



Coventry City Council

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

**WEEK COMMENCING 6 JANUARY 2014**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2014**

**10 JANUARY 2014**

## 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) – 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**

#### **#Report 3 Changes to the Constitution**

##### **Recommendations**

##### **Cabinet Member**

- (1) To consider the changes to the Constitution set out in the draft revised Constitution including:
  - (a) the changes referred to in Section 2.2 of the report ;
  - (b) the changes recommended by the Constitution Advisory Panel and Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at paragraphs 2.2.1 (b),(e),(f), and (h) and paragraphs 2.2.2 (f), (k) and (n): and
  - (c) the changes proposed in Section 2.3 of the report; and
- (2) To make recommendations accordingly to Council.

**The above recommendations were replaced with the following recommendations and approved.**

- (1) Approves the changes set out in Section 2.2 of the report, including the additional changes recommended by the Constitutional Advisory Panel and by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee subject to the following amendments:
  - (a) in paragraph 2.2.7 (final bullet point), the power of the Leader to exercise executive decision-making powers in specified circumstances be in consultation with the Deputy Leader and/or the Deputy Cabinet Member where appropriate.
  - (b) in paragraph 2.3.2, the Policy Framework consist of the plans policies and strategies that are required by law together with:
    - the Housing and Homelessness Strategy
    - the Council Plan
    - the Emergency Plan
  - (c) in paragraph 3.6.2. (financial thresholds) capital and revenue budget virement thresholds for decisions by directors be reduced from £0.25m to £0.05m but otherwise the thresholds are as recommended by Constitutional Advisory Panel and Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.
  - (d) in paragraph 3.6.2 (financial thresholds), for grant income above £0.5m up to £2.5m, where time does not permit a formal report to Cabinet or to the Cabinet Member, delegated power be given to the appropriate director in consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Member and relevant Scrutiny Chair.
- (2) Approves the changes set out in Section 2.3 of the report subject to the following amendments:
  - (a) the power to prosecute in connection with matters within the terms of reference of Licensing and Regulatory Committee should not be extended to allow officers to institute proceedings without the consent of the Committee, in line with current constitutional requirements.
  - (b) the terms of reference of the Planning Committee and Scheme of Delegation of Officers should be amended to require all proposed prosecutions for matters within the terms of reference of the Committee to be first approved by the Committee.
- (3) The Table of Financial Thresholds set out in Appendix 3 to the report be amended in accordance with the recommendations of the Cabinet Member.
- (4) The Procurement Governance Flowchart attached as Appendix 4 to the report be amended to show contracts with an annual value of

over £1m being referred to "Cabinet" only, rather than to "Cabinet/  
Cabinet Member (dependent on financial thresholds)".

- (5) A report on the operation of the revised Constitution be submitted to the Constitutional Advisory Panel, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities), (in that order to allow any implementation.
- (6) Approves that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services to make minor amendments to the Constitution in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) and the Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee subject to a report on any such changes being submitted to the next available meeting of full Council.
- (7) Recommends Council to approve the revised Constitution with immediate effect.

## **Cabinet – 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**

### **Report 4 A Bolder Community Services – Outcome of Consultation on Service Changes**

#### **Councillor Gingell**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to:

1. Consider any comments from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) following their consideration of matters contained within this report at their meeting on 18 December 2013.
2. Note that the two petitions submitted on this matter have been considered as part of the consultation process.
3. Note the outcomes of the consultation and, having taken into account the resulting equality impacts and the updated Equality and Consultation Analysis in Appendices 1 – 13 of this report, approve the implementation of the proposals detailed in (a) to (j) below:-
  - (a) Reduce funding to Age UK, Carers Centre, Grapevine and Alzheimer's Society by a 22.5% for each organisation with effect from 1 April 2014 and issue new three year grant aid agreements to these organisations empowering them to use resources flexibly to deliver good outcomes for their respective groups.
  - (b) Implement reductions for Housing Related Support by taking an individual approach for each organisation. The arrangement for each organisation to be agreed by 1 April 2014 and implemented by 1 July 2014. Consideration of specific impacts to be delegated to the Executive Director (People) and Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Social Care).
  - (c) Cease care at Jack Ball House and George Rowley House Housing with Care schemes and relocate service users to other Housing with Care schemes within the City.
  - (d) Close the Day Centres for Older People at Risen Christ and Frank Walsh House and relocate service users to Gilbert Richards.
  - (e) Relocate the Day Centres for Adults with Learning Disabilities at Curriers Close and Watcombe Centre to Frank Walsh House.

- (f) Establish a specialist provision for service users at Brandon Wood Farm following further planning work.
- (g) Provide transitional funding to Risen Christ luncheon club to support the centre to make the financial and service adjustments required to continue longer term.
- (h) Retain the weekend dementia day service provided at the Maymorn Centre.
- (i) Support the proposal to develop a Reablement Strategy with the Clinical Commissioning Group and the offer of six-month initial funding to enable the Aylesford to continue while the strategy work is completed.
- (j) Close the in-house Home Support Short Term Service with a target date of 1 July 2014.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 5      Whitefriars Housing Group - Proposed Changes to Enable New Investment in Coventry Homes, a Viable Spirit Quarters Development to Proceed and for the Council to Implement Service Change Proposals**

**Councillors Kelly and Ruane**

**Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to

- (1) Approve the Council foregoing Right to Buy receipts receivable as part of the original stock transfer agreement, to enable Whitefriars to refinance its debt thus releasing new resources for investment in Coventry homes.
- (2) Approve receiving a sum equivalent to 'Right to Buy' receipts from Whitefriars, together with Whitefriars own share of net Right to Buy receipts, in order to meet highway repair obligations that have transferred to the Council as a result of the 'Guliksen' ruling and that these resources form a shared fund within the annual highway maintenance programme to address neighbourhood priorities, prioritised in conjunction with Whitefriars on the same basis (worst first) as the allocation of existing highway repair resources.

- (3) Approve a reduced Spirit Quarters scheme for consultation with local residents and delegate authority to the Spirit Quarters Project Board, in consultation with the Cabinet Members (Business, Enterprise and Employment) and (Housing and Heritage), to agree the level of investment and support in the Manor Farm estate and to approve homes no longer being redeveloped.
- (4) Subject to Whitefriars Board approval, approve the surrender of leases at Jack Ball House and George Rowley House and any necessary changes to the lease at Frank Walsh House at no cost to the Council to enable the Council to implement its proposals for service change contained in the Bolder Community Services report elsewhere on your agenda.
- (5) Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources to complete any necessary changes to existing legal agreements and any new legal agreements necessary to give force to the changes above and to achieve this in a tax efficient manner.
- (6) Subject to recommendation (1) and (2), approve the addition of the works to the Council's capital programme for the purposes described, delegating authority to the Executive Director, Resources and Executive Director, Place in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members to determine the exact value of joint Council and Whitefriars investment in 2013/14.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 6     The 2014/15 Council Tax Base and Business Rates Estimate**

### **Councillor Gannon**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to approve:

1. That the Council Tax collection rate for 2014/15 be set at 98.5%
2. That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated by the City Council for 2014/15 shall be:

a net tax base of **73,201.0** for the whole of the City Council area made up as follows:

Allesley Parish	298.3
Keresley Parish	208.9
All Other Coventry City Council Wards	72,693.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,201.0</b>

4. That the following grant payments should be made to parish councils to reflect the impact in 2014/15 of Council Tax reductions on their tax bases.

Allesley Parish	£730
Keresley Parish	£409
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,139</b>

5. That the Executive Director, Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources), is given delegated authority to determine an estimate of the business rates for the forthcoming financial year (completing the National Non Domestic Rates 1 (NNDR1) form), prior to submission to government.
6. That the Executive Director, Resources is given on-going delegated authority to determine annually the business rates estimate, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) and that he exercises his delegated power to amend the Scheme of Delegation for Employees (Part 3 of the Constitution) accordingly.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**#Report 7 Increasing Pupil Places Programme 2014 Phase 2 : Corpus Christi, Hollyfast, Little Heath, Park Hill & Whitley Abbey Primary Schools.**

**Councillor Chater**

**Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

1. Approve plans for the extensions and modifications to Corpus Christi, Hollyfast, Little Heath, Park Hill and Whitley Abbey Primary Schools in line with the proposals included in this report.



2. Approve the programme of £12,326,157 by the City Council to include expenditure for the extensions and modifications to Corpus Christi, Hollyfast, Little Heath, Park Hill and Whitley Abbey Primary Schools and Park Hill Play Group as set out in Table 5.1.2.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **#Report 8 Polling District and Polling Place Review - Update**

### **Councillor Townshend**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council consider and approve the proposed revised polling district and polling place scheme.

**The above recommendation was approved, with the addition of the following after polling place scheme:-**

“subject to the location of the polling place for Polling Districts Aa and Ac being amended, the location of which will be provided at their meeting together with a revised plan.”

## **#Report 9 International Transport Museum**

### **Councillor Ruane**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

1. Approve the provision of unsecured cash-flow support of up to £2.0m to Culture Coventry for the duration of the works, in advance of receipt of grants for the International Transport Museum scheme.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Place and Executive Director, Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Housing and Heritage) to approve the profile and timing of cash-flow support to Culture Coventry to successfully deliver the above development scheme.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **#Report 10 Coventry and Warwickshire Sub-Regional Joint Committee**

**Councillor Mrs Lucas**

### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to agree and recommend to Council that:

- (1) A Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Committee should be established to address economic development, regeneration and strategic planning at a sub-regional level
- (2) The draft terms of reference set out in appendix A should be agreed in principle, and that authority should be delegated to the Leader to agree final details with the other local authorities on the Joint Committee
- (3) There is potential to widen the remit of the Joint Committee over time with the agreement of the constituent local authorities
- (4) The Leader should represent Coventry City Council on the Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Committee with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) as named substitute member
- (5) It should endorse the approach of moving towards an sub-regional Economic Prosperity Board when this is possible

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **#Report 11 Coventry and Warwickshire City Deal**

**Councillor Mrs Lucas**

### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to recommend to Council that it should:

1. Agree that Coventry City Council should formally endorse the Coventry and Warwickshire City Deal set out in appendix 1
2. Approve the cost sharing proposal as recommended by the Chief Financial (section 151) Officers of the City Deal local authority partners as detailed in the main body of the report and in Appendix 2. Costs range from £1.1m to be met from local authority partners in year 1 with on-going costs rising to £3.2m (year 5) which will be met

by the CWLEP partners on the basis that contributions from private sector partners and grant funding being pursued are forthcoming.

3. Agree to fund the Council's share of the estimated costs of City Deal of £0.48m to support the year 1 operating costs.
4. Support the approach of applying to European Union and Single Local Growth Fund sources of funding to support the on-going costs for City Deal taking into account any match funding requirements

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 12 Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company (CSWDC) Preference Shares Redemption**

**Councillor Lancaster**

**Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Make a recommendation to Council through the Budget Report in February 2014 on the proposals for allocation of the additional £1.06m arising from this decision.
2. Approve the switching of the capital receipt to revenue to support the medium term financial strategy.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 13 Outstanding Issues**

**Councillor Mrs Lucas**

**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.**

## 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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