

**Council – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

**Recommendation from Cabinet  
5<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm. on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

Present:

Members: Councillor A Lucas (Chair)  
Councillor P Townshend (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor F Abbott  
Councillor Maton  
Councillor A Gingell  
Councillor D Kershaw  
Councillor A Khan  
Councillor R Lancaster  
Councillor E Ruane

Deputy Cabinet  
Members Councillor K Caan  
Councillor D Chater  
Councillor C Fletcher  
Councillor J McNicholas

Non-Voting  
Opposition  
Members: Councillor A Andrews  
Councillor J Blundell

Other Members: Councillor Birdi  
Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Crookes  
Councillor Duggins  
Councillor Hetherington  
Councillor Noonan  
Councillor Sandy  
Councillor Thomas

Employees (by  
Directorate):

Chief Executives M Reeves (Chief Executive), J Forde

Place M Yardley (Executive Director), D Nuttall, G Simpson

People B Walsh (Executive Director)

Resources C West (Executive Director), C Forde, S Lal, J Murphy,  
M Salmon

**Public business**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**40. Coventry Sports Strategy 2014-2024**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director, Place, that was also being submitted to the meeting of the Council on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014, which sought approval for a City-wide Partnership Sports Strategy, the 'Coventry Sports Strategy 2014-2024'. The report and its associated appendices, detailed the outcomes of the public consultation and the identified impacts of its key proposals through consideration of the Equality and Consultation Analysis for the Strategy.

The proposed Strategy's stated mission was 'To develop a more active, inclusive and vibrant Coventry through positive experiences in sport' and was structured around eight Vision Aims and 37 Strategic Objectives, which had been refined through an extensive period of stakeholder engagement and public consultation. Included within these were objectives concerned with increasing and widening participation in sport; increasing the number of people receiving sports coaching; increasing the number of people volunteering in sport; establishing and embedding a Coventry Institute of Sport that provided early specialist support services for talented athletes; developing City Centre sports facilities that were accessible, high quality, sustainable and of significance to the Midlands (proposed through closing the Coventry Sports and Leisure Centre and investing in a City Centre destination facility); attracting high profile sporting events to the City; establishing a Coventry Sports Network; and harnessing the power of sport to promote community cohesion and address public health inequalities in the City.

The Strategy was influenced and supported by the proposed Coventry Playing Pitch Strategy 2014-2024, for which approval was also sought. The Strategy was further supported by the proposed Coventry Indoor Facilities Strategy 2014-2024 and Coventry Aquatics Strategy 2014-2024, for which approval would be sought in the 'City Centre Sports and Public Leisure Facility Development' Report, also being submitted to Cabinet (minute 41 below refers), which specifically addressed and made proposals for future City Centre public sports and leisure provision.

At a Joint Meeting of Cabinet Members (Business, Enterprise and Employment) and (Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks) on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 (their minutes 3/14 and 4/14 refers) three petitions were considered relating to proposals within the draft Sports Strategy 2014-2024 linked to public sports and leisure provision, as follows:

- an e-petition regarding a campaign to keep a 50m swimming pool in Coventry (containing 3,966 signatures at 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014)
- a written petition requesting that the Council retain a 50m swimming pool in Coventry (containing 7,333 signatures at 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014)
- an e-petition regarding a campaign to help develop competitive gymnastics sports in Coventry (containing 29 signatures at 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014)

The Cabinet Members approved reviews of specific considerations, including expressed concerns regarding obesity associated with health and fitness issues, Olympic legacy and the reputation of the City, in the Sports Strategy

2014-2024 Report and in the City Centre Sports and Public Leisure Facility Development Report.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet:**

- 1) Approves the Coventry Sports Strategy 2014-2024**
- 2) Approves the Coventry Playing Pitch Strategy 2014-2024**
- 3) Recommends that the Council endorses the Coventry Sports Strategy 2014-2024 and the mission, vision, aims and strategic objectives contained therein.**

**Council is requested to:**

- 1) Endorse the Coventry Sports Strategy 2014-2024 and the mission, vision, aims and strategic objectives contained therein.**

(Meeting finished at 5.20 p.m.)