing Link Solution?

**Response by: Cllr Nigel Moor**

This is a 10 year funding agreement. Cabinet will be considering the award of funding to assist Highways England in delivering the project at item 6 of the agenda.

**Question 24: Cllr Chris Coleman**

**Agenda item 12: Revenue and Capital Expenditure 2015-16**

In view of the low levels of customer satisfaction, what is your strategy to ensure customer feedback is constructive? When will you be putting the list of schemes together?

**Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith**

We follow the Highways Efficiency Maintenance Programme, for which I am proud of Gloucestershire County Council's performance. I believe 9 out of 17 top recommendations are followed and the customer service arrangements we provide are noted as best practice.

**Question 25: Cllr Chris Coleman**

**Agenda item 12: Revenue and Capital Expenditure 2015-16**

How many miles of pavements are there across the county?

**Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith**

Around 3,300 miles of local road, 10,000 miles of footway, £154,000 investment in the Highways Local Scheme, plus the new cycling footway scheme. I am keen to work with Cheltenham Borough Council to look at investing some of the £3 million revenue raised by off-street parking charges in the Cheltenham area on re-surfacing works on some of the footways in the district. I believe it is important to network with the districts. Cllr Smith offered to meet with Cllr Coleman to discuss the issue in more detail after the meeting.

**Question 26: Cllr Chris Coleman**

**Agenda item 12: Revenue and Capital Expenditure 2015-16**

How many repairs are inspected by Gloucestershire County Council, (if not all carried out by Amey)? What is the pass rate?

**Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith**

I will have to provide this detailed information after the meeting. We endeavour to inspect 100 per cent of all resurfacing works and urge you to come along to one of the depots to see how the work is monitored. Some inspections are undertaken by Gloucestershire County Council, others by Amey.

**Question 29: Cllr Lesley Williams**

**Agenda item 13: Quarterly Strategic Performance Report**

There seems to be a common theme developing within the administration of this Council. Whether it's overpromising and under-delivering on targets, or under-budgeting and overspending in departments. What matters is results, and it's clear that this Council is failing. It's failing in adult social care, it's failing on potholes, and it's ultimately failing the people of this County. In the last year of your administration, what do you hope to achieve?

**Response by: Cllr Mark Hawthorne**

I refute the suggestion this council is failing. We are committed to delivering the best possible services for the residents of Gloucestershire. Our policy on children's centres is very different to other (Labour) authorities, where the councils have chosen to slash and cut services. Levels of demand undoubtedly affect our services. We are currently faced with ambitious targets. I am sure you would be questioning our performance if we were continually meeting 100 per cent of our targets. This scare mongering is not the positive vision we should be sending out to our communities.

**Question 32: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson**

**Agenda item 9: Extension of the Parking Management Services Enforcement Contract**

What is the specific criteria (referred to in the answer to the question)?

**Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith**

Information gathered from market testing conducted by a professional network of contributors. There are no indications to suggest current contracts do not offer good value for money or are not the best way forward.

**Question 32: Cllr Paul Hodgkinson**

**Agenda item 9:** Extension of the Parking Management Services Enforcement Contract

Why, in many communities, (e.g. Northleach, Cirencester, Bourton on the Water and Cheltenham), are people becoming increasingly frustrated by the lack of parking enforcement? What can you do to make sure there is a fair system of enforcement, and everyone treated the same?

**Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith**

Enforcement is undertaken via a system of regular rotation across the county. If you are able to highlight any specific areas or gaps, I suggest you speak to the council's Parking Manager, Jim Daniels.

**Question 33: Cllr Joe Harris**

**Agenda item 9:** Extension of the Parking Management Services Enforcement Contract

The report suggests money raised from parking charges will be spent on Highway Maintenance. According to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, any surplus revenue from parking should be reinvested into parking related schemes. How can such a surplus be put into Highway Maintenance?

**Response by: Cllr Vernon Smith**

I believe this is the right thing to do and will ultimately benefit the residents of Gloucestershire. Anticipating changes brought about by devolution, and the revenue raised in off-street parking by Cheltenham Borough Council, I would like to see the county council work with district councils to improve highway maintenance. We are committed to spending money on roads and highways maintenance and so much more could be achieved with match-funding. I would like to see the surplus of revenue from Cheltenham Borough Council put into resurfacing schemes. I would like to see all districts take this approach.

**Question 34: Cllr Iain Dobie**

**Agenda item 12:** Revenue and Capital Expenditure 2015-16

Thank you for your answer. To go back to the actual question asked, however, £300,000 of public mental health funds were unallocated last year because the County Council's commissioning team was understaffed. As a former Head of Workforce Planning at GCHQ, I know that when you are short of key staff, you prioritise their work. As the responsible Cabinet Member, Cllr Gravells, why did you choose to give the delivery of Public Mental Health such a low priority so that it was not properly delivered last year? Don't you value Public Mental Health highly? This underspend suggests you don't.

**Response by: Cllr Andrew Gravels**

Public Mental Health is taken very seriously. As Shadow Portfolio Holder, you are aware this area is a priority area for the Public Health team. It is not just about spending money. The public health budget is fully allocated with spending on track. The Self Harm Helpline is an important initiative, and credit should be given to Gloucestershire County Council for this significant piece of work. It takes time to initiate new activities, and there are a number of intentions currently underway. Any underspend is ring-fenced to Public Health. There was never any question of not spending on Public Health.

**5. Overview and Scrutiny Task Group Report**

Cllr Shaun Parsons, Chairman of the A429 Task Group, presented the task group's recommendations following its recent review of congestion and safety issues on the A429 Fosse Way.

Cllr Parsons stated that, whilst the recommendation to seek re-classification of the A429 as a trunk road could potentially offer a tremendous solution to some of the issues that had been considered during the review, the task group was aware this might not be a feasible option, and that there could be no guarantees it would happen.

Cabinet Member for Fire, Planning and Infrastructure, Cllr Nigel Moor, noted the task group's report and informed members that the recommendations would now be referred to the Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership to seek advice on the suitability of reducing speed limits along the entire length of the A429 corridor, and on the Cirencester ring road.

Cllr Moor confirmed that a formal cabinet response would be circulated to the members of the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee before submitting to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for final consideration in July.

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

**RESOLVED to: -**

*Produce a formal response to the task group's recommendations*

**6. A417 Missing Link - Payment of Revenue Funding to Highways England**

Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member for Fire, Planning and Infrastructure, sought Cabinet approval for the payment of £1m revenue funding by Gloucestershire County Council to assist Highways England in the delivery of the solution to the A417 Missing Link.

Outlining the near cross party support for the campaign to find a solution to the A417 'Missing Link', Cllr Moor confirmed that this remained a number one

infrastructure priority for both the County Council and for the Gloucestershire Local Enterprise Partnership.

Forming part of the county's strategic road network, the A417 trunk road is managed, (in terms of upgrading and maintenance), by Highways England. Members recalled that, in December 2014, the government had announced its intention to provide grant funding to develop and deliver a solution to the 'Missing Link'. Having completed an initial 'feasibility' stage for the project, Highways England was now hoping to secure the necessary funding from which to progress to the 'options identification' stage of the project and beyond.

Cllr Moor informed members that the £1 million payment, (to be taken from the County Council's A417 Missing Link reserve), would aid Highways England commence the next stages of the work. He explained that the payment would be subject to a funding agreement, which included a project specification, monitoring regime and milestone deliverable dates.

Cllr Moor confirmed that the Secretary of State for Transport had made a commitment for construction works to commence during the next 'Roads Investment Strategy' period in 2020. Although a matter for Highways England, Cllr Moor highlighted the importance of the council continuing to work with local MP's to ensure the allocation of funds for this major artery route through Gloucestershire was realised.

A Due Regard Statement was not completed for this item pending completion of a thorough equalities assessment by Highways England as part of the scheme development process.

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

***RESOLVED to: -***

*Approve payment of £1m revenue funding by Gloucestershire County Council to Highways England (HE) no later than 1 September 2016.*

## **7. Reshaping Services for Families with Young Children**

Councillor Paul McLain, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning, sought approval of the recommendations for the reshaping of services for families and young children, and the procurement of such services, as outlined in the decision report published with the cabinet agenda.

Cllr McLain invited Linda Uren, Commissioning Director of Children and Families, and Ruth Lewis, Lead Commissioner for Early Years, to give a detailed presentation on the background to the decision, including an overview of some of earlier decisions relating to the issue.

Please contact [jo.moore@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:jo.moore@gloucestershire.gov.uk) for details of the presentation.

Alternatively, to view the presentation on the council website, please go to the following link: -

<http://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/b11959/Powerpoint%20Presentation%20Wednesday%2008-Jun-2016%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=9>

Cllr McLain emphasised the importance of investing in the protection of the most vulnerable children in Gloucestershire. He also referred to the need to consider how best the council could reshape its services for families and how such services would be procured in the future.

Noting the variations in response by other councils to this national issue, Cllr McLain believed it was a fantastic opportunity for Gloucestershire to evaluate how it could best target those families and children who needed most support.

Acknowledging the constraints limited resources had placed on the delivery of children's services, Cllr McLain reassured members it was not this council's intention to close children's centres, but rather, to avoid this as an option at all costs. Furthermore, he was confident service providers and professional groups would be keen to work with the council in reshaping how current services were delivered.

Cllr McLain explained how the council aimed to review and expand existing childcare facilities. He said this would be achieved via a number of proposals, including; providing a locality based family support response service, (for delivery from a broad range of community buildings); providing additional outreach services for families; delivering universal services via partnership working with voluntary and community groups, (for which £300k of capital had been allocated to support the development of the provision); creation of a new parent and community support service, (offering advice and support to organisations wishing to run universal services from children's centres), and, finally, development of the current network of 'other' children's centres providing early education and childcare.

Cllr McLain believed the council would maintain existing services. He also believed the council would take advantage of this opportunity to expand and develop service delivery. Responding to questions, Cllr McLain stressed how important it was for the council to target families early. He stated that, rather than rely on the assumption that the majority of families were prepared to travel to seek support, it was a far better option to concentrate on providing more accessible services, particularly in rural areas such as the Cotswolds and Stroud Districts. In summary, Cllr McLain anticipated developing a larger, more outreaching resource from which to support the vulnerable children and families in Gloucestershire. Acknowledging the levels of concern surrounding the proposals, Cllr McLain reiterated his offer to meet with members on an individual basis to discuss specific issues.

Members were advised that a Due Regard Statement for each of the seven children's centre localities had been produced and published with the agenda.

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 & Families, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People and Strategic Commissioning:*

- 1) To conduct an EU compliant competitive tender process for the award of three contracts for a period of 3 years with an estimated total value of up to £11.4m, with the ability to extend for a further period of 2 years, (to a value of £19 million), for the delivery of a targeted family support service based in 16 Children and Family Centres across Gloucestershire. The service is to be procured as three contracts: Contract 1: Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Localities, Contract 2: Gloucester North and Gloucester South localities, and Contract 3: Forest of Dean and Stroud localities. (Section 4.1, 5 and 7).*
- 2) To take the Cotswold locality service back in house from 1 April 2017 to enable the County Council to deliver the services in the Cotswolds directly to vulnerable families by integrating the new targeted family support service with the existing Families First plus teams to provide an integrated and efficient response to meeting the needs of vulnerable families in the Cotswolds (Section 4.2 and 7).*
- 3) To conduct an EU compliant competitive tender process for the award to suppliers of a two year contract with an estimated total value of £200k for the delivery of business support service to facilitate parent and community led universal provision for children and families across the Gloucestershire. (section 4.3)*
- 4) Upon conclusion of the competitive tender processes set out in 1 and 3 above, to enter into contracts with the preferred providers who are evaluated as offering the Council best value for money for delivery of the services set out in 1 and 3 above. In the event that the preferred provider for the contracts is either unable or unwilling to enter into those contracts referred to in 1 and 3 above with the council then the Commissioning Director, Children and Families is authorised to enter into such contracts with the next willing highest placed suitably qualified providers. (Section 5.1).*
- 5) To facilitate the continuation of nursery provision based in the 22 children's centre buildings through an expressions of interest programme to take effect by 31 March 2017. (Section 4.4 and 7).*
- 6) Prior to the de-designation of the 30 children's centres as statutory children's centres to seek expressions of interest and subsequently business cases from organisations including schools who wish to be host sites for the delivery of early education and childcare and for universal services for children and families thereby offering greater flexibility to meet the needs of the community.(section 4.3 and 7).*

- 7) *To give notice to end the current children's centre contracts to take effect from 31 March 2017. (Section 7).*

**8. Extension of contracts for accommodation based support services for vulnerable homeless adults**

Cllr Kathy Williams, Cabinet Member for Long-term care, sought authorisation to exercise contractual options for the extension of contracts for accommodation-based housing related support services for vulnerable homeless adults.

Cllr Williams informed members that the extension of contract would be for one year only, allowing support to continue whilst the council reviewed further long term options in response to changing patterns of demand. Any financial or resource implications to be met from within the existing budget.

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:*

*Exercise the contractual option to extend each of the following contracts for accommodation-based support services for vulnerable homeless adults for a final period of 1 year in each case, commencing on 1 July 2016: -*

- (a) Contract with Elim with a maximum value of £119k;*
- (b) Contract with Riverside with a maximum value of £284k;*
- (c) Contract with Homegroup Ltd (Stonham) with a maximum value of £550k; and*
- (d) Contract with Cheltenham YMCA with a maximum value of £125k*

**9. Extension of the Parking Management Services Enforcement Contract**

Cllr Vernon Smith, Cabinet Member for Highways and Flood, sought Cabinet approval to exercise the contractual right to extend the current Parking Management Services Enforcement contract for a further 2 years, commencing on 1 April 2018, with an estimated gross value of £2.4m.

Cllr Smith proposed members consider option 2 of the options outlined on pages 139 of the agenda pack as the preferred option. Cllr Smith believed this would be the best option for the council at this time.

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 to:*

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- 1) *Exercise the contractual right to extend the current Parking Management Services Enforcement contract with APCOA Parking (UK) Ltd (APCOA) for a further 2 years commencing on 1 April 2018; and*
- 2) *In consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to negotiate and agree the terms of the extension with APCOA and subsequently enter into an agreement on those terms for the extension period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020.*

**10. Building Better Lives - Consultation on all age, all disability short breaks provision**

Cllr Kathy Williams, Cabinet Member for Long-term care, sought Cabinet approval to consult on the reconfiguration of adult-learning disability respite care services in order to inform the ongoing commissioning strategy for respite and short breaks.

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

**RESOLVED to:**

*Authorise a 3-month consultation on the proposals for short breaks, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the published decision report, to run from 1 July to 1 October 2016.*

**11. Building Better Opportunities (Gloucestershire GEM Project)**

Cllr Kathy Williams, Cabinet Member for Long-term care, sought Cabinet approval to authorise the Council to act as the lead organisation for the Gloucestershire GEM Project, and to accept and administer European Social Fund funding as the responsible body, should the funding bid to the Big Lottery Fund be successful.

Cllr Williams informed members that the purpose of this project was to engage 1100 individuals disengaged from the labour market to move closer to or into work, education or training.

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

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) *Affirm the appointment of the Council to act as lead organisation for the Gloucestershire GEM Project (the Project);*
- 2) *Authorise the Commissioning Director: Children and Families, should the funding bid to the Big Lottery Fund be successful:*
  - (a) *In consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to enter into a funding agreement in respect of any and all ESF funding offered to the Council for the delivery of the Project;*

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*(b) To accept and administer any and all ESF funding received as the responsible body in connection with the delivery of the Project in accordance with the funding agreement referred to in Recommendation 2(a) above;*

*(c) In consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to negotiate, agree and enter into a Partnership Agreement with each of the delivery partners required to deliver the Project.*

## **12. Revenue and Capital Expenditure 2015/16**

Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Cabinet Member for Finance and Change, gave an update on the council's outturn expenditure for 2015/16.

Cllr Theodoulou confirmed that two of the council's major infrastructure projects, (the waste to energy incinerator and the new anaerobic digestion waste facility at Wingmoor Farm near Bishop's Cleeve), were not included in the report to this meeting.

Having considered all of the information, Cabinet,

### **RESOLVED to: -**

- 1) *Note the revenue and capital outturn positions, and the following transfers to reserves;*
  - i. Revenue contribution to capital of £0.807 million for Highways Minor Capital Works*
  - ii. Transfer of £0.223 million to a new LED renewables reserve*
  - iii. Transfer of £0.476 million of the Communities and Infrastructure underspend to a new Communities and Infrastructure reserve to fund the following commitments in 2016/17:*
    - Highways Local £0.168 million*
    - Street Lighting Phase 2 of LED mobilisation £0.137 million*
    - Libraries book and access improvement funding £0.150 million*
    - Road Safety Partnership £0.021 million*
  - iv. Transfer the Children & Families underspend of £0.268 million to the Vulnerable Children Reserve*
  - v. Transfer £0.3 million of technical and cross cutting underspend to a new Services to Families with Young Children Reserve*
  - vi. Transfer £1.0 million of technical and cross cutting underspend to the new Communities & Infrastructure reserve to invest in Highways*
  - vii. Increase the bad debts provision by £0.539 million to cover all debts over 18 months*
  - viii. Transfer underspends on Traded Services of £0.067 million to a new Trading Services Reserve*
  - ix. Transfer of £0.175 million to the Rates Retention Reserve*

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- x. *Other technical reserve movements for 2015/16, as set out in Annex 1.*

- 2) *Approve the balanced revenue budget position for 2015/16, on the basis that the above transfers to reserves are approved.*

**13. Quarterly Strategic Performance Report 2015-16 (Quarter 4)**

Leader of the Council, Cllr Mark Hawthorne, presented the Strategic Performance Report (Quarter 4) for 2015/16.

Having considered all of the information, Cabinet: -

***RESOLVED to: -***

- 1) *Endorse the strategic performance report for 2015/16,*
- 2) *Note the progress made in tracking council priority outcomes; and*
- 3) *Support the actions being taken to address areas of concern.*

**Leader of Council**

Meeting concluded at 12.25 pm