



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 8 OCTOBER 2012

CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2012

12 OCTOBER 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 Member (City Development) – 8th October, 2012

Report 4 City Centre Council Car Parks – Proposal for Free Parking Promotion (Christmas 2012)

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (City Development) is recommended to approve the free parking promotion for Christmas 2012 to coincide with Wednesday late night shopping from 28th November to 19th December 2012 inclusive.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 5 Outstanding Issues

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (City Development) is requested to consider the list of outstanding issues and to ask the Member of the Management Board or appropriate officer to explain the current position on those which should have been discharged at this meeting or an earlier meeting.

The above recommendation was approved.

Cabinet Member (City Services) – 9th October, 2012

Report 4 Petition – Concerns about speeding on The Windmill Hill

Recommendations

Cabinet Member (City Services) is recommended to approve that traffic count and speed surveys are carried out on The Windmill Hill and Birmingham Road and consideration given to whether any further actions are required.

The above recommendation was approved, along with the following additional recommendation:

Officers be requested to liaise with Councillor Galliers and Mr Kite on the locations for the speed and traffic counts; to liaise with the local Ward Councillors on the results and any actions; and to inform Councillor Galliers of the proposed dates for the replacement of the street lights on The Windmill Hill.

Report 5 Petition – Condition of Road and Pavement between 158 to 182 Stonebury Avenue

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is asked to note that Officers have inspected the length of Stonebury Avenue and recommend that the road and pavements from Farcroft Avenue to Alandale Avenue are considered for inclusion in the Highways Capital Programme Forward Programme for surface treatment works.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 6 Petition: Station Avenue – Request for traffic calming

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (City Services) is recommended to:

- i) note the concerns of the petitioners
- ii) approve that speed/traffic counts be undertaken on Station Avenue with a further report in six months time detailing the results.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 7 Petition – Request for Introduction of Parking Restrictions in Asthill Croft

Recommendations

Cabinet Member (City Services) is recommended to approve that the request for waiting restrictions on Asthill Croft be added to the list maintained by the Traffic Management Team, to be assessed as part of any future review of waiting restrictions in the area, including any associated with mitigation measures for the Friargate development.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 8 Outstanding Minutes

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (City Services) is requested to consider the list of outstanding issues and to ask the Member of the Management Board or appropriate officer to explain the current position on those which should have been discharged at this meeting or an earlier meeting.

The above recommendation was approved.

Cabinet – 9th October, 2012

Report 5 Title: Proposed Expansion of Primary School Places 2014/15

Councillor Kershaw

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to approve the following recommendations:

1. To formally consult on proposals to increase the size of those primary schools referred to in paragraph 1.3 of this report;
2. To confirm the consultation arrangements set out in this report and the proposed consultation document;

3. To delegate authority to the Director of Children, Learning and Young People in conjunction with the Cabinet Member (Education) to agree any further amendments to the consultative document; and
4. To agree to receive a report on the outcome of the consultation in December 2012.

The above recommendations were approved.

NOTE: Pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.27 of the City Council's Constitution, Councillor Bigham, Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee attended for consideration of this matter and agreed the need for urgency such that call-in arrangements will not apply. The reason for urgency is to ensure that formal consultation on the proposals can commence on 15th October, 2012, which is critical given that the overall programme is aimed at delivering additional primary school places for September, 2014.

Report 6 Outcomes of Fair Funding Consultation 2013/14

Councillor Kershaw

Recommendations

- (1) Approve the recommended changes to the Fair Funding Formula which are summarised in section 2;
- (2) Authorise the Director of Children, Learning & Young People (CLYP), in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Education) and the Schools Forum, to make minor amendments to the final detail of the recommended changes, in order to comply with the School Finance (England) Regulations 2013;

The above recommendations were approved.

#Report 7 Cycle Coventry – Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Councillor Harvard

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to recommend that Council approve the following recommendations:

- (1) Approve the programme of capital schemes detailed in table 3 scheduled to take place in 2012/13; note the proposals for additional schemes in years two and three, and delegate these future approvals to the Cabinet Member (City Services).
- (2) Approve the package of revenue grant funded schemes detailed in table 4 and note the proposed revenue programme led by Centro detailed in table 5.
- (3) Approve the governance structure set out in appendix 2.
- (4) Delegate approval to sign legally binding funding agreements with Centro and the Department of Transport to support delivery of the regional LSTF project titled Smarter Network – Smarter Choices, and the local project titled Cycle Coventry to the Director of City Services and Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (City Services)

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 8 Business Rate Pooling Agreement with Warwickshire Councils

Councillor Duggins

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve the Council's participation in the Warwickshire and Coventry Pool for 2013/14 and subsequent years subject to an annual review to ensure that membership of the Pool remains in the best interests of the Authority.
2. Approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix 2) and delegate the agreement of any final amendments to the Director of Finance and Legal Services in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 9 A Revised Model for the Assessment, Allocation and Procurement of Temporary Accommodation and Support for Families in Coventry

Councillors O'Boyle, Ruane and Duggins

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Approve the progression of a revised process for the assessment, allocation, and procurement of temporary accommodation and support to families and set out in Option 2 and Appendix 2 to the report.

The above recommendation was approved.

#Report 10 The Application of Transition Arrangements to Pension Auto-Enrolment

Councillor Duggins

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

1. Apply the transition arrangements in order to delay pension auto-enrolment until September 2017
2. Apply the 'postponement' option in order to ensure the avoidance of costs incurred by any new starters who decide to opt out of the pension scheme

The above recommendations were approved.

#Report 11 Coventry City Centre Public Realm Phase 2

Councillor Harvard

Recommendations

Cabinet are requested to recommend that Council approve:

1. The updated financing of Coventry 2012 Phase 1 as set out in section 5.1 of the report
2. The delegation of authority to the Cabinet Member (City Services) to agree the detailed works for schemes in Coventry 2012 Phase 2 as set out in appendices B, C and D and their implementation subject to the availability of funding.

The above recommendations were approved.

#Report 12 Cultural Trusts Review

Councillor Ruane

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to recommend that the Council:

1. Approve the recommended establishment of a new company limited by guarantee, to take over the existing premises, employees, assets, liabilities and contracts of CHAT and CTM, which would receive a phased total reduction of £393,000 per annum in Council grant/service fees by 2014/15.
2. Approve that the Belgrade Theatre remains a separate organisation with a phased reduction in the Belgrade Theatre grant to achieve a total reduction of £272,000 per annum in Council grant to the Theatre by 2014/15.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of City Services & Development and the Director of Finance & Legal Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Neighbourhood Action Housing Leisure and Culture) and the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) to:
 - 3.1 Approve the development of a detailed transition plan with the Trusts and the final savings profile for 2013/14, to achieve the Two Trusts operating model.
 - 3.2 Agree the necessary financial means to achieve the objective of full transfer to a new Trust company, limited to a maximum level of one off funding as detailed in the Private Report to enable CHAT and CTM to implement the process of a managed wind-down and transfer to the new Trust to achieve the required savings. This will be linked to agreed measures in the grant/services agreements.

- 3.3 Agree the detail of Letters of Comfort (if required) by the Trusts' auditors in line with the financial parameters and objectives detailed in this report for signature by the Council's Section 151 Officer.
- 3.4 Take the necessary steps in conjunction with CHAT and CTM for the formation of the new company, its governance and membership arrangements and to agree any Member representation on its Board of Directors.
- 3.5 Following the establishment of the new company, to authorise the Council to enter into a grant aid agreement and assign the current leases of Coventry Transport Museum, Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Lunt Roman Fort and Priory Visitor Centre to the new company.

The above recommendations were approved.

In addition the Cabinet approved the following recommendations from the Wellness, Liveability and Public Health Scrutiny Board (1):

- i) That the Wellness, Liveability and Public Health Scrutiny Board receive timely report backs on the implementation of the approved option.
- ii) That there is a clear communications strategy for publishing the reasons behind the proposed changes to the Trusts
- iii) That the Trusts work together to maximise opportunities to market their facilities and the City
- iv) The Board acknowledge the opportunities for the Trusts to raise income through fee charging touring exhibitions. However, they would like the Trusts to be mindful of creating as many opportunities for Children and Young People in the City to access these exhibitions through group offers for example via schools and communities groups.
- v) The Board wanted to encourage repeat visits to the heritage sites and suggested the Trusts consider, when selling tickets for touring events, allowing re-admittance on the same ticket for the duration of the exhibit.

#Report 13 Canley Regeneration Programme – Land Disposal and Regeneration Proposals

Councillor Kelly

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to recommend to Council that they approve the following:-

1. Delegate authority to the Director of City Services & Development and the Director of Finance and Legal services in conjunction with the Cabinet Member (City Development), to conclude the freehold disposal of Site D, as detailed on the plan appended to the report.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of City Services & Development and the Director of Finance and Legal Services in conjunction with the Cabinet Member (City Development) to procure and deliver the community benefits set out in paragraph 2.7.

The above recommendations were approved.

#Report 14 Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway

Councillor Kelly

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to recommend that the Council:

1. Approve that negotiations continue with Roxhill for the Council to enter into a development agreement where it will dispose of a 999 year leasehold interest in land at best consideration to enable the comprehensive development of Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of City Services and Development and the Director of Finance in consultation with Cabinet Member for City Development to finalise the financial terms of the leasehold transfer of the Council's land.
3. Delegate to the Director of City Services and Development the negotiation of vacant possession of part of the Council's land within Coventry and Warwickshire Gateway.

4. Approve the upfront costs of sale which will be recovered from the sale proceeds should the disposals proceed.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 15 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.

Cabinet Member (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture) – 10th October, 2012

Report 4 Petition for Home Insulation Measures in Watcombe Road, Henley Green

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Culture and Leisure) is:

1. Requested to note that the City Council does not award home insulation grants and has no control over where registered social landlords choose to carry out home insulation works within their property portfolios.
2. Request that officers contact Whitefriars Housing Group to pass on the details of the residents' request.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Report in response to a petition relating to accommodation for ex-offenders currently situated in Arden Street, Earlsdon, Coventry.

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture) is requested to: -

1. Acknowledge the action taken by Officers to address the issues outlined in the petition and to prevent re-offending.
2. Support ongoing work of Officers in continuing to monitor the property and work closely with probation and the police to prevent further incidents from occurring and/or ensure swift and appropriate action is taken to address occupant's behaviour and prevent nuisance and/or harm to surrounding residents.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Petition – Commemoration of the former Agco / Massey Ferguson factory, Banner Lane

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture) is recommended to approve that Officers continue dialogue with developers and local residents to ensure public art is put in place which commemorates the former land use.

The above recommendation was approved.

*** Report 7 Coventry Homefinder Nominations and Lettings Policy – Changes required to the existing policy**

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture) is asked to:

1. Consider any comments made by the Transport and Infrastructure Development Scrutiny Board (6).
2. Consider the contents of the report and approve the proposed changes to the Coventry Homefinder Nominations and Lettings Policy (attached at Appendix 1).

3. Approve the proposed changes to be implemented for new and existing applicants from 2nd January 2013.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 8 Outstanding Issues

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture) is requested to consider the list of outstanding issues and to ask the Member of the Management Board or appropriate officer 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.



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