



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 28 JANUARY 2013

CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2013

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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 (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture) – 30th January, 2013

Report 5 Establishment of Cabinet Member's Advisory Panel on Tourism

Recommendations

Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (a) Establish an Advisory Panel to advise the Cabinet Member (Neighbourhood Action, Housing, Leisure and Culture) on the development of a Tourism Strategy for Coventry, on the marketing of the City and on the provision of tourism services.
- (b) Approve terms of reference and the process for establishing membership as set out in the report in Appendix 1.
- (c) Delegate authority to the Director of City Services and Development or their nominated representative to liaise with the Chair to confirm the frequency of meetings required and other appropriate arrangements for the Panel.

- (d) Endorse the Tourism-related outcomes of the Jobs, Skills and Growth Scrutiny Board's discussion on the Overview of Coventry City Council's Tourism Work Programme at their meeting on 14 November 2012, as detailed in Appendix 2 in the report.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 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.

Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) – 31st January, 2013

Report 4 Report in response to a petition requesting the closure of an entry way between Harnall Lane East and Berry Street, Hillfields, Coventry

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to:-

1. Acknowledge that sufficient justification exists to consider the use of a Gating Order and subsequent closure of the public right of way between Harnall Lane East and Berry Street.
2. Request officers to investigate the proposal fully in accordance with the Council's policy and procedure and to report back to the Cabinet Member for Community Safety within six months with final recommendations following further consultation with community members.
3. That St Michael's Safer Neighbourhood Group continues to monitor, task and co-ordinate local measures and interventions to address any incidents of offending behaviour associated with the entry.
4. That the local Case Management Forum continues to take action against any individuals identified as perpetrating crime or nuisance behaviour in or around the entry.

Recommendations 1,3 and 4 were approved. Recommendation 2 was amended as per the following and approved together with the following additional recommendations:

2. Directs Officers to investigate the proposal fully in accordance with the Council's policy and procedure and to report back specifically in relation to this matter to the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) within three months. With final recommendations following further consultation with community members, local Ward Councillors and representatives of the local faith venues in the area.
5. Directs that as a matter of extreme urgency that all City Council enforcement officers, including planning enforcement officers explore issues around the current use of the pool hall and in particular seek advice from the Assistant Director (Legal Services) in relation to the possible closure of the premises and whether it would be appropriate to do so, in conjunction with West Midlands Police. Furthermore, enforcement officers be requested to explore noise nuisance and fly-tipping issues in the area. The findings be reported to a meeting of the Cabinet Member (Community Safety

and Equalities) to be arranged before the end of February 2013 outlining further recommendations.

6. As a matter of urgency, consideration be given to whether a dome camera can be installed in the area to capture evidence and prosecute where appropriate, the feasibility of this to be reported to the additional Cabinet Member meeting to be arranged in February 2013.
7. Requested the Assistant Director (Public Safety and Housing) to explore the possibility of the making of a local displacement order; the feasibility of this also to be reported to the additional meeting in February 2013.
8. A request submitted to Cabinet Members (City Services and Development) and (Community Services) as to the clean up of the alleyway.
9. Requested that further or additional work as appropriate be undertaken by the Youth Service for the youth in the area.
10. Requested that a letter be drafted and sent to the Chief Superintendent of West Midlands Police to request additional resources to be deployed in the area.
11. The Assistant Director (Democratic Services) be requested to submit a report to the next scheduled meeting of the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) on 21st March 2013, amending the protocol for dealing with petitions where a ward Councillor certifies that the issue is one of such urgency that it should be expedited, even when the Member wishes to present it to Council, to allow the matter to be reported to the relevant Cabinet Member without delay so that it can be actioned.

Report 5 Report in response to a petition requesting the prevention of disorder on the forecourt of the Murco Garage, Harnall Lane East, Hillfields, Coventry

Recommendations

1. Request the St Michaels Safer Neighbourhood Group to continue to monitor, task and co-ordinate local measures and interventions to address incidents of offending behaviour.
2. Request Police and Wardens to target their patrols to this location within the Hillfields area and Police to exercise their powers to obtain identities and disperse the group through use of Section 27 Notices where alcohol and/or threat of violence is evident.
3. Request officers to ensure that reporting methods are reinforced to local residents in order to encourage continued reporting as issues arise.
4. Request that a further progress report be submitted to the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) in the next three months to monitor the effectiveness of the measures put in place.

Recommendation 1 was approved and recommendations were amended as per the following and approved together with the additional recommendations:

2. Request Police and wardens to target their patrols to this location within the Hillfields area and Police to consider their powers to obtain identities and disperse the relevant individuals and groups through the use of Section 27 Notices where alcohol and / or threat of violence is evident.
3. Request City Council officers to ensure that reporting methods are reinforced to local residents in order to encourage continued reporting as issues arise.
4. Request that further monthly progress reports for the next three months be submitted to the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) to monitor the effectiveness of the measures put in place, having regard to the directions made by the Cabinet Member in respect of Report 4 above.
5. Directs that a letter be sent by the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) to the owner of Murco garage inviting him to attend all subsequent meetings where these issues are considered.

6. Directs that a copy of this report and recommendations be sent to the franchise owners of Murco Garage and their Chief Legal Officer and invite them to attend all subsequent meetings where these issues are considered.
7. Directs that a copy this report and recommendations be forwarded to the Assistant Director (Legal Services) requesting advice on what other options are available to deal with this issue.
8. Directs that as a matter of extreme urgency that all appropriate enforcement branches of the City Council examine what the situation is by the Murco garage, with regards to licensed premises in the area, Health and Safety Regulations in relation to the storage of fuel etc, noise nuisance caused by the youths and planning regulations in respect of the lean shelter erected on the site. A preliminary report be submitted to the additional meeting to be arranged in February 2013.

◆Report 6 Update report on the outcome of the extended noise service pilot

Recommendations

Cabinet Member is requested to:-

Approve the continuation of the current working arrangements in order to provide a core service daily between 09:00am – 03:00am, with the Communication Centre providing enhanced telephone response and support between 03.00am – 9.00am. Additionally the provision of an enhanced service on Saturday nights during the summer months of June, July, and August and during Easter and Summer Bank Holidays.

The above recommendation was approved; together with the following additional recommendation:

2. An updated report to be submitted to the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) on or before 31st March 2014.

◆Report 7 A Review of Environmental and Street Based Enforcement

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) is requested to:

- (1) Note the recommendation(s) of the Streets and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board 4.
- (2) To support and endorse the proposed option which facilitates closer working of the Council's various regulatory activities.

The above recommendations were amended as per the following and approved together with the additional recommendation:

- (1) Note the recommendation(s) of the Streets and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board 4 and thank them for the work undertaken in relation to this.
- (2) Endorse the proposed option from the Streets Neighbourhood Scrutiny Board 4 which facilitates closer working of the Councils various regulatory activities, including but not limited to the establishment of the Strategic Built Environment Groups that will report to appropriate Cabinet Members.
- (3) That the arrangement be reviewed by the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Safety in June 2013.

◆Report 8 Member Training and Development Programme 2013/14 and 2012/13 Update

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is asked to:

1. Approve the Member Development Training programme for 2013/14 and associated budget of £23,919 as set out in Appendix 5 (Option B).
2. Note the projected 2012/13 spend of £19,123 and 2011/12 outturn spend of £12,592.

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

3. Requested that the Assistant Director (Democratic Services) consider offering the training programme to co-opted members of Scrutiny Boards and Senior Officers where appropriate and directs that officers give consideration to the timing both as to individual and calendar year to ensure training needs are met.

Report 9 Evaluation of Local Democracy Week 15 - 19 October 2012

Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member review the activities during Local Democracy Week 2012, (15 – 19 October, 2012) and consider the evaluation of each activity, consider proposals for future democratic engagement events as set out in the report, and propose any other actions relevant to future Local Democracy Week initiatives.

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

2. The Cabinet Member requested that a letter be drafted inviting the Speaker of the House of Commons to come to Coventry to participate in one of the events within Local Democracy week.

Report 10 Outstanding Issues Report

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) 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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