



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 13 AUGUST 2012

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2012**

17 AUGUST 2012

Public Business

- Denotes items that have been referred to Audit Committee.
- # Denotes items that are to be referred to Council. Accordingly Call-in does not apply.
- ◆ Denotes a matter where the associated report has already been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a Scrutiny Board. Where this body has endorsed the recommendations or made recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member Call-in does not apply.
- * Denotes other items that have been referred to, or considered by, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a specific Scrutiny Board.

Note: The Limitations on Call-in are set out at the end of this sheet.

Cabinet – 14th August, 2012

Report 4 **Increasing Primary School Places**

Councillor Kershaw

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to approve the following recommendations:

1. To increase the reception intake of Fredrick Bird School for September 2012, for one year only at this point, from 90 to 120 children; 3 to 4 Forms of Entry (FE);
2. To approve consultation on the City Council's school size policy to increase the maximum size of a primary school from 3 to 4 FE;
3. To note the urgent measures already implemented in relation to additional reception places for September 2012 admissions; and
4. To note that a report will be presented to Cabinet in October 2012 which will recommend formal consultation on the expanding primary school programme for September 2014.

The above recommendations were approved.

(NOTE: Pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.27 of the City Council's Constitution, Councillor Bigham, Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee attended for the consideration of this matter and agreed

the need for urgency such that call-in arrangements will not apply. The reason for urgency is that the increase in reception intake at Fredrick Bird Primary School from 3 to 4 Forms of Entry (FE) needs to be approved ready for the start of the new school term on Monday 3rd September, 2012. The consultation on the City Council's school size policy to increase the maximum size of a primary school from 3 to 4 FE needs to start at the beginning of September in order to inform the formal consultation on the expanding primary school programme for September 2014 for recommendation to Cabinet in October 2012.

Report 5 Outcome of Consultation on Proposals to Modernise and Improve the Council Provided Day Opportunities for Older People

Councillor Mrs Lucas

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to approve:

1. the consolidation of Council provided day opportunities services for older people on three sites.
2. ceasing to provide services at St Thomas' and Samuel Hayward for reasons detailed in section 2 of this report.
3. the response to the proposition presented in Petition 619 to keep St Thomas' open on the grounds that this service is financially unsustainable due to the low numbers of people choosing to attend that service.
4. cease weekend services at Gilbert Richards.
5. consider the discharge of the duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 following the equality impact assessment on existing and potential users included at Appendix 1.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Education Capital: Priority Schools Building Programme

Councillor Kershaw

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to approve the following recommendations:

1. Note the approvals of the applications for funding from the Priority Schools Building Programme;
2. Authorise officers to support schools and the Education Funding Agency (EFA) in procuring the schemes;
3. Note the EFA selection of Whitmore Park Primary School as the Coventry batch PSBP sample scheme;
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Children Learning and Young People and the Director of Finance and Legal Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Education) to sign any necessary letters of commitment as may be required by the EFA.
5. Agree to receive further monitoring reports on the procurement process.

The above recommendations were approved.

◆Report 7 Public Consultation - Council Tax Support Scheme

Councillor Duggins

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Approve an eight week public consultation on a draft council tax support scheme, based on the same eligibility rules and award levels as the current national council tax benefit scheme, and which maintains the level of support for low-income households.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Legal Services to approve the contents of the public consultation document.
- 3) Receive a further report at the 20th November meeting detailing the results of the consultation.

The above recommendations were approved, together with the following additional recommendation:

- 4) Approve the comments made by the Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform Scrutiny Board following their consideration of this matter at their meeting on 14th August, 2012.

*** Report 8 Delivering the Jobs Strategy – Annual Progress 2011/12 and a Revised Jobs Strategy for Coventry 2012/13**

Councillor Kelly

Recommendations

Cabinet are requested to:

- (1) Consider and endorse the progress made by the Jobs Strategy for Coventry to date
- (2) Endorse the changes made to the strategy document and agree to the refining of the targets for the next two years of the Jobs Strategy
- (3) Refer the report to the Jobs, Skills and Growth Scrutiny Board (3) for inclusion on their work programme, requesting the Board to consider the progress so far and identify any further opportunities for action, especially opportunities to engage support from other stakeholders in the City

The above recommendations were approved.

◆ Report 9 Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy

Councillor Townshend

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Consider the recommendations from Scrutiny Board 4.
- 2) Extend the current interim policy until 31st March 2013.
- 3) Authorise officers to consult on a nil policy as a preferred option.

- 4) Authorise the findings of the SEV consultation and the proposed new policy to be presented to Scrutiny Board 4 and Cabinet in January 2013.

Recommendations 2) to 4) above were approved. In relation to Recommendation 1), the Cabinet approved the following recommendations made by the Street and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board following their consideration of this matter at their meeting on 10th August, 2012:

- a) There is an introduction to the consultation written in plain English, containing links to further information if required.
- b) The briefing for ward forum senior support officers is circulated to Elected Members, if they have any questions from the public.
- c) Elected Members identify community or residents groups in their wards that they feel should be included in the consultation and forward the information to the relevant officer.

Report 10 Troubled Families Programme

Councillors O'Boyle and Townshend

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Endorse the Troubled Families Programme and the associated funding as a significant opportunity in delivering Coventry's Strategic priorities for Children & Young People and delivery against the Coventry Community Safety Partnerships strategic priorities.
2. Authorise the City Council to negotiate with Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) within agreed parameters to deliver support to troubled families with multiple problems.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 11 Outstanding Issues

Recommendations

The Cabinet are recommended to consider the list of outstanding items as set out below and to ask the Member of the Management Board concerned to explain the current position on those which should have been discharged at this meeting or an earlier meeting.

The above recommendation was approved

Limitations on Call-in

A call-in will normally be regarded as appropriate **UNLESS**:-

1. it falls within paragraph 4.5.26 of the Scrutiny rules (part 4 of the Constitution) – ie. it relates to:
 - (i) a matter which is to be determined by the Council.
 - (ii) a decision of the Cabinet/Cabinet Member taken as a matter of urgency and the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee (or his/her nominee) had been invited to attend the meeting where the urgent decision had been taken or the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee has previously agreed the need for urgency.
 - (iii) a decision made by an employee exercising delegated authority.
 - (iv) decisions of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
 - (v) decisions of the Planning Committee.
 - (vi) decisions of the Appeals and Appointments Panels.
 - (vii) decisions of the Audit Committee.
 - (viii) a matter where the associated report has already been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or a Scrutiny Board who have endorsed the recommendations or made recommendations that have been accepted by the Cabinet/Cabinet Member.
2. The call-in form is not completed correctly.
3. The call-in form is received after the specified time.
4. The reason for the call-in is unclear or does not relate directly to the decision specified on the call-in form.
5. The reason for the call-in is a question, the answer to which can be found in the report relating to the decision which is being called in.