

Council – 23rd July 2013

**Recommendation from Cabinet
9th July 2013**

Coventry City Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 3.00 pm. on 9th July 2013

Present:	
Cabinet Members:	Councillor Townshend (Deputy Chair) Councillor Duggins Councillor Gannon Councillor Kelly Councillor A. Khan Councillor Lancaster
Deputy Cabinet Members:	Councillor Caan Councillor Howells
Non-voting Opposition Members:	Councillor Blundell Councillor Taylor (Substitute for Councillor Andrews)
Other Members:	Councillor Abbott Councillor Hetherton Councillor Thomas Councillor Walsh
Employees (by Directorate):	
Chief Executive's:	M Reeves (Chief Executive), C Dear, F Collingham, J Moore
Children, Learning & Young People:	C. Green (Director), S Redgrave
City Services & Development:	M Yardley (Director), R Moon
Community Services:	P Barnett, C Hickin, C Parker, S Roach
Customer & Workforce Services:	H Abraham, M Salmon, C Sinclair
Finance & Legal Services:	C West (Director), C Forde, H Lynch
Apologies:	Councillors Andrews, Gingell, Kershaw, Mrs Lucas and Ruane

Public business

RECOMMENDATION

31. Coventry City Centre Public Realms Phase 2 – Update Report

Cabinet approved a second phase of public realm works at its meeting on 9th October 2012. Three schemes from that programme were successfully implemented, these being the second access to Pool Meadow, the new junction at Little Park Street and New Union Street, and the Bishop Street Pocket Park. In addition, two further schemes were underway at High Street and Spon Street.

The Committee considered a report which indicated that a number of factors had necessitated a rethink of the remainder of the programme, these being:-

- An opportunity to bid for further European Regional Development Funding (ERDF);
- A greater focus on the City's heritage offer as a key to regeneration;
- The approval of the Friargate Bridge meant that Warwick Road would be closed at Junction 6 for much of 2014, therefore it would be necessary to ensure that other City Centre roads remained open;
- The opportunity to create a civic space in front of the Council House that was worthy of an ambitious City and set the standard for the redevelopment of the area that would be released by the move to Friargate;
- Funding for Gosford Gate had become available which provided a fantastic opportunity to provide a complete high quality route from Broadgate to Far Gosford Street and to connect into exciting proposals for Charterhouse;
- Centro had offered an additional £140k which would allow much needed improvements to Trinity Street to be brought forward; and
- The potential for sponsorship had led to a radical rethink of proposals for Lidice Place to provide a quality green space that would draw visitors into the Spon Street area.

In conjunction with the Friargate works and the Barberry Development at Bishop Street, the revised programme would see the 'medieval' cross completed to a high standard. The routes linked many of the City's key heritage and development sites and it was vital that high quality links between the sites were created to best promote the City as a great place to invest and do business.

The revised programme would not require any additional Council resources and would be managed within the resources previously reported to the Cabinet, together with additional ERDF, Centro, Homes and Communities Agency and Liveability resources secured.

The Cabinet thanked officers for the work undertaken on the design of the schemes and for the funding secured. They asked that their thanks be recorded and that the officers concerned be informed accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet recommends that the City Council:

- (1) Approve the revised programme of works for public realm Phase 2 as set out in Table 1.**
- (2) Delegate authority to the Cabinet Members (Public Services) and (Business, Enterprise and Employment) to agree the detailed works for schemes in Coventry 2012 Phase 2, as set out in Appendices A, B and C and their implementation, subject to the availability of funding.**

(Meeting finished at 4.00 p.m.)