



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

**WEEK COMMENCING 11 NOVEMBER
2013**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2013**

15 NOVEMBER 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 (Community Safety and Equalities) – 11th November, 2013

Report 4 Report in Response to Petition Regarding Anti-social Behaviour in Blythe Road, Hillfields

Recommendations

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

1. Acknowledge the measures taken by partner agencies to address the issues outlined in the petition and identified through further investigation by officers, **and thank them for their efforts.**
2. Request that, through the St Michael's Safer Neighbourhood Group, Officers monitor and review the effectiveness of initial actions taken to address the issues being experienced by residents.
3. Endorse **the proposal** that problematic individuals or households be referred to the appropriate case management forum for discussion and appropriate support and interventions.

Recommendation 2 was approved, and Recommendations 1 and 3 were amended, as indicated in bold, and approved together with the following additional recommendations:

4. Refer to the Cabinet Member (Public Services) issues of street cleanliness and environmental cleanliness particularly in alleyways in Wren Street to Nichols Street and Primrose Hill Street to Paynes Lane.
5. Request the Head of Community Safety to report on options available in relation to a gating scheme or other related action in alleyways between Wren Street to Nichols Street and Primrose Hill Street to Paynes Lane.
6. Request the Head of Community Safety to facilitate at least two additional community pay back exercises in alleyways from Wren Street to Nichols Street and Primrose Hill Street to Paynes Lane, and to liaise with the three Ward Councillors in respect of other alleyways in areas that may merit the same.
7. Request the Head of Community Safety refer this report together with appropriate information in a private report to Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) to enable him to consider any appropriate action in respect of troubled families in the area.
8. Request the Head of Community Safety to provide an update report from noise pollution officers of the City Council in respect of any action taken in the area with regards to noise.
9. Request the Head of Community Safety to liaise with all appropriate partner organisations to examine the placing of surveillance cameras in the area.
10.
 - i) Request that the Deputy Director, Strategies and Communities takes responsibility for preparing a short report on the creation of a task force of key partner agencies to focus specifically on the 75 active street workers in the Hillfields area including related actions on those involved in their management and control, and the control and management of the premises used for the purposes of prostitution.
 - ii) The Deputy Director, Strategies and Communities to facilitate meetings of that task force to produce private Cabinet Members reports and the three St. Michael's Ward Councillors to be invited.
11. A report in respect of recommendations 1 to 10 above to be submitted to the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) meeting scheduled for 23rd January 2014 and the petitioners and Ward Councillors be invited to the meeting.
12. A separate private report be submitted to the Cabinet Member on the number of dome cameras and covert and overt surveillance

equipment in the ownership of Coventry City Council and the Police and Crime Commissioning Board and recommendations by the Deputy Director, Strategies and Communities in conjunction with the Chief Superintendent of Police on the purchasing of additional equipment.

Report 5 Report in Response to a Petition Requesting Action be Taken to Address Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Hillfields

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to:-

1. Endorse the **amended** multi-agency action plan (**as tabled at the meeting**) that has been developed by agencies working together in Hillfields to improve community safety in the area.
2. Request that Officers of the St Michael's Safer Neighbourhood Group regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of the action plan.

Recommendation 2 was approved and Recommendation 1 was amended, as indicated in bold, and approved, together with the following additional recommendations:

3. Refer to the Cabinet Member (Public Services) issues of street cleanliness and environmental cleanliness particularly in alleyways in Wren Street to Nichols Street and Primrose Hill Street to Paynes Lane.
4. Request the Head of Community Safety to report on options available in relation to a gating scheme or other related action in alleyways between Wren Street to Nichols Street and Primrose Hill Street to Paynes Lane.
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10. A report in respect of recommendations 1 to 10 above to be submitted to the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) meeting scheduled for 23rd January 2014 and the petitioners and Ward Councillors be invited to the meeting.
11. A separate private report be submitted to the Cabinet Member on the number of dome cameras and covert and overt surveillance equipment in the ownership of Coventry City Council and the Police and Crime Commissioning Board and recommendations by the Deputy Director, Strategies and Communities in conjunction with the Chief Superintendent of Police on the purchasing of additional equipment.

Report 6 Report Back on Progress of on-Going Action Taken to Respond to and Prevent Incidents of Crime and Nuisance Behaviour Happening in Lady Herbert's Garden

Recommendations

Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Note and endorse the progress made with regards to continued reductions in levels of crime and nuisance behaviour reported to agencies and the measures taken to achieve this.

2. Request Officers to continue to review and evaluate the effectiveness of the measures taken via the City Centre Tasking and Co-ordination Forum to ensure incidents are reported and addressed appropriately.
3. Request Officers to continue to proactively challenge and manage the behaviours of those causing issues in the gardens and immediate area. Details of such individuals provided to the City Centre Local Case Management Forum to manage, using applicable tools and powers available to them.
4. Request that any information/incidents gathered from the monitoring of the cameras is forwarded to the Community Safety Team for appropriate action as it/they occur or as soon as possible.
5. Request Officers to consider the area at the bottom of Chantry Place (bordering the Motor Museum) for a deep clean and measures be taken to prevent inappropriate use of recessed areas in and around the Motor Museum.
6. Request Officers to explore various options for additional defensive planting of areas along the boundary walls of the gardens, as appropriate and where physically possible, to breaches in the established planting.

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

7. Request officers to submit a further report identifying specific areas of progress and or lack of progress in respect of recommendations 1 to 6 inclusive to the Cabinet Member meeting scheduled for 23rd January 2014.

Report 7 Outstanding Issues

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.

Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) – 12th November, 2013

◆Report 4 Annual Family Group Conference Service Report

Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to:

1. Endorse the report and consider any comments forwarded by Scrutiny Board 2
2. Endorse the continued development of Family Group Conferencing as a process to enhance and assist wider family and community networks involvement in safe decision making for children and families in Coventry where there are child welfare concerns.
3. Confirm future reporting requirements for this work, for which annual reporting is not a statutory requirement.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Ofsted Adoption Inspection Report 2013

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The Cabinet Member notes the report and endorses the actions taken to address the recommendations of the Inspection Report.

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

2. A further report be submitted to the Cabinet Member in February 2014 to ensure that this is being progressed.

Report 6 Fostering Service Report 2012/13

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) is recommended to:

- 1) Accept the Fostering Service Report 2012/13.

- 2) Approve the updated Statement of Purpose.
- 3) To receive quarterly reports on the Recruitment and Retention of Foster Carers throughout 2013/14.

The above recommendations were 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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