



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 1 JULY 2013

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 12 JULY 2013**

5 JULY 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.

Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) – 4th July, 2013

Report 4 Petition – Progress Report Following Action Taken to Address Anti-social Behaviour and the Condition of Properties in Finbarr Close, Coventry

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Note and endorse the action taken by Officers to address the issues of community safety and the condition of the properties and the communal areas in Finbarr Close.
2. Request Officers to monitor and regularly review the multi-agency action plan to ensure sustained improvements over the Summer months and continue to work with community members to secure funding for youth provision and local community safety initiatives.
3. Request Officers to monitor and review the delivery of the action plan via the Foleshill Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting to ensure that future issues are dealt with promptly by the agencies and residents together and that the area is monitored on a regular basis.

5. Final update report to be presented to Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) meeting on 19th December, 2013 formally discharging the petition subject to Ward Councillor(s) bringing it back to Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) if further issues arise.

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

4. Request the Cabinet Member (Public Safety) that if at all possible a little bin be sited in Finbarr Close as soon as practicable.

Report 5 Petition - Progress Report Regarding Community Safety Issues in Harnall Lane East and King Edward Road, Hillfields, Coventry

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Request Officers to continue to review and evaluate the effectiveness of the measures implemented and ensure continual improvement to the issues in the area.
2. Request Police and Wardens to continue to patrol the area responding swiftly to any issues raised or identified.
3. Request Police to exercise their powers to obtain identities and disperse individuals in groups that are likely to cause nuisance or offending behaviour.
4. Request Police to implement the use of a Dispersal Order should this be necessary and proportionate to the level of incidents taking place.
5. Request officers to continue to attempt to make contact and communicate with relevant community leaders and invite them to meet with **partnership colleagues** and Ward Members. With a view to reviewing tactics and approaches being applied or required for specific groups to help engagement with those groups.
7. Request a final update report to be presented to the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) at his meeting 7th November 2013 formally discharging the petition, subject to Ward

Councillor(s) bringing it back to Cabinet Member (Community Safety & Equalities) if further issues arise.

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

6. Request officers to report upon the substance of any concerns of any of the historic complaints arising from this report having relocated to the Hillfields area.

Report 6 Petition - Progress 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 considerable works have been carried out by various agencies and organisations. This has led to the closure of one problematic premise and the improvement in management of another premise. Both of these have had a significant affect on the whole area including the Public Right of Way.
2. Acknowledge that to date no formal gating consultation survey letters have been received back from residents, **save those reported at the Cabinet Member meeting today**. Informal consultation would **tend to** suggest that residents do not now wish to have the Public Right of Way gated.
3. Acknowledge that local residents have passed thanks to Officers from all agencies and to Elected Members for the work they have carried out which has led to significant improvements. **And place on record personal thanks to Ward Councillors, the petition organiser, Kath Taylor, West Midlands Police, Youth Service and the Community Safety Team in relation to the work undertaken.**
4. 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 Public Right of Way.
5. 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.

6. The Gating Order Procedure is **to be** followed and responses to the formal consultation will be collated, along with additional appropriate updates for the area. This will form the basis of **any** recommendation to Cabinet Member whether to grant a Gating Order or not. The outcome of the formal consultation will be presented to Cabinet Member (Community Safety & Equalities) at his meeting on **5th September 2013**. **And if any officers, partner agencies or Ward Councillors require more time, this be extended to 3rd October, 2013.**

Recommendations 1, 4 and 5 were approved, and Recommendations 2, 3 and 6 were amended and approved.

Report 7 Petition - Progress Report in Response to a Petition Regarding Vehicles Being Parked on Grassed Verges on Haytor Rise, Upper Stoke, Coventry

Recommendations

Cabinet Member (Community Safety & Equalities) is recommended to support:-

1. The Neighbourhood Policing Team **is requested to** continue to Request that the report be referred to the engage with residents **actively** to encourage them to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
2. The Neighbourhood Policing Team continue to encourage residents to park with consideration and adopt a degree of tolerance, **but report swiftly any abuses that are of obvious concern.**
3. Any future related issues be referred to the Stoke Safer Neighbourhood Group for tasking of appropriate resources and actions.

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

4. Request the Assistant Director (Public Safety and Equalities) to commission the Abandoned Vehicle Team to inspect the area and deal with any abandoned vehicle found, appropriately.
5. Request that the report be referred to the Cabinet Member (Public Safety) with a request that she give sympathetic consideration to early renovation works to the grassed public areas in Haytor Rise.

Report 8 Charities Information – Progress Report

Recommendations

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

- 1) Endorse the progress that has been made to date on producing charities information to address the concerns originally raised at Scruco.
- 2) Agree to receive a further progress report at his meeting on **3rd October 2013**.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 9 Update on Nuisance Car Sales

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member of Community Safety and Equalities is requested to endorse the actions taken to date to tackle nuisance car sales **and compliment officers on the work undertaken.**

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

2. Request that officers meet with Mr Bowen within the next 14 days in relation to any outstanding concerns in respect of the promises given to him by Councillor Bally Singh.
3. Appropriate signage is erected in Swan Lane within the course of the next 21 days.
4. Request that officers take all appropriate action to investigate breaches of any Nuisance Car Sales Policies wherever it occurs with particular regard to the Swan Lane area.
5. A copy of the report and recommendations be sent to Mr Bowen for information.

Report 10 Equalities in Employment – Further Report

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to:-

- (1) **Endorse** the proposals set out in the report.

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

- 2) Direct that a copy of the report be sent to all Cabinet Members, Management Board Members and Assistant Directors, including those responsible for public health, for their active consideration.
- 3) Refer the report to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for their consideration if they so desire.

Report 11 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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