

Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Thursday, 14 March 2024

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Part A – Items considered in public

A7	Approval of Cultural Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the co-designed Winchester District Cultural Strategy 2024-2030 be approved, which will be led and delivered by the partners operating within the sector, one of which is the council. 2. That the actions and the council's current resource commitments made within it be agreed, as set out in Appendix 1 to report CAB3455. 3. To approve delegated authority to the Service Lead for Economy & Tourism to insert the foreword to the Strategy and make minor 	<p>Report CAB3455 sets out the Cultural Strategy for the Winchester district to 2030. The strategy aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • articulate Winchester district's cultural offer and the benefits it provides, • embolden the sector to work collaboratively and, • act as a lever to attract investment. <p>A stakeholder group, representing a broad range of organisations operating in the cultural sector across the district, has been formed. The council is a partner in this stakeholder group. This group has utilised input from</p>	<p>Do nothing: The council's involvement in the delivery of the cultural strategy is a discretionary function and the council could opt to not get involved and allow the sector to take total responsibility for delivery. This option was rejected due to the important role such a strategy plays in demonstrating the council's leadership to its communities on the future growth of the district, the important role the cultural and creative sector plays in the overall.</p>
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		amendments	<p>sector representatives and resident feedback to collectively agree a vision, set of values, strategic priorities and themes, supported by an action plan.</p> <p>The council is author of this co-designed strategy and will support, facilitate and enable partnership activity acting as convener, offering the opportunity for the sector to come together regularly to share progress, challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>A 'live' and agile approach will be adopted throughout the delivery of the strategy which will allow findings to be included as they became apparent.</p>	

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A8	Tree Management Framework re-procurement	That the Strategic Director – Place be authorised to procure, award and enter into a contract to secure the services of tree contractors to undertake works to Winchester City Council owned and managed trees, by means of a Framework Agreement, in compliance with public procurement regulations and the Council's constitution.	To renew approval to procure, award and enter into a 4-year multi-contractor Framework Agreement to undertake tree works throughout the district, following the expiry in December 2024 of the current 4-year framework agreement.	<p>Doing nothing is not possible due to the need to achieve value for money and to ensure the council complies with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.</p> <p>There is an option to employ an in-house contractor in line with other Local Authorities such as Southampton. However, this has been rejected as it would require an increase in resources to deliver this work. In addition, this workforce would be less flexible than external contractors and less able to respond to high/peak demand.</p> <p>There is also an option to offer the tender to a single contractor. This has been rejected, as this would limit the council's ability to provide</p>

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				a highly flexible and responsive service, particularly in times of greatest need. In addition, the use of multiple contractors will ensure that there is a competitive, realistic schedule of rates which is sustainable for the length of the 4 year contract.
A9	Annual review of the Risk Management Policy 24/25	That the Risk Management Policy for 2024/25, the Risk Appetite Statement for 2024/25 and the current Corporate Risk Register be approved.	<p>Report CAB3453 presents the annual review of the council’s Risk Management Policy and Risk Appetite 2024/25.</p> <p>These define the council’s arrangements for identifying and managing risks and its integration with corporate governance and performance management.</p> <p>There have been updates and amends to the key</p>	None.

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			<p>strategic risks that appear on the Corporate Risk Register over the course of 2023/24, resulting from the quarterly reviews by ELB and Audit and Governance Committee.</p> <p>The report seeks consideration and approval of the reviewed Risk Management Policy and Risk Appetite Statement for 2024/25.</p>	
A10	Q3 Finance & Performance Monitoring Report	That the progress achieved during quarter 3 of 2023/24 be noted and the contents of the report CAB3441 be endorsed.	<p>The Council Plan sets out the strategic priorities of the council and report CAB3441 and Appendix 1 provides a summary of the council's progress during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 (Q3).</p> <p>Appendix 2 provides a financial update for both the General Fund and Housing</p>	Report CAB3441 is for Cabinet to review the comments of the Scrutiny Committee and consider the activity of the council for the period October to December 2023.

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			<p>Revenue Account (HRA) as of 31 December 2023.</p> <p>Appendix 4 provides the refreshed set of key performance indicators adopted in December 2022.</p> <p>Appendix 4 includes highlight reports for each of the council's 'Tier 1' programmes and projects.</p>	