



**Notice of
Decisions of Cabinet -
Thursday, 7 March 2024**

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Joe Harris, Lisa Spivey and Paul Hodgkinson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

There were several Officers employed by the Publica Group who would leave the meeting for agenda item 16: Publica Review – Local Partnerships Transition Plan.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 1 February 2024 were presented as part of the Cabinet pack.

The minutes were proposed by Councillor Evemy and Councillor Bloomer

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet meeting held on 1 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

Voting Record

3 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote

4. Chair's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chair.

5. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

6. Member Questions

There were no Member questions.

7. Issue(s) Arising from Overview and Scrutiny and/or Audit

The purpose of this item was for Cabinet to receive recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or to consider any matters raised by the Audit and Governance Committee.



Cabinet considered the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the supplement published.

Councillor Evemy proposed and Councillor Bloomer seconded the Cabinet's response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet **AGREED** to the response tabled.

Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote

8. Lechlade Air Quality Management Area Revocation

The purpose of the report was to consider the approval for the revocation of the Lechlade Air Quality Management Area (AQMA).

Councillor Layton introduced the report and outlined its contents.

Councillor Layton proposed the recommendation and Councillor McKeown seconded.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

- I. **APPROVED** the revocation of the Lechlade AQMA

Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 2 Absent/Did not vote

9. Council Tax Reduction for Care Leavers

The purpose of the report was to consider recommending to Full Council proposals to extend the age up to which Care Leavers can receive a reduction in Council Tax from 21 years to 25 years.

Councillor Evemy introduced the report and outlined its contents.

There were various questions to the report author present and comments about the proposals.

Councillor Evemy proposed the recommendations and Councillor Bloomer seconded.

That Cabinet **AGREED** to recommend to Full Council to:

1. Approve to extend the age that a care leaver can receive a reduction in their council tax from 21 years to 25 years;
2. Approve to include those care leavers from outside of Gloucestershire County within the offer;
3. Approve the amended Eligibility Criteria as set out in Annex A.



Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote

10. Council Tax Premium - Second Homes And Long-Term Empty Properties

The purpose of the report was to consider the proposals to introduce a Council Tax Premium on second homes and apply a premium to long term empty properties after one year.

Councillor Every introduced the report and outlined the recommendations to Full Council.

Cabinet made various comments around the proposals to support affordable housing and the application of the premium.

Councillor Every proposed the recommendations and Councillor Layton seconded.

That Cabinet **AGREED** to recommend to Full Council to:

1. Agree from 01 April 2024 to levy the maximum level of premium for Empty Homes as set out in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023:
 - i) Premium of 100% for dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty Homes Premium) after 1 year up to 5 years of becoming empty;
 - ii) Premium of 200% for dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty Homes Premium) between 5 years and 10 years;
 - iii) Premium of 300% for dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty Homes Premium) for 10 years or more.
2. Agree in principle from 01 April 2025 to the implementation of a premium (Second Homes Premium) of 100% for dwellings that are no one's sole or main residence and which are substantially furnished subject to the conditions at paragraph 3.7
3. Agree to issue the mandatory notice of 12 months to all owners of second homes that a premium will commence from 1 April 2025; and,
4. Note that where premiums are to be applied, the Council is mindful of the current consultation by government which recommends exceptions in certain circumstances outlined within this report. Subject to the outcome of that consultation, a further report may be presented to Cabinet and Council prior to the implementation of the Council's policy on premiums taking into account statute, the Council's requirements and any guidance given by the Secretary of State.

Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote



11. Business Rates Relief: 2024/2025. Retail, Hospitality And Leisure Scheme

The purpose of the report was to consider a scheme of rate relief for retail premises as outlined by Government in the Autumn Statement 2023

Cabinet Evemy introduced the report and the recommendations.

Councillor Dale spoke as the seconder on the proposal and its benefits to businesses within the District.

Councillor Evemy proposed the recommendations and Councillor Dale seconded.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet

1. APPROVED the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure scheme as set out in Annex A for 2024/2025;
1. DELEGATED AUTHORITY to the Assistant Director for Resident Services the award of such reliefs.

Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote

12. Pay Policy Statement 2024/25

The purpose of the report was to consider the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25.

Councillor Evemy presented the report on behalf of Councillor Joe Harris and outlined its contents.

Councillor Evemy proposed the recommendations and Councillor Dale seconded.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet AGREED to recommend to Council to:

1. Approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25.
2. Agree that the Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 will be updated and republished to reflect any changes to the senior management structure at that point.

Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote

13. Gloucestershire City Regions Board

The purpose of the report was to consider the emerging form and function of the Gloucestershire City Region Board, the nature of its authority, terms of reference, membership, and joint scrutiny arrangements. It was also to enable the Council to play an active part in the formalisation of a new Gloucestershire Region Board to support the



delivery of developing a vision for the future growth of the economic success for the whole of the Gloucestershire economic area.

Councillor Dale introduced the report and outlined its contents.

Cabinet commented on the report and asked questions of the Cabinet Member.

Councillor Dale proposed the recommendations and Councillor Bloomer seconded.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. **AGREED** to the establishment of the Gloucestershire City Region Board (GCRB);
2. **DELEGATED AUTHORITY** to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Council Transformation, to finalise and complete the Inter-Authority Agreement (including the Constitution) and other key documentation and to take all necessary steps to create the GCRB, including finalising the terms of reference for the GCRB;
3. **AGREED** that the above recommendations will not be effective until all Gloucestershire Councils pass equivalent resolutions;
4. **AGREED** upon the establishment of the GCRB to:
 - 4.1 Delegate this Council's functions as are necessary for the delivery of the functions identified in the Terms of Reference at Annex A to this report to the GCRB;
 - 4.2 Confirm the appointment of Gloucestershire County Council as the Administering Authority;
 - 4.3 Appoint the Cabinet member for Economy and Council Transformation of Cotswold District Council to the GCRB as the nominated member of the Board and to nominate a deputy to be agreed.

Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote

14. Council Priority and Service Performance Report - 2023-24 Quarter Three

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on progress on the Council's priorities and service performance.

The Chief Executive was invited by the Deputy Leader to introduce the report and outlined its contents in respect of service performance and actions to date.

Cabinet asked questions and made various comments in respect of the contents of the report.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet **NOTED** overall progress on the Council priorities and service performance for 2023-24 Q3.



15. Financial Performance Report Q3 2023/24

The purpose of the report was to set out the latest budget monitoring position for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Deputy Leader invited the Deputy Chief Executive and S.151 Officer to introduce the report and its contents.

There were various questions by Cabinet on the contents of the report.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet NOTED the Q3 financial position set out in this report.

16. Publica Review - Local Partnerships Transition Plan

The purpose of the report was to consider the Local Partnerships report and to approve the recommendations therein.

Councillor Dale proposed the recommendations and Councillor Evemy seconded.

That Cabinet AGREED to recommend to Full Council to:

1. Approve the recommendations set out in the Local Partnerships report
2. Instruct the Interim Programme Director to prepare a detailed transition plan, building on the recommendations set out in the Local Partnerships report, for subsequent agreement by Cabinet and Council.

Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote

17. Decision Taken Under Urgency Powers

The purpose of the report was to report to Cabinet and Council on a decision taken by the Chief Executive Officer under urgency powers.

Councillor Evemy proposed the recommendations and Councillor McKeown seconded.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet:

1. NOTED the decision taken as set out in Annex A.
2. AGREED recommend to Council to note the decision taken as set out in Annex A.

Voting Record

5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstention, 3 Absent/Did not vote

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

18. Schedule of Decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or Individual Cabinet Members

The purpose of the report was to note the decisions taken by the Leader of the Council and/or individual Cabinet Members.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet NOTED the decisions taken within the agenda supplement provided.

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