

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY

21st February 2012

PRESENT

Lord Mayor (Councillor Mulhall)

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Sawdon)

Councillor Mrs Abbott	Councillor Lancaster
Councillor Andrews	Councillor Lapsa
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Mrs Lepoidevin
Councillor Bailey	Councillor Mrs Lucas
Councillor Bains	Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Mrs. Bigham	Councillor Maton
Councillor Blundell	Councillor Mrs Miks
Councillor Chater	Councillor J. Mutton
Councillor Clifford	Councillor Mrs. M. Mutton
Councillor Crookes	Councillor Nellist
Councillor Mrs. Dixon	Councillor Noonan
Councillor Duggins	Councillor O'Boyle
Councillor Field	Councillor Ridley
Councillor Mrs Fletcher	Councillor Ruane
Councillor Foster	Councillor Sandy
Councillor Gannon	Councillor Sehmi
Councillor Gazey	Councillor Singh
Councillor Hammon	Councillor Skinner
Councillor Harvard	Councillor Skipper
Councillor Mrs Hetherton	Councillor Mrs Sweet
Councillor Howells	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Mrs Johnson	Councillor Townshend
Councillor Kelly	Councillor Walsh
Councillor Kershaw	Councillor Welsh
Councillor A. Khan	Councillor Williams
Councillor T. Khan	

Apologies: Councillor Lakha

Public Business

109. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2012, were signed as a true record.

110. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business indicated below on the grounds that this item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act as indicated.

Minute No.	Subject	Relevant Paragraphs(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
120	Coventry's District Heating Scheme, Heatline – Appointment of Commercial Energy Partner	3

111. Death of Former Councillor and Lady Mayoress – Mrs Meto Lakha

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent death of former Councillor and Lady Mayoress, Mrs Meto Lakha, who represented Radford Ward from 1992 to 1994 and Foleshill Ward 2000 to 2004.

Meto was Lady Mayoress in 2005/6 and served as a member on Education, Leisure Services and Transport & Highways Committees as well as the North Area Forum.

Members paid tribute to the work undertaken by Meto and noted that a letter expressing the Council's sincere condolences had already been sent to Councillor Ram Lakha and family expressing the Council's sincere condolences.

Members stood for one minute's silence.

112. Petitions

RESOLVED that the following petitions be referred to the appropriate City Council body or external organisation:

- (a) Opposing proposed bus route in Skipworth Road – 80 signatures, presented by Councillor Mrs Abbott**
- (b) Request for railings on St Bernards Walk and speed ramps on Mary Slessor Street – 57 signatures, presented by Councillor Chater (on behalf of Councillor Lakha).**
- (c) Request for a safety railing and pelican crossing and a Heath Crescent Safety Review - 123 signatures, presented by Councillor Bains.**
- (d) Opposing the discontinuance of the number 3 and 4 bus routes – 563 signatures, presented by Councillor Auluck.**
- (e) Request to protect services at St Thomas's Day Care Centre – 80 signatures, presented by Councillor Duggins.**

- (f) **Objection to the use of roads and paths in the London Road Cemetary – 44 signatures, presented by Councillor Noonan.**

113. Declarations of Interest

The following Members declared interests as follows:

Interests in Recommendations for the City Council

Personal Interests

Minute 115 (2012/13 Budget Setting)

- Councillor Hetherton – Trade Union Representative
- Councillor Nellist – Wife is a Trade Union Official

Minute 116 (Transforming Public Health)

- Councillor Chater – Arden Cluster Non-Executive Director
- Councillor Sawdon – Non-executive Member of University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire Trust
- Councillor Towshend – Chair of University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust

114. 2012/13 Council Tax Setting

Further to Minute 110/11 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of Finance and Legal Services, which calculated the Council Tax level for 2012/13.

The report indicated that, as part of the 2011/12 budget setting process, Councils were compensated by central Government for maintaining tax levels at, or below, the previous year's level. This reward took the form of a grant equivalent to a 2.5% increase in Council tax. This scheme had been maintained and extended into 2012/13 to provide additional grant to Councils that maintained fixed or reduced Council Tax levels. As a result of maintaining its Council tax at 2010/11 levels, Coventry received £2.9m in 2011/12.

It was recommended that Council Tax levels for 2012/13 remain unchanged, which would result in the Council receiving a cumulative Council Tax Freeze Grant of £5.9m (£2.9m related to the previous year's freeze and an additional £3m for this year).

However, it was noted that the Government did not intend to provide Council Tax Freeze grants indefinitely. The compensation provided for not increasing the tax in 2011/12 would be provide for a period of four years (2011/12 – 2014/15) and the compensation provided for not increasing the tax in 2012/13 was for one year only.

The precepts from both the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority and the West Midlands Police Authority, having now agreed the figures at their respective budget setting meetings, were confirmed to be as detailed in the report.

The recommendations followed the structure of resolutions drawn up by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, to ensure that legal requirements were fully adhered to in setting the tax. As a consequence, the wording of the proposed resolution was necessarily complex. In addition, the recommendations were set out to comply with the new requirements of the Localism Act 2011. However, some aspects of this Act were only approved by Parliament recently and work had been continuing to identify the precise form of words required as a result of this legislation. It was therefore proposed that a further recommendation be added to indicate that the Council determined its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 was not excessive, in accordance with principles approved under Sections 52ZC and 52ZD of the Act.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

(1) Note the following Council Tax base amounts for the year 2012/13, as approved by Cabinet on 3rd January 2012, in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) ("the Act"):

(a) 89,393.9 being the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for the whole Council area;

**(b) Allesley 362.8
Keresley 226.2**

Being the amounts calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(2) Agree that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2012/13 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Act:

a) £740,161,568 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils (*Gross Expenditure and reserves required to be raised for estimated future expenditure*);

b) £621,816,823 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. (*Gross Income including reserves to be used to meet the Gross Expenditure but excluding Council Tax income*);

c) £118,344,745 being the amount by which the aggregate at (2) a) above exceeds the aggregate at (2) b) above, calculated by

the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as it's Council Tax requirement for the year;

d)	£1,323.86	<u>(2) c)</u> (1) a)	=	<u>£118,344,745</u> 89,393.9
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Being the amount at (2) c) above divided by the amount at (1) a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the Year (*Average Council Tax at Band D for the City including Parish Precepts*);

e)	£5,100.00	being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (<i>Parish Precepts</i>);		
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f)	£1,323.80	= (2) d) – <u>(2) e)</u> =	£1,323.86	–
		<u>£5,100.00</u> (1) a)		
		89,393.9		

Being the amount at (2) d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at (2) e) above by the amounts at (1) a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special item relates. (*Council Tax at Band D for the City excluding Parish Precepts*);

g)	Coventry Unparished Area	£1,323.80
	Allesley	£1,333.72
	Keresley	£1,330.43

Being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (2) f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (1) b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (*Council Taxes at Band D for the City and Parish*);

h)

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£
A	882.53	889.14	886.95
B	1029.62	1037.34	1034.78
C	1176.71	1185.53	1182.60
D	1323.80	1333.72	1330.43
E	1617.98	1630.10	1626.08
F	1912.16	1926.49	1921.74
G	2206.33	2222.86	2217.38
H	2647.60	2667.44	2660.86

Being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (2) g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwelling listed in different valuation bands.

- (3) Note that for the year 2012/13 the West Midlands Police Authority and West Midlands Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

Valuation Band	West Midlands Police Authority	West Midlands Fire Authority
	£	£
A	66.30	31.89
B	77.35	37.20
C	88.40	42.52
D	99.45	47.83
E	121.54	58.46
F	143.64	69.09
G	165.74	79.72
H	198.89	95.66

- (4) Agree that having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (2) h) and (3) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2012/13 for each part of its area and for each part of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£
A	980.72	987.33	985.14
B	1144.17	1151.89	1149.33
C	1307.63	1316.45	1313.52
D	1471.08	1481.00	1477.71
E	1797.98	1810.10	1806.08
F	2124.89	2139.22	2134.47
G	2451.79	2468.32	2462.84
H	2942.15	2961.99	2955.41

- (5) **Agree that the Council determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2012/13 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Sections 52ZC and 52ZD of the Act.**

115. 2012/13 Budget Setting

Further to Minute 111/11 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of Finance and Legal Services, which outlined the proposed final revenue budget for 2012/13, following a period of public consultation on a range of budget options which had been previously considered by the Cabinet on 29th November 2011.

2012/13 was the second year of four covered by the current Spending Review which set out the Government's spending plans incorporating significant reductions in the real level of resources available to local government. The Council faced financial pressures of an unprecedented level over the next few years and the final settlement for 2012/13 confirmed a further reduction in Formula Grant of £12m.

The Council responded to the anticipated reduction in resource levels through its abc Programme of Transformation projects and other approaches designed to meet the financial challenge. The report set out a range of recommended savings and spending proposals that together produced a balanced budget whilst allowing the Council to continue to deliver its key policies. The abc programme involved a number of projects which were reviewing fundamentally the Council's current service provision with the objectives of achieving improved services to customers as well as significant cost reductions. The report indicated that the medium term financial plan anticipated significant further future savings from the abc Programme to help balance the Council's budget. However, although these proposals would enable the Council to set a balanced budget for 2012/13, the medium term financial position still showed a revenue budget gap of £14m in 2013/14 and £27m in 2014/15.

Legislative changes to the way the Council was required to show its budget meant that the Council Tax Setting report which had also been submitted to this meeting (Minute 114 refers), recommended a 'Council Tax Requirement' for 2012/13 rather than the 'Budget Requirement' that had been recommended in previous years. The implications of this were detailed within the report submitted. The Council Tax Requirement for 2012/13 was £118.3m. On the previously reported Budget

Requirement basis, the Council's net revenue budget funded by Formula Grant and Council Tax would decrease by £9.7m from £277.1m in 2011/12 to £267.4m in 2012/13. The total or gross revenue budget, which also included spending funded by specific grants and fees and charges, would be £740.2m.

The budget recommended was based on no increase in the Council Tax above the 2011/12 levels. On this basis the Government had agreed to fund, on a one-off basis, a Council Tax-Freeze Compensation Grant equivalent to a 2.5% increase in Council Tax or £2.96m. The Cabinet noted that when the grant falls out after 2012/13, this would represent a loss of resources to the City Council.

The report proposed a Capital Programme of £57m for 2012/13 and £111m for the period 2013/14 to 2016/7. In the main, this consisted of schemes and programmes that had already been approved plus programmes of essential expenditure in the areas of property, highways maintenance and ICT infrastructure plus a new £1m programme of pavement maintenance and provision for new cemetery facilities at the Lenton's Lane site. The 2012/13 programme required a level of prudential borrowing of £9m to support investment in specific schemes. The revenue impact of repaying this borrowing was taken into account in the revenue budget.

The Council was also required to approve its Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators on an annual basis and these were incorporated within the report submitted.

An amendment, as detailed in Appendix A to these minutes, was moved by Councillor Blundell, seconded by Councillor Foster and lost.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (1) Approve the final spending and savings proposals as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.**
- (2) Approve the total 2012/13 revenue budget of £740.2m detailed in table 2 and Appendix 3 of the report, established in line with a zero city Council Tax increase, acceptance of the Council Tax Freeze Compensation Grant and the Council Tax Requirement recommended in the Council Tax Setting report.**
- (3) Note the Director of Finance and Legal Services' comments confirming the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves, as detailed in Section 9 of the report.**
- (4) Approve the Capital Programme of £57m for 2012/13 and the future years' commitments arising from this programme of £111m in 2013/14 to 2016/17 as detailed in Section 6 and Appendix 5 of the report.**
- (5) Approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2012/13 (Section 7), the revised Investment Policy (Appendix 6) for immediate implementation, the revised Treasury Management Policy Statement (Appendix 7) and adopt the prudential indicators and limits described in Section 7 and summarised in Appendix 8.**

(Note: In accordance with paragraphs 4.1.35.3 and 4.1.35.5 of the City Council's Constitution, it was agreed that agenda items 7.1.1 (2012/13 Council Tax Setting) and 7.1.2 (2012/13 Budget Setting) be taken as one item.)

116. Transforming Public Health

Further to Minute 116 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Chief Executive, which outlined the preparations the Council was making to implement changes resulting from the 2011 Health and Care Social Care Bill, including the transfer of the Director of Public Health into the local authority.

The report had also been considered by the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (Scrutiny Board 5) at their meeting held on 25th January, 2012. A briefing note detailing their consideration of the matter, along with their recommendations, was appended to the report. The report would also be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 12th March 2012.

The 2011 Health and Social Care Bill, introduced by the national coalition Government, proposed a range of changes to the National Health Service, including the transfer of the majority of public health functions from PCT to upper tier local authorities. There had been significant extensions to timescales for the passage of this legislation through Parliament, and the report indicated that there may therefore be some delays to the original timescales for implementation of the proposed changes.

The changes outlined in the Bill were to include the transfer to upper tier local authorities of the Director of Public Health, and the accompanying and requisite legal powers and budget for the Director of Public Health to discharge their duties as required from 1st April 2013. The proposals were outlined in "Healthy Lives, Healthy People" and further elaborated on in more recent guidance.

The report outlined the preparations the Council was making for these changes and the decisions and steps that were required to complete this transfer, in order to place Coventry in the best possible position for the future. These steps and decisions would enable the Council, through using the abc methodology, to undertake a transformational change and integrate public health across the whole Council instead of replicating the current system. In summary, the proposals included:

- The appointment of a substantive Director of Public Health for Coventry to the local authority, subject to the current legislative framework.
- Determination and agreement of a new transformational vision, service design and operating framework for Public Health which recognised the opportunities and challenges ahead, but integrated across the whole of the City, making Public Health a core aspect of everything the Council does for the citizens of Coventry.
- Agreement with the NHS Coventry and the Department of Health on how the Council could implement these arrangements as soon as possible and formalise that with a clear agreement and Memorandum of Understanding.
- Taking steps to change and transform the City Council as an organisation

and to integrate Public Health at the highest levels, with the Director of Public Health becoming a member of the Management Board and making necessary constitutional changes to give the Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) and the Director of Public Health the necessary authority to lead the organisation in reducing health inequality, improving health and wellbeing and supporting the citizens of Coventry to live longer, healthier and more independent lives.

Having considered the briefing note submitted by Scrutiny Board 5, the Cabinet had agreed to include the additional recommendations proposed by the Board.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (1) In conjunction with the requisite NHS and other health and academic bodies as required by legislation, appoints a Director of Public Health, and report to the Chief Executive.**
- (2) Delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Policy, Leadership and Governance) to enter into a memorandum of understanding, in order to facilitate the transfer of the relevant public health functions (including services, staff and resources) from NHS Coventry to the Coventry City Council, prior to legislative requirements. The transfer will be undertaken as a transformational exercise, ensuring that the function will be fit for the future, and will be completed as part of the abc programme.**
- (3) Delegate appropriate decision-making responsibility to the Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services) and the Director of Public Health commensurate with the role, and to note that a further report detailing amendments to the Council's constitution will be submitted to the Council for approval prior to May 2012.**
- (4) Agree the role of the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, and note the revised terms of reference, and continue to appoint members through the Annual General Meeting of the Council.**
- (5) Agree that the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board and the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee be involved in the early stages of the transformational change programme.**
- (6) Agree that the Constitution Working Group be asked when considering the incorporation of the Health and Wellbeing Board into the Council's Constitution, to consider enabling participation by all elected Members in this important area of Council decision-making.**
- (7) Note that the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and the Chair of Scrutiny Board 5 would be holding an all-Member seminar on the abc Transforming Public Health Review on 5th March 2012.**

117. Coventry's District Heating Scheme, Heatline – Appointment of Commercial Partner

Further to Minute 120/11 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development, which outlined the current position in relation to Coventry's District Heating Scheme, Heatline, along with proposal for the appointment of a commercial energy partner.

A corresponding private report detailing confidential financial aspects of this matter was also submitted to this meeting (Minute 120 below refers).

As part of the sustainability and low carbon agenda for the City, the Council was developing a heating network called Heatline. Initially this was for the city centre, in partnership with Coventry University and their estate. The aspiration was that the scheme would grow and expand over the next 25 years, providing a number of locations across the City Centre with a renewable source of energy.

The initial aim of the project was to utilise the steam, which was a by-product of the incineration process, to be supplied by Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company (CSWDC), and to maximise carbon dioxide savings for the City. The Cabinet were advised that utilising the steam to generate heat in this way would have a number of benefits including the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions, conservation of natural resources, reduction of the carbon tax liability, improvement of the carbon footprint for individual participants and the city as a whole, and help with meeting the Government's carbon reduction targets and improving Coventry's credentials both nationally and internationally as a green dynamic city. It was anticipated that this in turn would bring added benefits such as inward investment and job opportunities.

The scheme itself would comprise of a network of insulated underground pipes to deliver heat, in the form of hot water, from the point of generation (the Energy from Waste (EfW) plant on London Road) to the end users.

The Council had secured £1.6m grant funding from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to part fund the cost of installing the main heating pipeline from the EfW plant into the city centre. In addition, numerous feasibility studies had been done showing the clear viability and opportunity of the scheme. The total estimated cost of the capital investment was £10m and the commercial energy partner was expected to finance the remainder of the cost after the HCA grant.

Once the HCA grant had been secured, the Council entered into procurement, in order to appoint a commercial partner to design, build, finance and operate Heatline. The main end user of the heat in the city centre would initially be the Council officers and leisure facilities, such as the city centre sports centre, the transport museum and the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum along with the University and Cathedral. There would be potential to expand the network over future phases, with the plan in the future to expand the district heating network to residential properties within the vicinity of the city centre, the proposed Friargate and Royal Mail sorting office development and the wider City Centre redevelopment.

Short listed bidders had returned tenders, which would be evaluated using the fixed evaluation criteria throughout January and February, with a decision on whether

to proceed with the scheme and which bidder to appoint being made at the end of February/early March to ensure that the conditions of the HCA grant were satisfied. The report outlined the proposed framework and set of tolerances for making those decisions, within the timescales required under the HCA agreement.

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Lapsa and seconded by Councillor Foster:

“That Council amends recommendation 6 on page 2 of the report as follows:

At the end of recommendation 6, delete “.” And insert “, including a full review of potential termination costs”.

Amended recommendation 6 to read:

“Give delegated responsibility to the Cabinet Member for Sustainability and Local Infrastructure, Director of City Services and Development and Director of Finance and Legal Services to complete and award a contract to the selected contractor based on the recommendations of officers who will undertake the evaluation of the bids received, including a full review of potential termination costs.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the above amendment be withdrawn. The following amendment was subsequently moved by Councillor Mutton, seconded by Councillor Foster and carried:

Additional recommendation:

(5) In exercising their delegated authority, the Directors and Cabinet Member will ensure that they balance the benefits of the Project against the risks, including that of early termination, prior to contract completion.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (1) Agree that on completion of the tender evaluation, to enter into contracts with the selected contractor within the financial parameters set out and on the terms detailed within the report.**
- (2) Give delegated authority to the Cabinet Member (Sustainability and Local Infrastructure), Director of City Services and Development and the Director of Finance and Legal Services to complete and award a contract to the selected contractor based on the recommendations of officers who will undertake the evaluation of the bids received.**
- (3) Complete supply agreement with the University and the Cathedral conditional upon completion of the Heatline infrastructure by the selected contractor.**
- (4) Underwrite the known project management costs for Heatline of up to £150,000.**

- (5) Agree that, in exercising their delegated authority, the Directors and Cabinet Member will ensure that they balance the benefits of the Project against the risks, including that of early termination, prior to contract completion.**

118. Outcome of Consultation on the Adoption of Street Trading Laws Across the City

Further to Minute 64/11 of the Cabinet Member (Community Services and Equality) meeting, the City Council considered a report of the Director of Community Services which reported on the outcome of the consultation on the following proposals in relation to street trading:

- a) rescind the prohibited areas around Highfield Road which are no longer required;
- b) maintain the existing consent trading area within the ring road;
- c) authorise the Assistant Director (Public Safety and Housing) to commence the consultation process that may lead to designate all areas outside the city centre as consent streets;
- d) an appropriate table of fees for street trading;
- e) draft standard operating terms and conditions.

At present, street trading controls had not been applied throughout the City although there were specific controls in place in two areas; firstly, there was a declared consent area within the ring road currently managed by City Services and Development; and secondly there was a prohibited area around the site of the old football ground at Highfield Road, brought in some years ago to control street trading on football match days.

The broad proposal was to extend the current consent area to the whole of the city and revoke the redundant prohibited area at Highfield Road.

Feedback from the required statutory consultation had generally been positive with a particular acknowledgement that the legislation would be an additional tool to deal with nuisance car sales.

Following the responses received through the consultation, a number of options had been reviewed by Officers and these were detailed in the report.

- 1. Amend the terms and conditions to incorporate clarification of the definition of private car sales
- 2. Extend the exclusion area for mobile traders from school entrances and exits to promote healthy eating
- 3. Review the need for consent in respect of Community events
- 4. Take no action and continue with the proposals as outlined in the Cabinet Member report 1st September 2011

In considering the report, the Cabinet Member had requested that the following be incorporated into the policy:

- Recommendations for prosecution to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee shall be made by the Assistant Director (Public Safety and Housing) in consultation with the Cabinet Member responsible for Community Safety and Public Protection.
- Where officers deemed it appropriate or proportionate, a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) or an enhanced CRB check be undertaken for certain applications.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (1) **Designate all streets within the Coventry City Council boundary as Consent Streets for the purposes of the Street Trading regime with effect from 1st April 2012.**
- (2) **Remove the designation of Prohibited Street around Highfield Road with effect from 1st April 2012.**
- (3) **Authorise the Assistant Director (Public Safety and Housing) to advertise the above resolutions in accordance with Paragraphs 2 of Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.**
- (4) **Approve the Street Trading Consent Terms and Conditions and Fee Structure for the Street Trading regime as recommended by the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities).**
- (5) **Delegate authority to the Assistant Director (Public Safety and Housing) to make minor amendments to the Street Trading Consent Terms and Conditions, to approve fee waivers in appropriate cases and to adjust the fee levels in line with inflation, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member responsible for Public Safety.**

119. Statement of the Leader

There was no statement.

Private Business

120. Coventry's District Heating Scheme, Heatline – Appointment of Commercial Partner

Further to Minute 117 above, the City Council considered a report of the Director of City Services and Development, which detailed confidential financial information in respect of the current position in relation to Coventry's District Heating Scheme, Heatline, along with proposal for the appointment of a commercial energy partner.

An addendum to the report, which provided further information in respect of the grant from the HCA which had arisen after the Cabinet report had been written, was tabled.

In moving the recommendation and, in accordance with Minute 117 above, the Cabinet Member (Sustainability and Local Infrastructure) moved and re-stated the following additional recommendation:

(7) In exercising their delegated authority, the Directors and Cabinet Member will ensure that they balance the benefits of the Project against the risks, including that of early termination, prior to contract completion.

RESOLVED that, after due consideration of the options and proposals contained in the report and matters referred to at the meeting, the Cabinet recommends that Council:

- (1) On completion of the tender evaluation, to enter into contracts with the selected contractor within the financial parameters set out and on the terms detailed within the report.**
- (2) Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member (Sustainability and Local Infrastructure), Director of City Services and Development and the Director of Finance and Legal Services to complete and award a contract to the selected contractor based on the recommendations of officers who will undertake the evaluation of the bids received.**
- (3) Complete supply agreement with the University and the Cathedral conditional upon completion of the Heatline infrastructure by the selected contractor.**
- (4) Underwrite the known project management costs for Heatline of up to £150,000.**
- (5) Enter into a legal agreement to accept a further infrastructure investment, to the sum indicated in the addendum to the report, from the Homes and Communities Agency to help fund the Coventry Heatline Scheme.**
- (6) Notify the four bidders of the additional investment of capital into the scheme and seek from them revised prices to reflect the lower capital cost of the scheme to them.**
- (7) In exercising their delegated authority, the Directors and Cabinet Member will ensure that they balance the benefits of the Project against the risks, including that of early termination, prior to contract completion.**

(Meeting closed: 7.30 pm)

Conservative Group Alternative Budget Proposals 2012/13

Item	Title	Impact of Change 2012/13		Impact of Change 2013/14	
		£000	£000	£000	£000
	<u>Revenue Spending Proposals</u>				
1	Protect Children's Centres	192		192	
2	Funding for Residents Parking Schemes	50		0	
3	Ward/Community based initiatives	90		90	
4	Apprenticeship Initiative	1000		1000	
5	Pay Award for those earning under £21K (One-Off)	600			
			1,932		1,282
	<u>Revenue Savings</u>				
6	Create a Resource Directorate	(140)		(280)	
7	Trade Union Facility Time	(150)		(150)	
8	Mayoral Referendum (Line 2 Appendix 4)	(130)			
9	Additional costs associated with Mayor (Line 3 Appendix 4)	(50)		(150)	
10	Local Advertising	(10)		(20)	
11	Apprenticeship Priority (line 26 Appendix 4)	(200)		(250)	
12	Citivision (Web Based)	(40)		(40)	
			(720)		(890)
	<u>Other Resources</u>				
13	Transfer from Capital Budget (see below)	(1,000)		(392)	
14	Use of 2011/12 Underspend	(212)			
			(1,212)		(392)
Balanced Revenue Budget			0		0

Item	Title	Impact of Change 2012/13	
		£000	£000
<u>Capital Programme - Delayed Expenditure to Balance Revenue Budget</u>			
13	Strategic ICT Projects (see above)	(1,000)	

Impact of Change 2013/14	
£000	£000
(392)	