

<b>Cabinet Decision Statement</b>	<b>Gloucestershire County Council</b>
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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Portfolio</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>DRAFT COUNCIL STRATEGY AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (FOR PUBLICATION AND CONSULTATION)</b></p> <p>Cllr Lynden Stowe, Cabinet Member for Finance and Change, set out proposals relating to the detailed revenue and capital budget for 2021/22 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period 2021/22 to 2023/24. Cabinet was being asked to approve for consultation and scrutiny the proposed detailed revenue and capital budget for 2021/22 (including Dedicated Schools Grant which would also be considered by the Schools Forum), the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) covering the period 2021/22 to 2023/24 and updated Council Strategy. This was prior to finalisation and scrutiny, prior to finalisation of the budget for approval by Cabinet on 27 January 2021 and recommendation to County Council on 17 February 2021.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to:</b></p> <p>Approve for consultation and scrutiny the proposed detailed revenue and capital budget for 2021/22 (including Dedicated Schools Grant which will also be considered by the Schools Forum), the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) covering the period 2021/22 to 2023/24 and the updated Council Strategy.</p>	Finance and Change
<b>7</b>	<p><b>FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2020/21</b></p> <p>Cabinet Member for Finance and Change, Cllr Lynden Stowe, gave an update on the year-end forecasts for the County Council's Revenue and Capital Budgets 2020/21.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and,</p>	Finance and Change

	<p><b>RESOLVED to:</b></p> <p>1. Note the forecast revenue year end position based on actual expenditure as at the end of September 2020 and October 2020 (Period 7) forecasts for the 2020/21 financial year including Covid-19 forecast is an overspend of £8.371 million. The forecast excluding Covid-19 is an overspend £4.461 million.</p> <p>2. Note the forecast capital year end position as at the end of September 2020 of £130.145 million against the current budget of £135.135 million.</p> <p>3. Approve the re-profiling of the 2020/21 Adults and AMPS capital budgets to reflect the current forecasts.</p> <p>4. Note the year end forecast to deliver £9.817 million of savings against a target of £10.545 million or 93.10%.</p>	
8	<p><b>LEADING THE RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY: GLOUCESTERSHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT &amp; ACTION PLAN, 2021/02 – 2026/27</b></p> <p>Cllr Nigel Moor, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning updated Cabinet on progress with implementing the Gloucestershire Climate Change Strategy and sought Cabinet’s approval of the revised Action Plan.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to:</b></p> <p>1. Note the overall emissions for Gloucestershire outlined in the report and in Annex 1.</p> <p>2. Note the progress and planned key actions outlined in the report and in Annex 2.</p> <p>3. Approve the outline Action Plan 2021/2 to 2026/7 (Annex 3), to be developed into a detailed plan in consultation with Leadership Gloucestershire partners, for implementation from April 2021.</p> <p>4. Confirm the Council’s support to the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport’s call for government to secure more powers and resources for councils to take action on climate change and nature restoration, and to build back better from Covid-19 in their areas.</p>	Environment and Planning

<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE OCC SYSTEMS CONTRACT (DIRECT AWARD)</b></p> <p>Cllr Carole Allaway Martin, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Commissioning and Cllr Kathy Williams, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Delivery, sought Cabinet's approval to award to Oxford Computer Consultants, without further competition, of a call-off contract for the supply of adult social care finance system and related modules.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to:</b></p> <p>Approve an award to Oxford Computer Consultants, without further competition, of a call-off contract for the supply of the following system and related services under Crown Commercial Services Framework Agreement RM3821 in accordance with the direct contract award criteria thereunder :</p> <p>a – The adult social care finance system known as ContrOCC  b – The MarketPlace system  c – The Provider Portal module and  d – The E-Brokerage module</p> <p>Such contract shall continue for an initial period of 3 years and include options to extend its term for no more than two further one year periods to coincide with the expiry date of the Council's current contract with Liquidlogic for the supply of the Council's Adult Social Care Case Management solution that is due to expire on 28/03/24 (which also includes an option to extend its term for a further period of not more than two further one year periods).</p> <p>Approve the execution of such contract under seal by the Assistant Director of Legal services.</p> <p>Delegate authority to the Executive Director: Adult Social Care (in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care Commissioning and Adult Social Care Delivery) to determine each of the options to extend the contract on expiry of the initial contract term.</p>	<p>Adult Social Care Commissioning</p> <p>Adult Social Care Delivery</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 3FE (630 PLACE) PRIMARY SCHOOL IN BISHOP'S CLEEVE</b></p> <p>Cllr Patrick Molyneux, Cabinet Member for Economy, Education and Skills, sought Cabinet's approval to establish a new 3FE</p>	<p>Economy, Education and Skills</p>

	<p>(Forms of Entry) (630 place) Primary School to serve Bishop's Cleeve together with approval for commissioning, additional funding, land acquisition and delivery of the new school.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to:</b></p> <p>1. Approve the establishment of a new 3FE Primary School to serve Bishop's Cleeve and delegates authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education and Skills to:</p> <p>i) Hold a free school presumption competition in accordance with the Department for Education's "The free school presumption" (November 2019) in order to identify a suitable Academy Trust to sponsor the school.</p> <p>ii) Upon conclusion of the competition, recommend to the Secretary of State the findings of the Local Authority's assessment to enable him to decide upon the most suitable proposer to take forward the new free school.</p> <p>2. Delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Asset Management and Property Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Education and Skills to acquire the land on which to establish and construct the new primary school.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>(a) approve the addition of £3.000 million to the approved capital scheme to contribute towards the funding of construction and acquisition of the land [in respect of such school] from unallocated basic need grant funding; and</p> <p>(b) review and ratify a decision by the Assistant Director of Asset Management and Property Services to conduct a competitive procurement process in respect of a contract for the design and build of such school under the County Council's major framework and then award such contract to the preferred tenderer.</p> <p>4. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services in consultation with the Assistant Director of Asset Management and Property Services to undertake all ancillary matters to enable the establishment of the new 3FE Primary School such school.</p>	
11	<p><b>THE PROCUREMENT OF HIGHWAY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DELIVERY OF A435 CHARLTON HILL GEOTECHNICAL STABILISATION SCHEME</b></p>	Highways and Flood

	<p>Cllr Vernon Smith Cabinet Member for Highways and Flood asked Cabinet to delegate authority to the Head of Highway Authority (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Flood) for the purpose of procuring highway services and construction phase works, through competitive tender, in relation to A435 Charlton Hill Geotechnical Stabilisation Scheme and awarding contracts for the provision of such services and works.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and,</p> <p><b>RESOLVED to:</b></p> <p>Delegate authority to the Head of Highway Authority (in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Flood) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. conduct a competitive procurement process(es) for the supply of highway services and construction phase works in relation to the A435 Charlton Hill Geotechnical Stabilisation Scheme and awarding contracts for the provision of such services and works and</li> <li>2. make any other ancillary traffic regulation orders that might be required in order to successfully implement the Project (such as temporary traffic regulation orders (TTROs for speed limits etc.)) during the construction phase of the Project.</li> </ol>	
<p>12</p>	<p><b>PROVISION OF INDEPENDENT FOSTERING SERVICES 2021 - 2022</b></p> <p>Cllr Richard Boyles, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years, sought Cabinet authorisation for Gloucestershire County Council (the Council) to continue to participate in the current Bath and North East Somerset Dynamic Purchasing System (known as the “Framework for the placement of children and young people in foster care”), for the provision of independent fostering services to participating Local Authorities (the “Dynamic Purchasing System/Framework”).</p> <p>In addition, the report sought authorisation for a 1.5% uplift in fees for new placements under the Dynamic Purchasing System/Framework from 1 April 2021.</p> <p>The report also sought authorisation for Childrens Services to join Fostering Frameworks in other regions specifically to meet our sufficiency needs.</p> <p>Having considered all of the information, Cabinet noted the report and,</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children’s Safeguarding and Early Years</p>

**RESOLVED to:**

Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children Services to:

- 1) Extend the term of the current Dynamic Purchasing System/Framework for the supply of independent fostering services” for a period of 12 months from 1st April 2021 until 31st March 2022.
- 2) Extend the term of the Council’s Participation Agreement with Bath and North East Somerset Council for a further year from 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2022 for the purposes of enabling the Council to participate in the Dynamic Purchasing System /Framework and to pay Bath and North East Somerset Council a maximum sum of £4,000 as a contribution to its costs in acting as lead authority for the Dynamic Purchasing System/Framework.
- 3) Agree an uplift in fees (to be capped at 1.5%) paid to participating independent fostering agencies under the Dynamic Purchasing System/Framework in respect of individual placements from 1st April 2021 in conjunction with other participating Local Authorities.
- 4) Procure and award such number of call-off contracts under the terms of the Dynamic Purchasing System/Framework as are required to meet the Council’s responsibility to provide services for the assessed needs for the framework services, provided the aggregate value of such call-off contracts does not exceed an estimated maximum amount of £7.77 Million.
- 5) Continue to undertake compliant procurement of placements outside of this Framework in order to provide maximum flexibility to match children and young people’s needs including cultural matching with suitable carers and for PACE where this cannot be provided by the current Framework provision.
- 6) Explore and join, if appropriate, Frameworks outside of the South West that are reaching renewal stage in coming years with a view to increasing cultural matching and PACE opportunities within the financial security of a Framework arrangement.

The decisions published above will come into force and may be implemented on , unless a request is made for the decision to be called-in.

**CALL-IN PROCEDURE**

A decision may only be only called-in if one or more of the following conditions are satisfied: -

- 1) The decision conflicts in whole or part with any existing policy that has been formally approved or adopted by the Council;
- 2) The decision would not be wholly in accordance with the Council's budget;
- 3) In making the decision, the Cabinet, the Leader of the Council, or a Cabinet Member or Officer under delegated powers, has taken account of an irrelevant matter or failed to take account of a relevant matter, which in the opinion of the Chief Executive, had (or would have), a significant bearing on that decision;
- 4) The Cabinet, the Leader of the Council, or a Cabinet Member or Officer under delegated powers, acted contrary to the Cabinet Procedure Rules, the Access to Information about the County Council's Formal Business, and/or the principles of the decision making set out in Part 2, Article 7.02 of the Council's Constitution.

At least **five members** of the council must give notice in writing of their request to call-in a decision.

The request, including reasons for the call-in, must be delivered to the Chief Executive before the end of the fifth working day after the day on which the decision is published.

The request for a call-in of any of the decisions above should be made to Stephen Bace by **5 pm on Wednesday 23 December 2020**.

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