

<h1>Officer Decision Notice</h1>	<p><b>Classification:</b></p> <p><b>Unrestricted or Exempt</b> (If exempt, paragraph relied upon)</p>	 <p><b>STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL</b></p>
<p><b>Report of: Strategic Director of Place (Brendan Cleere)</b></p>		
<p><b>Subject / Title: Stratford Park Maintenance</b></p>		
<p><b>Date of Decision: 14 April 2020</b></p>		

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This notice records the decision to transfer the maintenance of Stratford Park and Brimscombe Cemetery from the current contractor (IdVerde) to Ubico, at the end of the current contract term. Also to reallocate funding of £95k from revenue to capital to support the project. This follows a period of investigation by officers over the past 12 months. Full background and details are provided in the accompanying report.
- 1.2 Normally, decisions on capital allocations are taken by Strategy and Resources Committee and/or Full Council. However, in consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources and Section 151 Officer, it is advised that sufficient funding is available, and approved, within the Medium Term Financial Plan to be reallocated as capital spend of £95k by way of officer decision, during this emergency period.

## 2. DECISION TAKEN

- 2.1 To approve the transfer of the grounds maintenance contract for Stratford Park and Brimscombe Cemetery to Ubico from 1 December 2020.
- 2.2 To allocate capital funding of £95k for the project from within the current Medium Term Financial Plan.

## 3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 3.1 The accompanying report published alongside this decision notice sets out the full reasons for the decision.

**4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 A competitive tender process could have been run. However, this was considered likely to cost more in the medium term and to lack the ongoing flexibility, resilience and other benefits highlighted in the accompanying report.

**5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 In reaching this decision, the decision maker has consulted with and has the agreement of the following:

- Chief Executive
- Section 151 Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Leaders of all political groups
- The Chairs of Environment Committee and Strategy and Resources Committee

**6. Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

- 6.1 None.

Signed...Brendan Cleere  
(Strategic Director of Place)

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