


Record of Cabinet portfolio holder decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Councillor Roger Cox
Key decision?	No
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	21 March 2019
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Donna Pentelow, Head of Community Services
Officer contact details	Tel: 01235 422683 Email: donna.pentelow@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To support Oxfordshire being a host venue for the OVO Energy Women's Tour in 2019, 2020 and 2021. 2. To agree a virement from contingency of £26,666 to pay the council's share of the hosting fee for year one of the event in 2019. 3. To agree that any delivery costs for year one (2019) that cannot be funded through existing budgets, will be met from in year underspends or, if required, by further virement from contingency. 4. To recommend to Council to agree to fund the council's share of the hosting fee a sum of £26,666 for years two and three (2020 and 2021). 5. To authorise the Head of Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services, to engage with the event organisers and multi-agency delivery team to facilitate the OVO Energy Women's Tour in 2019, 2020, and 2021.
Reasons for decision	Oxfordshire have secured an agreement with the event organisers of the OVO Energy Women's Tour. The OVO Energy Women's Tour is the UK's biggest and most prestigious women's bike race. A founder member of the UCI Women's WorldTour, the race attracts the world's top cyclists - including Olympic and World Champions - to compete on British roads over five days each June.

	<p>All the councils in Oxfordshire have agreed in principle at an Oxfordshire Leaders meeting on 4 March to Oxfordshire being a host venue for the next three years. This will include hosting the overall start and finish in 2020 and 2021 and hosting a stage in 2019. This is being led by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) who will contract with the event organiser, SweetSpot.</p> <p>The OVO Energy Women's Tour presents an exciting opportunity to showcase the county, and to maximise the potential economic value, building on the successes of Science Vale UK, and the recent government announcement of significant investment in transport infrastructure for southern Oxfordshire. SweetSpot estimate the economic benefits of their 2018 events (which include The Tour of Britain, the Women's Tour and RideLondon) as being in excess of £32million.</p> <p>The OVO Energy Women's Tour will also bring energy and focus to engage with local communities around the health and wellbeing agenda.</p>
<p>Alternative options rejected</p>	<p>Do not agree to be part of the host venue (Oxfordshire) This has been rejected due to the economic and social benefits of this major event coming through our districts.</p> <p>The tour provides an exciting opportunity to engage with local communities and cycling groups particularly around the health and wellbeing agenda.</p> <p>SweetSpot estimate the economic benefits of their 2018 events (which include The Tour of Britain, the Women's Tour and RideLondon) as being in excess of £32million, so South and Vale have the opportunity to maximise the potential value the tour can bring both economically and socially.</p>
<p>Legal implications</p>	<p>This is being led by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) who will contract with the event organiser, SweetSpot. The contract between OCC and SweetSpot is being finalised.</p> <p>The council will need to enter into a funding agreement with OCC to protect the council.</p>
<p>Financial implications</p>	<p>Vale of White Horse's share for year one of the event, 2019, will be £26,666 to be funded via a virement from contingency. Officers are not expecting significant additional delivery costs. However, sponsorship will be sought for the event, which would offset any delivery costs should they be incurred.</p>
<p>Other implications</p>	<p>As well as the event delivery, officers will be working on how to engage with local communities and cycling groups</p>

	<p>particularly around volunteering and the health and wellbeing agenda and so South and Vale can maximise the potential value the tour can bring economically and socially. SweetSpot estimate the economic benefits of their 2018 events (which include The Tour of Britain, the Women's Tour and RideLondon) as being in excess of £32million.</p>			
Background papers considered	None.			
Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?	None.			
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Ward councillors			
	Legal	Pat Connell	Suggested modifications incorporated	15.03.19
	Finance	Simon Hewings	Suggested modifications incorporated	15.03.19
	Human resources			
	Sustainability			
	Diversity and equality	Cheryl Reeves	Agreed	14.03.19
	Communications	Andy Roberts	Agreed	14.03.19
	SMT	Andrew Down Adrianna Partridge	Suggested modifications incorporated	18.03.19
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No			
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	N/A			
Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?				
Cabinet portfolio holder's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature <u></u> Date <u>21 March 2019</u>			

ONCE SIGNED, THIS FORM MUST BE HANDED TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.

For Democratic Services office use only		
Form received	Date: 21-3-19	Time: 10:00
Date published to all councillors	Date: 21-3-19	
Call-in deadline	Date: NOT APPLICABLE	Time: —