



Time and Date

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 18th March, 2014

Place

Council Chamber - Council House

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th February 2014** (Pages 5 - 22)
3. **Awards**
 - (a) **West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Awards to be presented by Yvonne Mosquito, West Midlands Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner**
 - I. Outstanding Citizen Award
 - II. Outstanding Young Citizen Award
 - (b) **The Coventry Good Citizen Award to be presented by the Lord Mayor and Judge Griffith-Jones, Honorary Recorder.**
4. **Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor**
5. **Petitions**
6. **Declarations of Interest**

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

7. **Social Value Policy** (Pages 23 - 38)
From the Cabinet, 11th February 2014
8. **Question Time** (Pages 39 - 40)

- (a) Written Question Booklet
- (b) Oral Questions to Chairs of Scrutiny Boards/Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee
- (c) Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings
- (d) Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies
- (e) Oral Questions to Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members on any matter

9. **Statements (if any)**

10. **Debates**

- 10.1 To be moved by Councillor Hammon and seconded by Councillor Lepoidevin

“This Council fully supports the Prime Minister’s commitment to hold a referendum on the United Kingdom’s membership of the European Union in 2017”

- 10.2 To be moved by Councillor Lucas and seconded by Councillor Townshend

“This Council reaffirms its commitment that it is a City “Open for Business” and that the promotion of economic prosperity must be combined with the delivery of social justice.

This Council will continue to work in the coming municipal year with all partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors to promote:

- 1) The creation of jobs
- 2) Improved health outcomes and a reduction in health inequalities;
- 3) Better social care for older and vulnerable individuals;
- 4) Better and safer children’s services;
- 5) Education, employment and training for all, but, especially, young people;
- 6) Greater community safety through the “Safer Homes” initiative;
- 7) The development of alternative energy sources and supplies, both for commercial and domestic users;
- 8) The development of a greener environment; and
- 9) The development of high quality public services

This Council evidences the delivery of such policies, thus far, by:

- a) The approval for development and planning permission for the Friargate development;

- b) The introduction of the Coventry Investment Fund;
- c) The reduction in the teenage pregnancy rate;
- d) The assistance given to those penalised by the “bedroom tax”;
- e) The improvement in Primary School achievement;
- f) An investment of £5.6 million in priority areas of delivery of children’s services in
the municipal year 2014/15;
- g) The recruitment of twenty additional special constables as part of the “Safer Homes” initiative and increased partnership working with West Midlands Police;
- h) The introduction of Heatline;
- i) The retention of floral displays in the City Centre and on the main arterial roads,
and the promise to plant two new trees for every tree removed as a result of development;
- j) The creation of high quality public realm:
- k) A new model of working for advice services across the City”

Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Monday, 10 March 2014

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Carolyn Sinclair/Suzanne Bennett 024 7683 3166/3072

Membership: Councillors F Abbott, N Akhtar, M Ali, A Andrews, M Auluck, S Bains, L Bigham, J Blundell, K Caan, D Chater, J Clifford, G Crookes (Chair), G Duggins, C Fletcher, K Foster, D Galliers, D Gannon, A Gingell, M Hammon, L Harvard, P Hetherington, D Howells, J Innes, L Kelly, D Kershaw, T Khan, A Khan, R Lakha, R Lancaster, J Lepoidevin, A Lucas, K Maton, J McNicholas, C Miks, K Mulhall, J Mutton, M Mutton, H Noonan (Deputy Chair), J O'Boyle, E Ruane, R Sandy, T Sawdon, H S Sehmi, B Singh, D Skinner, T Skipper, H Sweet, K Taylor, R Thay, S Thomas, P Townshend, S Walsh, D Welsh and A Williams

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COVENTRY

Held on 25th February 2014, in the Council House, Coventry

PRESENT

Lord Mayor (Councillor Crookes)

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Noonan)

Councillor Abbott	Councillor Lancaster
Councillor Akhtar	Councillor Lepoidevin
Councillor Ali	Councillor Mrs Lucas
Councillor Andrews	Councillor McNicholas
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Maton
Councillor Bains	Councillor Mrs Miks
Councillor Mrs Bigham	Councillor Mulhall
Councillor Blundell	Councillor J. Mutton
Councillor Caan	Councillor Mrs M. Mutton
Councillor Clifford	Councillor O'Boyle
Councillor Duggins	Councillor Ruane
Councillor Fletcher	Councillor Sandy
Councillor Foster	Councillor Sawdon
Councillor Galliers	Councillor Singh
Councillor Gannon	Councillor Singh Sehmi
Councillor Gingell	Councillor Skinner
Councillor Hammon	Councillor Mrs Sweet
Councillor Hetherington	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Howells	Councillor Thay
Councillor Innes	Councillor Thomas
Councillor Kelly	Councillor Townshend
Councillor Kershaw	Councillor Walsh
Councillor A. Khan	Councillor Welsh
Councillor T. Khan	Councillor Williams
Councillor Lakha	

Honorary Alderman

Present:

Mr J Gazey
Mrs J Wight

Apologies: Councillor Chater
Councillor Harvard
Councillor Skipper
Honorary Alderman Webb

Public Business

133. Minutes

The minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2014 were signed as a true record.

134. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business indicated below on the grounds that it involve the likely disclosure of information defined in the specified Paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Act as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that in all of the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Minute No	Subject	Relevant Paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
148	Friargate Bridge – Additional Works	3

135. Coventry Good Citizen Award – Mr Pete Chambers

On behalf of the Council, the Lord Mayor presented Mr Pete Chambers with the Coventry Good Citizen Award. His citation read:

“For a number of years Pete Chambers has done much valuable work to celebrate and promote cultural achievement in Coventry. He has written six books on the local music scene, plus numerous articles in his Coventry Telegraph column.

The renowned Coventry ‘2-Tone’ has always received ‘special’ attention from him. He initiated and delivered the 2-Tone Trail series of plaques to honour the achievements of the 2-Tone record label and the associated artists at key local historical sites.

He also initiated the Coventry Walk of Fame to pay tribute to some of Coventry's well-known citizens who have made a positive and lasting contribution to the City. Pete has the ideas and in the end he delivers. His projects have successfully raised the profile of Coventry artists and their achievements and also provided a lasting memorial to them.

Pete has always given support and encouragement to up and coming local talent. Indeed, many young Coventry bands have benefitted from his positive backing.

His most recent success and without doubt his biggest pride is the Coventry Music Museum. This has been a long term dream and an achievement that is being given national recognition and acclaim. This unique project will be a lasting celebration of Coventry's music heritage.

Pete has not done all this in pursuit of his day-to-day business activity, financial gain or an employment commitment. His efforts have been driven by a genuine

passion and pride in Coventry and its citizens. Recognition of Pete Chambers' efforts is long overdue and today we gather to salute his hard work and his dedication to Coventry."

136. Councillor David Kershaw

The Lord Mayor welcomed Councillor Kershaw back to the Council Chamber following a period of absence due to illness and wished him continued good health.

137. Lord Mayor's Charity Concert

The City Council noted that the Lord Mayor's Charity Concert would be held at the University of Warwick Arts Centre on Tuesday evening 4th March 2014.

138. Petitions

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

- (a) Request that the City Council reconsider enforcement action against a property in the Allesley area - 42 signatures – presented by Councillor Howells.**
- (b) Request for a loading/unloading bay on King William Street – 42 signatures – presented by Councillor Akhtar**

139. Declarations of Interest

The following Members declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) in the matters indicated:

- (a) Councillor Abbott, Minutes 141 and 142 (Council Tax Setting Report 2014/15 and Budget Report 2014/15) – Cllr Abbott's DPI was in respect of the Conservative Group's Amendment only. She left the Chamber during discussion and voting on the amendment.**
- (b) Councillor Hammon, Minute 145 (High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands)) Bill. Councillor Hammon left the Chamber during the discussion and voting on this item.**

140. Motions Without Notice

(a) In accordance with Paragraph 4.1.35.5 of the City Council's Constitution, a Motion without Notice was moved by Councillor Townshend, seconded by Councillor Fletcher and adopted to combine the debates on agenda items 8 (2014/15 Council Tax Setting report) and 9 (Budget Report 2014/15). Minutes 141 and 142 below refer.

(b) In accordance with paragraph 4.1.74 of the City Council's Constitution, it was moved by Councillor Blundell and seconded by Councillor Andrews that a

recorded vote be taken in respect of all decisions relating to 8 (2014/15 Council Tax Setting report) and 9 (Budget Report 2014/15). Minutes 141 and 142 refer.

141. Council Tax Setting Report 2014/15

Further to Minute 134/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Executive Director, Resources, which calculated the Council Tax level for 2014/15.

The report indicated that the Pre-Budget report was approved on the basis of consulting on a Council Tax rise of just below 2%. It was noted that the Government had legislated that the rise must be below 2% to avoid triggering a referendum and, on that basis, the budget was being proposed based on an increase of the City's Council Tax by 1.94%

The precepts from the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority were approved at their meetings on 13th February 2014 and 17th February respectively, and, as a result, the figures indicated as provisional within the report were now confirmed.

The recommendations followed the structure of resolutions drawn up by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, to ensure that legal requirements were fully adhered to in setting the tax. As a consequence, the wording of the proposed resolution was necessarily complex.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

(1) Note the following Council Tax base amounts for the year 2014/15, as approved by Cabinet on 7th January 2014, in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) ("the Act"):

(a) 73,201.0 being the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for the whole Council area;

**(b) Allesley 298.3
Keresley 208.9**

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

(2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Act:

(a) £714,815,082 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils (*Gross Expenditure and reserves required to be raised for estimated future expenditure*);

(b) £616,026,999 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act (*Gross Income including reserves to be used to meet the Gross Expenditure but excluding Council Tax income*);

(c) £98,788,083 being the amount by which the aggregate at (2)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (2)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year;

(d) £1,349.55 $\frac{(2)(c)}{(1)(a)} = \frac{£98,788,083}{73,201.0}$

being the amount at (2)(c) above divided by the amount at (1)(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council for the year (*Average Council Tax at Band D for the City including Parish Precepts*).

(e) £4,798.00 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (*Parish Precepts*);

(f) £1,349.48 $= \frac{(2)(d) - (2)(e)}{(1)(a)} = \frac{£1,349.55 - £4,798.00}{73,201.0}$

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

(g) Coventry Unparished Area	£1,349.48
Allesley	£1,359.79
Keresley	£1,357.73

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

(h)

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special Item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£

A	899.65	906.52	905.15
B	1049.60	1057.62	1056.02
C	1199.54	1208.70	1206.87
D	1349.48	1359.79	1357.73
E	1649.36	1661.96	1659.44
F	1949.25	1964.14	1961.17
G	2249.13	2266.31	2262.88
H	2698.96	2719.58	2715.46

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

- (3) Note that for the year 2014/15 the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner £	West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority £
A	69.65	35.91
B	81.25	41.90
C	92.86	47.88
D	104.47	53.87
E	127.69	65.84
F	150.90	77.81
G	174.12	89.78
H	208.94	107.73

- (4) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(h) and (3) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates £	Parish of Allesley £	Parish of Keresley £
A	1005.21	1012.08	1010.71
B	1172.75	1180.77	1179.17
C	1340.28	1349.44	1347.61
D	1507.82	1518.13	1516.07

E	1842.89	1855.49	1852.97
F	2177.96	2192.85	2189.88
G	2513.03	2530.21	2526.78
H	3015.63	3036.25	3032.13

- (5) That the Council determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2014/15 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Sections 52ZC and 52ZD of the Act.**

142. Budget Report 2014/15

Further to Minute 135/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Strategic Management Board, which outlined the proposed final revenue budget for 2014/15, following a period of consultation on a range of budget options which were previously considered by the Cabinet on 10th December 2013.

2014/15 was the final year of four covered by the 2010 Spending Review which set out the Government's spending plans and incorporated significant reductions in the real level of resources available to local government. Over the course of the last year, this had been updated by the Chancellor's Spending Round announcement on 26th June 2013, the Autumn Statement released on 5th December 2013 and the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2014/15 which was announced on 5th February 2014. The net effect of these announcements was to make some further reductions to the Government grant resources available to the Council for 2014/15 but to signal further very large cuts to 2015/16 and beyond.

The net impact of this period of austerity could be best demonstrated at a local level. In overall terms, the cuts in Government funding had led to a reduction of £324 for every Coventry household between 2010/11 and 2014/15, in the amount that the Council has available to spend.

In line with its Medium Term Financial Strategy, the Council has continued to meet the challenge of significantly reduced resources through its abc programme of transformation projects. The report confirmed the fundamental importance of the Council achieving the existing three year abc savings programme within the Budget presented for 2014/15. The report also recommended approval of a range of expenditure and savings proposals that together produced a balanced budget.

The package of changes allowed the Council to continue to deliver its key policies, confirmed in the Council Plan approved by Council on 14th January 2014. However, national spending plans meant that local government would not be able to sustain the current range and level of services in the future. As a result, the Council would need to revise its expectations and those of the citizens and taxpayers of the City as the period of austerity continued.

The report also included a revised Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR) Policy, following a period of consultation. The new policy sought to provide support to those organisations that best met the priorities that the Council wants to promote, whilst also offering a fair and transparent system to local tax payers. However, this meant that some organisations that

had previously received DRR may receive a lower amount or nil discretionary relief in the future. The new policy would not come into force until April 2015.

The Council recognised that the years beyond 2014/15 would bring further major financial challenges that would require further cuts in expenditure and changes to the way that some services were delivered. It was intended that further engagement with local people be undertaken over the coming year to see how best some of these changes could be implemented. In the meantime, the Council was committed to placing itself in the best possible position by taking a positive approach to the new environment that local government was working in. These new circumstances were characterised by a reducing reliance on government resources and greater incentivisation to grow local business rates and retain a share in that growth.

The Council's approach therefore included, but was not restricted to, Kickstarting the Friargate business district, implementing the Coventry Investment Fund proposals, leading the drive for economic growth and regeneration and supporting the sub-regional City Deal Initiative. The majority of the financial foundations for taking forward these initiatives had already been approved as part of existing decisions and were therefore not subject to specific recommendations within the report submitted.

The report proposed a budget consistent with a rise in Council Tax levels just below the limit set by Government, beyond which a referendum would be required. This referendum limit had been set at 2% and the Council Tax rise would therefore be 1.9%. This option made a modest amount of resources available to the Council in the short-term and guaranteed the long-term security of this level of funding to help protect services provided to the people of Coventry.

The report also included a proposed Capital Programme of £142m for 2014/15 and future years' commitments arising from the programme of £212m in 2015/16 to 2018/19. The proposals included very significant and largely grant funded investment in the City's schools and highways investment programmes, together with continued essential spending in relation to property and ICT.

The Council was also required to approve its Treasury Management Strategy, its revised Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators and these were incorporated within the report submitted.

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

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (1) Approve the final spending and savings proposals in Appendix 2**
- (2) Approve the total 2014/15 revenue budget of £258.5m as detailed in Table 1 and Appendix 3, established in line with a 1.9% City Council Tax increase and the Council Tax Requirement recommended in the Council Tax Setting Report.**

- (3) **Note the Executive Director, Resources' comments confirming the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves, as detailed in section 9 of the report.**
- (4) **Approve the Capital Programme of £142m for 2014/15 and the future years' commitments arising from the programme of £212m in 2015/16 to 2018/19, as detailed in Section 6 and Appendix 4 of the report.**
- (5) **Approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2014/15, as detailed in Section 7 of the report, the revised Investment Strategy and Policy, detailed at Appendix 5 of the report, for immediate implementation and the Prudential Indicators and limits, as described in Section 7 and summarised in Appendix 6 of the report.**
- (6) **Approve the Non Domestic Rate Discretionary Relief Policy for Charitable and Non Profit Making Organisations, attached as Appendix 7 to the report.**

Notes:

- (a) In accordance with Minute 140(b) above, a recorded vote was taken in respect of the amendment referred to in Minute 141 and 142 above

The Councillors voting for and against the amendment were as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Andrews	Councillor Ali	
Councillor Blundell	Councillor Akhtar	
Councillor Foster	Councillor Auluck	
Councillor Hammon	Councillor Bains	
Councillor Lepoidevin	Councillor Mrs Bigham	
Coounillor Noonan	Councillor Caan	
Councillor Sawdon	Councillor Clifford	
Councillor Skinner	Councillor Duggins	
Councillor Taylor	Councillor Fletcher	
Councillor Williams	Councillor Galliers	
Lord Mayor	Councillor Gannon	
	Councillor Gingell	
	Councillor Hetherton	
	Councillor Howells	
	Councillor Innes	
	Councillor Kelly	
	Councillor Kershaw	
	Councillor A Khan	
	Councillor T Khan	
	Councillor Lakha	
	Councillor Lancaster	
	Councillor Mrs Lucas	
	Councillor McNicholas	
	Councillor Maton	
	Councillor Miks	
	Councillor Mulhall	

Councillor J Mutton
 Councillor M Mutton
 Councillor O'Boyle
 Councillor Ruane
 Councillor Sandy
 Councillor B Singh
 Councillor Singh Sehmi
 Councillor Sweet
 Councillor Thay
 Councillor Thomas
 Councillor Townshend
 Councillor Walsh
 Councillor Welsh

Result: 39 for
 11 against
 0 abstentions

(b) In accordance with Minute 140(b) above, a recorded vote was taken in respect of the substantive motion referred to in Minute 141 and 142 above

The Councillors voting for and against the substantive motion were as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
Councillor Abbott	Councillor Andrews	
Councillor Ali	Councillor Blundell	
Councillor Akhtar	Councillor Foster	
Councillor Auluck	Councillor Hammon	
Councillor Bains	Councillor Lepoidevin	
Councillor Mrs Bigham	Councillor Noonan	
Councillor Caan	Councillor Sawdon	
Councillor Clifford	Councillor Skinner	
Councillor Duggins	Councillor Taylor	
Councillor Fletcher	Councillor Williams	
Councillor Galliers	Lord Mayor	
Councillor Gannon		
Councillor Gingell		
Councillor Hetheron		
Councillor Howells		
Councillor Innes		
Councillor Kelly		
Councillor Kershaw		
Councillor A Khan		
Councillor T Khan		
Councillor Lakha		
Councillor Lancaster		
Councillor Mrs Lucas		
Councillor McNicholas		

Councillor Maton
Councillor Mrs Miks
Councillor Mulhall
Councillor J Mutton
Councillor M Mutton
Councillor O'Boyle
Councillor Ruane
Councillor Sandy
Councillor B Singh
Councillor Singh Sehmi
Councillor Mrs Sweet
Councillor Thay
Councillor Thomas
Councillor Townshend
Councillor Walsh
Councillor Welsh

Result: 40 for
11 against
0 abstentions

143. **Appointment of Independent Person**

Further to Minute 6/13 of the Ethics Committee, the City Council considered a report of the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services), which sought approval to appoint an independent person to serve on the Ethics Committee.

The Localism Act 2011 required the Council to appoint at least one independent person whose views would be sought when making decisions about allegations that councillors had breached the Council's Code of Conduct.

The Act required councils to have in place arrangements to investigate and make decisions on allegations that a councillor had breached the code of conduct. The arrangements to make decisions on allegations must include provision for the appointment of one or more 'independent person' through a transparent process, by advertisement and application. A Member, Co-opted Member or Officer of the authority or a relative or close friend of such person cannot be appointed as an 'independent person'.

It was noted that the interviews were held on 21st January 2014 and the Interview Panel decided to recommend the appointment of Mr Ken Sloan.

Under Section 2.9.1.6 of the Council's Constitution, it was required that any appointment of the independent person approved by Full Council.

RESOLVED that the City Council appoint Mr Ken Sloan, as the Independent Person under section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 with immediate effect.

144. **City Deal – Wave 2 Growth Hub Regional Growth Fund Bid**

Further to 124/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Executive Director, Place, which sought approval for the City Council to act as accountable body for Regional Growth Funding that aimed to create almost 200 new jobs and 50 placements and support 160 businesses.

Coventry and Warwickshire had successfully negotiated a City Deal with Central Government that aimed to create 15,000 new jobs by developing the local economy, with a particular focus on the Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering sector. Elected Members endorsed the City Deal proposals at the meeting of the Council held on 14th January 2014 (their minute 127/13 refers).

One of the most important elements of the Coventry and Warwickshire City Deal was the establishment of a “Clearing House”, where key business support activities would be located in one building. This would make it far easier for businesses to access the support that they needed to grow.

The Council had again been successful in bidding for funding on behalf of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP), and a total of £2.7m of Regional Growth Fund (RGF) money had been secured. This pot of RGF money was managed by Lancaster University, and was intended to fund the first year of City Deal activities, with a particular focus on the activities of the Clearing House.

RESOLVED that the City Council recognise the funding opportunity secured through Wave 2 Business Growth Hubs Funding, and authorise the Council to act as guarantor for the Programme.

145. High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill

Further to Minute 125/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Executive Director, Place, which sought approval to formally oppose aspects of the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill.

The City Council passed a resolution in June 2013 (minute 27/13 refers) on the Government’s commitment to proceed with HS2 and sought to secure the best possible outcome for the City.

The Government has since maintained its position and on 25th November 2013 introduced the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill (“the Bill”) in the House of Commons. The Bill would grant the powers necessary to construct and operate Phase 1 of HS2 and further detailed the project, including plans of the route and the anticipated environmental and economic impacts which were set out in the Environmental Statement (ES) and other accompanying documents.

To secure the best possible outcome for Coventry, the City Council would need to formally engage in the Hybrid Bill petitioning process. To do this, the Council was required to pass a resolution to formally oppose the Bill in accordance with the Section 239 of the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972. Depositing a petition against the Bill would allow the Council to make representations and give evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee in order to try to secure the best possible outcome for the City. Unless the Council passed a resolution to technically oppose the Bill, it would not be able to appear

before Select Committee.

Resolving to oppose the Bill would not change the City Council's resolution of June 2013 on HS2, but would allow it to carry out its intention to secure the best possible outcome for the City from HS2.

RESOLVED that, in order to get the best possible outcome from HS2 for the City Bill and in accordance with the Section 239 of the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, the Council formally opposes aspects of the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill and in order to do this passes the following resolutions:

- (1) That in the judgment of the Coventry City Council it is expedient for the Council to oppose the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill introduced in the Session of Parliament 2013-14.**
- (2) That the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment), the Executive Director, Place and Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic Services take all necessary steps to carry the foregoing Resolution into effect, that the Common Seal be affixed to any necessary documents and that confirmation be given that Sharpe Pritchard (Parliamentary Agents) be authorised to sign the Petition of the Council against the Bill.**

146. Friargate Bridge – Additional Works

Further to Minute 128/13 of the Cabinet, the City Council considered a report of the Executive Director, Place on further funding that had been secured from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for additional works at Friargate Bridge.

'Friargate', the proposed commercial development scheme located on approximately 37 acres of land around Coventry Railway Station, would provide a new commercial quarter for the City. With up to 300,000 sqm of new development, of which over 185,000 sqm would comprise high quality office accommodation, it could create up to 13,400 permanent jobs.

The details of the bridge scheme were reported to Cabinet on 18th June 2013 (their minute 13/13 refers). Since then a further £7.2million has been secured from the ERDF. The ERDF would be match funded using previously secured £12.7million Regional Growth Fund (RGF), a further £0.07million contribution from RGF for project management, along with a private contribution from Friargate Coventry LLP. The additional ERDF would bring the total investment in public realm around the station and Friargate to over £20million. By maximising grant funding opportunities the City Council was now able to deliver the following works:

- Creation of a high quality tunnel beneath Warwick Road to provide a second entrance to Coventry station.
- Re-modelling of Station Square to allow the early (2015) completion of the pedestrian boulevard from the front of the station to Greyfriars Green.
- Contribution to the Pedestrian Boulevard and public realm.
- Bus priority measures in and around the station to help maintain reliability during and after the works.

This award was fantastic news for the City and would significantly enhance the Friargate development. The early completion of the Pedestrian Boulevard and enhancement to the quality of the public realm would help to attract business and ensure the development's success. It would also kick-start much needed improvement to the City's Railway Station – the fastest growing outside of London. A master plan for the Station was being developed by the Council working jointly with Centro and the rail industry: the new tunnel under Warwick Road and the works to Station Square would provide the first significant steps to achieving this plan.

It was necessary to incur development costs up to June 2014 when the target price for the additional work was known, without certainty that the project was affordable and that it would therefore proceed. The estimated spend up to this point (principally utilities costs, design fees and project management costs) was £0.744million. If the Council chose not to proceed with the additional works, it would not be able to claim from ERDF or RGF for the costs incurred to this date.

The Bridge Deck target price was to be originally agreed in December 2013 as detailed in the June Cabinet Report, however this had slipped to the end of February 2014 to enable the Contractor, Costain, to have more certainty regarding the design to be priced, which would result in a more accurate target contract price and present less risk to the City Council. As a result of this, it was necessary to award Costain with an early works instruction for site clearance and mobilisation during February 2014, to enable them to still meet the programme of substantial completion in March 2015. Previous Cabinet approval was for a total of £0.7million costs to be spent at risk until the target contract price was agreed. To enable the early works to proceed, an Early Works Agreement up to the value of £0.350million was required, along with approval to spend a further £0.350million project management, design and service costs at risk until target cost was agreed, totalling a further £0.7million. This was additional to the £0.7million previously agreed for project management, design and Early Contractor Involvement costs up to agreement of the target price.

The City Council was required to enter into a grant funding agreement for the ERDF funding with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). In order to meet DCLG's funding programme, the grant funding agreement was required to be completed in January 2014, therefore retrospective approval for delegation of authority is requested for the Executive Director, Place, to enter into the agreement. A contribution of the ERDF would be allocated to Friargate LLP, who would be providing match funding to deliver the pedestrian boulevard. A "back-to-back" Grant Aid Agreement (GAA) was required between the City Council and Friargate Coventry LLP to execute this funding, with the City Council as accountable body. It was standard practice within GAAs to transfer as much risk as possible to the successful applicant and project deliverer.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (a) Approves the addition of this Scheme to the Council's Capital Programme for 2013/14 onwards for the construction of the additional work up to £7.235million.**
- (b) Approves the delegation of authority to the Executive Director, Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and**

Employment) to award the ECI works contract for the additional works.

- (c) Approves the delegation of authority of the Executive Director, Place, to enter into a Grant Aid Agreement with Friargate Coventry LLP for the delivery of the Pedestrian Boulevard.**
- (d) Retrospectively approves the delegation of authority of the Executive Director, Place, to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement for the European Regional Development Fund funding with the Department for Communities and Local Government.**

147. Statement by the Leader

The Leader, Councillor Mrs Lucas, made a statement on “Regeneration”.

The Leader of the Opposition Group, Councillor Blundell, responded to the Leader’s Statement.

Private Business

148. Friargate Bridge – Additional Works

Further to Minute 146 above, the City Council considered a report of the Executive Director, Resources that detailed the confidential financial aspects of the additional works at Friargate Bridge.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

- (a) Approve the addition of this Scheme to the Council’s Capital Programme for 2013/14 onwards for the construction of the additional work up to £7.235million.**
- (b) Approve the delegation of authority to the Executive Director, Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise & Employment) to award the ECI works contract for the additional works.**
- (c) Approve the delegation of authority of the Executive Director, Place, to enter into a Grant Aid Agreement with Friargate Coventry LLP for the delivery of the Pedestrian Boulevard.**
- (d) Retrospectively approve the delegation of authority of the Executive Director, Place, to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement for the European Regional Development Fund funding with the Department for Communities and Local Government.**

(Meeting closed at 6.20 pm)

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Conservative Group Budget proposals 25/2/14

AMENDMENT

That the Council Tax requirement in section (h) on P27 at band D remain frozen at last year's level of £1323.80 and all other figures be adjusted accordingly.

That the variation above be adjusted and financed as follows:-

	£M
Non implementation of proposed increase	(1.88)
Council Tax Freeze grant	1.22
Houses in multiple occupation	(0.05)
20mph speed limits in residential areas	(0.05)
Residential parking schemes	(0.05)
25% reduction in Trade Union facilities budget	0.10
Further 5% reduction in Business Services salaries budget	0.48
Birmingham Airport dividend	<u>0.23</u>
	Nil

Proposed Tim Sawdon

Seconded John Blundell

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Agenda Item 7

Council – 18th March 2014

**Agenda Item 7
Recommendation from Cabinet
11th February 2014**

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm. on 11th February 2014

Present:

Cabinet Members:

Councillor D Chater
Councillor G Duggins
Councillor D Gannon
Councillor A Gingell
Councillor Kelly
Councillor R Lancaster
Councillor E Ruane
Councillor P Townshend (Chair)

Deputy Cabinet Members:

Councillor Caan
Councillor Howells

Non-voting Opposition Members:

Councillor Andrews

Other Members:

Councillor McNicholas

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's:

M Reeves (Chief Executive), F Collingham, R Nawaz,
R Tennant, J Venn

People:

Brian Walsh (Executive Director), P Fahy

Place:

M Yardley (Executive Director) C Knight, A Williams

Resources:

C West (Executive Director), B Hastie, H Lynch,
M Salmon, L Welton

Apologies:

Councillor J Innes, D Kershaw, A Khan, A Lucas

Public business

RECOMMENDATION

126. Social Value Policy

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director, People, that sought approval for a Social Value Policy that set out how the Council would meet its obligations under the Public Services Act 2012.

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 (the “Act”) came into force on 31st January 2013 and placed a requirement on public bodies to consider how the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area in which they operated may be improved through the procurement of their services.

In order to comply with the Act, the Council had developed a draft Social Value Policy (attached as an appendix to the report) that set out how Coventry City Council would deliver social value through its commissioning and procurement activities and the Council’s priorities in relation to social value.

The Policy proposed that consideration of social value would be built into the initial stages of the commissioning cycle – when reviewing service provision, conducting a needs analysis, consulting stakeholders and/or the marketplace, and specifying the services to be procured. This would offer more genuine opportunities to community and voluntary groups to become involved, whilst maintaining focus on obtaining value for money.

All procurement decisions would be managed through the procurement processes set out in the Council’s Constitution.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommends that the Council approve the Social Value Policy.

(Meeting finished at 2.25 p.m.)

Cabinet
Council

11th February 2014
25th February 2014

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) – Councillor Gannon

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Executive Director, Resources

Ward(s) affected:

All

Title:

Social Value Policy

Is this a key decision?

Yes - The Social Value Policy will impact on the future procurement of Council services which will affect communities, residents and businesses in 2 or more Wards of the City

Executive Summary:

The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 (the “Act”) came into force on 31st January 2013. It places a requirement on public bodies to consider how the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area in which they operate may be improved through the procurement of their services.

This report seeks approval for a Social Value Policy which sets out how the Council will meet its obligations under the Public Services Act 2012.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is requested to:

1. Recommend that the Council approve the Social Value Policy attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Council is requested to:

1. Consider any comments from Cabinet and approve the Social Value policy attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix 1 – Social Value Policy (Draft)

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No – Although this report has not been to Scrutiny, the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) considered this issue on 25th November 2013 and have been consulted upon the draft Policy

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 – Council on the 25th February 2014

Report title: Social Value Policy

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires all public bodies in England and Wales to consider:
- how what is proposed to be procured might improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the relevant area; and
 - how, in conducting the process of procurement, it might act with a view to securing that improvement. (However the Act makes it clear, that in order to remain in line with EU law this must be relevant and proportionate in respect of the proposed contract.)
- 1.2 The Act applies to all public services contracts and framework service agreements as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations (2006) i.e. those which are above the EU threshold (currently £173,934 over the life of the contract). This applies to contracts relating to services; joint services and works; and services and goods where the services element is the greater part of the overall contract.

By not complying with the Act, the Council can be challenged on the award of contracts by a failed bidder by way of judicial review.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 Social Value Policy

- 2.1.1 In order to ensure that it complies with the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, the Council has developed a draft Social Value Policy (attached as Appendix 1). The aim of this policy is to set out how Coventry City Council will deliver social value through its commissioning and procurement activities and to set out the Council's priorities in relation to social value. The Council is committed to using all of its resources efficiently and ensuring that it maximises the benefits from its spending decisions for its residents and the city.
- 2.1.2 The policy defines social value as:

a process whereby organisations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organisation, but also to society and the economy, whilst minimising damage to the environment

- 2.1.3 The Council's vision, values and priorities for the city are set out in its Council Plan, which provides the context for determining the Council's approach to social value. The draft policy outlines a draft set of outcomes, based on the draft Council Plan, that will allow the Council to consider the economic, social and environmental well-being of the city and its residents when commissioning and procuring goods and services.

2.2 Delivering the Policy

- 2.2.1 The opportunities to secure improvements to social, environmental or economic wellbeing will vary from service to service. The Policy therefore, proposes that consideration of social value will be built into the initial stages of the commissioning cycle – when reviewing service provision, conducting a needs analysis, consulting stakeholders and/or the marketplace, and specifying the services to be procured. This will offer more genuine

opportunities to community and voluntary groups to become involved, whilst maintaining our focus on obtaining value for money.

- 2.2.2 Due to the wide range of services provided by the Council there can be no 'one size fits all' model. It is therefore proposed that service commissioners, in conjunction with their procurement lead, consider on a contract by contract basis the potential social value that could be delivered (with regard to the Council's social value outcomes) and the most appropriate procurement strategy to achieve these benefits. The Council's existing procurement processes will need to be adjusted to demonstrate that due consideration has been given to the Act's requirements.
- 2.2.3 The delivery of the Social Value Policy is the responsibility of Executive Director Resources, reporting to Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources. All procurement decisions will be managed through the procurement processes, as set out in the Council's Constitution.

2.3 Approach to Equalities

- 2.3.1 The Council's approach to equality is embedded within the Social Value Policy outcomes. Progress against the Social Value outcomes will be reported through the Council's procurement processes, as set out in the Council's Constitution, and where applicable will include analysis by key equality groups/areas.

3. Consultation and engagement

- 3.1 Consultation on the draft Social Value Policy took place between 28th October and 20th December 2013. As part of the consultation, key stakeholders were invited to comment on the draft document.
- 3.2 Responses were received from the voluntary and community sectors and the private sector. The majority of respondents agreed with the outcomes outlined in the policy. Respondents highlighted the importance of health inequalities; the need to work with small and medium sized enterprises to achieve social value; and the importance of managing the Council's supply chain to ensure that social benefits were accrued. Feedback received through the consultation period has been embedded into the revised policy.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 Current Procurement practice is already giving consideration to Social Value principles and this will be formalised with effect from 1st April 2014.
- 4.2 The City Council has an established Social Value Working Group, with representatives from across the Authority including Equalities, Environment, Public Health, Economy etc. This group will continue to meet and support the implementation of this policy
- 4.3 There will be a joint launch event in Quarter 1 of 2014/15, of this policy and the Business Charter for Social Responsibility and presentation of the Health and Wellbeing Charter awards to the business community.

5. Comments from Executive Director, Resources

5.1 Financial implications

Whilst the introduction of this policy does not, in itself, incur any additional cost, the implementation of its intent may involve higher upfront cost. Wherever possible, the Procurement Service will look to ensure that over the life of the purchase, the total cost does not exceed current financial resources available.

5.2 Legal implications

By adopting the Social Value Policy and applying it to the Council's procurement processes in a proportionate manner to reflect the services or goods to be procured so that outcomes are relevant to the specification of the services or goods required, the Council will be discharging its duty under the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 but in such a manner so as to be compatible with the Council's own rules of contract and EU procurement rules (where applicable).

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives and priorities (council plan/scorecard) / Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy?

The Social Value Policy will support the delivery of the priorities set out in the new Council Plan

6.2 How is risk being managed?

As part of each procurement process, a review of risks is undertaken, mitigating actions applied and monitored accordingly.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

This policy will maximise the social value benefits that the Council can achieve through its procurement processes, thereby delivering value for money.

6.4 Equalities / EIA

Coventry City Council is committed to making a difference to the lives of the people of Coventry and to promoting equality of opportunity for its citizens. The Social Value Policy aims to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the city for the benefit of all its residents. The outcomes contained within the policy focus on key vulnerable groups and seeks to address equality concerns.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

The Council will encourage the efficient use of resources and will encourage businesses to reduce their carbon emissions. Protecting the natural environment will also be a priority for the Council.

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

The Council will work with all its partners, including the voluntary and community sectors and local businesses to deliver the Social Value Policy.

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Coventry City Council

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1 Purpose and Background

- 1.1 Coventry City Council is required to consider, before commencing the procurement process, how the economic, social and environmental well-being of the city may be improved through the procurement of its services as part of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012. The aim of the Act is not to alter the commissioning and procurement processes, but to ensure that, as part of these processes, councils give consideration to the wider impact of the services delivery. It allows a council, for example, to choose a supplier under a tendering process who not only provides the most economically advantageous service, but one which goes beyond the basic contract terms and secures wider benefits for the community.
- 1.2 The aim of this policy is to set out how Coventry City Council will deliver social value through its commissioning and procurement activities and to set out the Council's priorities in relation to social value. The Government issued guidance on social value in its Best Value Statutory Guidance in September 2011. This can be accessed at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/5945/1976926.pdf

2 Defining Social Value

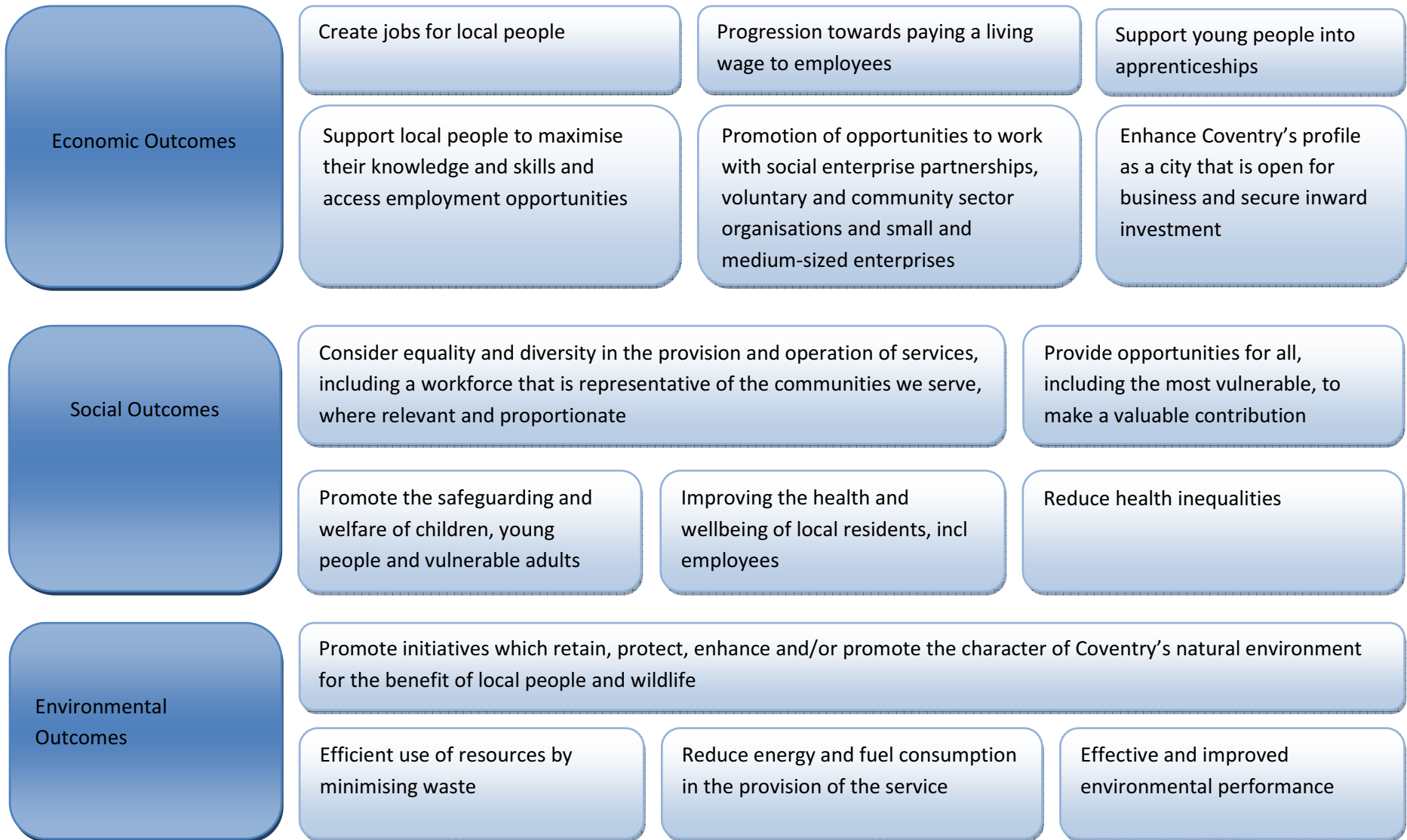
- 2.1 The Act does not define what is meant by 'social value'. Therefore, the Council will adopt the definition of social value as set out by the Sustainable Procurement Taskforce. Social value is defined as:
a process whereby organisations meet their needs for goods, services, works and utilities in a way that achieves value for money on a whole life basis in terms of generating benefits not only to the organisation, but also to society and the economy, whilst minimising damage to the environment

3 Our Social Value Outcomes

- 3.1 The Council has developed a set of outcomes that will allow it to consider the economic, social and environmental well-being of the city and its residents when commissioning and procuring goods and services. These outcomes are based on the vision, values and priorities contained in the Council Plan (www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/).
- 3.2 The Council procures a wide range of goods and services, and it is recognised that there can be no 'one size fits all' model. This policy will, therefore, need to be applied in a proportionate manner and be tailored to reflect the service or goods to be procured. It is the role of service commissioners and procurement leads to consider, on a contract by contract basis, the potential social value outcomes that could be delivered through the procurement process and the most appropriate procurement strategy to achieve these.
- 3.3 Where appropriate in its procurement activities, the council will specify social value outcomes that are proportionate and relevant to the specification of the service required and will evaluate tenders in accordance with those social value outcomes and the specification.
- 3.4 Applications to provide services from organisations should therefore *demonstrate* their, and where appropriate their supply chains', ability to add economic, social and

environmental value to the city above and beyond simply providing the tendered service and provide evidence which would contribute to the outcomes set out below.

Our Social Value Outcomes where relevant and proportionate



4 Scope

- 4.1 The Act applies to services contract and contracts which combine service with the purchase or hire of goods. However, the Council has for many years considered social, economic and environmental issues when procuring goods and services. Therefore, the Council will continue to encourage consideration of social value outcomes in all contracts above the EU threshold, where it can be evidenced that it is relevant to the subject matter of the contract.
- 4.2 For those contracts that fall below the EU threshold, the approach should be to maximise these outcomes where possible.
- 4.3 In order to ensure that the Council adheres to the Act and to EU law, the social value sought from a contract must be relevant and proportionate in respect of the proposed contract.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 In discharging its statutory duties, the Council is required to consider whether consultation should take place as part of the commissioning process, so as to allow the community and voluntary sectors to be more closely involved. Consultation should be considered as part of the process of looking at how a procurement might be offered for tender which would improve the area's economic, social and environmental well-being.

6 Implementation

- 6.1 The Council has also developed an Implementation Framework (attached at Appendix 1), which sets out the Council's approach to delivering its Social Value Policy. The Framework sets out how the Council will ensure that social value is embedded in its commissioning cycle, the governance arrangements in place to deliver social value and a set of indicators that will be used to consider the potential social value that could be delivered with regard to the Council's social value outcomes.

7 Responsibility

- 7.1 The delivery of the Social Value Policy is the responsibility of Executive Director Resources, reporting to Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources. All procurement decisions will be managed through the procurement processes, as set out in the Council's constitution.

8 Monitoring and Review

- 8.1 The Social Value Policy will be monitored on an ongoing basis through reports on procurement to the Cabinet Member responsible for procurement.

Appendix 1: Implementation Framework

1 The Council will ensure that social value is delivered through a number of approaches:

1.1 Commissioning Cycle

1.1.1 The opportunities to secure improvements to social, environmental or economic wellbeing will vary from service to service. Consideration of social value is built into all the stages of the Council's commissioning cycle – when reviewing service provision; conducting a needs analysis; consulting stakeholders and/or the marketplace; and specifying the services to be procured. This offers more genuine opportunities to community and voluntary groups to become involved, whilst maintaining our focus on obtaining value for money. (hyperlink to Service Commissioning Checklist to be inserted)

1.2 Governance Arrangements

1.2.1 The Council will use its existing governance arrangements, through both its democratic governance, as set out in the Council's Constitution, and its Strategic Category Panels, in order to ensure scrutiny and control of procurement decisions so that the Council achieves social value, where appropriate.

1.2.2 The Strategic Category Panels ensure that the Council achieves the best possible outcomes using the resources available, as efficiently as possible. By embedding social value into the Procurement Outline Document (POD), which is taken to Strategic Category Panels for approval, the Council will meet its obligations under the Public Services (Social Value) 2012 Act. In order to embed social value into our processes, the changes will be set out in the Rules for Contract document and associated policies to take effect as soon as possible.

1.3 Social Value Indicators

1.3.1 The Council has identified a set of indicators that can be used to measure and track the amount of social value delivered through contracting arrangements. When commissioning goods and services, commissioners and procurement leads must consider the indicators for inclusion into the award criteria or as a performance obligation, where appropriate. These indicators are not an exhaustive list, and commissioners and procurement leads may wish to consider additional indicators.

Social Value Indicators, where relevant and proportionate

Outcome		Indicators
Economic	Create jobs for local people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of new jobs created within the city Number of local people in employment within services commissioned
	Progression towards paying a living wage to employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of suppliers paying a living wage
	Support young people into apprenticeships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of businesses operating apprenticeship schemes/work placements No of local people accessing apprenticeships/work placements within services commissioned
	Support local people to maximise their knowledge and skills and access employment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of training places/apprenticeships/work placements No of local people supported to gain a qualification No of employees benefiting from L&D activities Level of qualifications achieved
	Promotion of opportunities to work with social enterprise partnerships, voluntary and community sector organisations and small and medium-sized enterprises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of contracts with social enterprise partnerships Evidence that suppliers work with voluntary and community organisations via contracting/sub-contracting arrangements
	Enhance Coventry's profile as a city that is open for business and secure inward investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of new investment projects Amount of new money invested in the city No of foreign owned businesses in the city New business registration rate
Social	Consider equality and diversity in the provision and operation of services, including a workforce that is representative of the communities we serve, where relevant and proportionate	Indicators based on individual service requirements <i>Examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service caters for the specific needs of users. Equality profile of service users

Outcome		Indicators
	Provide opportunities for all, including the most vulnerable, to make a valuable contribution	Indicators based on individual service requirements <i>Examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Increase in volunteering</i>
	Promote the safeguarding and welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults	Indicators based on individual service requirements <i>Examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Fewer children in LA care</i> • <i>Reducing incidents of domestic violence</i>
	Improving the health and wellbeing of local residents, including employees	Indicators based on individual service requirements <i>Examples:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provision of facilities and resources for the wider community</i> • <i>No of businesses with a workplace health charter</i>
	Reduce health inequalities	Indicators based on individual service requirements and linked to Council Plan indicators
Environmental	Promote initiatives which retain, protect, enhance and/or promote the character of Coventry's natural environment for the benefit of local people and wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased biodiversity • Amount of green space available
	Efficient use of resources by minimising waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of waste sent to landfill • Recycling rates • Reduced packaging
	Reduce energy and fuel consumption in the provision of the service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced carbon footprint of business
	Effective and improved environmental performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification to Environmental Management System Standard or evidence of equivalent environmental management system, for example an Environmental Policy in place

Council Meeting

18th March, 2014

**Written Questions
Booklet**

1.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Lepoidevin</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Duggins</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services confirm that where there are children living in a home, that all Domestic Violence notifications are now going to all schools.</p>	

2.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Lepoidevin</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Duggins</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services confirm that Children’s Centres are being notified of Domestic Violence notifications, and that this is not at the discretion of the Health Visitor?</p>	

3.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Lepoidevin</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Duggins</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services explain the arrangement that exists between Midwifery, Health Visitors and Coventry’s early intervention agenda that are often the first opportunity for professionals to connect with a family.</p>	