

Council

Time and Date

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 15th October, 2019

Place

Council Chamber - Council House

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Minutes of the Extraordinary and Ordinary Meetings of Council held on 3 September 2019 (Pages 7 18)
- 3. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider whether to exclude the press and public for the item of private business for the reasons shown in the report.

- 4. Return of Councillor Mattie Heaven, elected as Councillor for Wainbody Ward in the City, on 5 September 2019
- 5. Coventry Good Citizen Award

To be presented by the Lord Mayor and Judge Lockhart, Honorary Recorder

- 6. Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor
- 7 Petitions
- 8. **Declarations of Interest**

Matters Left for Determination by the City Council/Recommendations for the City Council

It is anticipated that the following matters will be referred as Recommendations. The reports are attached. The relevant Recommendations will be circulated separately.

- 9. **Greenspace Strategy April 2019 March 2024** (Pages 19 156)
 - From the Cabinet, 8 October 2019
- 10. **UK Battery Industrialisation Centre Loan from WMCA** (Pages 157 168)

From the Cabinet, 8 October 2019

11. **B&M Stores, Ansty Road, Walsgrave, Coventry - Investment Acquisition** (Pages 169 - 180)

From the Cabinet, 8 October 2019

12. Coventry Award of Merit (Pages 181 - 186)

From the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, 10 October 2019

Item for Consideration

13. Appointments of the City Council (Pages 187 - 192)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive, Place

Other matters

14. Question Time

- 14.1 Written Questions Booklet 1 (Pages 193 206)
- 14.2 Oral Questions to Chairs of Scrutiny Boards/Chair of Scrutiny Coordination Committee
- 14.3 Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings
- 14.4 Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies
- 14.5 Oral Questions to Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members on any matter relating to their portfolio

15. Statements

16. **Debates**

- 16.1 To be moved by Councillor P Male and seconded by Councillor G Ridley
 - "This Council will work with the WMCA to develop a feasibility study to determine the viability of re-opening Coundon Railway Station and a new station in the east of the city".
- 16.2 To be moved by Councillor K Maton and seconded by Councillor M Mutton

This Council recognises that every child is unique and wants an education system that enables each student to find their learning pathway through a wide choice of courses and qualifications. The current mish-mash of school types, limited curriculum options for many and decreasing accountability to local communities is not in the best interests of this City's young people.

Cuts by Central Government to early years and school budgets have undermined the ability of the school system in Coventry to maximise the potential of all our children.

It is to the credit of all involved in our state funded education provision that City schools have been able to maintain high standards of education and achievement.

However, our schools want to achieve more but are being held back by cuts to finance and remote, unsympathetic and uninformed control from Central Government and its agencies such as Ofsted.

Coventry is well placed to demonstrate an alternative, more local, collaborative and mutually supportive approach. Our peer review arrangements are just one example. They have been shown to deliver school improvement, led by the experts in our schools, who have shown how it is possible to achieve more working together for the common good.

For these reasons this Council supports and will campaign for:

- The restoration of previous funding levels, and their eventual improvement for all schools and sixth form colleges.
- The restoration and extension of the 'Sure Start' programme.
- The abolition of Ofsted and the re-establishment of local accountability for education, including oversight of school admissions and funding, including that for students with educational special needs, and the reintegration of free schools and academies into a locally run and democratic system of education.
- Allowing local Councils like Coventry to oversee high standards of school based assessment that puts students at the centre of a system that helps incentivise students and gives parents and carers clear information.
- A review of the secondary curriculum and examination arrangements that currently limit the range of learning opportunities and place an over-emphasis on memory based testing rather that developing transferable skills and knowledge applicable in post 16 training and education and employment.

Private Business

It is anticipated that the following matter will be referred as a Recommendation from Cabinet, 8 October 2019. The report is attached. The relevant Recommendations will be circulated separately.

17. **B&M Stores, Ansty Road, Walsgrave, Coventry - Investment Acquisitions** (Pages 207 - 216)

(Listing Officer: A Williams, Tel: 024 7697 1076)

Martin Yardley, Deputy Chief Executive, Place, Council House Coventry

Monday, 7 October 2019

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