



Coventry City Council

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# **SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

**WEEK COMMENCING 12 AUGUST 2013**

CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2013

**16 AUGUST 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 - 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2013

### Report 5      **Community Services – Consultation on Service Changes**

#### **Councillor Gingell**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is requested to approve consultation, or where applicable grant approval, on the following proposals:

- 1) To cease providing care services from two schemes, Jack Ball House and George Rowley House, commencing April 2014, because the accommodation does not meet the minimum standards the Council would expect as it is bed-sit type accommodation.

When market availability/vacancies allow, it is proposed to cease providing care services from further internal schemes, yet to be identified.

- 2) To remodel the home support reablement service for the city. The service currently provided by in-house Home Support Short Term Service and the existing externally commissioned services would cease and, following a tender process, be provided by a number of external only providers.

- 3) To formally consult with the Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group regarding responsibilities for the funding of services provided at the Aylesford.
- 4) To consult with stakeholders on closure of the Aylesford so that the impacts of closure are fully understood.
- 5) To reduce the number of internally provided non-specialist older peoples' day opportunity sites from three to one, and re-locate services currently provided at Frank Walsh House (Milan Day Opportunity) and Risen Christ to Gilbert Richards Centre, which has been identified as the site offering the most suitable provision. The centre's capacity could be increased to provide services for people currently attending all three day opportunities. This service would be provided Monday-Friday. It is also proposed that services are not provided on bank holidays.
- 6) To increase capacity at Maymorn day opportunity, for people with dementia, from 25 to 30 Monday-Friday, and that the weekend service ceases. It is also proposed that services are not provided on bank holidays, as is the case with other internally provided day opportunities.
- 7) To re-locate Curriers Close and Watcombe Resource Centre to the vacated building at Frank Walsh House (subject to the consultation on recommendation 5), located in the city centre closer to local amenities and activities.

The service would operate in two distinct areas of the building, with one operating as a step towards more independence and employment for individuals, and the second supporting people with more complex needs and behaviours to better access community activities.

- 8) To maximise the unique features that Brandon Wood presents, by developing a specialist facility for people with complex needs and behaviours. This could mean some existing service users would access alternative provision.

It is envisaged that the future service would not include animal husbandry or a full farm environment, but that some animals may be retained as they can be stimulating and therapeutic.

- 9) To decommission all existing Housing Related Support contracts with effect from the 31st March 2014.
- 10) To establish transitional arrangements for people who currently receive services funded through Housing Related Support so that

risks and impacts of withdrawal from this support can be appropriately managed.

- 11) To consult on proposals made by voluntary sector providers in relation to information, advice and lower level support, these being:
- 12) For Age UK to:
  - Reduce the number of hours provided by the Outreach Workers within Contact and Connect.
  - Reduce capacity in the Contact and Connect Communications & Administration Team.
  - Reduce information and advice capacity in a number of areas including health, social care, housing and benefits.
- 13) For Alzheimer's Society to:
  - Reduce the capacity available under the Carer Education and Information Programme.
  - Cease provision of the resource library.
- 14) For Carers' Centre to:
  - Reduce outreach provision and activity to identify new carers and continue to offer a Specialist Universal Carers Support Service for all mainly through a telephone helpline, drop in service and Centre based appointments.
- 15) For Grapevine to:
  - Reduce the quality checking, self-advocacy and user involvement services.
- 16) To confirm the City Council's commitment to dementia residential care for older people continuing at Eric Williams House.
- 17) To approve that the former Hawthorn Lodge site is declared surplus to operational requirements.
- 18) To approve the marketing of the site previously occupied by Hawthorn Lodge for freehold disposal.
- 19) As Age UK is currently considered in both the corporate advice review as well as this review, to approve that the contractual and funding arrangements for Age UK are managed entirely within Community Services and not within the corporate advice review.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 6      Response to All Party Parliamentary Group for Looked After Children  
Enquiry into Entitlements for Looked After Children and Care Leavers**

**Councillor Duggins**

**Recommendations**

Cabinet is asked to:

- (1) Endorse the response to the Enquiry into the Entitlements of Looked After Children and Care Leavers set out in Appendices 2 and 3, so that it may be submitted by the deadline of 17th August 2013.
- (2) Request that the Cabinet Advisory Panel on Corporate Parenting (The Corporate Parenting Board) review communication of entitlements to young people to ensure that Coventry Looked After Children and Care Leavers are aware of and able to receive their entitlements.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 7      Lease and Asset Transfer Agreements for Proposed Academy  
Conversion of President Kennedy Secondary School**

**Councillor Kershaw**

**Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to:

1. Approve the 125-year lease agreement at a peppercorn rental with President Kennedy Secondary School.
2. Approve the asset transfer agreement for President Kennedy Secondary School.
3. Delegate authority to the Directors of Children, Learning and Young People and Finance and Legal Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Education) to agree any amendments to the Lease and Asset Transfer Agreements arising from further consideration by the academy sponsors.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **# Report 8 A4600 Congestion Relief Scheme**

### **Councillor Lancaster**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

- (1) Approve the delivery of the A4600 Congestion Relief Scheme totalling £5.92m as outlined in the report.
- (2) Approve capital expenditure of £3.92m funded by external grant from the Department for Transport.
- (3) Delegate authority to sign legally binding funding agreements with the Department for Transport and University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire, including section 151 officer sign-off, by the Director of Finance and Legal Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Public Services) for the grant funding.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 9 City of Coventry (Steps Area at Coventry Railway Station) Compulsory Purchase Order 2013**

### **Councillor Kelly**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1.1 Authorise the making of the City of Coventry (Steps Area at Coventry Railway Station) Compulsory Purchase Order 2013 under Section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) in order to acquire the interests in the land shaded pink on Appendix A – Location Plan, to facilitate the development of Coventry Rail Station as part of the NUCKLE 1 Scheme.
- 1.2 Authorise the Director of City Services and Development and the Director of Finance and Legal Services to advertise the Order and submit it to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in accordance with the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 and to take all necessary steps to secure the confirmation and implementation of the Order, including, if necessary, presentation of the Council's case at Public Inquiry.

- 1.3 Authorise that, notwithstanding the recommendations above, attempts continue to be made to purchase the land interests by agreement in accordance with Government Circular 06/2004.

**The above recommendation was approved.**

## **# Report 10 Whitley Junction – Road Improvements**

### **Councillors Kelly and Lancaster**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet is requested to:

1. Approve project management, design costs and environmental assessment of up to £0.65million that will be incurred at risk up until December 2013 when contracts are planned to be signed and the commencement of procurement in advance of Council approval, provided the closing date for tenders is after the Council meeting and there are no costs to the Council if the procurement does not proceed to acceptance of tender.
2. Approve the expenditure of £0.9million on enabling works to support the Regenerating Coventry Programme.
3. Recommend that Council:-
  - a) Approves the addition of this Scheme to the Council's capital Programme for 2013/14 onwards for the construction of Whitley Bridge and associated works up to £6.5million.
  - b) Delegate authority to the Director of City Services and Development, in consultation with Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment), to award the Early Contractor Involvement works contract for the bridge and associated junction improvement works.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 11 Outstanding Issues**

### **Recommendations**

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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