

## Agenda item 9

**Extract from draft Cabinet minutes of meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

### **Future Procurement of Services from the Third (Voluntary) Sector in Cheltenham (agenda item 10)**

The Assistant Director Community Services introduced this report which had been circulated with the agenda.

The Leader suggested that in view of the various concerns raised during the meeting about the period of external consultation the recommendations be agreed in principle and the period of consultation be extended for a further three weeks. Issues could be presented verbally by the Cabinet Member (Quality of Life) at the next meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November or a further report brought back if necessary.

The cabinet re-considered recommendation 1.26 and 1.27 of the previous report and approved them as set out (see executive decision 65 attached)

**(Executive Decision 66 attached)**

**CABINET DECISION REPORT FORM**

**Future procurement of services from the voluntary sector by social and community group (agenda item 10)**

**1. Decision made**

The Cabinet endorsed in principle the future commissioning direction outlined in Section 3 of the report subject to further consultation through the VCA before the next Cabinet meeting. Issues could be presented verbally by the Cabinet Member (Quality of Life).

**2. Identity of the Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**3. Date of Decision**

30<sup>th</sup> October 2007

**4. Reasons for Decision**

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 marks the end of the council's major Conditional Offers of Grant, the current preferred vehicle for funding the 'third sector' in Cheltenham. Central government, the Audit Commission, Joseph Rowntree and many local authorities are reviewing their commissioning methods in light of requirements to gain value for money and efficiency savings and a desire to better focus and performance manage commissioning activity in this field. This report reviews current thinking and, in light of the recent reviews of current service providers, offers options for Cheltenham future commissioning in this field

**5. Consultation undertaken**

During the course of the review:  
CBC: Legal Services, Procurement Services, Audit Services, Community Services, Cheltenham VCA.  
Cheltenham VCA will coordinate consultation with the providers.

**6. Results of Consultation**

As detailed in the report.

**7. Alternative options considered and rejected by the Cabinet at the meeting**

None

**8. Background documents**

'Partnership in Public Services', Office of the Third Sector, 2006  
'The Future Role of the Third Sector in Social and Economic Regeneration'  
HM Treasury, 2006

'Hearts and Minds, commissioning from the voluntary sector', Audit Commission July 2007  
'The Gloucestershire Compact', Gloucestershire Compact Group 2004.  
'The Gloucestershire Compact Codes of Guidance', Gloucestershire Compact Group 2006.

**9. Interests declared**

None

**10. Dispensation**

Was a dispensation given by the Standards Committee in respect of any declaration of interest listed at 9.?

YES

NO

NOT APPLICABLE

Date of dispensation ...N/A.....