

## **Briefing for Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**

The Forward Plan lists the reports expected to come to Cabinet in the next 3 or 4 months. This note supplements that with other issues that may be of interest to O&S.

### **Cheltenham Economic Development Strategy**

This piece of work will form input to the Cheltenham Plan and the tender has now been awarded to Athey Consulting. Work is due to be completed by the end of the year, fitting in with the Cheltenham Plan programme recently agreed by the Planning and Liaison Member Working Group. The economic development strategy will be a key part of the evidence base informing the preparation of the first phase of the Cheltenham Plan and in due course will inform the portfolio of sites that will be discussed with members in the new year.

The project team will Tracey Crews, Jeremy Williamson and Martin Quantock along with Mike Curran from Gloucestershire LEP and Angela Presdee/Claire Edwards from Gloucestershire County Council.

### **Ubico**

The company articles have now been changed to allow other partner councils to join. While it was not practical to take up suggestions of extra members on the board, the issue of Cheltenham having a member observer has been left for further discussion on how any scrutiny process should work. An alternative option could be briefing from Ubico to a wider group of members. It may be best to have a separate meeting to discuss this issue (possibly chair & v/c of O&S with Chris Coleman & myself as relevant cabinet members)