



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 7 OCTOBER 2013

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

11 OCTOBER 2013

Public Business

- Denotes items that have been referred to Audit and Procurement 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 (Public Services) – 8th October, 2013

Report 4 Revised Burial Fees and Charges 2014

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is asked to:

- a) Approve the proposed increase to burial fees for adults only with effect from 1 January 2014, as detailed in this report.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 5 Petition – Request for Crossing Facilities at Leamington Road and Baginton Road

Recommendations

- (i) The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to approve that a speed survey is carried out on Baginton Road in the vicinity of

the shops and the results reported back to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member (Public Services).

The above recommendation was approved with the following additional recommendations:

- (ii) The officers be requested to undertake a pedestrian crossing survey in the vicinity of the shops on Baginton Road with the results being reported back to the Cabinet member at her meeting in February, 2014.
- (iii) That the installation of an additional vehicle activated sign on Leamington Road to remind southbound vehicles of the speed limit be funded from a future year's safety scheme budget.

Report 6 Petitions – Requests for Residents' Parking Schemes in i) Gleneagles Road and ii) Farren Road and Arch Road

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to approve that parking utilisation surveys are carried out and the results discussed with Ward Members to determine the nature of any extensions to the existing Walsgrave Residents' Parking Scheme.

The above recommendation was deleted and the following additional recommendations were approved:

- (i) The need for further extensions to the Walsgrave Residents Parking Scheme be reviewed when the works to create additional parking spaces at the hospital and those to provide congestion relief to A4600 Ansty Road have been completed, with the scheme being included in the review of parking for the whole of the city.
- (ii) A further report be submitted to a future Cabinet member meeting in January, 2014 with an update on progress by the hospital on creating additional spaces and of the congestion relief scheme for the A4600 Ansty Road in so far as it affects parking in this area.

Report 7 Petition: Arbury Avenue – Request for Traffic Calming

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to:

- i) note the concerns of the petitioners

- ii) approve that speed/traffic counts be undertaken on Arbury Avenue with a further report in six months time detailing the results

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 8 Petition – Removal of Double Yellow Lines in Station Street East

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to approve that a variation to the waiting restrictions at the junction of Station Street East and Edgwick Road to be advertised to remove the double yellow lines opposite Edgwick Road.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 9 Report back on Petition – Seashell Close Surface Water Drainage

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (1) Note the response received to the four issues identified by the Cabinet Member at his meeting on 7th August 2012; and
- (2) Approve that the Drainage Team continues to liaise with the Developer as regards the installation of a non-return valve to the drainage pipe running from the front to the rear of 35 Seashell Close; and
- (3) Note that a further flooding event occurred over the weekend of 27th / 28th July 2013 and that the Council has and will continue to discharge its duty as Lead Local Flood Authority.

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

- (4) The petition be referred to Planning Committee for consideration of any issues relevant to planning enforcement.

Report 10 Lammas Road, Objections to Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Consider the objections to the proposed No Entry TRO.
2. Subject to recommendation 1 approve the implementation of an amended TRO -No Entry, except cycles.

The above recommendations were approved.

◆Report 11 Provision of Sandbags for Flood Prevention Purposes

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to:

1. Consider any recommendations made by the Public Services, Energy and Environment Scrutiny Board (4).
2. Adopt the Sandbag Policy **tabled at the meeting.**

Recommendation 1 was approved and Recommendation 2 was amended as indicated in bold and approved.

NOTE: A copy of the amended Sandbag Policy document is attached.

Report 12 Outstanding Issues

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public 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 – 8th October, 2013

#Report 4 Property Disposal Programme 2013/14 - 2016/17

Councillor Kelly

Recommendations

Cabinet are requested to recommend that Council:

- 1) Approve the indicative capital disposal programme set out in Appendix 1 of this report subject to detailed terms being approved in accordance with the Council's constitution and Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 2) Approve that the proceeds of sale, over and above the values required to support the approved capital programme, be allocated to reduce debt servicing costs in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy which provides that the prudential borrowing should be repaid from capital receipts as they are generated.
- 3) Approve that the savings realised through debt reduction be allocated against the savings targets for the Strategic Property Fundamental Service Review.
- 4) Give delegated authority to the Executive Director, Place to approve any variations in the programme in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business Enterprise and Employment).

The above recommendations were approved.

◆Report 5 Houses in Multiple Occupation – Recommendations from SCRUCO

Recommendations

That Cabinet refers the following recommendations to the relevant Cabinet Members, with oversight provided by Cabinet Member (Housing and Heritage):

- 1) That the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) obtains further detailed evidence, before approving the use of an Article 4 Direction, supported by planning policy, to support sustainable, contented and healthy communities as part of the wider housing strategy.

- 2) That the Cabinet Members (Public Services) and (Community Safety and Equalities) investigate further establishing 'clearaway' days to manage waste in communities heavily populated by HiMOs, in partnership with the Universities and third sector.
- 3) That the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) use existing enforcement powers more effectively to manage issues caused by HiMOs and private rented sector houses, including waste and noise issues.

Recommendation 1) above was amended to read:

- 1) That the Cabinet member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) obtains further detailed evidence and gives serious consideration to the use of an Article 4 Direction, supported by planning policy, to support sustainable, contented and healthy communities as part of the wider housing strategy.

Recommendations 2) and 3) above were approved.

Report 6 Outcomes of Fair Funding Consultation to Schools 2014/15

Councillor Kershaw

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Approve the recommended changes to the Fair Funding Formula which are summarised in Section 2 of the report.
- 2) Authorise the relevant Executive Directors, 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 Caring For Our Future – Consultation On Reforming What And How People Pay For Their Care And Support – Consultation Response

Councillor Gingell

Recommendations

The Cabinet is asked to:

- 1) Consider comments from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5).
- 2) Recommend that Council to approve the consultation response.

The above recommendations were approved.

◆Report 8 Adult Social Care Annual Report 2012/13 (Local Account)

Councillor Gingell

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Consider comments from the Health, Social Care and Welfare Reform Scrutiny Board (5)
- (ii) Approve the publication of the report.

The above recommendations were approved.

#Report 9 Accountable Body Report for the Successful Regional Growth Fund 4 Bid

Councillor Kelly

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Recommend to Council to recognise the funding opportunity secured through Regional Growth Fund Round 4, and authorise the Council to act as guarantor for the Programme.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 10 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 (Housing and Heritage) – 9th October, 2013

Report 4 Proposed Closure of the Learner Swimming Pool at Foleshill Sports and Leisure Centre

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Housing and Heritage) is recommended to approve:

1. The permanent closure of the learner pool at Foleshill Sports and Leisure Centre.
2. The consolidation of the existing pool programme into the Main pool, to ensure that aquatic provision is maintained as near to existing levels as possible for the remaining operating life of the facility.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Policy to Discharge the Main Homelessness Duty with an Offer of Accommodation in the Private Rented Sector.

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the Policy to Discharge the Main Homelessness Duty with an offer of accommodation in the private rented sector.

The above recommendation was approved.

Joint Cabinet Members (Community Safety and Equalities) and (Housing and Heritage) – 9th October, 2013

Report 5 Rough Sleepers – Current Issues and Details of Specific Rough Sleepers

Recommendations

The Cabinet Members (Community Safety and Equalities) and (Housing and Heritage) are recommended to (subject to the consideration of the private report):

- (1) Endorse the contents of the report including details of current support provided and plans for future provision.
- (2) Instruct Officers to set up a multi-agency group of relevant service providers to provide a forum to address the issues and overcome barriers experienced by individuals who are rough sleeping, **and to report progress on a monthly basis to joint meetings of Cabinet Members (Community Safety and Equalities) and (Housing and Heritage) until further direction.**

Recommendation 1 above was approved.

Recommendation 2 was amended as indicated in bold and approved, together with the following additional recommendations:

- (3) That a follow-up letter be sent by the Cabinet Member (Housing and Heritage) to the appropriate Minister in relation to single payment cards.
- (4) Officers to explore with relevant partner organisations the possibility of joint patrols with the Police and the appropriate support agencies for a trial period of up to three months, and to report back to the Cabinet Members (Community Safety and Equalities) and (Housing and Heritage).
- (5) Officers to report back to the said Cabinet Members regarding the effectiveness of the current support contract over the last three months.
- (6) Officers to produce a preliminary scoping paper to set out the possibility of identifying a building (and resources required to staff it) to be used as a place of safety for people whose needs could not be provided for within existing contractual arrangements.

Sandbag Policy

The council is NOT under a statutory duty to provide sandbags

Requests

Sandbags will be provided on the following basis:

- It is expected that residents who have already suffered from previous flooding, particularly those property owners whose frontage abuts a watercourse, or who live very close to watercourses will take some preventative measures, e.g. keep a stock of sandbags themselves.
- The property, i.e. the living accommodation is in imminent danger of flooding at the time of the call.
- For these purposes, 'living accommodation' means to domestic dwellings but NOT gardens, outbuildings such as sheds, garages etc.
- The Council will not deliver sand bags to residents on the basis of the threat of rain or the threat of flooding, for example where the flood water is at the bottom of their garden.

Decision

- In working hours officers from the Highways Technical Flood and Drainage Team will make assessment of the requests and where circumstances meet the above criteria, issue instructions to the Operations Team to deliver the sandbags.
- Out of normal working hours the Emergency Service Unit will pass the request to the Highways duty officer who will decide if it meets the criteria.
- Requests that do not meet the criteria, for example, where a resident believes he will be flooded because heavy rain is forecast, will not be attended to.

Delivery

- Highway Operations shall deliver sandbags to the customer and if appropriate will assist with the building of the sandbag wall. This will normally be where the customer is unable to do this for themselves.
- Each request will be considered on a case by case basis and it will be the judgement of the officer delivering the sandbags of how many will be required. The officer will need to apply a test of reasonableness (shown below) so that all the sandbags are not used up on a few properties.

Disposal

- Sandbags can be collected and disposed of by the Council following confirmation by the resident that the sandbags have been contaminated by flood water.
- Sandbags which have not been contaminated should be stored by the resident for future use.

Further Guidance

- However, residents who are aware that their homes are at a high risk of flooding, e.g. as a result of the close proximity of a watercourse, should obtain sandbags from a builders' merchant to enable early preparation, as at times of flooding our contractor may not be able to reach all properties before flooding occurs.
Excludes business premises (or non-domestic premises).

Test of Reasonableness

- That living accommodation is in imminent danger of flooding
- That the resident is not able to place the sandbags themselves, i.e elderly or disabled
- That the minimum number of sandbags is provided for each property i.e. the priority is to protect door thresholds and air bricks.

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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