

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET
(SPECIAL MEETING)

3RD DECEMBER 2018

Present:

Councillor AW Berry - Chairman
Councillor NJW Parsons - Vice-Chairman

Councillors -

Sue Coakley SG Hirst
C Hancock MGE MacKenzie-Charrington

CAB.65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct for Members or Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

There were no declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct for Officers.

CAB.66 FUTURE WASTE SERVICE REVIEW

The Cabinet was requested to consider the design of the future waste service from 2019 and delegations for contract awards associated with service changes (for onward recommendation to the Council).

The Cabinet Member for Environment amplified various aspects of the circulated report and explained that the Review had arisen owing to a requirement for the Council to replace its vehicle fleet, which had also enabled a service and delivery review to be undertaken.

The Cabinet Member wished to extend her thanks to Officers for their work in relation to the Review and highlighted that the Chief Finance Officer was satisfied by the financial proposals contained within the circulated report.

The Cabinet Member reported that the current service was valued and well received by the District's residents and, as such, could form the basis of the reviewed service. She also explained that research into an 'all in one' recycling approach had suggested that this would only be beneficial in those areas of the country where current recycling rates were low. The Cabinet Member added that future recycling within the District would include the recycling of cartons (separately to cardboard), textiles and small electrical items, which would contribute towards improving further the recycling rates of the District.

The Cabinet Member reported that the Council was the only authority within the County that currently combined food and garden waste, and the proposal was for this to change. The recommendations proposed, if approved, would result in a larger food waste caddy being introduced for weekly food waste collections and the optional, fee-paying, garden waste collection service being reduced to

fortnightly with a three-month suspension during the winter period. It was also highlighted that the garden waste licence fee was proposed to remain at the same cost, and that this still represented good value in comparison to other authority's fees for a fortnightly service.

The Cabinet Member concluded by expressing the view that the proposals, if approved, would help to mitigate issues being currently experienced by the Council and Ubico, such as difficulties in collections in bad weather and in regard to recruiting agency drivers and staff during the winter period; and added that the proposals would help to improve the current service for the benefit of the District's residents.

The Cabinet expressed its support for the recommendations as outlined by the Cabinet Member and commented that the option for collecting additional materials, and increasing the quality of the well-respected and used service already provided, would be beneficial to residents.

In response to various questions from Members, it was reported that the garden waste licence fee had already been guaranteed at £30 for the next financial year and therefore an increase to £36 could not be implemented until after this date; the transition from weekly to fortnightly garden waste collections could also be weighed up against the no increase in licence fee; the sacks intended to be introduced to replace the existing cardboard sacks would be of a similar design to those currently used for collecting plastic and that Officers were currently seeking industry advice in regards to the best options; the Council would collect any unwanted green bins from residents but would allow an interim period of around six weeks from the service starting before any retrieval; the licence fee was per bin and there was no limit on the number of bins permitted per household; and whilst a new larger food waste caddy for outside use was intended to be introduced, there would be no action by the Council to remove the previous, smaller caddies.

RECOMMENDED that:

(a) the consultation summary, the financial estimates and other information provided within this report be noted and, based on this evidence, the future Waste and Recycling Service be delivered as follows:-

- **a fortnightly collection of residual waste (as existing);**
- **a fortnightly collection of dry recyclates (as existing) but subject to an enhancement to the existing kerbside sort collection service, to include additional materials (i.e. waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), textiles and cartons) and a change in receptacle for cardboard;**
- **a separated weekly food waste collection;**
- **a separated fortnightly garden waste collection;**

(b) revenue costs be mitigated by introducing an annual three-month suspension of the garden waste service during the winter period (dates to be determined);

(c) capital be allocated as set out in Appendix 'D' - Table 3 for the selected option for the procurement of fleet and new containers;

(d) one-off revenue allocations be agreed of up to £180,200 for the additional waste service management of mobilisation and procurement, delivery of containers, communications to the public, and additional customer services and operational support immediately prior to and during service launch;

(e) delegated authority be given to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Group Manager (Council Advisory Services), Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment, to take the decision on fleet contract awards;

(f) a contract for the bulking and onward sale of all recyclates collected in the new service be produced; and delegated authority be given to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Group Manager (Council Advisory Services), Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment, to take the decision on such materials handling contract award.

Record of Voting - for 6, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 0.

CAB.67 EMERGENCY HOMELESS ACCOMMODATION

The Cabinet was requested approve the use of The Croft, 22-24 Ashcroft Road, Cirencester for Emergency Homeless Accommodation.

The Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Leisure introduced the item and explained that the building would meet a need for the provision of such facilities within the town. He added that the building could easily be converted from its existing condition and that whilst the Council had previously attempted to lease the property to various interested parties, this had not been successful.

The Cabinet expressed its support for the proposal and commented that, for a small investment, the Council could seek to ensure that any residents facing homelessness would remain within the District and would not have to face being housed out of the District (which had, regretfully, previously taken place).

RESOLVED that the use of The Croft, 22-24 Ashcroft Road, Cirencester as Emergency Accommodation be approved.

Record of Voting - for 6, against 0, abstentions 0, absent 0.

CAB.68 FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS - LOCAL PLAN AND CIRENCESTER MASTER PLAN

This item was withdrawn at the Meeting.

The Meeting commenced at 4.00 p.m. and closed at 4.36 p.m.

Chairman

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