



CABINET

15TH MARCH 2018

AGENDA ITEM (7)

PUBLICA BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19

Accountable Members	Councillor Mark F Annett Leader of the Council Councillor C Hancock Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships
Accountable Officer(s)	David Neudegg Managing Director, Publica 01285 623100 david.neudegg@publicagroup.uk

Purpose of Report	To consider the draft Publica Business Plan for 2018/19.
Recommendation	That Cabinet recommends that the Leader approves the Business Plan subject to any comments it wishes to make.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To provide an opportunity for the Cabinet to engage in the on-going development of Publica and its relationship with the Council

Ward(s) Affected	All
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	<p>As part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy, savings are included in line with the business case approved in October 2016. Publica is required to deliver these savings and the Business Plan sets out how it intends to deliver these both in respect of 2018/19 and also in respect of future years.</p> <p>The savings set out in the recently adopted MTFS for the Council are £786,000 over the period to March 2022.</p>
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Legal and Human Rights Implications	<p>The governance of Publica is set out in the company's Articles of Association, Members' Agreement and the Service Agreements with the Councils.</p> <p>The company Members' Agreement sets out a number of reserved matters which can only be decided on a 75% agreement of shareholders (each Council owning one share). Cotswold District Council has agreed that the Leader of the Council shall act on its behalf in casting its vote for reserved matters decisions. Approval of the Publica Business Plan is one such reserved matter item.</p>
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Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None directly arising from this report
Human Resource Implications	None directly arising from this report
Key Risks	<p>There are no specific risks in adopting the Publica Business Plan as it is based upon the principles and targets set out in the business case approved by the Council in 2016.</p> <p>If the Council does not adopt the Plan, there is a risk that the company will not be able to commence some of the activities necessary to deliver the savings set out in the business case and the Council's MTFS.</p>
Related Decisions	<p>Council, 27th September 2016 - Formation of Teckal Companies</p> <p>Council, 13th June 2017 - Vires Audit</p> <p>Council, 19th October 2017 - (i) Re-affirmation of support for company establishment; and (ii) approval of Council retained officer structure and delegations as a consequence of establishment of shared services company</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 5th December 2017 - initial consideration of draft Commissioning Framework and Member Liaison Group proposals</p>
Background Documents	Council reports - 27 th September 2016, 13 th June 2017 and 19 th October 2017
Appendices	Appendix 'A' - Publica Draft Business Plan 2018/19

Performance Management Follow Up	Implement Cabinet decision(s)
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Options for Joint Working	Publica is an example of joint working across local authorities
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<p>Background</p> <p>1. As part of the establishment of Publica, a number of items were identified as reserved matters for Council approval to ensure that member Councils retained an element of control over their company. The reserved matters were approved in October 2016 as part of the governance principles underpinning the establishment of Publica.</p> <p>2. The reserved matters decisions fall to the shareholder representatives to determine. For each partner Council this is the Leader of the Council. To assist the Leader in reaching his decision, it has been requested that Cabinet reviews the Business Plan and suggests any appropriate amendments.</p> <p>3. In addition to Cabinet receiving this report, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive a presentation from the Managing Director on 13th March 2018 on this matter. Any comments made by that Committee will be reported orally at the Cabinet Meeting.</p> <p>4. A copy of the draft Business Plan 2018/19 is attached as Appendix 'A' to this report.</p>

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