

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Joint Cabinet Members (Strategic Finance & Resources), (Business, Enterprise & Employment) & (Policing & Equalities) held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 March 2015**

Present:

Members: Councillor Townshend (Chair)  
Councillor A Andrews (Shadow Cabinet Member)  
Councillor J Birdi (Shadow Cabinet Member)  
Councillor D Gannon  
Councillor K Maton  
Councillor T Sawdon (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place M Fothergill, C Hickin, M McHugh,  
Resources U Patel, B Strain

**Public Business**

**8. Appointment of Chair**

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

**9. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

Councillor Sawdon informed the meeting that he owned a property close to a property identified by officers for appropriate action.

**10. 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 items of business referred to in Minute 14 below headed “Progress made in bringing long-term empty homes back into use” on the grounds that that item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.**

**11. Minutes**

The minutes of the Joint Cabinet Members' meeting held on 3 November 2014 were signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

**12. Progress made in bringing long-term empty homes back into use**

Further to Minute 4 of the Joint Cabinet Members' meeting held on 3 November 2014, the Cabinet Members for Strategic Finance and Resources, Business

Enterprise and Employment and for Policing and Equalities considered a report of the Executive Director of Place detailing the progress made in bringing long-term empty homes back into use. The report detailed the measures that Officers had taken in pursuit of this aim. There was a corresponding private report on the private part of the agenda which contained details of specific properties identified by officers for appropriate action.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet Members for Strategic Finance and Resources, Business, Enterprise and Employment and for Policing and Equalities jointly:**

- 1. Endorse the actions that have been taken as outlined in the report to address long-term empty homes in the City.**
- 2. Support the request to change the maintenance of the Empty Homes Data base enabling a greater focus on empty homes that are causing problems.**
- 3. Request a further report to be submitted to a Joint Cabinet Members' meeting by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.**

**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 public business.

**14. Progress made in bringing long-term empty homes back into use**

Further to Minute 12 above, the Cabinet Members for Strategic Finance and Resources, Business Enterprise and Employment and for Policing and Equalities considered a corresponding private report of the Executive Director of Place which provided details of specific properties identified by officers for appropriate action.

**RESOLVED that the Cabinet Members for Strategic Finance and Resources, Business, Enterprise and Employment and for Policing and Equalities jointly:**

- 1. Endorse the actions that have been taken as outlined in the report to address long-term empty homes in the City.**
- 2. Support the request to change the maintenance of the Empty Homes Data base enabling a greater focus on empty homes that are causing problems.**
- 3. Request a further report to be submitted to a Joint Cabinet Members' meeting by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015.**

**15. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved**

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at 2.40 pm)