

<b>Cabinet Decision Statement – Wednesday 29 March 2017</b>	<b>Gloucestershire County Council</b>
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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY AGREEMENT 2017-2018</b></p> <p>Cllr Paul McLain, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning, sought approval to enter a funding agreement with the Skills Funding Agency.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to -</b></p> <p><i>Authorise the Commissioning Director, Children and Families:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>In consultation with the Cabinet Member: Children &amp; Young People and Strategic Commissioning, to enter into a funding agreement with the Skills Funding Agency for the delivery of Community Learning and Adult Skills Programmes for 2017-2018 academic year;</i></li> <li>2) <i>Conduct a legally compliant competitive tender process for the delivery of adult learning programmes, and</i></li> <li>3) <i>Upon conclusion of the competitive tender process, and in consultation with the Cabinet Member - Children &amp; Young People and Strategic Commissioning, to enter into contract(s) with the preferred providers evaluated as offering the Council best value for money for delivery of the adult learning, or, in the event that the preferred provider(s) for the contract(s) are either unable or unwilling to enter into those contract (s), to enter into such contract(s) with the next willing highest placed suitably qualified provider.</i></li> </ol>	Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning

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**ADOPTION WEST - AGREEMENT TO BECOME PART OF A REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY (RAA)**

Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning

Cllr Paul McLain, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Strategic Commissioning, sought approval to join 'Adoption West' the proposed new Regional Adoption Agency made up of the following councils; Gloucestershire, Bath and North Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

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

**RESOLVED to –**

- 1) *Agree to the establishment of the Adoption West Regional Adoption Agency, a joint venture Council Company Limited by Guarantee in accordance with Option 2 of the published decision report;*
- 2) *Delegate to the Commissioning Director, Children and Families, in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Children and Families and Strategic Commissioning, the Director for Strategic Finance, and the Head of Legal Services, authority to finalise and complete the Member's Agreement, (including the Constitution), any necessary business and or financial plans and any other necessary documentation, and to take all necessary steps to create the Adoption West Regional Adoption Agency by April 2018;*

*Upon the establishment of the agency:*

- 3) *Award to the Adoption West Regional Adoption Agency a 2 year contract for the delivery of the adoption services with an estimated value of £726.4k; with the option to extend for a further year;*
- 4) *Nominate the Commissioning Director, Children and Families, to be a member of the Board of Directors for the Adoption West Regional Adoption Agency.*

<p>7</p>	<p><b>STROUDWATER NAVIGATION AND THAMES AND SEVERN CANAL RESTORATION</b></p> <p>Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member for Fire, Planning and Infrastructure, sought approval to allocate funding to support Stroud District Council's proposed Heritage Lottery bid to link the restored section of the Stroud Water Canal to the National Canal Network.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED that,</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>Subject to a successful Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid, to authorise the Commissioning Director, Communities &amp; Infrastructure to provide an allocation through the Local Transport Capital Settlement of £700,000 over four years from 2019/20 (£175,000 per year); and,</i></li> <li>2) <i>In consultation with the Lead Cabinet member for Fire, Planning and Infrastructure, confirm arrangements for Gloucestershire County Councils continued representation on the Stroud Valley Canal Company (SVCC) Board.</i></li> </ol>	<p>Fire, Planning and Infrastructure</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><b>FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2016/17</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Note the forecast;</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>Revenue year end position, as at the end of January for the 2016/17 financial year, of a £1.16 million under-spend, and</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Finance and Change</p>

*b) Capital year end position for 2016/17 of a £6.64 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 following changes to the capital programme:*

*Children and Families*

- a) Increase of £0.30 million in the Schools capital budget, funded by a contribution from the School Catering Revenue budget, to fund future kitchen upgrades.*
- b) Transfer of £0.66 million from the unallocated Basic Need Grant to the Schools Basic Need budget in 2017/18 to support funding of new classrooms.*
- c) A new scheme for Dinglewell Junior School funded by the transfer of £0.75 million from the unallocated Basic Need Grant 2017/18.*

*Communities and Infrastructure*

- d) Increase of £0.14 million in the Highways capital budget, funded from additional £0.06 million of developer and other external contributions to help fund a variety of highway schemes and a revenue contribution of £0.08 million from parking to fund Bus Cameras.*
- e) Increase the Flood Alleviation capital budget by £0.114 million for the Hucclecote Flood Alleviation Scheme funded from a revenue contribution from the Flood Alleviation revenue budget.*
- f) Increase the Highways capital budget by £2.23 million, for the A40 Over roundabout scheme funded from LEP approved grant.*
- g) Increase the Fire and Rescue capital budget by £0.02 million funded by a revenue contribution from Highways for boundary improvements at fire stations.*

	<p><u><i>Business Support</i></u></p> <p><i>h) Increase the Property capital budget by £0.39 million to support work to Shire Hall and the Rural Estates and the Archives capital budget by £0.03 million, funded from a revenue contribution from the Property maintenance revenue budget.</i></p> <p><i>i) Increase the Customer ICT capital budget by £0.012 million for a new Information Asset Register database funded by the Executive Support revenue budgets, and</i></p> <p><b>3. Approve the following transfers to reserves:</b></p> <p><i>a) £0.02 million to the Election Reserve from an underspend in Democratic Services towards the additional work required to support the election in May 2017.</i></p> <p><i>b) £0.44 million to the Transformation Reserve from an underspend in Business Support Services to fund digital business improvement including the continuation of the customer digital programme, which will improve customer experience and generate back office efficiencies.</i></p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT 2016/17 - QUARTER 3</b></p> <p>Leader of the Council, Cllr Mark Hawthorne, provided cabinet with strategic oversight of the council's performance during 2016/17.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, including known proposals and the reasons for the recommendations, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to: -</b></p> <p><i>i. Endorse the performance report;</i></p> <p><i>ii. Note the progress made in tracking council priority outcomes; and</i></p> <p><i>iii. Support the actions being taken to address any areas of concern</i></p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>

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The decisions published above will come into force and may be implemented on Thursday 6 April 2017, 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 Jo Moore (DSU) by **5 pm on Wednesday 5 April 2017**

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