



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 7 JANUARY 2013

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2013**

11 JANUARY 2013

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.

Joint Meeting of Cabinet Members (City Development), (Health and Community Services) and (Community Safety and Equalities) – 8th January, 2013

Report 4 Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy 2012

Recommendations

Cabinet Members are recommended formally to adopt the revised Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy and approve it for publication.

The above recommendation was approved.

(NOTE: Councillors Mrs Abbott, Mrs Bigham and M. Mutton attended the meeting in their capacity as Chairs of Scrutiny Boards and Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.)

Cabinet - 8th January, 2013

#◆Report 4 Sexual Entertainment Venues Policy – Consultation Results

Councillor Townshend

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Consider the outcome of the public consultation and any recommendations from the Streets and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board; and approve the following:
 - a) Having regard to the responses to the consultation and other relevant factors, the Interim Policy be amended so as to remove paragraphs 10.2 and 10.3 from the final statement of Licensing Policy and replace with;
 - i) “The Council has conducted a widespread public consultation on a proposed nil policy for the city. The majority of respondents agreed that there is no locality in Coventry of which it can be said that SEVs are appropriate. These considerations, among others set out in the policy, have led the Council to the clear opinion that there are no localities in Coventry in which it is appropriate to license a Sexual Entertainment Venue. This does not prevent individuals from applying for a Sexual Entertainment Venue Licence and each application being considered on its merits by the Licensing & Regulatory Committee.
 - ii) However the Council recognises that there is an established Sexual Entertainment Venue which has traded in the city for a long period of time without significant concern. Accordingly, the nil policy will not apply to the said Sexual Entertainment Venue. Rather, any application in respect of the said Sexual Entertainment Venue will be judged on its own merits and without reference to the nil policy.”

The above recommendations were approved, subject to a) being amended to read:-

- a) **Having regard to the responses to the consultation and other relevant factors, the Interim Policy be confirmed as the final statement of policy going forward subject to Paragraphs 10.2 and 10.3 being replaced with:**

#◆Report 5 Coventry Tenancy Strategy 2013-18

Councillor Ruane

Recommendations

1. Cabinet are requested to recommend that the Council approve the Coventry Tenancy Strategy 2013-18 attached as Appendix 1 of this report.

The above recommendation was approved.

#Report 6 Caludon Castle School – Proposed Academy Conversion

Councillor Kershaw

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to recommend that the City Council:

1. Enters into the following legal agreements in respect of the proposed academy conversion of Caludon Castle School as set out in appendices 3 to 8 of this report:
 - 125-year lease agreement at a peppercorn rental;
 - asset transfer agreement;
 - School Agreement;
 - Principal Agreement;
 - the Deed of Amendment for the PFI Project Agreement
2. Authorise the authorised signatory within Finance and Legal Services to issue the certificate under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 to confirm the Council's power to enter into the Deed of Amendment to the PFI Project Agreement and grant an indemnity from the Council to the authorised signatory against any claim arising from signature of the certificate; and
3. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources), Cabinet Member (Education), Director of Children, Learning & Young People and Director of Finance & Legal to agree any minor amendments to the documents in 1) above arising from further consideration by Coventry Education Partnership, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Department for Education and Caludon Castle School.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 7 The 2013/14 Council Tax Base and Business Rates Estimate

Councillor Duggins

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to approve:

1. That the Council Tax collection rate for 2013/14 be set 98.5%
2. That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012, and subject to the approval of discounts and premiums by full Council at its meeting on 15th January 2013, the amounts calculated by the City Council for 2013/14 shall be:

a net tax base of 70,863.8 for the whole of the City Council area made up as follows:

Allesley Parish	287.5
Keresley Parish	187.2
All Other Coventry City Council Wards	70,389.1
TOTAL	70,863.8

3. That the following grant payments should be made to parish councils to reflect the impact in 2013/14 of Council Tax reductions on their tax bases.

Allesley Parish	£737
Keresley Parish	£321
TOTAL	£1,058

4. That the Director of Finance and Legal Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) is given delegated authority to determine an estimate of the business rates in 2013/14 (completing the National Non Domestic Rates 1 (NNDR1) form), prior to submission to government.

The above recommendations were approved.

#◆Report 8 Approval of Community Support Grants Policy

Councillor Duggins

Recommendations

Cabinet

- (1) Cabinet is requested to consider any recommendations from the Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform Scrutiny Board (5).
- (2) Cabinet is requested to take into account the consultation responses, Equality and Consultation Analysis and other information in this report and recommend that Council approve the proposed Community Support Grant Scheme Policy as set out in Appendix A and delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Legal Services to make final detailed changes to the Scheme and to implement the scheme from 1 April 2013.

The above recommendations were approved.

#Report 9 Technical Changes to Council Tax (supplementary)

Councillor Duggins

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Recommend that Council approves the implementation of technical changes to Council Tax for second homes and empty properties from April 2013 as approved by Cabinet on 10 July 2012.
- 2) Recommend that Council approves the adoption of a 100 per cent discount for a period of up to two weeks prior to the levy of a full Council Tax charge on unfurnished empty properties

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 10 Development of Earlsdon Retirement Village (The Butts)

Councillor Mrs Lucas

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (1) Delegate authority to the Director of Community Services and Director of Finance and Legal Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Health and Community Services), to negotiate with the registered social landlord:
 - (a) A three year contract and nomination agreement with the City Council within the financial terms detailed in this report
 - (b) To enter into a conditional contract (the condition being to construct the development in accordance with the planning consent) during the development phase with the contract and nomination agreement commencing from completion of the development estimated in June 2015

The above recommendation was approved.

#Report 11 Shelton Square – Investment Acquisition

Councillor Kelly

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

- 1) Approve the acquisition of the leasehold interest in 1-11 Shelton Square and 1a City Arcade.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of City Services & Development and Director of Finance and Legal services, in consultation with Cabinet member (City Development) to complete all the necessary legal documents in connection with the purchase.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 12 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.



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