

**Cabinet Committee Report to Full Council
Thursday 18 April 2024**

On Thursday 14 March 2024 the committee considered the following items

1. FORWARD PLAN

Cabinet noted the Forward Plan.

2. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

3. Member Questions

There were no member questions.

4. BUSINESS RATES RELIEF 2024/2025 RETAIL, HOSPITALITY, AND LEISURE SCHEME

Councillor Andy Moore, Cabinet Member for Finance, presented report F.675 to consider a scheme of rate relief for retail premises as outlined by Government in the Autumn Statement 2023.

Resolved, that Cabinet:

- 1) *Approved the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure scheme as set out in Annex A for 2024/2025*
- 2) *Delegated to the Assistant Director for Resident Services the award of such reliefs*

Agreed by assent.

5. SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023-24 QUARTER THREE

Councillor Adrian Birch, Joint Deputy Leader, presented report HPS.104 to provide members with an update on progress on the Council's priorities and service performance.

Resolved, that Cabinet

1. *Noted overall progress on the Council priorities and service performance for 2023-24 Q3.*

Agreed by assent.

6. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - PERIOD THREE

Councillor Andy Moore, Cabinet Member for Finance, presented report F.676. This report provides details of the Council's financial performance for 2023-24 Quarter three.

The report enables Councillors to assess financial performance and to be assured that progress is being made in achieving the Council's Medium Term Finance Strategy.

Resolved, that Cabinet noted;

- (a) *The 2022-23 Quarter Three Financial Performance report; and*
- (b) *The budget virement in Annex B approved by the Chief Finance (S151) Officer*

Agreed by assent.

7. FODDC'S FORMAL RESPONSE TO THE CHELTENHAM BOROUGH, GLOUCESTER CITY, TEWKESBURY BOROUGH STRATEGIC AND LOCAL PLAN (SLP) 'ISSUES AND OPTIONS' CONSULTATION

Councillor Sid Phelps, Cabinet Member for Local Plan, presented report PH.529 to recommend that Cabinet recommend Council to support the suggested formal consultation response to the 'Issues and Options' consultation currently being undertaken by Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Resolved, that Cabinet:

- a) *Noted and endorsed the suggested responses to the 'Issues and Options' consultation.*

Agreed by assent.

8. PRICING STRATEGY FOR COMMUNITY ALARM DIGITAL HARDWARE (LINKLINE AND CARELINE) 2024-2025

Councillor Jackie Dale, Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities, presented report F.677, to approve the pricing strategy, for the new Digital Community Alarm equipment to enable customers to switch from an analogue programme to digital and new clients to be recruited, within existing approved budget parameters.

Resolved, that Cabinet:

Approved the proposed pricing strategy for the new Digital Community Alarm equipment as set out in Annex I for implementation from 1st April 2024 and delegate future budget pricing decisions to the Chief Finance (Section 151) Officer in consultation with the Assistant Director for Resident Services and the Cabinet member for Thriving Communities.

Agreed by assent.

9. PUBLICA REVIEW - LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS TRANSITION PLAN

The Chief Executive Officer presented report HPS.105, to consider the Local Partnerships report and to approve the recommendations therein.

Resolved, that Cabinet;

- 1. Approved the recommendations set out in the Local Partnerships report.*
- 2. The Interim Programme Director prepares a detailed transition plan, building on the recommendations set out in the Local Partnerships report, for subsequent agreement by Cabinet and Council.*

Agreed by assent.

10. GLOUCESTERSHIRE CITY REGION BOARD (GCRB)

Councillor Johnathan Lane, Cabinet Member for Economy presented report HPS.103 to consider the emerging form and function of the Gloucestershire City Region Board (GCRB), the nature of its authority, terms of reference, membership, and joint scrutiny arrangements.

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.

Note - reports with similar recommendations are being taken to the Cabinet/ Executive of each principal Local Authority in Gloucestershire, in parallel.

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 Leader of the Council and the Head of Legal Services, to finalise and complete the Inter-Authority Agreement and any other documentation required 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. That upon the establishment of the GCRB, Cabinet:*
 - 4.1 delegated this Council's functions to the GCRB as are necessary for the delivery of the functions identified in the Terms of Reference at Annex A to this report.*
 - 4.2 confirmed the appointment of the Gloucestershire County Council as the Administering Authority.*
 - 4.3 agreed to nominate the Gloucestershire County Council Cabinet member for Economy & Transformation to the GCRB as the Chair of the Board.*

- 4.4 agreed to appoint the Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC) Leader of the Council to the GCRB as the nominated member of the Board and to nominate the FODDC Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy as the substitute.*
- 4.5 Tasks its representative at the GCRB to ensure that the climate and biodiversity emergency implications for economic growth are considered by the GCRB.*

Agreed by assent.