

Decision Recording Form

**Mayor's decision determined at Cabinet meeting
on 16 JANUARY 2014**

- (a) **Subject :** 2014/15 Budget and 2014/15 to 2016/17 Medium Term Financial Strategy (Recommendations to full Council)
(agenda item 5)
- (b) **Ward :** Citywide
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

Cabinet members present at the meeting:

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor & Cabinet member for Finance & Corporate Services

Cllr Simon Cook, Cabinet member for Leisure, Tourism, Licensing and Community Safety

Cllr Gus Hoyt, Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods, Environment and Council Housing

Cllr Barbara Janke, Cabinet member for Health & Social Care

Cllr Brenda Massey, Cabinet member for Children, Young People & Education

(Apologies received for this meeting from Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Cabinet member for Transport, Planning, Strategic Housing & Regeneration)

(d) **Declarations of interest :**

Councillor Simon Cook (Assistant Mayor – Leisure, Tourism, Licensing and Community Safety) – a personal interest as a trustee of the Bristol Old Vic;

Councillor Geoff Gollop (Deputy Mayor) – as a member of Bristol Savages in Tenant Red Lodge

(e) **Decision taken by the Mayor (recommendation to full Council):**

RESOLVED: that the Mayor's budget proposals in respect of the years 2014/15 to 2016/17 be approved as set out in the report and as amended by the urgent supplementary budget report with the exception of paragraph 9 relating to budget finalisation and be submitted to Council for approval at its meeting on 18 February to :-

- (a) agree the Council's net revenue budget (before the use of Council reserves) for the year 2014/15 as £376.378m and to set the cash-limited revenue budget for each of the Council's directorates for 2014/15;
- (b) agree the Council's provisional revenue spending limit (before the use of Council reserves), for planning purposes, for the year 2015/16 is agreed as £350.187m and for the year 2016/17 is agreed as £338.469m;
- (c) agree the Council's capital budget (including the Housing Programme) for the year 2014/15 is agreed as £190.91m and set the capital budget for each of the Council's directorates for 2014/15;
- (d) agree the Council's provisional capital budget (including the Housing Programme) for the year 2015/16 is agreed as £159.35m and for the year 2016/17 is agreed as £155.84m;
- (e) agree Council's Housing Revenue budget deficit for the year 2014/15 as £10.6m and for planning purposes, the budget surplus for the year 2015/16 is agreed (amount to be confirmed) and for the year 2016/17 is agreed (amount to be confirmed).

(f) **Other options considered and rejected :**

As set out in the report.

(g) **Exempt information?**

None.

(h) **Decision made in exempt session?**

No.

(i) **Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account :**

1. Comments from the Resources Scrutiny Commission.
2. 4 public forum questions - replies were available at the meeting. Copies have been placed in the formal Cabinet decision record book.
3. 143 public forum statements – copies have been placed in the formal Cabinet decision record book.

(j) **Reason for decision:**

As set out in the reports.

Signed : **Date :**
(Mayor of Bristol)

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Decision will come into effect on 24 January 2014
(subject to any call-in referral before that date)

- (a) **Subject :** **Bristol Arena - funding package and operator procurement**
(agenda item 6)
- (b) **Ward :** Lawrence Hill, Windmill Hill and Citywide
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

Cabinet members present at the meeting:

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor & Cabinet member for Finance & Corporate Services

Cllr Simon Cook, Cabinet member for Leisure, Tourism, Licensing and Community Safety

Cllr Gus Hoyt, Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods, Environment and Council Housing

Cllr Barbara Janke, Cabinet member for Health & Social Care

Cllr Brenda Massey, Cabinet member for Children, Young People & Education

(Apologies received for this meeting from Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Cabinet member for Transport, Planning, Strategic Housing & Regeneration)

- (d) **Declarations of interest :**

None.

- (e) **Decision taken by the Mayor:**

That (subject to full Council approval on 18 February 2014), the following be approved:

- 1. That provision be made in the 3 year budget to cover the financing costs of the arena construction, including project development costs.**
- 2. That subject to approval of the Mayor's budget in respect of 1. above, the Strategic Director for Place be authorised to begin the procurement of an arena operator by the most appropriate route**

and (in consultation with the Service Director - Legal Services) to negotiate and settle the terms of the operating lease/contract within the tolerances set out in the report.

3. That future reports be submitted at key stages of the project, specifically:

- **Outcome of operator procurement (November 2014)**
- **Final sign off of funding package prior to construction (June 2015)**

(f) Other options considered and rejected :

As set out in the report.

(g) Exempt information?

None.

(h) Decision made in exempt session?

No.

(i) Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account :

None.

(j) Reason for decision :

As set out in the report.

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- (a) **Subject :** **Under-occupation charge: policy response for council tenants**
(agenda item 7)
- (b) **Ward :** Citywide
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

Cabinet members present at the meeting:

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor & Cabinet member for Finance & Corporate Services

Cllr Gus Hoyt, Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods, Environment and Council Housing

Cllr Barbara Janke, Cabinet member for Health & Social Care

Cllr Brenda Massey, Cabinet member for Children, Young People & Education

(Apologies received for this meeting from Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Cabinet member for Transport, Planning, Strategic Housing & Regeneration)

- (d) **Declarations of interest :**

None.

- (e) **Decision taken by the Mayor:**

1. **That the temporary blanket 'no eviction' policy be ended but that further actions to mitigate the impact of the under occupation charge be implemented, as recommended by the working party in appendix A to the report.**
2. **That the Council's approach to managing rent accounts and dealing with cases in arrears be endorsed, including a range of actions introduced to mitigate the impact of welfare benefit reforms.**

3. That a fund to assist council tenants to move be established as set out later in the report, subject to a Direction from the Secretary of State if required.

(f) Other options considered and rejected :

As set out in the report.

(g) Exempt information?

None.

(h) Decision made in exempt session?

No.

(i) Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account :

One public forum question - a reply was available at the meeting. A copy has been placed in the formal Cabinet decision record book.

One public forum statement . A copy has been placed in the formal Cabinet decision record book. In introducing the report at the meeting, Cllr Gus Hoyt responded to the issues raised in the statement; it was noted that the report had contained an error in relation to the dates of full Council quoted, and that the full Council meeting on 17 December 2013 had been the meeting at which Council members had debated and voted on this issue (i.e. not the September full Council meeting).

(j) Reason for decision :

As set out in the report.

Signed : Date :
(Mayor of Bristol)

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on 16 JANUARY 2014**

Decision will come into effect on 24 January 2014
(subject to any call-in referral before that date)

(a) Subject : Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation
(agenda item 8)

(b) Ward : Citywide

(c) Decision taker: George Ferguson, Mayor

Cabinet members present at the meeting:

Cllr Geoff Gollop, Deputy Mayor & Cabinet member for Finance & Corporate Services

Cllr Barbara Janke, Cabinet member for Health & Social Care

Cllr Gus Hoyt, Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods, Environment and Council Housing

Cllr Brenda Massey, Cabinet member for Children, Young People & Education

(Apologies received for this meeting from Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Cabinet member for Transport, Planning, Strategic Housing & Regeneration)

(d) Declarations of interest :

None.

(e) Decision taken by the Mayor:

- 1. That approval be given to the appointment of a Green Deal provider partner or partners - duration four years - via an EU compliant procurement process.**

Note - A Prior Information Notice was published in December 2013 to initiate the procurement process. The subsequent procurement process will commence following Cabinet approval. This will allow the resultant retrofit programme to commence delivery within the time frames of the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) Programme and Bristol becoming the European Green Capital in 2015.

- 2. That approval be given to the Council entering into arrangement(s) of up to 4 years with Energy Company Obligation funding partner(s).**

Note - A prospectus was published in December 2013 to initiate a competitive exercise, in order to allow for a funding agreement to be put in place prior to the commencement of several energy efficiency projects across the city in 2014 including measures on the Council's social housing stock. The Council's ECO funding partner will only be appointed following Cabinet approval of this recommendation.

3. That delegated authority be given to the City Director, in consultation with:

- a. the Assistant Mayor for Neighbourhoods, Environment and Council Housing,**
- b. the Deputy Mayor for Finance & Corporate Services,**
- c. the Service Director for Finance,**
- d. the Service Director for Legal Services, and**
- e. the Service Director for Landlord Services**

to negotiate and sign the necessary contracts to maximise:

- the uptake of Green Deal measures in the private housing sector, and**
- the amount of ECO funding available for both the Council's social housing stock and the private sector housing stock.**

Exempt Appendix 1b sets out an overview of the current market and relevant key contractual issues.

(f) Other options considered and rejected :

As set out in the report.

(g) Exempt information?

Appendices 1a and 1b were exempt on the grounds of commercial sensitivity.

(h) Decision made in exempt session?

No.

(i) Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account :

None.

(j) Reason for decision :

As set out in the report.

Signed : Date :
(Mayor of Bristol)

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**Mayor's decision determined at Cabinet meeting
on 16 JANUARY 2014**

Decision will come into effect on 24th January 2014
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- (a) **Subject :** **MetroBus project progress & update: Ashton Vale to Temple Meads (AVTM) and city centre, north fringe to Hengrove package & south Bristol link**
(agenda item 9)
- (b) **Ward :** Cabot, Lawrence Hill, Southville, Bishopsworth, Bedminster, Frome Vale, Lockleaze, Eastville, Ashley, Easton, Windmill Hill, Filwood, Hartcliffe, Hengrove & Whitchurch Park
- (c) **Decision taker:** George Ferguson, Mayor

Cabinet members present at the meeting:

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Cllr Gus Hoyt, Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods, Environment and Council Housing

Cllr Barbara Janke, Cabinet member for Health & Social Care

Cllr Brenda Massey, Cabinet member for Children, Young People & Education

(Apologies received for this meeting from Cllr Mark Bradshaw, Cabinet member for Transport, Planning, Strategic Housing & Regeneration)

- (d) **Declarations of interest :**

None.

- (e) **Decision taken by the Mayor:**

1. **That the progress and development of the MetroBus schemes to enable the full approval of the bids by the Department for Transport be noted.**
2. **That delegated authority be given to the City Director to take all decisions necessary to progress and develop the schemes to full approval submission to the Department for Transport without further recourse to Cabinet.**

3. That approval be given for the making of compulsory purchase orders, and the application for statutory consents, licenses and orders to enable project delivery in a timely manner. The compulsory purchase orders would be made under powers contained in the Highways Act 1980 in order to acquire those sites identified in the main body of the report which are considered necessary for the construction and operation of the AVTM MetroBus scheme.
4. That the Service Director for Legal Services be authorised to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the compulsory purchase orders including negotiating and entering into agreements or undertakings with land owners setting out terms for the withdrawal of any objections to the order prior to its confirmation, including where appropriate seeking exclusion of land from the order and/or making arrangement for relocation of occupiers and payment of compensation and vesting of the land acquired in the ownership of the Council.
- (f) **Other options considered and rejected:**
As set out in the report.
- (g) **Exempt information?**
Appendix 4 was exempt on the grounds of commercial sensitivity.
- (h) **Decision made in exempt session?**
No.
- (i) **Additional information at the meeting /documents taken into account :**
None.
- (j) **Reason for decision :**
As set out in the report.

Signed : **Date :**
(Mayor of Bristol)