



Coventry City Council

Agenda

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

12:00 noon on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2006 **PLEASE NOTE START TIME**

Place

Committee Rooms, Council House, Coventry

Public Business

- 1 **Apologies and Substitutions**
- 2 **Declarations of Interests**
- 3 **Minutes** of the meetings held on 25th October (attached)
- 4 **Consideration of Call ins**

4.1 Call ins Stage 2

To consider the following call in from the Members shown. In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, these Members have been invited to attend the meeting for the consideration of their call in and at least one of them must attend the meeting or the call-in will fail.

4.1.1 **Cabinet 31st October, 2006 (Councillor H Noonan)**

Delivering Modernisation and Efficiencies in Social Care in Order to Balance the Budget in Learning Disabilities Services

Joint Report (attached)

Called in by:-

- (1) Councillors Mutton, Kelly and Clifford

The reason for the call in is, "To better understand how lowering peoples income helps to promote independence."

- (2) Councillors Maton, Kelly and Clifford

The reason for the call in is, " To understand the impact of the day care review for older people and its impact on service users given the anticipated saving of £223,000. To assess the reality of being able to achieve paid for real work opportunities for the client group – the availability of appropriate jobs, access to appropriate training and the existence of agencies to provide job brokerage and in-work support to enable this aspiration to be delivered.

To understand why there is anticipated to be a reduction in demand for supporting people staff at a time when client group numbers are increasing. To also understand the implication of the reduction in posts in the Performance Improvement Unit at a time when savings are anticipated in the Social Care budget through improved performance. To understand the nature of Contract Efficiency Savings – when the report highlights the difficulty in delivering such efficiencies in the past. To understand the impact of cuts in services through withholding inflation allowances. To review the implications of maintaining, through the increased management of vacancies, more unfilled posts."

(3) Councillors Nellist, Windsor and Ms McKay

The reason for the call in is, " To question the strategy that 'independence will be promoted' by the measures proposed and to explore the necessity of the deletion of posts."

- NOTE:** (i) The Cabinet amended recommendation 2.1 of the report considered by the addition of the following to the end of the paragraph:-

"subject to any further consultation with the appropriate Trade Unions, and that any amendment to the proposals be submitted to the Cabinet Meeting on the 12th December, 2006."

The Cabinet noted that Paragraph 5.8.1.5 of the report should be deleted and replaced with the wording set out on report 4.1.1(a) attached.

- (ii) All Members calling in the decision indicated above have indicated that attendance by the relevant Cabinet Member is required for the Stage 2 consideration of this item.
- (iii) All Members calling in the decisions indicated above have indicated that they wish the matter to be referred on to the relevant Scrutiny Board after consideration by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

4.1.2 Cabinet 31st October, 2006 (Councillor Ridley)

Review of Library Buildings

Report of the Director of Community Services (attached)

Called in by Councillors Nellist, Windsor and Ms McKay

The reason for the call in is, "To further understand the rationale behind the closure proposal and the suitability of alternative provision for the residents of the area."

- NOTE:** (i) The Members calling in the decision indicated above have indicated that attendance by the relevant Cabinet Member is required for the Stage 2 consideration of this item.
- (ii) The Members calling in the decisions indicated above have indicated that they wish the matter to be referred on to the relevant Scrutiny Board after consideration by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

4.1.3 **Cabinet 31st October, 2006 (Councillor Blundell)**

Lease Terms for New Academy to Replace Woodway Park School

Joint Report (attached)

Called in by Councillors Nellist, Ms McKay and Windsor

The reason for the call-in is, "To understand why it is proposed to grant a 125 year lease on the Woodway Park Site."

- NOTE:**
- (i) The Members calling in the decision indicated above have indicated that attendance by the relevant Cabinet Member is required for the Stage 2 consideration of this item.
 - (ii) The Members calling in the decisions indicated above have indicated that they wish the matter to be referred on to the relevant Scrutiny Board after consideration by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

4.2 **Call ins - Stage 1**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services will report on any call ins that have been received.

In relation to each call in received:-

- a) to determine whether or not it is appropriate, using the agreed criteria.
- b) if it meets the criteria, to decide which Cabinet Members/officers should attend when the call in is considered.

5 **Scrutiny Annual Report**

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee (attached)

6 **Outstanding Issues**

Report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (attached).

7 **2006/07 Work Programmes**

7.1 To give consideration to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee's Work Programme for 2006/07 (attached)

7.2 To note any changes to the work programmes for Scrutiny Boards (1), (2), (3) and (4).

8 Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

Christopher R Hinde, Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Council House, Coventry

Tuesday 14th November, 2006

- Notes:
- 1) The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Alison Townsend, Council House, Coventry. Telephone 7683 3080, email alison.townsend@coventry.gov.uk.
 - 2) **Substitutes** - Council Members who are not able to attend the Meeting should notify Alison Townsend (tel. 7683 3080) as soon as possible and no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2006, giving their reasons for absence and the name of the Council Member (if any) who will be attending the meeting as their substitute.
 - 3) Scrutiny members who have an interest in any report referred to at this meeting, but who are not members of this Committee are invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

Membership: Councillors Asif, Bains, Clifford (Co-opted Member), Duggins, Lee, Mutton, Ridge (Deputy Chair), Sawdon (Chair) and Williams

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