

Briefing for Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14th January 2019

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.

Boots Corner

I have written to Mark Hawthorne, Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, to welcome and clarify the County offer to spend income from any fines resulting from the experimental traffic order on projects in Cheltenham. As requested by O&S I have suggested that CBC Cycling and Walking Champion Max Wilkinson should be included in discussion on how that money should be spent. Will update members with any reply.

Urban Gulls Scrutiny Task Group

At the meeting held on 4th December, cabinet received the report from this task group. We welcomed what we thought was an excellent report. As is usual with reports of task groups, the relevant cabinet member, in this case Andrew McKinlay will now bring a formal response to a future cabinet meeting. We would hope that this would be in March, depending on available officer resource, and will in any case include the agreed extra £10,000 funding in the 2019/20 budget.

Joint Core Strategy

Throughout the JCS process, group leaders across all parties represented in Gloucester City, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham along with the relevant cabinet member from Gloucestershire County Council have been invited to attend JCS Member Steering Group meetings. The objective has been to ensure all groups are kept up to date with progress and can discuss any issues of concern.

It is proposed to continue broadly on the for the JCS review with meetings roughly every 2 months or as required. Slightly amended terms of reference were agreed at the meeting on 10th January which includes changing the name to the Member Liaison Group which more accurately reflects what happens.