



Time and Date

To be held immediately following the Extraordinary Meeting of Council, which will be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026

Place

Council Chamber - Council House

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting Part One and Part Two held on 21 May 2026** (Pages 7 - 56)

Note: The following documents are appended to these Minutes:
Appendix 1 – Appointments to Council Bodies
Appendix 2 – Appointments to Outside Bodies
3. **Coventry Good Citizen Award**

To be presented by the Lord Mayor and Judge Montgomery KC, Honorary Recorder
4. **Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor**
5. **Petitions**
6. **Declarations of Interest**

Matters Reported to Council in Accordance with the Constitution

7. **Acceptance of Grant Funding - Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4** (Pages 57 - 64)

Report of the Chief Executive
8. **Amendment to Allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet and Appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members** (Pages 65 - 72)

Report of the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities
9. **Exercise of Emergency Functions** (Pages 73 - 78)

Report of the Chief Executive

10. **Annual Report from the Leader to the Council on Key Decisions made under Special Urgency Provisions 2025/2026** (Pages 79 - 82)

Report of the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Other Matters

11. **Question Time** (Pages 83 - 88)

1. Written Questions – Booklet 1
2. Oral Questions to Chairs of Scrutiny Boards/Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee
3. Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings
4. Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies
5. Oral Questions to Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members on any matter

12. **Statements (if any)**

13. **Debates**

- (a) To be moved by Councillor M Mutton and seconded by Councillor L Bigham on behalf of the Labour Group

“This Council notes with immense pride the recent achievements of Coventry City Council’s Children’s Services and Adult Social Care Services.

Council welcomes the decision by Ofsted to award Coventry Children’s Services an “Outstanding” rating, recognising the exceptional work carried out to safeguard, support and improve the lives of children and young people across our city.

Council also welcomes the recent Care Quality Commission (CQC) assessment which awarded Coventry’s Adult Social Care services a “Good” rating, reflecting the high-quality care, professionalism and dedication shown to vulnerable adults, older residents and families throughout Coventry.

These achievements are a testament to years of hard work, strong partnership working and a shared commitment to delivering the very best outcomes for residents.

Council places on record its sincere thanks and appreciation to:

- All frontline staff, social workers, care workers, support staff and managers within Children’s Services and Adult Social Care;
- Senior officers and directors whose leadership, professionalism and vision have driven continuous improvement;
- Cabinet Members and political leadership for their commitment, support and strategic direction;
- Partner organisations, schools, NHS colleagues, voluntary sector organisations and all those who work collaboratively to support Coventry residents.

Council recognises that these ratings are not simply inspection outcomes, but represent real positive impacts on the lives of children, young people, vulnerable adults and families across our city.

Council further acknowledges the dedication shown by officers and staff during challenging times, including increasing demand on services, financial pressures and the lasting impacts of the pandemic and wider social inequalities.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

1. Formally congratulate everyone involved in achieving these excellent outcomes;
2. Continue supporting investment in high-quality Children’s Services and Adult Social Care;
3. Ensure Coventry continues striving for excellence in protecting and supporting its residents;
4. Request that the Chief Executive conveys the Council’s appreciation and congratulations to all relevant staff and partner organisations.”

- (b) To be moved by Councillor J Gardiner and seconded by Councillor F Beechey on behalf of the Reform UK Group

"This Council believes in the equality of all before the law. In the light of the appalling death of Henry Nowak in police custody, this council calls upon the government to take urgent steps to reform national police guidance, training and practice to enable police officers to be sceptical of claims of racism made by ethnic minorities.

As a multicultural city, Coventry's citizens want to know that if they are attacked and injured and say that they have been stabbed or cannot breathe, that a police officer will prioritise their welfare over fears that their police career could end for questioning claims of racism by an ethnic minority. All lives matter and one race is not of a higher priority than another."

- (c) To be moved by Councillor M Heaven and seconded by Councillor J Blundell on behalf of the Conservative Group

This Council recognises that St Mary's Guildhall is one of Coventry's most important historic landmarks and believes it should be accessible to all.

Council further believes that free entry would promote civic pride, support tourism, increase city centre footfall, and help make Coventry a more welcoming city.

Therefore, Council resolves to request that the Cabinet Member and relevant officers bring forward proposals for the removal of admission charges at St Mary's Guildhall and report on the financial implications and implementation of free public access.

- (d) To be moved by Councillor M Greenhalgh and seconded by Councillor E Reeves on behalf of the Green Party

This Council notes the findings of the House of Commons Science, Innovation and Technology Committee report published earlier this month, which identifies data security, vendor lock-in and technology sovereignty as critical concerns for public sector digital transformation. The report expresses particular concern about Palantir's growing role in the UK public sector and recommends that Government exercise the break clause in the NHS Federated Data Platform contract, publish a costed exit plan, and pursue in-house or UK-based alternatives where possible.

Additionally, this Council believes that the actions of the organisation and beliefs held by the leadership of Palantir are not compatible with the expectations of morality, integrity and accountability that befit the award of any contract for local public services. With social care and children's data being among the most sensitive information held by the Council, any party granted exposure to this data must be subject to the highest levels of scrutiny and only be considered when measured against an ethical framework consistent with the values of humanity and democracy.

Given the findings of the report and widespread public concern, this Council resolves to:

1. Immediately publish the findings of the Council's earlier review into the use of Palantir technology in Council Services.
2. Ask officers to provide an additional briefing to all groups within council on the current and future intended usage of Palantir technologies prior to the September council meeting.
3. Ask officers to examine alternative options, including in-house development, open-source tools, UK-based suppliers, public sector collaboration, and locally based trainee or apprentice-supported administrative models, with appropriate safeguarding and data protection controls.
4. Require any future AI related contracts to be assessed against ethical practice, the potential for vendor lock-in and expected social value.
5. Hold a vote at a future council meeting on whether to end the current Palantir contract at the next available lawful opportunity subject to contractual requirements.

Julie Newman, Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities, Council House, Coventry

Monday, 15 June 2026

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is

Carolyn Sinclair/Suzanne Bennett 024 7697 2302 / 2299

Membership: Councillors N Akhtar, P Akhtar, S Akhter, A Albert, R Bailey (Deputy Chair), F Beechey, L Bigham, J Blundell, L Boyle, R Brown, A Bryant, A Bullock, K Caan, D Clark, A Cole, P Cowley, W Davies, G Duggins, J Fearn, M Fogden, J Gardiner, S Gray, M Greenhalgh, M Gregory, G Hayre, M Heaven, P Hetherington, A Hopkins, J Innes, T Jewell, S Jobbar, J Jones, A Kaur, L Kelly, S Keough, AS Khan, M Lapsa, J Lepoidevin, J McNicholas, B Mosterman, M Mutton, S Nazir, J Odje, C Phillips, P Reddy, E M Reeves, H Rehman, E Ruane, K Sandhu, R Singh, D Stainton, A Tucker and J Wells

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Coventry City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 21 May 2026

Present:

Members: Councillor R Bailey (Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar	Councillor J Innes
Councillor P Akhtar	Councillor T Jewell
Councillor S Akhter	Councillor S Jobbar
Councillor A Albert	Councillor J Jones
Councillor F Beechey	Councillor A Kaur
Councillor L Bigham	Councillor L Kelly
Councillor J Blundell	Councillor S Keough
Councillor L Boyle	Councillor AS Khan
Councillor R Brown	Councillor M Lapsa
Councillor A Bryant	Councillor J Lepoidevin
Councillor A Bullock	Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor K Caan	Councillor B Mosterman
Councillor D Clark	Councillor M Mutton
Councillor A Cole	Councillor S Nazir
Councillor P Cowley	Councillor J Odje
Councillor G Duggins	Councillor C Phillips
Councillor J Fearn	Councillor P Reddy
Councillor M Fogden	Councillor E M Reeves
Councillor J Gardiner	Councillor H Rehman
Councillor S Gray	Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor M Greenhalgh	Councillor R Singh
Councillor M Gregory	Councillor D Stainton
Councillor G Hayre	Councillor A Tucker
Councillor M Heaven	Councillor J Wells
Councillor P Hetherton	
Councillor A Hopkins	

Honorary Alderman: T Skipper

Apologies: Councillors W Davies and E Ruane

Public Business

PART 1

1. Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor

There were no announcements of the Lord Mayor.

2. Election of the Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City)

It was moved by Councillor J Blundell, seconded by Councillor B Mosterman and supported by Councillors G Duggins, J Gardiner and E Reeves, that Councillor Roger Bailey be elected as Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Roger Bailey be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2026/27 Municipal Year, having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Lord Mayor's Chain of Office.

3. Vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor

A vote of thanks for the retiring Lord Mayor, Rachel Lancaster, was moved by Councillor L Kelly, seconded by Councillor J McNicholas and supported by Councillors J Gardiner, Blundell and Reeves.

Rachel Lancaster responded to the vote of thanks.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the warmest thanks of the Council are due and are thereby given to Rachel Lancaster for the zeal and impartiality with which she has discharged the arduous duties of the office of Lord Mayor during the year 2025/26; and

(2) That a copy of this resolution, under the Common Seal, be presented to Rachel Lancaster and consorts Lawrie Womble-Lancaster and Meredith Womble-Lancaster.

4. Election of the Vice-Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City)

It was moved by Councillor J Blundell, seconded by Councillor M Heaven and supported by Councillors G Duggins, J Gardiner and E Reeves that Councillor Julia Lepoidevin be elected as Vice Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Julia Lepoidevin be elected as Vice Chair of the Council for the 2026/27 Municipal Year, having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Deputy Lord Mayor's Badge.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rul 1.4, (Part 3A of the Constitution, Part 1 of the Annual Meeting adjourned at 12 noon)

(Meeting reconvened at 3:00 pm)

PART 2

5. Election of the Leader of the Council

A nomination was moved by Councillor A Tucker and seconded by Councillor M Mutton that Councillor George Duggins be elected as the Leader of the Council.

A nomination was moved by Councillor M Lapsa and seconded by Councillor F Beechey that Councillor Jackie Gardiner be elected as the Leader of the Council.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.5 (Part 3A of the Constitution), it was moved by Councillor S Gray and seconded by Councillor A Hopkins that the question “now be put” and following this it was moved by Councillor J Gardiner and seconded by Councillor F Beechey that a named vote be taken on this Motion as indicated below. Following a named vote that the question “now be put”, the Motion was carried.

As two nominations had been received for the election of Leader of the Council, a named vote was taken as indicated below. Councillor Duggins received the highest number of votes.

RESOLVED that Councillor George Duggins be duly elected as Leader of the Council.

Note 1): In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.2, a named vote being required by Councillors J Gardiner and F Beechey the Councillors voting for or against the Motion in relation to Council Procedure Rule 15.5 “that the question now be put”, were as follows:

For		Against	Abstain
Councillors:		Councillors:	
N Akhtar	J Lepoidevin	A Albert	
P Akhtar	J McNicholas	F Beechey	
S Akhter	B Mosterman	L Boyle	
L Bigham	M Mutton	A Bryant	
J Blundell	S Nazir	A Bullock	
R Brown	P Reddy	D Clark	
K Caan	E Reeves	A Cole	
G Duggins	H Rehman	P Cowley	
S Gray	K Sandhu	J Fearn	
M Greenhalgh	R Singh	M Fogden	
G Hayre	A Tucker	J Gardiner	
M Heaven	Lord Mayor	M Gregory	
P Hetherton		S Keough	
A Hopkins		M Lapsa	
J Innes		D McCann	
S Jobbar		J Odje	
J Jones		C Phillips	
A Kaur		D Stainton	
L Kelly		J Wells	
A Khan			

For: 32

Against: 19

Abstain: 0

Note: Councillor T Jewell was absent for this vote

2) Voting for the nominated Councillors for election of the Leader was as follows:

Nominated Councillor:		Nominated Councillor:		Abstained
G Duggins		J Gardiner		-
Councillors voting for:		Councillors voting for:		Councillors:
N Akhtar	J Jones	A Albert	D McCann	J Blundell
P Akhtar	S Kaur	F Beechey	J Odje	M Heaven
S Akhter	L Kelly	L Boyle	C Phillips	J Lepoidevin
L Bigham	A Khan	A Bryant	D Stainton	B Mosterman
R Brown	J McNicholas	A Bullock	J Wells	P Reddy
K Caan	M Mutton	D Clark		Lord Mayor
G Duggins	S Nazir	A Cole		
S Gray	E Reeves	P Cowley		
M Greenhalgh	H Rehman	J Fearn		
G Hayre	K Sandhu	M Fogden		
P Hetherton	R Singh	J Gardiner		
A Hopkins	A Tucker	M Gregory		
J Innes		S Keough		
S Jobbar		M Lapsa		

Totals

For Councillor G Duggins: 26

For Councillor J Gardiner: 19

Abstained: 6

(Note: Councillor T Jewell was absent for this vote)

6. **To receive a report of the Leader of the Council on the composition of the Cabinet, the allocation of Executive Function within the Cabinet and the membership of the Coventry Shareholder Committee**

The City Council received a report of the Leader, Councillor G Duggins, on the composition of the Cabinet, the allocation of executive functions within the Cabinet and the membership of the Coventry Shareholder Committee as set out below.

Member	Portfolio
The Leader, Cabinet Member Policy and Leadership Councillor G Duggins	One Coventry Council Plan Scrutiny External relations / public relations Chair of Cabinet / Management Board meetings Emergency Planning Regional Matters West Midlands Combined Authority Corporate Governance Information Management and Governance Risk Management Political Management Job Shop
The Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member Jobs,	Economic Development City Centre (Regeneration) International Trade and Inward Investment

<p>Regeneration and Climate Change</p> <p>Councillor L Kelly</p>	<p>Commercial and Operational Property Growth Company Urban Regeneration Transportation Tourism and Marketing Sustainability and climate change Social Enterprise Strategy Local and Regional Policing Deputising on Leader Items Lord Mayor's International Liaison and Diplomacy Peace, Reconciliation and Twinning</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Community Safety and Cohesion</p> <p>Councillor J McNicholas</p>	<p>Community Safety Community Cohesion Public Protection and Licensing Prosecution and Enforcement Democratic Services Electoral Services Legal Services Training (Members) Constitutional Matters Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation Media Strategy Events</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources</p> <p>Councillor R Brown</p>	<p>Strategic Finance Medium Term Financial Strategy Budget Setting / Transformation External Resources Operational Finance incl. Revenues and Benefits Service Transformation and value for money Procurement Human Resources Organisational Development Key Staff Recruitment and Retention Customer Services Health and Safety Pensions Digital Strategy Information Technology</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Children and Young People</p> <p>Councillor M Mutton</p>	<p>Children and Families (Early Help) Children and Young People's Social Care Child Exploitation Young People Youth Offending Service Safeguarding *S19 Children Act 2004 Lead Member Fostering, Adoption, Special Guardianship Orders and</p>

	Kinship Care Corporate Parenting
Cabinet Member Education, Skills and Equalities Councillor AS Khan	Post 16 Education and Training Schools Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disability Libraries Adult Education Higher and Further Education (incl. Universities) Skills and Employability Equalities
Cabinet Member City Services Councillor P Hetherton	Highways, Drainage and Lighting Licensing Policy (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire) Public Realm Street Services (Ground Maintenance, Refuse (domestic and commercial), Street Cleaning) Waste Management Flood Management Environment Bereavement Services Traffic Management and Road Safety Average Speed Cameras Parking Policy and Operations
Cabinet Member Adult Services Councillor L Bigham	Social Care for Adults and Older People Better Care Fund Transforming Care Carers Adult Safeguarding Adult social care integration with health Loneliness and Isolation Digital Exclusion Armed Forces Champion
Cabinet Member Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing Councillor K Caan	Health Strategy and Policy Integrated Care Systems Health Inequalities and Marmot Air Quality Local Health Economy Public Health Sexual Health Teenage Pregnancies Mental Health Poverty Fuel Poverty Sport, Physical Activity and Parks

Cabinet Member Housing and Communities Councillor N Akhtar	Archives Arts Heritage Museums Conservation Mutuals Community and Voluntary Sector Relations Community Centres Refugees and Asylum Seekers Welfare Advice Services Housing and Homelessness Planning Policy
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*Cabinet Member Children and Young People is designated as the Lead Member for Children’s Services as required by Section 19 of the Children’s Act 2004

Coventry Shareholders Committee 2026/27

Chair: Councillor G Duggins
Deputy Chair: Councillor L Kelly
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor R Brown
Councillor K Caan
Councillor P Hetherington
Councillor AS Khan
Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor M Mutton

7. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record.

8. Return of Persons Elected as Councillors for the City on 7 May 2026

The Return of Persons elected for the following Wards of the City on 7 May 2026 was noted as follows:

Ward	Name	Political Party	Year of Retirement
Bablake	Lisa Boyle	Reform UK	2030
Bablake	Jamie Fearn	Reform UK	2028
Bablake	Jennifer Wells	Reform UK	2027
Binley and Willenhall	Paul Cowley	Reform UK	2030
Binley and Willenhall	Marcus Fogden	Reform UK	2028
Binley and Willenhall	Jennifer Odje	Reform UK	2027
Cheylesmore	Roger Bailey	Conservative	2030

Cheylesmore	Barbara Mosterman	Conservative	2028
Cheylesmore	Richard Brown	Labour	2027
Earlsdon	Kindy Sandhu	Labour	2030
Earlsdon	Lynnette Kelly	Labour	2028
Earlsdon	Antony Tucker	Labour	2027
Foleshill	Abdul Khan	Labour	2030
Foleshill	Shakila Nazir	Labour	2028
Foleshill	Habib Rehman	Labour	2027
Henley	Mel Gregory	Reform UK	2030
Henley	Alaistair Cole	Reform UK	2028
Henley	Ed Ruane	Labour	2027
Holbrooks	Stephen Gray	Green	2030
Holbrooks	Esther Reeves	Green	2028
Holbrooks	Tom Jewell	Green	2027
Longford	Amor Albert	Reform UK	2030
Longford	Linda Bigham	Labour	2028
Longford	George Duggins	Labour	2027
Lower Stoke	Shahnaz Akhter	Labour	2030
Lower Stoke	Rupinder Singh	Labour	2028
Lower Stoke	John McNicholas	Labour	2027
Radford	Angela Hopkins	Labour	2030
Radford	Patrica Hetherton	Labour	2028
Radford	Mal Mutton	Labour	2027
Sherbourne	Jackie Gardiner	Reform UK	2030
Sherbourne	Charles Phillips	Reform UK	2028
Sherbourne	Daniel Stainton	Reform UK	2027
St Michael's	Naeem Akhtar	Labour	2030
St Michael's	Matt Greenhalgh	Green	2028
St Michael's	Sanjida Jobbar	Labour	2027
Tile Hill & Canley	Marcus Lapsa	Reform UK	2030
Tile Hill & Canley	William Davies	Reform UK	2028
Tile Hill & Canley	Steve Keough	Reform UK	2027
Upper Stoke	Kamran Caan	Labour	2030
Upper Stoke	Amirjit Kaur	Labour	2028
Upper Stoke	Gurdev Hayre	Labour	2027
Wainbody	John Blundell	Conservative	2030
Wainbody	Mattie Heaven	Conservative	2028
Wainbody	Pratibha Reddy	Conservative	2027
Whoberley	Jayne Innes	Labour	2030
Whoberley	Pervez Akhtar	Labour	2028
Whoberley	Judith Jones	Labour	2027
Woodlands	Adrian Bryant	Reform UK	2030
Woodlands	Julia Lepoidevin	Conservative	2028
Woodlands	Duncan Clark	Reform UK	2027

Wyken	Frank Beechey	Reform UK	2030
Wyken	Dawn McCann	Reform UK	2028
Wyken	Andrew Bullock	Reform UK	2027

9. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

10. **Matters Left for Determination by the City Council**

The City Council considered the following documents which were tabled at the meeting:

- (i) Political Proportionality 2026/27
- (ii) Amendments to the Constitution in relation to quorums for Scrutiny Boards
- (iii) Appointment of Council Bodies and Outside Bodies
- (iv) Approval of the Scheme of Delegation as set out in the Constitution
- (v) A programme of meetings for Council and Cabinet

Arising from discussion and concerns raised on the proposal to reduce the size of the Scrutiny Boards from 9 Members to 6 Members and consequently, the size of quorums for those Scrutiny Boards to 3 Members, the Leader indicated that the position would be reviewed in October 2026. In addition, it was noted that Scrutiny Members can attend all meetings of Scrutiny.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

1. **Approve the allocation of seats on Council bodies in accordance with the requirements of political proportionality as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, the establishment of those Council bodies and the terms of reference for those bodies as set out in the Constitution.**
2. **Approve that the quorum of the Scrutiny Boards now be amended to three Members, following a change to the size of Scrutiny Boards in line with the requirements of political proportionality, and that authority to amend the Constitution accordingly be delegated to the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities.**
3. **Approve that in respect of 1 and 2 above, the size of Scrutiny Boards, together with the amended quorum, be reviewed in October 2026.**
4. **Approve that the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities be delegated authority to appoint to those Council bodies, referred to in Recommendations 1 above, including the appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair (where appropriate), and Outside Bodies in accordance with the proportionality as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, following consultation with the Leader and the Group Leaders and that all of the appointments to Council Bodies and Outside Bodies be submitted to the next meeting of the City Council.**

(Note: the following appendices are attached to these Minutes:

**Appendix 1 – Appointment to Council Bodies
Appendix 2 – Appointment to Outside Bodies)**

5. **Approve the Scheme of Delegation as set out in the Constitution.**
6. **Approve the dates for Council meetings 2026/27, including the date of the Annual General Meeting, 2027/28, and dates for Cabinet meetings 2026/27 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report submitted.**
7. **Delegate authority to the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities to set the dates for all other meetings for the municipal year, following consultation with the relevant Chairs of the relevant bodies.**

Note: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.2, a named vote being required by Councillors J Gardiner and F Beechey, the Councillors voting For and Against the Recommendations were as follows:

For		Against	Abstain
Councillors:		Councillors:	
N Akhtar	J Lepoidevin	A Albert	
P Akhtar	J McNicholas	F Beechey	
S Akhter	B Mosterman	L Boyle	
L Bigham	M Mutton	A Bryant	
J Blundell	S Nazir	A Bullock	
R Brown	P Reddy	D Clark	
K Caan	E Reeves	A Cole	
G Duggins	H Rehman	P Cowley	
S Gray	K Sandhu	J Fearn	
M Greenhalgh	R Singh	M Fogden	
G Hayre	A Tucker	J Gardiner	
M Heaven	Lord Mayor	M Gregory	
P Hetherton		S Keough	
A Hopkins		M Lapsa	
T Jewell		D McCann	
S Jobbar		J Odje	
J Jones		C Phillips	
A Kaur		D Stainton	
L Kelly		J Wells	
A Khan			

For: 32

Against: 19

Abstain: 0

(Note: Councillor J Innes was absent for this vote)

11. **If required, to consider any further amendments to the Constitution or any other matters arising from the Annual Meeting decisions and appointments**

This item was not required.

(Meeting closed at 5.00 pm)

**APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL BODIES 2026/27
(DELEGATED APPROVAL)**

CABINET

(Appointed by the Leader)

Councillor G Duggins (Chair)

Councillor L Kelly (Deputy Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar

Councillor L Bigham

Councillor R Brown

Councillor K Caan

Councillor P Hetherington

Councillor AS Khan

Councillor J McNicholas

Councillor M Mutton

Non-Voting Representatives on Cabinet

Councillor F Beechey

Councillor J Blundell

Councillor J Gardiner

Councillor E Reeves

(2 Reform UK , 1 Conservative , 1 Green)

Note: The non-voting representatives can nominate substitutes.

COVENTRY SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE (SUB-COMMITTEE OF CABINET)

Appointed by the Leader

Councillor G Duggins (Chair)

Councillor L Kelly (Deputy Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar

Councillor L Bigham

Councillor R Brown

Councillor K Caan

Councillor P Hetherton

Councillor AS Khan

Councillor J McNicholas

Councillor M Mutton

Non-Voting Representatives on Coventry Shareholders Committee

Councillor F Beechey

Councillor J Blundell

Councillor J Gardiner

Councillor E Reeves

(2 Reform UK, 1 Conservative, 1 Green)

NOTE: 1) The Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee (Councillor R Singh) is invited to attend meetings of the Committee

2) The non-voting representatives can nominate a substitute

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

CHAIR	DEPUTY CHAIR
Councillor J Innes	Councillor S Akhter

Councillor L Boyle

Councillor A Bullock

Councillor M Gregory

Councillor M Greenhalgh

Councillor S Keough

Councillor J Odje

Councillor B Mosterman

Councillor P Reddy

Councillor H Rehman

Councillor K Sandhu

Councillor R Singh

Councillor A Tucker

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	2
Green	1
Labour	6
Reform UK	5

LICENSING AND REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES & PRIVATE HIRE (TAXIS)

SUB-COMMITTEE (1)

SUB-COMMITTEE (2)

CHAIR: Councillor J Innes	CHAIR: Councillor J Innes
DEPUTY CHAIR: Councillor S Akhter	DEPUTY CHAIR: Councillor S Akhter

Councillor L Boyle

Councillor A Bullock

Councillor M Greenhalgh

Councillor B Mosterman

Councillor K Sandhu

Councillor M Gregory

Councillor S Keough

Councillor J Odje

Councillor P Reddy

Councillor R Singh

2 Labour Group Subs: Cllrs H Rehman and A Tucker

Political Balance for Sub-Committee (2026/27)	Sub-Committee 1	Sub-Committee 2
Conservative	1	1
Green	1	0
Labour	3	3
Reform UK	2	3

Note: The members of each Sub-Committee can nominate substitute Members from the membership of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIR	DEPUTY CHAIR
Councillor A Hopkins	Councillor A Tucker

Councillor S Akhter

Councillor J Blundell

Councillor M Fogden

Councillor S Gray

Councillor J Jones

Councillor D Stainton

Councillor J Wells

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	1
Green	1
Labour	4
Reform UK	3

Note: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities (Councillor N Akhtar) is invited to attend meetings of this Committee.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

CHAIR:	Councillor A Hopkins
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Councillor L Bigham

Councillor W Davies

Councillor M Heaven

Councillor P Hetherton

Councillor T Jewell

Councillor D McCann

Labour Group named substitutes – Councillor L Kelly
Councillor M Mutton
Councillor S Nazir

Reform UK named substitutes – Councillor F Beechey
Councillor J Odje

Conservative named substitute – Councillor J Blundell

Green Group named substitute – Councillor S Gray

Independent Persons

Steve Atkinson, Ruth Wills, Peter Wiseman

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	1
Green	1
Labour	3
Reform UK	2

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

5 Independent Members

(Up to 5 to be appointed by the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities after consultation with the Group Leaders)

SCRUTINY

Note: All Members of Scrutiny can nominate a substitute Member for Scrutiny meetings.

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Designated as the Crime and Disorder Committee

CHAIR	DEPUTY CHAIR
Councillor R Singh	Councillor A Kaur

Councillor F Beechey

Councillor J Blundell

Councillor J Gardiner

Councillor M Lapsa

Councillor E Reeves

Councillor H Rehman

Councillor E Ruane

Note: the Chair of the Education and Childrens Services Scrutiny Board 2, Councillor S Jobbar and the Chair of the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board 3, Councillor S Gray are invited to attend as non-voting members of the Committee.

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	1
Green	1
Labour	4
Reform UK	3

Co-opted Members for Education Matters

1 Vacancy (Nomination of the Roman Catholic Church)
Ghulam Vohra (Nominated from other faith groups in the city)
Sybil Hanson (Nominated by the Church of England)
2 Vacancies (Parent Governor Representative)
David Jackson

Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

CHAIR:	Councillor H Rehman
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Councillor A Albert

Councillor A Bryant

Councillor A Kaur

Councillor J Lepoidevin

Councillor S Nazir

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	1
Green	0
Labour	3
Reform UK	2

Note: The Chair of the Audit and Procurement Committee (Councillor S Nazir) has been appointed as a Member of this Board.

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

CHAIR:	Councillor S Jobbar
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Councillor A Bullock

Councillor A Cole

Councillor J Fearn

Councillor G Hayre

Councillor J Innes

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	0
Green	0
Labour	3
Reform UK	3

Co-opted Members for Education Matters

Nomination of the Roman Catholic Church

Ghulam Vohra Nominated from other faith groups in the city)

Sybil Hanson (Nominated by the Church of England)

2 Vacancies (Parent Governor Representative)

David Jackson

Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

CHAIR:	Councillor S Gray
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Councillor J Jones

Councillor C Phillips

Councillor E Ruane

Councillor K Sandhu

Councillor D Stainton

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	0
Green	1
Labour	3
Reform UK	2

Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

CHAIR:	Councillor E Reeves
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Councillor M Fogden

Councillor A Hopkins

Councillor M Lapsa

Councillor D McCann

Councillor S Nazir

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	0
Green	1
Labour	2
Reform UK	3

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

Designated as the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

CHAIR:	Councillor E Ruane
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Councillor S Akhter

Councillor L Boyle

Councillor P Cowley

Councillor J Jones

Councillor P Reddy

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	1
Green	0
Labour	3
Reform UK	2

Co-opted Member

1 Representative from Coventry Healthwatch

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

JOINT CHAIR: (With Warwickshire County Council)	Councillor E Ruane (Chair of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5))
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Councillor L Boyle

Councillor P Cowley

Councillor J Jones

Councillor P Reddy

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	1
Labour	2
Reform UK	2

Note; The Members of this Committee are also Members of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

AUDIT AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR	DEPUTY CHAIR
Councillor S Nazir	Councillor K Sandhu

Councillor A Bryant

Councillor D Clark

Councillor M Heaven

Councillor C Phillips

Councillor H Rehman

Labour named substitutes –

Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor J Jones
Councillor R Singh

Reform UK named substitutes –

Councillor A Albert
Councillor F Beechey
Councillor A Bullock

Conservative named substitute -

Councillor J Lepoidevin

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	1
Green	0
Labour	3
Reform UK	3

COVENTRY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Councillor K Caan Cabinet Member for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing
(Chair)

Councillor G Duggins Leader of the Council

Councillor M Mutton Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Councillor L Bigham Cabinet Member for Adult Services

Councillor J Gardiner Reform UK Representative

Director of Care, Health and Housing Services (Statutory Appointment)

Director of Children’s and Education Services (Statutory Appointment)

Director of Public Health and Wellbeing (Statutory Appointment)

Coventry Healthwatch – 2 representatives (Statutory Appointment)

Coventry, Warwickshire, Hereford and Worcestershire
Integrated Care Board – 2 representatives

Coventry University – Vice-Chancellor (or representative)

Warwick University – Vice-Chancellor (or representative)

NHS England – 1 representative

West Midlands Police – 1 representative

West Midlands Fire Service – Operations Commander Coventry

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust – 1 representative

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire – Chief Executive or representative

A representative of one of the partner organisations to be appointed as Deputy Chair

Note: The Board may amend the non-statutory and non-Elected Member appointments to the Board as it thinks appropriate.

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/2027**

DELEGATED APPROVAL

Forums

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ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Adoption Central England (ACE) (formerly Adoption Panel)	Councillor J Jones	N	Considers the placement of children for adoption having regard to background information given to the Panel on the child/proposed placement	6 meetings per year
Fostering Panel	Councillor A Tucker	N	Considers the placement of children for fostering bearing in mind background information on the child/proposed placement given to the panel	25 meetings per year

Partnerships

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Coventry Canal Advisory Board	Councillor J McNicholas	N	Advises on the transformation of canals and rivers into spaces local people want to visit	Approx. twice per year
Children and Young People's Partnership Board	<p>Councillor M Mutton - CM for Children and Young People</p> <p>Councillor A Khan – CM for Education, Skills and Equalities</p> <p>Councillor A Cole – Shadow CM for Education, Skills and Equalities</p> <p>Councillor J Fearn – Shadow CM for Children and Young People</p>	N	Ensures that within the context of the Children Act 2004 services are jointly and efficiently commissioned	Meets monthly – Board currently suspended
Integrated Care System Partnership for Coventry and Warwickshire	Councillor K Caan CM for Public Health, Sport, and Wellbeing	N	A statutory committee, bringing together the NHS and local authorities as equal partners to focus more widely on health, public health and social care	TBC

Partnerships

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ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership	Councillor N Akhtar	N	LA-led partnership which provides structure and forums of engagement for effectively dealing with migration, including economic migration and the benefits, at a local, regional, and national level.	Meets quarterly

Outside Bodies

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Limited	Councillor S Akhter Hon Alderman T Skipper	Y	The promotion, maintenance, improvement, and advancement of arts education or for the encouragement of the arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meetings: 4 times per year. • Board Away Days: 2 times per year. • Committee Meetings: 4 times per year. • Optional adhoc sessions: 2 times per year. • Total: 12 meetings per year, approx. 30 hours. AGM held in September.
Birmingham Airport - Consultative Committee	Councillor J Innes	N	To enable aerodrome operators, communities in the vicinity of the aerodrome, local authorities, local business representatives, aerodrome users and other interested parties to exchange information/ideas; to allow the concerns of interested parties to be raised and taken into account by the aerodrome operators; and to complement the legal framework within which the aerodrome operates	Meets monthly. AGM held in June

Outside Bodies

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited - Board of Directors	<p>Councillor J McNicholas (Authorised to exercise the Council's vote at General Meetings. Substitutes not permitted)</p> <p>(Appointment expires June 2027)</p>	Y	Airport Company Board of Directors	6 meetings per year. AGM held in July.
Coventry Ambassadors Social Enterprise Board	Councillor L Kelly	N	To continue the development of Coventry Ambassadors to enable them to play a key role in future events for the City	Meetings as required
Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited - Advisory Forum	<p>Councillor L Kelly</p> <p>Councillor A Hopkins</p> <p>Councillor F Beechey</p> <p>Councillor J Gardiner</p>	N	Consider the waste disposal activities and financial results of the joint account for the two Authorities	Meets once per year

Outside Bodies

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited - Shareholders' Panel	<p>Councillor P Hetherton (Authorised to exercise the Council's vote at General Meetings)</p> <p>Councillor S Nazir (from 04/09/24) (Substitute for exercising Council's vote at General Meetings)</p> <p>Councillor M Lapsa</p>	N	The Panel oversees the operation of the Waste Disposal Company	Meets twice per year and informal meetings as and when required
Central England Law Centre – Coventry	<p>Councillor A Tucker</p> <p>Councillor L Bigham</p>	N	Employs Solicitors and paralegals to offer free legal advice and representation in the areas of housing, immigration, employment and discrimination, education, mental health, community care and welfare benefits to the people of Coventry	Meets monthly

Outside Bodies

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ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre - Board	Councillor R Singh Councillor J Wells Councillor M Greenhalgh	N	Oversees the work of the Centre which covers the main categories of: 1) Help for asylum seekers with subsistence, housing, health, and racial harassment 2) Help set up home for those given leave to remain	Meets monthly except for August and December. AGM held in September
Historic Coventry Trust - Board of Trustees	Councillor A Kaur	N	To protect city heritage assets	4 meetings per year.
Local Government Association - General Assembly	3 Labour Appointments – nominees of the Leader Cllr J Gardiner	N	Acts as the "parliament" for local government	Meets once per year in July (Annual Conference held in July)
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLJC)	Councillor J McNicholas (CM Community Safety and Cohesion)	N	Puts in place adjudication arrangements for parking Penalty Charge Notice appeals	Meetings held approx. every 3 months

Outside Bodies

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Police and Crime Panel	<p>Councillor J McNicholas</p> <p>Councillor P Akhtar – Substitute Member</p> <p>Councillor J Gardiner</p> <p>Councillor C Phillips – Substitute Member</p>	N	The Police and Crime Commissioners are held to account on an on-going basis by the Panel	Meets 7 times per year. AGM held in June
Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (Severn and Wye)	Councillor P Hetherton	N	Considers matters relating to the flood risk programme for the midlands region, capital schemes, maintenance policy, strategy and funding.	Meets quarterly
Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE)	<p>Councillor A Khan - Cabinet Member for Education and Skills (appointment expires May 2028)</p> <p>Councillor S Jobbar (appointment expires May 2030)</p>	N	To advise Coventry City Council on matters connected with religious worship in community schools and religious education given in accordance with the local Agreed Syllabus.	3 meetings per year - October, January and June. Additional meeting 'Agreed Syllabus Conference' once every 5 years to formally approve Agreed Syllabus.

Outside Bodies

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
SIGOMA (Special Interest Groups of Municipal Authorities)	Councillor R Singh Councillor S Nazir (Substitute Member)	N	Represents most large towns and cities in North, Mids, and South coast regions as the collective voice of urban areas across regions, working to release the opportunities and potential of the communities represented	Meets monthly. AGM held in July.
University of Warwick Science Park Business Innovation Centre Board	Councillor L Kelly	Y – Non-Executive	Management Board for the body.	Approx. Quarterly
West Midlands Combined Authority (Board)	Councillor G Duggins Councillor L Kelly Councillor A Khan (Substitute) Councillor N Akhtar (substitute)	Y	Management Board for the combined authority to improve economic growth and transport for local authorities in the economic area	Monthly

Outside Bodies

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
West Midlands Combined Authority Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee	Councillor S Nazir Councillor K Sandhu (Substitute Member)	N	Responsible for matters concerning internal audit, including risk management, and the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct and ethical governance.	Bi-monthly
West Midlands Combined Authority Employment Committee	Councillor G Duggins	N	The committee discharges the functions of the WMCA in respect of the appointment, dismissal or other disciplinary action relating to the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer, s151 Officer or other director-level posts within the WMCA in accordance with the constitution and relevant employment policies and procedures.	Ad-hoc
West Midlands Combined Authority Investment Board	Councillor L Kelly	N	To make investment decisions on behalf of the WMCA relating to applications made in accordance with the Investment Programme that underpinned the devolution agreement, along with any other investment proposals	Monthly

Outside Bodies

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ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
West Midlands Combined Authority Investment Zone Board	Councillor L Kelly (Voting Member)	N	Overall responsibility for developing and delivering the West Midlands Investment Zone and ensuring accountability to Government for its successful and compliant implementation	Meets 3-4 times a year (March, July, September/October, and December) on Wednesday or Thursday at 10am
West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor R Singh Councillor J Gardiner	N	To review and/or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the West Midlands Combined Authority	Bi-monthly
West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor P Akhtar Councillor F Beechey	N	To review and/or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions related to transport which are the responsibility of the West Midlands Combined Authority	To be scheduled in line with work programme (Approx 7 times per year)

Outside Bodies

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
West Midlands Employers (WME) Shareholder Board	Councillor H Rehman	N	West Midlands Employers (WME) acts as an expert advisor, partner, and enabler for Elected Members, senior management, and staff at all levels to help the region create a resilient public sector workforce.	Quarterly
West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillor E Ruane Councillor J Jones	N	Statutory responsibilities to the community of the West Midlands	Meets 5 times per year (Policy Planning Forum, comprising all members, meets 8 times per year)
West Midlands Pensions Committee	Councillor R Singh	N	To oversee the pensions administration and investment expenses relating to the West Midlands Metropolitan Authorities Pensions Fund	Meets every four months

Outside Bodies

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ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
West Midlands Rail Ltd – Board	Councillor P Akhtar (Principal Director) Councillor L Kelly	Y	The Board provides West Midlands Rail with strategic and policy guidance towards developing a new, local passenger rail franchise for the West Midlands, as well as gaining influence over other key routes across the region	Meets quarterly
West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee	Councillor G Duggins (Voting Member) Councillor L Kelly Councillor C Phillips	N	Appoints officers to advise the Districts and Airport Committee on Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited and exercises the powers and rights of the Districts as shareholders of the Company	6 meetings per year

Charities

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Bond's Hospital Estate Charity Trustees	<p>Mrs F Abbott (Appointment expires 31st May 2027)</p> <p>Mr J Clifford – (Appointment confirmed until 31st May 2028)</p> <p>Councillor W Davies</p>	N	Charitable organisation that manages property for the benefit of the elderly	Three times per year in February, May and November
Coventry Association for International Friendship	Mr Ram Lakha	N	Brings together organisations and individuals to promote International friendship and create closer ties between citizens of Coventry and its twinned towns	Monthly meetings except August and December (AGM held in May).

Charities

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
*Coventry Church (Municipal) Charities Trustees	1 Vacancy Mr J Clifford Mr D Kershaw	N	Charitable body for the relief of poverty for elderly people	Quarterly in March, June, September and December – Cllrs expected to attend 1 per annum.
*Bond's and Ford's Almshouse Charity Trustees	1 Vacancy Mr J Clifford Mr D Kershaw	N	Charitable body to provide sheltered accommodation to the poor and needy citizens of Coventry	Four times per year once the charity is operational
Coventry Citizens' Advice Bureau Board of Trustees	Councillor K Sandhu (Appointment expires May 2029)	N	Manages the business of the bureau	Bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 5.45pm - 7.30pm

Charities

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Coventry General Charities Trustees	Mr Ram Lakha Councillor W Davies	N	Yearly payment to vicar/church wardens of ecclesiastical parish of St Michael for the poor; yearly payment to Governors of Monks Kirby exhib foundation; relief for persons in conditions of need, hardship, or distress; payment of pensions to poor people, preference given to Freemen of the City; general advancement of education to under 25's, preference given to sons/daughters of the City	Monthly and 3 monthly sub-committee meetings on a rota basis (AGM held in January).
Daimler Green Recreational Trust	Cllr M Mutton (Term of office expires May 2028)	N	Established to take responsibility for the community facilities being provided at Daimler Green.	Monthly
Sir Charles Barratt Memorial Foundation	Councillor G Hayre Councillor A Bullock	N	Charitable body that gives grants for musical instruments	Twice per year (AGM held in January).
Soothern and Craner Educational Foundation	Mrs Faye Abbott Mrs Catherine Miks Mrs Christine Thomas Councillor D McCann	N	To assist girls of Friends (Quakers) in Coventry and other girls in the City by means of monetary grants	Once per year. AGM held in July/August

Charities

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ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Swillington's Charity Trustees	Councillor K Caan Councillor R Singh	N	Charity for the general benefit of the poor in the City of Coventry	Bi-monthly
Tom Mann Centre Trust Management Committee	Councillor M Mutton (Trustee) Councillor J McNicholas (Management Committee Member) Councillor R Singh (Management Committee Member) (All appointments expire May 2029)	N	Charity fund to promote the life of Tom Mann and his involvement with Trade Unions	Once per year

Charities

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
William Proffitt's Charity	Councillor S Nazir Mrs F Abbott Councillor A Khan	N	Education of the poor - money distributed to Charities and Schools in the parish of Foleshill	Twice per year in March and December

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Council

23 June 2026

Name of Cabinet Member:

N/A

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Chief Executive

Ward(s) affected:

City wide

Title:

Acceptance and Expenditure of Grant Funding - Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4

Is this a key decision?

N/A

Executive Summary:

This report informs Council of decisions undertaken by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) in accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution and following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities and the Leader of the Council. The relevant extract of Part 3F (Finance Procedure Rules) is set out as follows:

Grant Income

Over £2,500,000 ~ to Council, if time permits; if no time to go to Council, joint approval in writing by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Leader to be reported to Council retrospectively, and each following consultation with legal and financial services.

Grant Expenditure

Over £2,500,000 ~ to Council, if time permits; if no time to go to Council, joint approval in writing by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer) following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and Leader to be reported to Council retrospectively, and each following consultation with legal and financial services.

Accordingly, it is reported to Council that the following decisions were taken under joint approval by the Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Resources in accordance with the provisions set out in the Financial Procedures Rules of the Council's Constitution (to be reported to Council retrospectively):

1. To accept the increased Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Round 4 grant from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), increasing the total allocation from £4.9 million to £7,214,580 (grant income), and to enter into the associated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with the decision to be reported retrospectively to Full Council.

1. The revised delivery programme, increasing the number of properties to be acquired from 43 to 63, comprising 44 properties for temporary accommodation and 19 properties for resettlement through a Registered Provider.

2. Note the associated increase in Council match funding of £2,820,000 required to meet the Council's obligations arising from acceptance of the increased grant allocation through prudential borrowing.

3. Approval was given to appoint a Registered Provider partner following an expression of interest to deliver the 19 resettlement properties, and to enter into the necessary legal agreements (grant expenditure) to secure delivery and associated payment terms, in line with previous LAHF Round 1 and Round 3 arrangements.

List of Appendices included:

None

Background papers:

Other useful documents - None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council? - Yes – 23 June, 2026

Report title: Acceptance and Expenditure of Grant Funding - Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4

1. Context (or background)

1.1 The Local Authority Housing Fund

- 1.1.1 Coventry was identified by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities – (DLUHC), since superseded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) as a priority area for additional funding to support the purchasing of properties through the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) programme.
- 1.1.2 The initial LAHF 1 programme was solely aimed at permanent accommodation which would in the first instance be let to families who were in the UK as a direct result of the war in Ukraine and the allied forces exit from Afghanistan. The council contacted Registered Providers working in the city with Stonewater the only one who responded positively to the request.
- 1.1.3 Stonewater purchased 24 properties, and these have been utilised by the Council's Migration Team to accommodate eligible households. When these properties become available to be relet, they will be let as general needs housing through Coventry Homefinder.
- 1.1.4 In March 2023, it was announced that the Local Authority Housing Fund would be expanded by £250m for a second round of funding (LAHF R2). As well as continuing to meet the needs of people on Afghan resettlement schemes (ARAP/ACRS) It also supported local authorities to acquire good quality, and better value for money Temporary Accommodation (TA) for families owed a homelessness duty.
- 1.1.5 Following negotiations, Coventry secured a total of £2,539,200 LAHF 2 funding to purchase 24 properties for Temporary Accommodation. As with other affordable housing provision, DLUHC expected the purchaser to part fund or finance some of the required capital. As the service had already secured Cabinet approval to purchase up to 50 TA properties and had just commenced the purchase of the 2nd tranche of 25, this grant was used to meet a percentage of the cost, in line with the grant conditions. Therefore, we have now purchased all 50 properties within the existing Cabinet approved £13million of funding but have an underspend.
- 1.1.6 LAHF 3 funded more high-quality temporary accommodation for homeless families and provide housing for those on the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) who supported UK efforts in Afghanistan.
- 1.1.7 It was announced that Coventry would receive a total of £3,538,050 to deliver LAHF 3 in the city.

- 1.1.8 This consists of a requirement to deliver 31 properties (via the grant amount and required match funding). These are set out below:
- 24 properties to be allocated to households that meet the TA Element eligibility criteria.
 - 5 properties for households that meet the Resettlement Element.
 - 2 properties (4+ bed) for households that meet the Large Resettlement Element.

Local Authority Housing Fund Round 4 (LAHF 4)

1.1.9 It has been announced that Coventry would receive a total amount of £7,214,580 to deliver LAHF 4 in the city.

- 1.1.10 This consists of a requirement to deliver 63 properties (via the grant amount and required match funding). These are set out below:
- 44 properties to be allocated to households that meet the TA Element eligibility criteria and purchased by the Council.
 - 10 properties for households that meet the Resettlement Element to be purchased by a Registered Provider (RP).
 - 9 properties (4+ bed) for households that meet the Large Resettlement Element to be purchased by an RP.

- 1.1.11 The makeup of the funding is set out below:
- The base grant rate per property for Coventry is £88,000 (based on 40% of the median property price in the local authority's area).
 - For the large resettlement element (4+ bed), 50% of the median property price is provided.
 - To facilitate delivery of new housing, an additional 10% uplift to the base grant rate will be added for each unit which the local authority agrees will be delivered as a new home.
 - There is an additional £21,000 per property to account for any other costs, for example refurbishment and conveyancing costs.
 - There is also a one-off revenue contribution that will meet project staffing costs of £87,980

Rationale for this report

- 1.1.12 The Council was originally allocated £4.885M grant funding by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) through the LAHF 4 programme to support the purchase of the below properties over a 4-year period commencing 1st April 2026.
- 24 Temporary Accommodation (TA) properties
 - 19 resettlement properties – working with a Registered Provider to provide permanent properties

1.1.13 The Council agreed, through the 26/27 Budget Report to accept the LAHF4 capital grant and approve the necessary £3.8M match funding to support the purchase of these 24 TA properties and deliver an increase the Temporary

Accommodation capacity held by the Council which reduces the cost the Council incurs compared to other higher cost accommodation options. The overall £9.2M Capital scheme also included an additional £0.5M funding to support the purchase of 5 of the 24 TA properties to be larger properties to support temporary accommodation need for larger families.

- 1.1.14 However, following discussions with MHCLG they wrote to the Council on the 6th March offering the opportunity to increase the number of TA properties to 44, with the final offer being:
- 44 Temporary Accommodation properties
 - 19 resettlement properties (including 7 delivered a new supply) – working with a Registered Provider to provide permanent properties.
- 1.1.15 This equates to a total LAHF 4 funding allocation of £7,214,580. The total allocation comprises a capital grant of £7,126,600 and a revenue grant of £87,980 to support delivery of the programme.
- 1.1.16 In order to deliver the additional 20 TA properties the Council is required to provide £2.82M match funding to cover the remainder of the property purchase costs. This funding will be delivered through prudential borrowing.
- 1.1.17 Increasing the number of Council owned properties for use as temporary accommodation (TA) will allow the Housing and Homelessness service to reduce its net expenditure on TA compared to other accommodation options. Although repayment of the prudential borrowing represents an ongoing cost, the TA savings exceed this value delivering a net annual revenue saving of ca. £11.5k per property on average. This will mean a net full year saving of ca. £230k once all 20 properties are delivered. It also results in a strengthening the Council's balance sheet over time as the borrowing is repaid.
- 1.1.18 The purchase of these properties means that the Council will own a total of 127 family houses, as well as 14 Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) that will be used as temporary accommodation to fulfil homelessness duties. Following a recent Government policy change, a Local Authority is able to own and manage up to 1000 properties without running a Housing Revenue Account (HRA) previously this limit was 200 properties.
- 1.1.19 The 19 Resettlement properties (now including 7 properties to be delivered as new supply) need to be purchased by a Registered Provider (RP) as they are permanent affordable rented properties. The Council intends to pass on the final resettlement grant level of £2.331m to a Registered Provider, following an expression of interest process, to contribute towards the purchase of these properties under the resettlement element of the LAHF 4 scheme, as set out in the previous 26/27 Budget Report.
- 1.1.20 Finally, the updated LAHF 4 grant profile is set across a 3-year period rather than the previous 4-year period. A reprofiling of the LAHF 4 Capital Programme will therefore be necessary and will be dealt with during the Capital Budget setting for 27/28 as is usual.

Rational for approval to accept under Part 3F (Financial Procedure Rules):

- 1.1.21 MHCLG formally confirmed the award to the Council of £7,214,580 on 6 March 2026, with an initial requirement to execute and return the MoU by 24 April 2026. This timetable did not align with the Council's committee cycle and did not allow sufficient time for approval to be obtained through Full Council prior to this original deadline.
- 1.1.22 In accordance with the approval route set out in Part 3F which sets out the process where insufficient time is available for the decision to be taken through the usual governance process, a briefing paper was prepared and approval was obtained jointly in writing by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer), following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member and the Leader, and with input from Legal and Financial Services. In accordance with the Financial Procedure Rules the decision is therefore reported to Full Council retrospectively.
- 1.1.23 Subsequently, MHCLG revised the requirement to execute and return the MOU to Friday 12 June 2026. Notwithstanding this revised timetable, even if CCC had been notified of the 12 June deadline at the point MHCLG first confirmed the award on 6 March, the applicable approval procedural set out above would have remained the case as the approval to accept the grant funding would still be prevented from being progressed through Cabinet and Council in the ordinary way.

2 Options considered

- 2.1 The Chief Executive and the Director of Finance and Resources (Section 151 Officer), following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing and the Leader, agreed that the decision to accept the grant could not wait until the next Council meeting and was critical to the Council's ability to deliver the Local Authority Housing Fund scheme.

3 Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities and the Leader were consulted and they confirmed the course of action.

4 Timetable for implementing this decision

In light of the urgent nature of the matter detailed in paragraphs 1.1.21 to 1.1.23 above, the decisions were implemented immediately.

5 Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

5.1 Financial implications

This report concerns the acceptance of £2.33M additional LAHF 4 grant funding, approval for £2.82M prudential borrowing and expansion of the LAHF 4 Capital Programme to £14.27M to support the purchase on an addition 20 properties for Temporary Accommodation. Once delivered, it is expected that this will result in an annual revenue saving of ca. £0.23M per year whilst also strengthening the Council's balance sheet. The detail of the financial impact of this decision is as set out in the report.

5.2 Legal implications

This decision reported to Council retrospectively is in compliance with the constitutional requirements for grant income and grant expenditure, as set out in Part 3F – Financial Procedure Rules.

The Council has considered the subsidy control implications in respect of both the receipt of grant funding and the onward provision of grant funding to a Registered Provider and is satisfied that both are compliant with the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

In particular, the provision of grant funding to the Registered Provider supports a clear public policy objective (the delivery of affordable housing and resettlement accommodation), is proportionate and limited to what is necessary to achieve that objective and is designed to minimise any distortion to competition and investment.

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Council

23 June, 2026

Name of Cabinet Member:

Leader of the Council - Councillor G Duggins

Director approving submission of the report:

Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Ward(s) affected:

Not applicable

Title: Amendment to Allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet and Appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members

Is this a key decision

No

Executive summary:

In accordance with the Constitution, this report informs Council of a change made by the Leader of the Council in relation to the allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet, together with the appointment of two Deputy Cabinet Members.

List of Appendices included:

The following appendices are attached to the report:

Appendix 1 – Cabinet Portfolios 2026/27

Background papers:

None

Other useful documents

None

Has it or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes - 23 June, 2026

Report title: Amendment to Allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet and Appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 The Annual Meeting of the Council (Part 2) held on 21 May, 2026, received a report of the Leader of the Council on the appointment of the Cabinet and the allocation of executive functions.
- 1.2 The Council's Constitution enables the Leader of the Council to alter the allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet and to appoint Deputy Cabinet Members.
- 1.3 In accordance with Paragraph 9.4 and 9.6 of Part 2B of the Constitution, the Leader of the Council has notified the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities:-
 - a) That the function of Strategic Energy Partnership has been included in the Cabinet Portfolio of Community Safety and Cohesion
 - b) That Councillor P Akhtar has been appointed as the Deputy Cabinet Member for City Services
 - c) That Councillor G Hayre has been appointed as the Deputy Cabinet Member for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing
- 1.4 The amended allocation of Cabinet Portfolios for 2026/27 is appended to this report.

2. Comments from Director of Finance and Resources and Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

2.1. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

2.2. Legal Implications

The Leader has the authority to alter the allocation of Executive Functions within Cabinet and to appoint Deputy Cabinet Members. The Leader is required to report on any such alterations and appointments to the next available meeting of Council.

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CABINET PORTFOLIOS 2026/27

**APPENDIX 1
June 2026**

Member	Portfolio
<p>The Leader, Cabinet Member Policy and Leadership</p> <p>Councillor G Duggins</p>	<p>One Coventry Council Plan Scrutiny External relations / public relations Chair of Cabinet / Management Board meetings Emergency Planning Regional Matters West Midlands Combined Authority Corporate Governance Information Management and Governance Risk Management Political Management Job Shop</p>
<p>The Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change</p> <p>Councillor L Kelly</p>	<p>Economic Development City Centre (Regeneration) International Trade and Inward Investment Commercial and Operational Property Growth Company Urban Regeneration Transportation Tourism and Marketing Sustainability and climate change Social Enterprise Strategy Local and Regional Policing Deputising on Leader Items Lord Mayor's International Liaison and Diplomacy Peace, Reconciliation and Twinning</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Community Safety and Cohesion</p> <p>Councillor J McNicholas</p>	<p>Community Safety Community Cohesion Public Protection and Licensing Prosecution and Enforcement Democratic Services Electoral Services Legal Services Training (Members) Constitutional Matters Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation Media Strategy Events Strategic Energy Partnership</p>

Member	Portfolio
<p>Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources</p> <p>Councillor R Brown</p>	<p>Strategic Finance Medium Term Financial Strategy Budget Setting / Transformation External Resources Operational Finance incl. Revenues and Benefits Service Transformation and value for money Procurement Human Resources Organisational Development Key Staff Recruitment and Retention Customer Services Health and Safety Pensions Digital Strategy Information Technology</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Children and Young People</p> <p>Councillor M Mutton</p>	<p>Children and Families (Early Help) Children and Young People's Social Care Child Exploitation Young People Youth Offending Service Safeguarding *S19 Children Act 2004 Lead Member Fostering, Adoption, Special Guardianship Orders and Kinship Care Corporate Parenting</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Education, Skills and Equalities</p> <p>Councillor AS Khan</p>	<p>Post 16 Education and Training Schools Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disability Libraries Adult Education Higher and Further Education (incl. Universities) Skills and Employability Equalities</p>
<p>Cabinet Member City Services</p> <p>Councillor P Hetheron</p> <p>Deputy Cabinet Member</p> <p>Councillor P Akhtar</p>	<p>Highways, Drainage and Lighting Licensing Policy (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire) Public Realm Street Services (Ground Maintenance, Refuse (domestic and commercial), Street Cleaning) Waste Management Flood Management Environment Bereavement Services Traffic Management and Road Safety Average Speed Cameras Parking Policy and Operations</p>

Member	Portfolio
Cabinet Member Adult Services Councillor L Bigham	Social Care for Adults and Older People Better Care Fund Transforming Care Carers Adult Safeguarding Adult social care integration with health Loneliness and Isolation Digital Exclusion Armed Forces Champion
Cabinet Member Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing Councillor K Caan Deputy Cabinet Member Councillor G Hayre	Health Strategy and Policy Integrated Care Systems Health Inequalities and Marmot Air Quality Local Health Economy Public Health Sexual Health Teenage Pregnancies Mental Health Poverty Fuel Poverty Sport, Physical Activity and Parks
Cabinet Member Housing and Communities Councillor N Akhtar	Archives Arts Heritage Museums Conservation Mutuals Community and Voluntary Sector Relations Community Centres Refugees and Asylum Seekers Welfare Advice Services Housing and Homelessness Planning Policy

*Cabinet Member Children and Young People is designated as the Lead Member for Children's Services as required by Section 19 of the Children's Act 2004

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Council

23 June, 2026

Name of Cabinet Member:

N/A

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Chief Executive

Ward(s) affected:

City wide

Title:

Exercise of Emergency Functions

Is this a key decision?

N/A

Executive Summary:

This report informs Council of a decision undertaken by the Chief Executive, in accordance with the Constitution and following consultation with the Leader of the Council, Councillor G Duggins, to exercise emergency functions to approve a budget of £400k, funded from corporate contingencies, to support activities associated with the City's celebrations to mark Coventry City Football Club securing the Championship title and promotion to the Premier League.

List of Appendices included:

None

Background papers:

A copy of the signed decision has been published on the Council's website at:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ecSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD4024&ID=4024&RPID=286531763>

Other useful documents

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 23 June, 2026

Report title: Exercise of Emergency Functions

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 Part 2M of the City Council's Constitution provides for the Scheme of Functions delegated to Employees including the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service.
- 1.2 Paragraph 4(a) of Part 2M of the Constitution enables the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, to make decisions required in an emergency.
- 1.3 On 19 April, 2026, the Chief Executive was satisfied that the following decision was required to be taken pursuant to the emergency provision in connection with activities associated with the City's celebrations to mark Coventry City Football Club securing the Championship title and promotion to the Premier League:-
 - i) The approval of a budget of £400,000, funded from corporate contingencies, to support the proposed activities set out in the decision notice to celebrate Coventry City Football Club's achievements.
 - ii) The delegation of authority to the Director of Finance and Resources to negotiate and finalise the terms of the financial arrangements required to give effect to these proposals.
- 1.4 The budget of £400k was allocated from corporate contingencies, with £300k being used to support the parade and music event held at the War Memorial Park and £100k for additional "dressing" the city centre and parade route, along with costs of maintenance and cleaning both before and after the event.
- 1.5 The above decision, including the reasons for the decision taken, has been published on the City Council's website.

2. Options considered

- 2.1 The Chief Executive agreed that the circumstances constituted an emergency, as there was a very short timescale between the point at which promotion was secured (17 April, 2026) and the event date (4 May, 2026), and there were no planned executive meetings. In addition, the Council was in the pre-election period. The Chief Executive was satisfied that the decision to be taken pursuant to this emergency provision was critical to the Council's ability to support the City's celebrations.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the exercise of emergency functions was undertaken in consultation with the Leader of the Council, who confirmed his agreement to this course of action.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 In light of the urgent nature of the matter detailed in paragraph 1.3 above, the decisions were implemented immediately.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Financial implications

The budget was allocated from corporate contingencies. If appropriate, further reports on matters arising from this decision will be considered by the relevant Council body.

Legal implications

Part 2M of the City Council’s Constitution provides for the Scheme of Functions delegated to Employees, including to the Chief Executive/Head of Paid Service. Paragraph 4 (a) of Part 2M enables the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, to make decisions in an emergency.

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Council

23 June 2026

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership - Councillor G Duggins

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

Ward(s) affected:

None

Title:

Annual Report from the Leader to the Council on Key Decisions made under Special Urgency Provisions 2025/2026

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

In accordance with Paragraph 17.3.1 of Part 3B of the Constitution, the Leader must submit to Council at the first ordinary meeting after the Annual Meeting a report of Key Decisions made in the previous Municipal year where the Special Urgency provisions were used. This applies where it is not practicable to give notice at least 5 clear days in advance before a Key Decision is made.

The Leader is reporting that there were no such cases during the 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

List of Appendices included:

None

Background Papers:

None

Other Useful Documents:

- The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

- The City Council's Constitution

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel, or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

Yes – 23 June 2026

Report title: The Annual Report from the Leader to the Council on Key Decisions Made under Special Urgency Provisions 2025/2026

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 set out Special Urgency provisions to be used where it is impracticable to give at least 5 clear days' notice of the intention to make a Key Decision. The provisions detail a specific process to be followed, which includes seeking the agreement of the appropriate Scrutiny Chair or, if that person is unavailable, the Chair of the Council, that the matter to be considered is urgent and could not be reasonably deferred.
- 1.2 The Leader of the Council must submit an Annual Report to the Council containing details of each Key Decision taken during the period since the last report was submitted where the making of the Key Decision was agreed as urgent. The Council's Constitution requires that this report be presented at the first ordinary meeting of the Council after the Annual Meeting.
- 1.3 During the 2025/2026 Municipal Year, there were no such cases where the Council did not give at least 5 clear days' notice before making a Key Decision.

2. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities

2.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

2.2 Legal implications

The Leader must make this report to Council in order to meet statutory requirements and comply with Paragraph 17.3.1 of the Council's Constitution.

3. Other implications

3.1 How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>

This report is evidence that the Council has met its statutory requirements and given at least 5 clear days' notice of Key Decisions made in the past year.

3.2 How is risk being managed?

By presenting this report to Council the Leader avoids any reputational risk that could arise from failure to meet the Council's statutory and constitutional requirements.

3.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

3.4 Equalities / EIA

None

3.5 Implications for (or impact on) Climate Change and the environment

None

3.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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Council Meeting

23 June 2026

Booklet 1

Written Questions

1.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor D Stainton</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J McNicholas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Given the cancellation of the Godiva Festival was followed by a pledge to spend the savings on smaller events in the city, could the Member provide a breakdown of what events have been funded or will be funded and what level of funding has been or will be allocated for each event?”</p>	

2.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor A Bryant</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Woodlands Ward contains a number of important green corridors and active travel routes. The Brookstray Path corridor, which serves residents in Mount Nod and Eastern Green and connects several schools and community facilities, presents a significant opportunity for improvement. Mount Nod and Eastern Green are home to approximately 17,000 residents and six schools. The Brookstray Path Corridor is an underused community asset, and improvements to surfacing, accessibility, drainage, seating and wayfinding could create a safer walking route connecting residents and local schools to green space, whilst supporting public health, active travel, biodiversity features and opportunities for informal play area.</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member advise what external funding opportunities may be available to support improvements to footpath infrastructure, green corridors and community recreation facilities, including children’s play provision, within the Mount Nod and Eastern Green area, and what support is available to ward councillors seeking to bring forward local improvement schemes in response to community need?”</p>	

3.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor A Cole</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>"Coventry has a serious problem with pollution in our rivers, of the Sherbourne and Sowe. The River Sowe, for example, has been found to have huge increases in antibiotic resistant bacteria. Clearly, it is in the interest of resident’s health, our wildlife and fauna for us to help Severn Trent and the Environment</p>	

Agency to tackle all forms of pollution of our rivers.

Please could the Cabinet Member let me know the following:-

To our knowledge, how effective have enforcement measures been in prosecuting those who pollute our rivers? Does the Environment agency or Severn Trent inform us of their efforts and if so how many prosecutions have there been over each of the last three years.?

How many times in each of the last three years have Severn Trent asked the Council for access to the inaccessible parts of our river network to test water quality?

How many successful inspections of the inaccessible parts of our river network by Severn Trent were facilitated by the City Council in each of the last three years?"

4. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor J Wells**

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor L Kelly, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change

TEXT OF QUESTION:

"As Shadow Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, I recently visited devastated businesses at Baginton airfield. Long-standing tenants face upheaval with little notice or appropriate alternatives. There are currently thirty business operating there successfully.

The interests of these existing businesses and their employees seem to have been marginalised, and more consideration should be given to retaining part of the airport for general aviation, training, freight, emergency services and community use.

The current development plans risk losing this historic airport site forever for a gigafactory whose future, in today's difficult UK battery market, remains very uncertain.

Can the Cabinet Member tell us:

1. What independent, up-to-date assessment has been made of the gigafactory's deliverability, realistic job numbers and its economic benefits?
2. What is the percentage likelihood of these benefits being delivered and if so when?
3. What contingency plans does the Council have if the project fails to deliver economic benefit at the promised scale?"

5.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor M Lapsa</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J McNicholas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member inform us</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many enforcement tickets have been issued for riding in the City centre to riders of electric bikes or scooters in the last 18 months? 2. How many accidents have been reported in 18 months from collision with a EV bike or scooter. 3. How many complaints about EV bikes and scooters have been reported over the same period.” 	

6.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor S Gray</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Have there been any incidents in the last year where council staff or contractors have destroyed birds’ nests whilst maintaining trees and hedges? What procedures are in place to prevent this from happening?”</p>	

7.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor B Mosterman</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Why is the standard delivery time for a waste bin as long as three months? ii. Could the CM provide us with the number of new waste bins delivered to residents over the past year, broken down by category (recycling waste, garden waste, and household waste)? Additionally, can the CM provide the average delivery time from the moment an order is placed?”. 	

8.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor P Reddy

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“Can I ask the Cabinet Member to consider introducing free parking in Coventry city centre, particularly during evenings, weekends, and bank holidays, as a way to support local businesses. This would be help increase footfall, encourage visitors to stay longer, and support the sustainability of city centre businesses, especially in light of recent closures. Similar approaches in areas such as central London and Leamington, where free parking is available during off-peak periods, demonstrate how targeted measures can help stimulate activity and economic vitality?”

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