

Wednesday, 23 February 2022

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CABINET

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices, Trinity Road, Cirencester on **Monday**, **7 March 2022 at 6.00 pm**.

Rob Weaver Chief Executive

To: Members of the Cabinet (Councillors Rachel Coxcoon, Tony Dale, Andrew Doherty, Mike Evemy, Jenny Forde, Joe Harris, Juliet Layton and Lisa Spivey)

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AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.

3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 February 2022.

4. Chair's Announcements (if any)

5. Public Questions

To deal with questions from the public within the open forum question and answer session of fifteen minutes in total. Questions from each member of the public should be no longer than two minutes each and relate issues under the Committee's remit.

6. **Member Questions**

To deal with written questions by Members, relating to issues under the Committee's remit, with the maximum length of oral supplementary questions at Committee being no longer than one minute. Responses to any supplementary questions will be dealt with in writing if they cannot be dealt with at the meeting.

7. Financial, Council Priority and Service Performance Report - 2021-22 Quarter Three (Pages 13 - 94)

Purpose

To provide an update on progress on the Council's priorities and service performance.

To provide information on the Council's financial position.

Recommendation(s)

That the Cabinet reviews overall progress on the Council priorities, service delivery and financial performance for 2021-22 Q3.

8. Changes to Cotswold District Council's Offices at Trinity Road, Cirencester to Facilitate Agile Working and Increase Commercial Income (Pages 95 - 116)

Purpose

To seek agreement to the changes to Cotswold District Council's Offices at Trinity Road, Cirencester to facilitate implementation of the Agile Working Strategy, reducing costs and carbon impact of the Council's operations and creating lettable space within the building to provide income to the Council.

Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet agrees:

- (a) to support the proposed changes to office layout;
- (b) to seek tenants to occupy space that will be created in the West wing of the building;

- (c) to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to agree lease arrangements in consultation with the Interim Head of Legal Services and the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance.
- (d) allocate funding of up to £975,000 from the Recovery Investment Strategy budget in the Capital Programme to facilitate the changes to the Trinity Road offices and fund structure repairs identified in the building condition survey;
- (e) The detailed costs to be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive and the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance.
- (f) To note that the gross revenue savings of £202,000 will contribute towards the savings from the Recovery Investment Strategy.

9. Electric Vehicle Charging Point Infrastructure and Fee Setting (Pages 117 - 142) Purpose

To seek agreement to proceed with EVCP installations utilising funding allocated within the MTFS, to make amendments to the Parking Order(s) and to consider the approach to setting fees that customers will pay to charge their vehicles.

Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet :-

- (a) Approve that the first phase of EVCPs are installed, as detailed in this report, with costs of up to £259,123 inclusive of a 5% contingency sum utilising capital allocated within the MTFS but noting that this sum will reduce to approximately £163,000 if grant funding is received;
- (b) Note that the replacement fast chargers for Beeches Road, Cirencester and Moreton in Marsh have been pre-approved by the Chief Executive using Urgency powers;
- (c) Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive/S.151 officer in consultation with the Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Finance and Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Forward Planning to agree final costs in (a) prior to work commencing;
- (d) agree that a standard fee per kWh is introduced based on the formula within the report, comprising revenue costs + £0.04. Based on current electricity price forecasts of £0.24/ kwh, the fee to the customer would be £0.37/kwh;
- (e) that delegated authority is given to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members for Finance and Climate Change to review and set fees between the annual renewal process, to mitigate the risk of financial losses to the Council, as costs fluctuate;
- (f) That amendments are made to the Parking Order, restricting vehicles from parking in charging bays unless they are charging a vehicle;
- (g) delegated authority is given to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance to review and make a final decision following consultation feedback on the amendments to the Parking Order;
- (h) that the financial implications of this report be built into the revenue budget (income

and expenditure)in the future based upon the projections given in the business case.

10. Glover Review of Protected Landscapes - Consultation Response to Government Report (Pages 143 - 154)

<u>Purpose</u>

To note the report and proposed consultation response to the government's formal consultation.

Recommendation(s)

- (a) To approve Annex A for submission to Government as the Council's response to the consultation on the Government response to the Glover Review.
- (b) To give delegated authority to the Chief Executive to make minor alterations to the responses in Annex A in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Development Management and Licensing.
- 11. Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members (Pages 155 156)
- 12. Issue(s) Arising From Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit

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