

Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee

22nd November 2017

Commissioning Director's Report

This report summarises key areas likely to lead to decisions over the next 6 months, including updates on areas previously reported.

- 1.1 Relevant Cabinet/ Cabinet Member/ Council decisions:
- [Financial Monitoring Report 2017/18](#) (Cabinet, Sep)
 - [Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service: Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2018-21](#) (Cabinet, Sep)
 - [Highways Procurement Strategy](#) (Cabinet, Sep)
 - [Interim Residual Waste Disposal Arrangements](#) (Cabinet, Sep)
 - [Libraries - Self Service Radio Frequency Identification Solution Tender](#) (Cabinet, Sep)
 - [Medium Term Financial Strategy \(MTFS\) – 2018/19 to 2020/21](#) (Cabinet, Sep)
 - Quarterly Strategic Performance Report 2017/18: Quarter 2 (Cabinet Members for fire, planning and infrastructure, and highways and flood, Nov)

2 Highway and Transport Authority

2.1 Highway Maintenance

2.1.1 Highways Contract (update)

- Currently on track with the development of contract documents for both the Term Maintenance Contract (TMC) and the new structural maintenance resurfacing contracts. Both should be out to market by the end of November.
- Cabinet Panel (cross-party) is due to meet on the 7th November and will look at the proposed tender evaluation process and quality questions.
- A number of new posts have recently been successfully recruited as part of the restructure of the Highways Commissioning Team with the aim of getting sufficient resources in place to deliver the additional investment associated with the commitment to deliver £150m of highways investment over the next five years.
- Three Local Highways Managers posts have recently been successfully recruited. The team have moved to an 11 LHM structure will result in changes to LHM member areas. These changes are currently being discussed with the Cabinet Member but will be shared with affected members in the coming weeks.
- Amey key performance indicators and delivery of the capital programme is on target.
- Parish, Town Council and Community Group highways customer satisfaction survey results have shown significant improvement in results. This was followed by improved results on the National Highways and Transportation Survey results, which show Gloucestershire bucking the national decreasing trend with highways showing improvement for the first time in over 5 years.
- Depots have recently completed winter operation preparations including dummy gritting runs. The gritting fleet was replaced this year and the new vehicles and navigation equipment have now been tested.

2.1.2 Highways Local (update)

- Local Highways Managers (LHMs) have now engaged with all members concerning Highways Local spend allocations and most work has now been

commissioned. Approximately £158k of funding still needs to be allocated to works but LHM's are actively engaging with members on this.

2.1.3 Lengthsmen (no change)

- The Lengthsmen programme proved to be very successful and popular in 2016/17 with regular compliments received about the work of the five lengthsmen gangs. Amey have 'geared up' for 2017/18 and the work programme started in May.

2.1.4 Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs, update)

- Officers continue to engage with local members regarding completion of 2016/17 schemes and invite applications for 2017/18 schemes. An update on the current 2016/17 schemes can be found below:
 - Tewkesbury town centre waiting restrictions – the scheme will not be progressed in 2017/18 and may be reviewed as part of a future parking review.
 - Alderton Speed limit – TRO complete and due to be completed on site by the end of December 2017.
 - Longborough speed limit – TRO is complete and construction work is due to be completed by the end of November.
 - Davy Way, Quedgeley waiting restrictions – scheme complete.
 - Exmouth Street waiting restrictions – scheme complete.
 - 2017/18 TRO budget (£100k agreed at council) – four schemes have been successfully scored in priority assessment:
 - Wotton under Edge Parking Restriction Package – Currently at informal consultation.
 - Cheltenham Parking Restrictions Package – Informal consultation is complete and we are currently reviewing with a view to going out to statutory consultation soon.
 - Gloucester Restricted Parking Zone – Scheme has been designed and will be reviewed with the local Councillor before starting formal consultation.
 - Gloucester Prohibition of Driving – Scheme has been designed and will be reviewed with the local Councillor before starting formal consultation.
- A list has been compiled of all TRO's (including hump notices and development funded TROs) that are ongoing. This list is updated monthly and is available on the Council's website; <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/extra/tros>.

2.1.5 LED Street Lighting Project (no change)

- Skanska completed the milestone of over 26,000 (50%) LED conversions. Works are ahead of contracted programme. Work has now moved into the rural areas.

2.1.6 Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract (update)

- The new contract has been awarded to telent (the incumbent service provider) for a period of 5+2+2 years. The contract went live on 1st October 2017.

2.2 Highway Usage

2.2.1 Network Management

- Asset Management (no change)
 - An Annual Report is produced retrospectively outlining Asset Management activities around Highways Maintenance. The latest version covering 2016/17 is now available on the County Council's website and can be viewed [here](#).

- The Transport Asset Management Plan is available on the website in a chapter by chapter format to allow for a gradual updating of the Plan. It can be viewed [here](#).
- Parking (update)
 - Cheltenham West –changes to parking behaviour and displacement are now being monitored. Officers have met local members and residents as part of this process.
 - Kemble Permit Scheme awaiting agreement with Planning on new cost proposals.
 - New Consolidated Bus Lane Order, awaiting final implementation.
 - Publicly accessible ParkMap system to go live in January 2018, significantly improving public self- service through online access to parking information.
- Air Quality (update)
 - A Task Group has been established to develop a plan of action which tackles air quality and its interaction with the Public's Health. Meetings have been arranged for November and January.

2.2.2 Cheltenham Transport Plan (update)

- Phase one completed in July 2016. Monitoring is now complete and shows minimal impact.
- Phase two (Imperial Road) has been completed. Monitoring is now complete and shows minimal impact. Officers are working closely with Cheltenham Borough Council and partners to monitor traffic congestion issues near the Regent Arcade and will shortly be installing an additional queue detection loop in the road to assist with mitigating issues during peak pedestrian traffic times.
- Construction of Phase three is planned for early 2018 with work in the vicinity of Royal Well to take place before Cheltenham Gold Cup Week.
- Phase Four is anticipated to start in late May or early June 2018 and will include the experimental closure of Boots Corner.

2.2.3 Cycling (update)

- There are a number of initiatives/projects currently underway for cycling. Annex 1 provides an update on each.

2.2.4 Public Transport (update)

- Following survey work we are canvassing local member opinion on the options regarding 351, 353 and 11 services. Officers will continue to review the effectiveness of the wider bus network with a view to keeping costs per passenger return journey below the target £8 for rural return and £2 for urban return journeys.
- We will shortly be issuing tenders for a replacement Park and Ride service in Cheltenham. We will also be making changes to how parking at the site is provided, including introducing some charges, as agreed by Cabinet last year.

2.2.5 Total Transport Pilot (update)

- We are about to sign a contract to develop the Total Transport Webportal with the preferred supplier following an exhaustive procurement process (led by SCC). The provider will be Imaginet and will be working on the project over the next 12-15 months, supported by a jointly funded project officer.
- Community Transport: Changes by government following a court challenge could significantly impact on the operation of community transport in the county. Sectors particularly impacted will be dial-a-ride and community minibus provision.

There is a risk this could impact on some of our most vulnerable service users. We are working closely with the sector to better understand what is likely to happen and what mitigations may be required. A draft response to Transport Select Committee Inquiry into the issue has been provided to the cabinet member, while a full government consultation is anticipated later this year. Community Transport operators have also contacted the county's MPs.

2.2.6 Commons and Rights of Way (CROW) Committee

- Deregulation Act (update)
 - Commencement of the Rights of Way provisions contained within the 2015 Deregulation Act has been further delayed to 2018, with no firm date set.
- Definitive Map Modification Orders (DMMOs, update)
 - We have received 5 new applications between April and end of September 2017.
 - Number of outstanding applications is now 119.
 - Number of undetermined applications (excluding archived byway applications) is now 33.
 - 9 applications have been determined since October 2016 (including orders made under s.26 of the 1980 Highways Act).
 - 3 applications have been submitted to the Secretary of State.
 - Training of new CROW Committee members has been completed.

3 Infrastructure and Major Projects

3.1 Major Transport Projects

3.1.1 Major Schemes

- A417 Missing Link (update)
 - Highways England (HE) has reduced the initial 30 (approx.) scheme options down to 5. These will be shortlisted further later this year.
 - The A417 Missing Link Steering group continues to meet frequently with Nigel Riglar and Cllr Stowe attending on behalf of the county council.
 - An A417 Communications group is being set up with representatives attending from the county council, Tewkesbury Borough Council and Cotswold District Council along with other key stakeholders.
 - The funding agreement between the county council and Highways England has now been completed. This allows the county council to contribute £1m towards the scheme development being undertaken by Highways England, as agreed at the county council's Cabinet.
 - Highways England intends to hold a public share event later this year, consulting on the shortlisted scheme options.
- Cinderford Spine Road (update)
 - Construction works substantially completed with final surfacing of road scheduled for completion in November 2017.
 - There are a number of activities which will take place immediately after the road is surfaced and access to the Gloucestershire College site is available along the spine road, which include:
 - Installation of drainage at the bottom of the embankment south of the spine road.
 - Top soiling of southern side of the road embankment.
 - Removal of the temporary bridge crossing.
 - Landscape planting is scheduled for the end of November 2017.

- Elmbridge (update)
 - Scheme completed on time and on budget.
 - Contractor currently completing snagging and defects list throughout November 2017.
 - Arle Court Bus Lane scheme going to tender in Dec 2017 with a proposed construction in Feb/March 2018 for a period of 4 months.
- Cross Keys roundabout (new item)
 - The County Council has been awarded £2.7 million government funding for improvements to the Cross Keys roundabout at the junction of the A38 and B4008, just north of junction 12 of the M5. Works include new traffic lights on the A38, widening the approach lanes of the roundabout and enhancing conditions for buses and cyclists. The scheme will cost £3.851m; the remaining money will be made up of section 106 funding, developer contributions and the county council's highways budget. The junction is strategically important for Gloucestershire and the improvements will mean more vehicles can use it.

3.1.2 Local Growth Fund (update)

- The initial £62.5m Growth Deal funding was announced in July 2014. This included £14.1M major tail-end funding, now reduced to £9.07m to be paid directly from the Department for Transport (DfT) to the promoter; this is for Elmbridge Roundabout Scheme. A further £15M of Growth Deal funding was announced in January 2015 and in February 2017, a further £29.13 million was secured in the third round of Growth Deal funding for the following projects:
 - Longford Housing – £4.53 million
 - Cyber Business Park – £22 million (DfT retained scheme)
 - Gloucestershire College Forest of Dean Campus – £2.6 million
- In addition to the major tail-end funding allocation and the DfT-retained scheme (see above), £30,907,000 of the total Growth Deal allocation for Gloucestershire is allocated to the following transport schemes:

Scheme	Allocation £'000	Indicative LEP Board decision date	Promoter
A419 corridor	4,360	10/10/2017	Gloucestershire County Council
Lydney strategy	1,000	20/02/2018	Gloucestershire County Council
Berkeley bridges	1,990	15/12/2015 - approved	Gloucestershire County Council
Cinderford Northern Qtr	3,800	15/12/2015 - approved	Gloucestershire County Council
Glos South West Bypass	2,000	20/02/2018	Gloucestershire County Council
St Barnabas Roundabout	1,000	Q4 2018/19	Gloucestershire County Council
B4063 Junction	1,600	Q4 2018/19	Gloucestershire County Council
A40 Over Rnd & Highnam	2,230	13/12/2016 - approved	Gloucestershire County Council
Abbeymead / Metz Way	500	04/10/2016 - approved	Gloucestershire County Council
Gloucester Transport Hub	6,400	16/02/2016 - approved	Gloucester City Council
Cheltenham Spa Railway	1,497	12/12/2017	Great Western Railway
Longford Housing	4,530	Q3 2018/19	Tewkesbury Borough Council
Total Transport	30,907		

- For more information, please see the LEP Board paper on the "Written Procedure: Agenda Item 4 – Growth Deal Programme reallocation of funds": <http://www.gfirstlep.com/gfirst-LEP/About-Us/The-Board/>.

3.1.3 Capital Programme, 2017/18 (update)

- Contractual Claims for Cinderford Northern Quarter and Berkeley Bridges, along with urgent drainage issues and emergency bridge repair work, have put the programme under significant pressure, with the result that a number of small projects have had to be deferred to early in the 2018/19 financial year. We had held back funding received from the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) in anticipation of these costs, which has reduced the overall impact on the programme.
- It is now anticipated that the Transport Capital Spend in 2017/18 will be £42.8M, which has been increased to take into account additional funds allocated at Cabinet and the NPIF monies.

3.1.4 Highways England (HE, update)

- An A46 Member Partnership group met on 26 September. Cllr Vernon Smith is the county council member representative on the group and chair, which comprises members from county and district councils in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire and now also Leicestershire, as well as the LEPs.
- A prospectus has been prepared by the A46 Partnership setting out the ask of the authorities along the A46, which in Gloucestershire is for improvements to be made to M5 J9 and the A46 through Ashchurch. The prospectus is aimed at raising the profile of the road with a view to securing investment from Government for improvements.
- Housing Infrastructure Fund. The Government announced a new £2.3bn fund for local authorities and District Councils to bid to, to deliver new infrastructure to support new and existing communities. Bids can be made of up to £250m by the county council. Two Expressions of Interest were submitted; one for an M5 Junction 10 upgrade and 'Smart Motorways' improvements; and one for improvements to M5 Junction 9 and the A46.
- HE will release the "SRN Interim Report" for consultation during winter 2017/18. This report will set out the main challenges on the SRN that HE envisages for the next Road Investment Strategy period from 2020-2025. The county council will respond to this consultation.

3.2 Planning

3.2.1 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 (S106) Agreements (update)

- The national Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Review reported in February 2017 alongside the publication of the Housing White Paper. It assessed the extent to which the CIL does or can provide an effective mechanism for funding infrastructure, and has recommended a number changes to which the government is, and will continue, to respond.
- Council officers responded to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) setting out the importance of the council's role in infrastructure delivery and the problems faced by upper-tier authorities that cannot become CIL Charging Authorities. A number of these concerns, shared with other counties, have been reflected within the report. For now, CIL will remain, and progress should continue, where authorities are introducing CIL. Further updates will be provided.
- Within Gloucestershire, progress on District CIL Charging Schedules is as set out in Annex 2. Two consultations are required: the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDCS) and the Draft Charging Schedule (DCS). After the DCS consultation, an independent examiner holds an Examination in Public, and reports to the authority, which then makes further changes or proceeds to adopt.

- As of April 2017, CIL has been operational within Stroud district and the county council continues to cooperate with the other district councils in the development of their CIL schemes.
- Cotswold DC CIL Examination is scheduled for December 2017. Officers have submitted comments throughout the process and will continue involvement.
- The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) Authorities' CIL Examination had been scheduled for September, but has been postponed. This followed a further consultation in July-September which aligns the CIL DCS with the changes to the JCS.
- Financial contributions that arise through S106 Planning Agreements are agreed between the County Council and the Developer/Owner as part of the planning application process, to mitigate against the specific impacts of a particular development, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and CIL Regulations 2010 as amended.
- The Local Developer Guide, which sets out the County Council's expectations from development and guides how the Council will negotiate developer contributions, was updated in December 2016 and approved by Cabinet now that CIL is being introduced.
- At Gloucestershire County Council, the financial contributions agreed with developers relate mainly to strategic infrastructure, such as highways and transportation, schools and libraries. Once received, S106 contributions can only be spent in accordance with the specific terms set out in an Agreement.
- Contributions become due on trigger dates which are set out in each agreement. For example, an education contribution may be due after a certain number of new dwellings have become occupied. The County Council has a S106 Monitoring Officer who monitors the triggers in agreements and liaises and invoices developers when contributions become due.
- Annex 3 shows the quarterly statistics for S106 contributions agreed, due and received.
- Highways Development Management will soon be writing to districts about a change to our process for commenting on planning applications. In response to their feedback, it has been agreed that in addition to our standard comment process we will provide districts with a summary sheet. One objective is to enable members of planning committees to see that the highway authority may have concerns about a development but that these do not warrant a recommendation to refuse the application.

3.2.2 Joint Core Strategy (update)

- The JCS Examination started in May 2015 and ended after two years. County Council officers have provided specific information to the Examination Inspector, including further written representations on various matters, a position statement on strategic highways modelling, a Duty to Cooperate paper and an agreed Statement of Common Ground. Officers attended the Examination in March 2016 to deal with transport/highways and infrastructure issues. An 'interim findings' Inspector's report was published end May 2016. Officers subsequently attended further Examination sessions in July 2016 and July 2017, again to deal with transport/highways and infrastructure issues. County Council officers are continuing to assist the JCS authorities regarding the transport implications of the JCS proposals. The Inspector's final report has recently been published. It is anticipated that all three JCS authorities will seek to adopt the JCS before the end of the year.

3.3 Waste

3.3.1 Joint Waste Committee (update)

- The forecast for 2017/18 is a reduction in residual waste due to the full-year effect of the new improved waste services in Stroud and changes to recycling collections in other areas. This will result in an anticipated recycling rate of 54% for the year.
- Following approval by Cabinet in October 2017, a short-term interim arrangement for residual waste disposal is being prepared to cover the gap between expiry of the current landfill contract in August 2018 and commencement of operation of the Javelin Park Energy from Waste facility (Residual Waste Project) in or around summer 2019. The current contract also provides for landfilling of residual waste and some other services including composting of garden waste, the bulking and haulage of waste, and the monitoring of three closed landfill sites. It is proposed that these other services will be tendered as separate contracts to commence in January 2020.
- A major project to improve recycling services in Cheltenham and replace an aging fleet commenced in October 2017. This involves the addition of further materials for recycling, new vehicles and round changes.
- Work to replace the ageing waste compactors at Hempsted and Pyke quarry with new mobile compaction equipment is underway. This investment will provide a more efficient and flexible solution which will lead to reduced maintenance costs, increased recycling and higher load densities, thereby reducing haulage costs. It is anticipated that these will be operational by next spring.
- A full-time Head of Joint Waste Service began work in October 2017.
- The latest performance forecast is included at Annex 4.

3.3.2 Residual Waste Project (update)

- The project is making good progress.
- Construction has started above ground; the concrete bunker has been formed and the erection of the steel frame that will support for the turbine hall has started.
- In late September, utility company Western Power Distribution also began work to install the electricity cable, to take power from the site to the national grid connection at the Ryeford substation, south of Stonehouse. This work has been carefully programmed between now and next March to minimise disruption.
- Site operations and Health and Safety continue to a high standard.

4 **Minerals and Waste Planning**

4.1 Minerals Local Plan (MLP, update)

- Officers are due to report to this committee at its meeting on 22nd November 2017 regarding the consideration by officers of the representations made to the draft Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire consultation, which took place in 2016. This will be a significant influence upon the preparation of the next stage of the plan – consultation on the Publication version.
- Cabinet at its meeting on 31st January 2018 will be advised of any comments received from Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee when it decides whether to recommend the Publication version of the Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire for approval by Full Council.
- The intention is for Publication version of the Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire to be presented to Full Council at its meeting on 28th March 2018. The recommendation will seek: approval of the revised plan; its public

consultation for a period of at least 6 weeks; and then submission of the plan to the Secretary of State in advance of an independent examination.

- The ambition remains for the plan to be examined and adopted before the end of 2018.
- Following adoption the new MLP will provide a local policy framework to deal with all minerals-related planning matters that arise across the county through to the end of 2032.

4.1.1 Oil & Gas Exploration (update)

- On the 11th September 2017 a cross-party advisory group (Cabinet Panel: Minerals Local Plan) met to undertake the actions requested of it under Motion 782 of Full Council (6th December 2016).
- The Cabinet Panel was chaired by Cllr Nigel Moor (cabinet member for fire, planning and infrastructure) and included the following members: Cllr Carole Allaway Martin (Conservative); Cllr Terry Hale (Conservative); Cllr John Cordwell (Liberal Democrats); and Cllr Graham Morgan (Labour).
- The Cabinet Panel received technical support from officers and arrived at the following outcomes: support for amendments to be made to the emerging Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire, including the removal of draft policy MW06 Oil & Gas; and a series of communication updates through Members Matters, Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee and Full Council.
- The Cabinet Panel resolved that no further work would be required at this time, however this would be kept under review should circumstances change. This could lead to the Cabinet Panel reforming to consider new evidence.

5 Community Resilience

5.1 Renewable Energy Generation on the Council's Estate (no change)

- Following the significant reduction of Government subsidy officers are reviewing options for the way forward including the viability of future investment in ground-mounted solar PV generation on the Council's estate.

5.2 Carbon Reduction Programme (update)

- The Council has a target to reduce carbon emissions from its estate by 60% by 2020/21 against the 2006/07 baseline.
- Emissions for the corporate estate (reported a quarter in arrears) continue to be significantly ahead of target, a 30% reduction for Quarter 1 2017/18 with a target reduction of 6% against the same period 2016/17. This will mainly be as a result of LED Street Lighting installed under the new contract, together with ICT improvements and ongoing works to Shire Hall, coupled with mild weather.
- The council has now halved its corporate emissions over the past 10 years and is ahead of target to reduce these emissions by 60% by 2020/21; emissions have reduced from 26,800 tCO₂e* in 2006/07 to 13,900 tCO₂e in 2016/17.
- Renewable energy generation on the Council's estate is currently limited, with solar PV on The Main Place, Coleford and Cirencester Fire Station. Solar panels will be installed on the roof of Shire Hall as part of the refurbishment and options for further investment across the estate are being investigated.

(*tCO₂e = 'tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent', which is a standard unit for measuring carbon footprints. The idea is to express the impact of each different greenhouse gas in terms of the amount of CO₂ that would create the same amount of warming. That way, a carbon footprint consisting of lots of different greenhouse gases can be expressed as a single number. The conversion factors used in the UK are published annually by government; see [Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting.](#))

5.3 Adaptation and Resilience

5.3.1 Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)

- Delivering Sustainable Drainage Systems (update):
 - Gloucestershire County Council, as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), has a statutory duty to provide substantive responses within 21 days to consultation referrals received from the Local Planning Authority regarding developer's proposals for the management of surface water on major planning applications.
 - During the period 1st April 2017 to 30th September 2017 the LLFA received 87 major planning application referrals and responded to 98% of these within the 21 day response deadline.
 - In addition to the work required to provide advice on planning applications officers have also had to deal with 34 requests for pre-application advice and 37 requests to discharge planning conditions.
- Priors/Oakley Flood Alleviation Scheme (update)
 - Work has commenced on a £2.5 million scheme to construct a flood alleviation scheme designed to reduce the risk from flooding to 179 properties. The scheme comprises two surface water attenuation basins and a number of channel diversions and improvements to watercourses on the Noverton Farm and Priors Farm sites. The scheme involves holding back surface water running off the Cleeve escarpment and releasing it back into the existing watercourses at a controlled rate. The nature of the scheme will mean that existing land uses can continue after completion of the scheme and minimise the impact on landowners and the local community. The initial phase of the work has been to undertake archaeological mitigation as a condition of the planning permission. The pre-commencement work is now finished and the main part of the scheme is expected to start early in 2018 and will take about 6 months to complete.

5.3.2 Gloucestershire Local Nature Partnership (LNP, update)

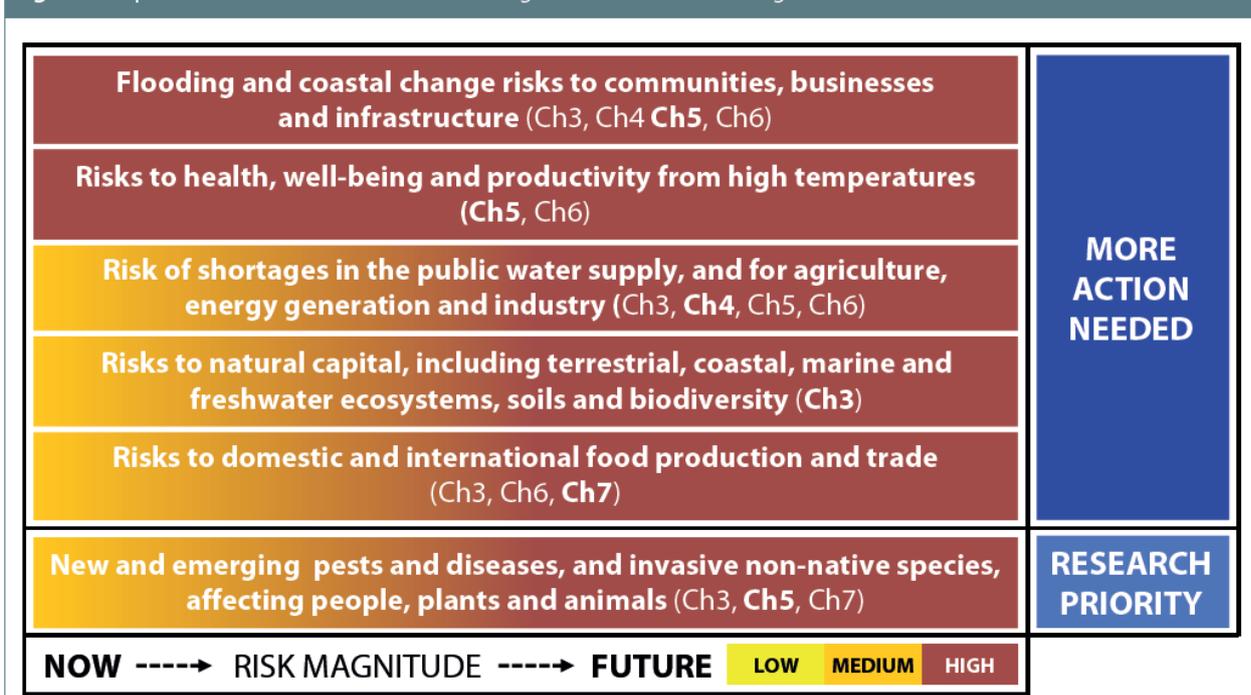
- The LNP Board and full partnership last met on 2nd November.
- The Board has received confirmations of around £40k from members towards its agreed running budget of £60k. A few District Councils and other smaller organisations have yet to respond. The county council has contributed £10k in 2017/18 and will contribute £15k a year for the next 3 financial years. The Chair has warmly thanked the county council for its medium term financial commitment. An LNP Manager can be employed before April 2018 at the latest as it is expected the proposed budget will be in place by this time.
- European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF)
 - The two Green Infrastructure (GI) project bids have been given final approval subject to some conditions, which are being worked through (cover Cheltenham and other parts of Joint Core Strategy area, particularly Gloucester).
 - The second and final call for other project bids has gone out for the remaining £1.5M available and closes mid-November. It is understood there will probably be around 3 bids showing expressions of interest of which all would be likely to have some county council involvement; i.e. using funds for highways and PRoW improvements to bring in match funding for green infrastructure and/ or biodiversity enhancement. Works on the Gloucester/ Sharpness and Cotswold Canals were mentioned alongside Market Towns in the County.

- The GI benchmark, produced by the Wildlife Trust with some assistance from the LNP was launched on 9th November, called 'Building with Nature'. It has 3 strands of: Biodiversity; Health & Wellbeing; and Water. New development can apply to be awarded 'achieved' and 'excellent' levels.
- Nature Conservation (priorities) are being drafted and should be ready for the LNP to consider early next year.
- The LNP has agreed to hold an annual conference to raise its profile and bring in a wider audience to cover key themes such as GI.

5.3.3 National Adaptation Programme (NAP, update)

- The [Climate Change Act](#) (CCA) 2008 put in place a policy framework to promote adaptation action in the UK consisting of:
 - The [UK Climate Change Risk Assessment](#) (CCRA) is a five-yearly assessment of the major risks and opportunities from climate change to the UK. The [Adaptation Sub-Committee](#) (ASC) of the Committee on Climate Change has a duty to advise Government on the preparation of the risk assessment.
 - To inform the 2017 risk assessment, the ASC published an independent evidence report of the risks and opportunities to the UK from climate change in July 2016, [UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017](#). This identified the key risks as being:

Figure 1: Top six areas of inter-related climate change risks for the United Kingdom



- Defra used the ASC's evidence report as the basis of the Government's report, [UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017](#), laid before Parliament in January 2017. The Government endorsed the conclusions of the Adaptation Sub-Committee, with the exception of some of those on food security.
- The [National Adaptation Programme](#) (NAP) is the Government's long-term strategy to address the main risks and opportunities identified in the CCRA, which is also produced every five years. The first National Adaptation Programme was published in July 2013. The ASC reported to Parliament on the progress made in the implementation of this programme in 2015, and again in June 2017; ['2017 Report to Parliament - Progress in](#)

[preparing for climate change](#)'. It includes 28 recommendations, with its overall conclusion being that, despite some progress, the level of risk has increased for a significant number of priorities. In particular:

- It does not deem sufficient the measures set out in NAP1 to avoid the impacts of climate change increasing.
 - More areas are assessed as 'red' in terms of vulnerability than in the 2015 ASC report.
 - It suggests that a critical part of the next NAP should be a long-term plan for Natural England that takes climate change into account, builds on the ambition of current EU policies, and is consistent with the framework developed by the Natural Capital Committee.
 - It reiterates advice in 2015 report: the NAP should set clear priorities for adaptation, include measurable objectives that can be monitored and evaluated, and focus on core set of policies and implementation activity that will deliver most benefit.
 - The next NAP need to address important interdependencies between climate change risks and policy responses in national, local and devolved government.
 - The next NAP should have a strong focus on evidence and evaluation.
 - The report includes 4 Local Government recommendations:
 1. Government should set out in NAP2 how it will ensure local authorities (LAs) have access to the technical expertise, guidance, and practical tools they need. Potential for professional bodies such as the Royal Town Planning Institute and Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management to take a greater role in providing information, training and advice.
 2. To stimulate activity and improve monitoring and evaluation, LAs should be included within the scope of the third Adaptation Reporting Power (ARP) round. Defra should identify the most efficient means for LAs to report on actions and progress being made to prepare communities for climate change.
 3. NAP2 should develop stronger sub-national approaches to climate change adaptation that promote business and infrastructure resilience, healthy communities, and investment in natural capital. E.g., working with London and core city regions, metro mayors, and LEPs and LNPs.
 4. Government should review the effectiveness of land-use planning system in achieving reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and transport, and enhancing the resilience of communities and the built environment to the impacts of climate change.
 - Government's response was published in October 2017 ([link](#)), addressing the ASC's 28 detailed recommendations on preparing for the impacts of climate change. Chapter 6: Local Government is attached as Annex 5.
 - The next NAP will be published in July 2018, with an initial draft expected in December 2017.
- The [UK Adaptation Reporting Power](#) grants the Secretary of State the power to require public service organisations to produce reports on what they are doing to adapt to climate change. Nearly 90 organisations, primarily infrastructure providers, reported under the first round. The Government published an updated strategy for the second round of reporting in July 2013, alongside the National Adaptation Programme.

Under the new strategy, authorities report on a voluntary basis, and those that reported in the first round should provide an update on their progress of implementation.

- The Local Adaptation Advisory Panel (LAAP) for England (update)
 - The LAAP acts as an efficient forum for dialogue between local Government, central Government and arms length delivery bodies. The LAAP played a key role in shaping the Local Government Chapter of the NAP published in 2013.
 - The LAAP's function includes to support the delivery of NAP Objective 28 (to raise and maintain the profile of adaptation with local councils and promote action), and specifically the NAP action for the 'LAAP to champion and disseminate examples of local authority work to embed adaptation in councils'.
 - The Council's Commissioning Director, Communities & Infrastructure has recently become the Chair of the LAAP, co-ordinating the development of a national local authority response to the CCRA and influencing the NAP; working with the Local Government Association, Defra, the Association of Directors of Environment, Planning & Transport (ADEPT) and Climate UK.
 - A small amount of resources, including officer time, has been made available to support the Commissioning Director in this role.
 - The LAAP met again in September to continue its preparations for submitting evidence to the government's anticipated NAP consultation. A joint response was agreed and submitted in October to government on the ASC's 2017 progress report, together with the Association of Directors of Environment, Planning and Transport (ADEPT).

6 Community Resources and Partnership Projects

6.1 GlosCol RFD Campus Cinderford (no change)

- Plans to establish a high quality further education and training facility in Cinderford are continuing to progress following the securing of additional capital resource from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), the recent Growth Deal 3 confirmation of a further £2.6 million (see 3.1.2) and the County Council's near completion of the construction of Phase 1 of the Cinderford Northern Quarter Spine Road. Serving as the new Royal Forest of Dean campus for Gloucestershire College and the cornerstone of the education-led regeneration proposals for the Northern Quarter in Cinderford, the project involves the relocation of GlosCol's current campus at Five Acres in Coleford to a 6,000 sq. meter, purpose-built facility in Cinderford, with the Five Acres site being released for housing. The college build programme started in May 2017 and they are working towards a planned occupation and formal opening in September 2018.

6.2 Cotswold Canal Trust (no change)

- Phase 1A – Bowbridge; works on bridge and highway now complete, small amount of dredging required to make it fully navigable, will be completed in next few weeks, working with Stroud District Council (SDC).
- Phase 1A – Brimscombe Port; SDC in receipt of a £2m grant/loan from HCA. SDC looking to resolve land barrier of existing highway structure. SDC have employed Atkins as consultant, GCC working with SDC to find deliverable solution. Once the bridge works are complete the development opportunity of Brimscombe Port is likely to become commercially viable.
- Phase 1B – Saul to Stonehouse; the £15m Lottery Heritage Fund bid, match-funded with £5m of Canal Trust funding, a mix of voluntary labour and cash, a

refreshed bid is planned to be submitted in November 2017. The Council continues to support the project and is part of the core group in assisting delivery and the bid, which will be represented at the next opportunity.

- Phase 1B – working with Cotswold Canal Trust on developing a design for Walk Bridge, if delivered prior to lottery bid it will help the demonstration of deliverability. However the scheme is currently in excess of available budget.

6.3 Gloucester and Sharpness Canal (new item)

- The county council is preparing an ESIF Outline Application Form for funding to support the improvement and upgrade of canal tow paths in and around Gloucester, deadline 10th November. There are two sections being proposed:
 - 1) Approx. 2.7km from High Bridge to Sims Bridge
 - 2) Approx. 2.9km from Sims Bridge to The Pilot Public House

6.4 Gloucester Transport Hub (was Gloucester Bus Station, update)

- Funding has been secured from GFirst LEP and GLTB.
- Kier has been appointed by Gloucester City Council to take forward the design and build work for the new Bus Station.
- The Formal Consultation for the Traffic Regulation Orders on the highway works commenced on the 15th July for 28 days, which was supported by a public share event at the bus station on the 22nd July to allow stakeholders to view the proposals for the highway works.
- The sequencing of the works has been heavily affected by the lengthy lead in required by the large number of utility apparatus diversionary works required as part of the works.
- Britannia has been appointed Contractor for the Highway Works following an open tender process, with the City Council acting as Employer under the contract.
- Construction works are well underway on the highway scheme with work commencing on the 18th May. The first phase of the work including the reopening of Station Road/Bruton Way junction and kerb-line alterations to Station Road has now been completed along with the Bruton Way/Station Approach junction resurfacing and traffic signal upgrade.
- Work has begun on Bruton Way Spur and Market Parade, which will be ongoing for the remainder of 2017.
- Works are currently on programme and are due to be completed in early 2018.
- All 2017/18 costs have been recovered from Gloucester City Council for highway design and procurement.

6.5 Lydney (no change)

- The overflow rail station car park is now open and discussions are taking place regarding future lease arrangements.

6.6 Libraries (update)

- Stonehouse Library relocation. Discussions are ongoing with Stonehouse Town Council about the opportunity to relocate the library into the current Town Council building. The building is situated on the High Street, giving an increased presence for the library and an opportunity for residents to access services provided by both councils. The draft layout was discussed at the Town Council meeting of 23rd October; however, there are further adjustments needed in order to ensure the changes to the building bring value for money to the county council.
- David Vaisey Prize 2017. The winner of the David Vaisey Prize for 2017 was announced at the Cheltenham Literature Festival on Sunday 8th October. The

winner was announced by Anne Robinson and Alan Bennett. The winning initiative was Bream Community Library's Lego club, which uses Lego to attract a hard to reach group of children and uses this club to introduce new books which they must discuss at the next session. This has introduced new readers to the Library. The runners up were Longlevens Library, Tuffley & Matson Libraries and Brockworth Community Library; each received £1,000 to use in their libraries.

6.6.1 Growth Hub – Tier 3 network (update)

- The first libraries have now launched as Tier 3 Growth Hubs. A successful launch event was held in Coleford in September with further launches planned in Cheltenham, Cirencester, Gloucester and Stroud. We have held two innovation events at Chipping Campden and Hucclecote to engage with businesses and customers over the range and type of equipment for our innovation labs.

6.6.2 Open+ (update)

- Open+ continues to be well used at Bishops Cleeve library. A further rollout of this system to other libraries is on hold pending the WAN review.

7 **2018/19 Budget**

7.1 Budget consultation (new item)

- Cabinet in September agreed the proposed process for reviewing and developing the Council Strategy and the three-year Medium Term Financial Strategy, covering the period 2018/19 to 2020/21.
- The timetable for developing the 2018/19 to 2020/21 budget is as follows:
 - Stage 1 – June to September 2017 – Formulation of Three Year Strategy Process.
 - Stage 2 – October 2017 – Preparation of detailed budget proposals for 2018/19 and overview proposals for 2019/20 to 2020/21.
 - Stage 3 – December 2017 – Confirmation of financial settlement and preparation of the Council Strategy MTFs and budget proposal for 2018/19 to 2020/21 for submission to Cabinet on 13th December 2017.
 - Stage 4 – December 2017 – January 2018 - Formal consultation with the public and stakeholders on the detailed budget proposal.
 - Stage 5 – January 2018 – Group Leaders, Spokespersons and Scrutiny discussions on detailed budget proposals for 2018/19 to 2020/21. This committee will consider these proposals at its meeting on 17th January.
 - Detailed discussions at Group Leaders meetings and at Scrutiny Committees, to ensure a clear understanding of the issues in relation to potential budget items under consideration. The Overview and Scrutiny and Management Committee will consider their own process for scrutinising the MTFs and Council Strategy.
 - Stage 6 – Final budget proposals and decisions – February 2018.

8 **Quarterly Performance Update (update)**

8.1 Key service information reported to Lead Cabinet Members for Quarter 2 2017/18 has been covered in this report, with the scorecard attached as Annex 6.

- Information relating to the portfolio of services provided by the Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service on behalf of the county council is detailed in the Chief Fire Officer's report.

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ANNEX 1: CYCLING UPDATE

Updates on the cycling initiatives/projects currently underway are set out below:

Initiative/ Scheme	Update
WebTAG	<p>Purpose: WebTAG is published by DfT. It provides information on the role of transport modelling and transport appraisal in the development of investment decisions to support a business case. The WebTAG updates to TAG unit A5.1 (active mode appraisal) reflect a new approach to estimating the physical health benefits of walking and cycling, including an update to absenteeism benefits appraisal guidance. See WebTAG Update https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/639208/tag-unit-a4-1-social-impact-appraisal-forthcoming-changes-november-2017.pdf</p>
LSTF	Where possible LSTF type activities will continue to be run 'in house' such as the Thinktravel website.
Capital programme/s106	<p>Purpose: County Council has a capital programme for scheme delivery, some of which is allocated for cycling schemes.</p> <p>Update: The following schemes have funding allocated for 2017/2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moreton Park Cycle and Pedestrian Facilities • Barriers to Cycling Gloucester. Delivery commence September 2017 • Barriers to Cycling Cheltenham. Delivery commence September 2017 • Bristol Road Cycle and Safety Scheme to be complete September 2017 • Northway Lane, Tewkesbury Cycle track, land purchase in progress • Pedestrian Cycle Linkages Cold Pool Lane to Morrisons. Delivery commence Autumn 2017 • Kingsditch Lane, Cheltenham Cycle Improvements. Delivery commence October 2017 <p>Pipeline schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £100k cycle links from Longford development (study in progress) • Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve Cycle Link and access from Honeybourne Line to A40 • Links proposed in Lydney • St Barnabus roundabout • Auditing and signing cycle route between Bishop's Cleeve and Tewkesbury (£10k) • SW Cheltenham sustainable transport study (includes high element of cycling) to allocate s.106 • Gloucester Canal Towpath (High Orchard Bridge to the Pilot) High Orchard Bridge to Simms Lane Bridge. Funding has been secured from the Kingsway S106 Developer Contributions, we have now received £272k with £123K expected imminently, which brings us in at £395k with more funding expected in 2018/19. • Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve • Cycle Link to Cheltenham Station • Pittville to The Park Student Cycle Route • B4063 Gloucester to Cheltenham Cycle Route • Metz Way, Gloucester Cycle Improvements
Highways England – SRN	Purpose: Highways England is managing a £100m budget for improving facilities for cyclists on the Strategic Road network (SRN). Their top priority for

barriers	<p>the Gloucestershire area is the link between Gloucester and Cheltenham and a package of improvements, worth £3.5m has been proposed by Highways England for the B4063.</p> <p>Action: A Value Management workshop was chaired by Highways England on 2 September 2016. A Highways England rep discussed the proposal at the cycle liaison meeting on 28 November 2016. A meeting between officers and HE took place on 28 March 2017. -Draft scheme design and delivery programme has been produced with design complete in 2019. Further updates will be provided when they are known.</p>
DfT Cycling Delivery Plan 2014	<p>Purpose: The Government has now published a Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS).</p> <p>Update: The CWIS was published in April 2017. Local authorities are advised to develop a Local area CWIP-Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan as one of the actions in the CWIS. Officers attended a workshop on 13 June 2017 to hear more about producing Gloucestershire's CWIP, and resources that might be available to support cycling within the County. Subsequently GCC submitted a bid to the DfT for free consultancy support which has been successful. Further details to be provided when known.</p>
Gloucestershire County Council Travel Plan	<p>Purpose: The Travel Plan for the Shire Hall Complex has been developed as part of the Green Impact review which aims to support, recognise and accredit organisations for supporting actions on sustainability. The Travel Plan also supplements the ongoing brand of Thinktravel which was developed under, the now ended LSTF funded programme aimed at encouraging and promoting sustainable travel within Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Update: The intention was for the travel plan to be adopted by Corporate Management Team (CoMT) in February 2016 but this has been delayed due to the ongoing changes likely with car parking in relation to the Blackfriars development works and Quayside redevelopment.</p> <p>An officer working group has been established to take this forward.</p> <p>The 'Thinktravel' website continues to promote and support cycling see https://www.thinktravel.info/</p>
LTP-Cycle and Think travel strategies	LTP was adopted at Full Council on 29 June 2016. The plan will be reviewed in 2018.
Cycle liaison group update	Cycle liaison group met on Monday 11 September 2017.
Cycle Champions	The group of cross-party Cycle champions met on the 27 September 2017.

ANNEX 2: Community Infrastructure Levy

The table below shows progress on District CIL Charging Schedules.

Local Authority	PDCS Consultation	DCS Consultation	Proposed rates	Next steps
Stroud DC	Feb 2014	April – June 2016	Resi ¹ : £80/Sqm Retail ² : £75/Sqm	Adopted and effective as of April 2017
Gloucester City Council	May – July 2015	May – June 2016	Resi: 1-10 units: £0/Sqm 11+ units: £45/Sqm Strategic Sites ¹ : £variable but generally £35/Sqm Out-of-Town retail: £100/Sqm	A further consultation to align the DCS with the JCS changes was carried out in Jul-Sep 2017 Examination: 2018 Adoption: 2018
Cheltenham BC	May – July 2015	May – June 2016	Resi: 1-10 units: £148/Sqm 11+ units: £200/Sqm Strategic Sites ¹ : £variable but generally £35/Sqm Retirement Homes: £200/Sqm Extra Care Homes: £100/Sqm Out-of-Town retail: £100/Sqm	A further consultation to align the DCS with the JCS changes was carried out in Jul-Sep 2017 Examination: 2018 Adoption: 2018
Tewkesbury BC	May – July 2015	May – June 2016	Resi: 1-10 units: £104/Sqm 11+ units: £200/Sqm Strategic Sites ¹ : £variable but generally £35/Sqm Out-of-Town retail: £100/Sqm	A further consultation to align the DCS with the JCS changes was carried out in Jul-Sep 2017 Examination: 2018 Adoption: 2018
Cotswold DC	Published for consultation June – August 2016	Expected late 2016	Resi ¹ : £80/Sqm Retail ³ : £60/Sqm	Examination: Dec 2017 Adoption: 2018
Forest of Dean DC	Not yet published			The Forest of Dean District Council Cabinet resolved in April 2015 to support the development of a potential CIL in the District when resources are available.

Notes:

- 1) Strategic sites are excluded from CIL charge as infrastructure will most likely be secured through S106.
- 2) Supermarkets and retail warehouses
- 3) All retail

ANNEX 3: Section 106 Planning Quarterly Contributions

The tables below show the quarterly statistics for S106 contributions agreed, due and received.

Negotiated Financial Contributions – Table 1

Overview:

- Table 1 details the number of S106 Planning Agreements/Unilateral Undertakings signed and total contributions negotiated and agreed to support the provision of highways, education & libraries infrastructure in Gloucestershire per quarter.
- These contributions will only become due to the County Council on implementation of the planning permission and respective trigger dates as detailed in individual agreements.
- The signed agreements include those with a valid planning consent as well as those that are subject to appeal. For example; the headline figure in Q3 (October 2015 – December 2015) included the Leckhampton (Shurdington Road, 650 dwellings) development/agreement, with a negotiated value of over £6.5m, which was dismissed on appeal. In Q4 (January 2016 – March 2016), the Leckhampton (Farm Lane, 377 dwellings) development/agreement with a negotiated value of £2,728,142.00 was allowed on appeal.

Latest Analysis Q2 - 2017:

- The total negotiated value is much higher in this quarter and there are 5 agreements alone with negotiated values which together amount to over £10m as follows:
 - £5m – Hunts Grove
 - £2.25m – Tewkesbury Road, Twigworth – subject to appeal
 - £1.66m – Par Four Lane, Lydney
 - £997k – Columbine Road, Tewkesbury
 - £727k – Innsworth Lane

Table 1:

2015/2016	No. of Agreements Signed	Total Value Negotiated
Q1 April - June	11	£1,935,109.45
Q2 July - September	10	£1,574,110.00
Q3 October - December	7	£8,327,342.00
Q4 January - March	15	£8,216,894.00
2016/2017		
Q1 April – June	11	£1,737,570.00
Q2 July - September	11	£2,234,717.00
Q3 October -December	6	£1,246,812.00
Q4 January – March	3	£1,437,439.00
2017/2018		
Q1 April – June	11	£4,117,000.00
Q2 July - September	17	£15,641,000.00

S106 Contributions Due:

The table below shows details of developments with contributions valued over £50,000 that have become due in September 2017.

Developer	Amount	Development
Persimmon Homes Severn Valley	£93,370.95	Land at GCHQ Oakley, Cheltenham-Education
Robert Hitchins	£112,800.00	Land West of Stonehouse, Nastend Lane-Residential Travel Plan
St Modwen Homes	£137,493.88	Former Lister Petter Site, Dursley-Education
Bovis Homes (Western) Ltd	£284,643.41	Land at London Road, Fairford – Library and Education
Bewley Homes	£90,534.00	Quercus Road, Tetbury – Highways/Library
Bloor Homes Western	£198,727.00	Roman Way, Bourton on the Water-Education/Library
Knarsboro Homes Ltd	£367,241.00	Land at Banady Lane-Bus/Library/Education
David Wilson Homes	£195,874.00	Land at Kingshill, Cirencester – Education/Library
ButlerWall Homes	£129,320.00	Gloucester Road, Tutshill-Education/Library
Redrow Homes	£844,379.00	Farm Lane Leckhampton - Education/Library

S106 Contributions Received:

Contributions become due on trigger dates which are set out in each agreement. The table below shows the contributions valued over £100,000 that have been received during July-September 2017.

Developer	Amount	Received in May/June 2017
Newland Homes Ltd	£133,279.00	Arbour Close, Mickleton – Education and Library
Miller Homes	£150,750.00	Land off Broad Marston, Mickleton – Education/Library/Travel Plan
Robert Hitchins	£112,800.00	Land West of Stonehouse – Residential Travel Plan
Bovis Homes	£284,643.00	Land at London Road, Fairford – Education/Library
Knarsboro Homes Ltd	£367,241.00	Land at Banady Lane – Bus/Library/Education

ANNEX 4: Waste Performance for 2016/17

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 Forecast
Total Municipal Waste	293,833	288,680	280,205	278,355	287,823	298,019	301,432	309,470	305,805
Variance	-4.4%	-1.8%	-2.9%	-0.7%	3.4%	3.5%	1.1%	2.7%	-1.2%
Municipal Waste Landfilled	169,023	152,956	147,092	144,822	155,366	161,009	156,498	153,556	142,977
Variance	-4.2%	-9.5%	-3.8%	-1.5%	7.3%	3.6%	-2.8%	-1.9%	-6.9%

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 Forecast
Total Household Waste	276,816	273,373	261,792	261,291	266,475	275,949	277,864	286,638	284,377
Variance	-4.5%	-1.2%	-4.2%	-0.2%	2.0%	3.6%	0.7%	3.2%	-0.8%
H'hold Waste Landfilled	161,072	145,911	137,337	134,504	138,141	146,335	146,158	136,435	128,196
Variance	-3.6%	-9.4%	-5.9%	-2.1%	2.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	-6.7%	-6.0%
Reuse & Recycling	66,501	70,348	68,771	70,189	71,075	69,967	73,029	80,116	83,504
Variance	-5.7%	5.8%	-2.2%	2.1%	1.3%	-1.6%	4.4%	9.7%	4.2%
Food & Garden Waste	49,244	54,914	55,100	55,803	56,637	60,104	59,132	69,618	72,677
Variance	-2.9%	11.5%	0.3%	1.3%	1.5%	6.1%	-1.6%	17.7%	4.4%
Total Recycling	115,744	125,262	123,871	125,992	127,712	130,071	132,161	148,832	156,818
Variance	4.5%	-8.2%	1.1%	-1.7%	-1.4%	-1.8%	1.6%	12.6%	4.9%

The 2017/18 forecast is based largely on estimated data as it is still relatively early in the year for reporting. However, the impact of the Stroud service change during 2016/17 is now filtering through to the full 2017/18 year and demonstrates significant benefits in terms of reduced waste to landfill and increased capture of recycling and composting, as was seen during previous service changes in other districts 5 years ago. It is likely that this forecast will change slightly in future reporting as the year progresses, but is certain to show continued significant benefits. As a result we are forecasting a recycling rate in the region of 54% for the full year. This is the last planned major service change within Gloucestershire and step changes of this scale are unlikely to be seen again with the current

configuration of services. As stated in previous reports, the Joint Waste Committee has agreed to look at new options for increasing performance and establishing common service aspects across all partner areas when opportunities arise in the coming years. This will be a focus for the partnership as we move forward.

