

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Joint Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) and (Policing and Equalities) held at 3.00 pm on Monday, 3 November 2014

Present:

Members: Councillor P Townshend (Chair)
Councillor A Andrews (Shadow Cabinet Member)
Councillor J Birdi (Shadow Cabinet Member)
Councillor Maton

By invitation: Councillor J Clifford (Holbrook Ward Councillor)
Councillor A Lucas (Holbrook Ward Councillor)

Employees (by Directorate):
C Hickin, People Directorate
U Patel, Resources Directorate

Apologies: Councillor C Fletcher, R Lancaster and J McNicholas

Public Business

9. Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED that Councillor Townshend be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

10. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11. Minutes

The minutes of the Joint Cabinet Member meeting held on 4th September, 2014 were signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

12. Update report in response to a petition regarding the condition of an empty home in Holbrooks

The Cabinet Members (Policing and Equalities) and (Business, Enterprise and Employment) considered a report of the Executive Director, People which provided an update on actions taken since the Joint Cabinet Member meeting held on 28th May 2014 in response to a petition received on 21st June 2013. The petition was signed by 49 individuals in the Holbrook area and requested the Council to take action against the owner of an empty property that had become overgrown and damaged by fire.

The report detailed the measures taken to address this problem, by using Council powers to force the sale of the property in order to recover monies owed and measures taken since that date with the new owner of the property.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Members (Policing and Equalities) and (Business, Enterprise and Employment) jointly:

- 1. Instruct officers to seek approval from Planning Committee at the earliest date for the service of a Section 215 Notice and take all and other appropriate enforcement action to secure the property and bring it back into use at the earliest opportunity.**
 - 2. Request officers to submit a further progress report to a joint Cabinet Members meeting on or before 31st December 2014.**
- 13. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved**

There were no other items of urgent business.

(Meeting closed at 3.20 pm)