



# CHELTENHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### EXECUTIVE DECISIONS NOTICE

Committee: **Cabinet**  
Date of meeting: **Tuesday, 10 February 2015**  
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<b>Agenda item 5</b>	<b>Scrutiny Task Group Public Art Panel</b>	
	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> <b>The recommendations of the Scrutiny Task Group be noted and a report outlining Cabinet's detailed response be brought to a future meeting of Cabinet.</b>	
	Subject to call-in period - No	
<b>Agenda item 6</b>	<b>Scrutiny Task Group Members ICT</b>	
	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> <b>The recommendations of the Scrutiny Task Group be noted and that a report outlining Cabinet's detailed response be brought back to a future meeting of Cabinet.</b>	
	Subject to call-in period - No	
<b>Agenda item 7</b>	<b>Final General Fund Budget Proposals 2015/16 (including Section 25 report)</b>	
	<b>RESOLVED THAT it be recommended to Council that :</b>	

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1. The revised budget for 2014/15 be noted and the one-off contribution from general balances of £178,250 as detailed in Section 3.2 be approved.</b></p> <p><b>Having considered the budget assessment by the Section 151 Officer at Appendix 2 the following recommendations be agreed :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. the final budget proposals including a proposed council tax for the services provided by Cheltenham Borough Council of £187.12 for the year 2015/16 (a 0% increase based on a Band D property) be approved.</b></li> <li><b>2. the growth proposals, including one off initiatives at Appendix 4 be approved.</b></li> <li><b>3. the savings / additional income and the budget strategy at Appendix 5 be approved.</b></li> <li><b>4. the use of reserves and general balances be approved and the projected level of reserves, as detailed at Appendix 6 be noted.</b></li> <li><b>5. the proposed capital programme at Appendix 7, as outlined in Section 10 be approved, including the additional underwriting of £90,000 to support the Art Gallery and Museum redevelopment scheme.</b></li> <li><b>6. the Pay Policy Statement for 2015/16, including the continued payment of a living wage supplement at Appendix 8 be approved.</b></li> <li><b>7. a level of supplementary estimate of £100,000 for 2015/16 as outlined in Section 15 be approved.</b></li> <li><b>8. there be no change to the Local Council Tax support scheme in 2015/16 (para 4.19).</b></li> <li><b>9. it be noted that the Council will remain in the Gloucestershire business rates pool for 2015/16 (para 4.9).</b></li> </ol>	
	Subject to call-in period - No	
<b>Agenda item 8</b>	<b>Final Housing Revenue Account Revenue Budget 2015/16</b>	
	<p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. the rent for all properties be converted to formula rent on re-letting.</b></li> </ol>	

	<p>it be recommended to Council that :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the revised HRA forecasts for 2014/15 be noted.</li> <li>2) the HRA budget proposals for 2015/16 including a proposed rent increase of 2.2% and increases in other rents and charges as detailed at Appendix 5 be approved.</li> <li>3) the proposed HRA capital programme for 2015/16 as shown at Appendix 3 be approved.</li> <li>4) the transfer of £2m to an earmarked revenue reserve to finance future new build in the HRA be approved.</li> </ol>	
	Subject to call-in period - No	
<p><b>Agenda item 9</b></p>	<p><b>Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategy 2015/16</b></p>	
	<p><b>RESOLVED THAT it be recommended to Council that the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy for 2015/16 at Appendix 2 be approved including:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The general policy objective ‘that Council should invest prudently the surplus funds held on behalf of the community giving priority to security and liquidity’.</li> <li>2. That the Prudential Indicators for 2015/16 including the authorised limit as the statutory affordable borrowing limit determined under Section 3 (1) Local Government Act 2003 be approved.</li> <li>3. Revisions to the Council’s lending list and parameters as shown in Appendix 3 are proposed in order to provide some further capacity. These proposals have been put forward after taking advice from the Council’s treasury management advisers Capita Asset Services and are prudent enough to ensure the credit quality of the Council’s investment portfolio remains high.</li> <li>4. For 2015/16 in calculating the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP), the Council will apply Option 1 in respect of supported capital expenditure and Option 3 in respect of unsupported capital expenditure as per section 21 in Appendix 3.</li> </ol>	

	Subject to call-in period - No	
<b>Agenda item 10</b>	<b>Corporate Advertising and Sponsorship</b>	
	<p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. an amendment to the Advertising &amp; Sponsorship policy be approved to include a clause to explicitly prohibit agreements with organisations involved in business of a sexual nature.</b></li> <li><b>2. an amendment to the Advertising &amp; Sponsorship policy be approved to include a clause to explicitly prohibit agreements with organisations whose advertising content is of a sexual nature.</b></li> <li><b>3. authority be delegated to the Director of Resources to tender for and select a specialist marketing agency to source and generate advertising and sponsorship opportunities for the council, in line with the terms set out in the amended Advertising &amp; Sponsorship policy.</b></li> <li><b>4. the comments on the corporate and community plan implications and environmental implications be noted and that it be requested that they be taken into account and addressed, as far as possible, within the procurement process.</b></li> </ol>	
	Subject to call-in period - Yes	
<b>Agenda item 11</b>	<b>Counter Fraud Unit-An Evolutionary Approach</b>	
	<p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. an evolutionary approach for the establishment of a Counter Fraud Unit to be managed by the internal audit provider Audit Cotswolds, as outlined in this report, be approved, which includes the creation of the new Counter Fraud Officer post as part of Phase 1</b></li> <li><b>2. the Director of Resources be authorised to enter into such documentation as is necessary (including an agreement with Cotswold District Council as host authority for Audit Cotswolds) to enable the establishment of the Counter Fraud Unit</b></li> </ol>	

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