

Cabinet Briefing for Overview and Scrutiny Committee

30 October 2017

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.

Devolution

CBC responded to Gloucestershire County Council consultation with districts about whether and how highways related work could be devolved to district level. The CBC view was that we would be very interested in having more control over local highway matters as used to be the case up until 2007, assuming parking income generated within Cheltenham would be retained to help fund the work. Since the 2nd May deadline we have not had a formal response to our proposal.

Planting/Nursery

Following the useful initial discussion around this at the members seminar on 11th October and Council on 16th October, it is intended to bring separate cabinet reports covering the future of the Arle Nursery and planting regime to the 5th December cabinet meeting.

2050

An 'expert panel', pulled together by GFirst LEP, has been looking at what long term projects we should be aiming to achieve in Gloucestershire to enhance life in 2050. It is intended to launch a major consultation exercise to run during 2018 using this work to trigger wider discussion. However, it has been agreed that it is important that this follows adoption of the JCS to avoid confusing the two. We hope adoption of the JCS will be confirmed at the 11th December Council meeting. Gloucestershire University have taken on an administration role for the 2050 process and a countywide launch event is likely to take place from 4-6pm on 1st February at Cheltenham Racecourse where everyone will be welcome.

Deprivation

At the previous O&S meeting there was a discussion about measuring deprivation and assessing impact of interventions in areas such as Hester's Way. I agreed to take this away and ask officers to pull together what data we have and Richard Gibson has produced a briefing note which is being circulated with this agenda.