



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 20 JANUARY 2014

CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2014

24 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 (Strategic Finance and Resources) – 20th January, 2014

Report 5 Second Quarter Hospitality Statement for the Mayoralty of Councillor Gary Crookes, 2013-2014

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to consider the contents of the report which describes how the hospitality budget has been spent on an event-by-event basis and to make any appropriate recommendations.

The above recommendation was approved.

◆Report 6 Welfare Reform: Recommendations from Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee 11th December 2013

Recommendations

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) seeks to:

1. Continue to pursue a joined up approach in relation to Welfare Reform and that voluntary organisations are involved as appropriate in the developing work on a single point of access.
2. **Recommend that** funding to those organisations providing advice and dealing with transitional processes in relation to Welfare Reform **be considered as part of the budget setting process.**

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

◆Report 7 Transformation Programme Progress Report

Recommendations

Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- a) endorse the progress that has been made in delivering specific reviews in the Transformation Programme
- b) affirm commitment to the continuation of the Programme, and its contribution to the service improvement and cost reduction challenge

The above recommendations were approved.

◆Report 8 Customer Journey – Vision and Strategy

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (1) Consider any comments or recommendations put forward by Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board.
- (2) To endorse the Vision and Strategy for the Customer Journey programme, reaffirming the principles within the Council's existing customer services strategy.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 9 Amendment to the Benefits Risk-Based Verification Policy

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) is recommended to approve the benefits risk-based verification policy

The above recommendation was approved.

Cabinet Member (Public Services) – 21st January, 2014

Report 4 Petition – Condition of Pavements Between 207 and 281 Stoney Stanton Road, Foleshill

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve that the section of pavement between 207 and 281 Stoney Stanton Road be considered for inclusion in the Highways Capital funded forward programme of footway surface treatment (footway slurry seal) work for repair in the financial year 2014/15.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 5 Petition – Parking Issues at Baldwin Croft

Recommendations

Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to approve that:

- I. the Traffic Management team contact the Police regarding the parking of vehicles near the junction of Baldwin Croft / Old Church Road, as any vehicle parked within 10 metres of the junction may be deemed to be causing an obstruction; and
- II. in view of the specific issues occurring here, that the request for a no waiting at any time restriction at the junction is added to the list of traffic regulation orders to be processed.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Petition – Road Safety Concerns on Thomas Naul Croft

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to:

1. note the concerns of the petitioners and approve the installation of a “No Through Road” sign as a minor traffic management scheme;
2. approve that the Traffic Management Team write to the manager of the Limbrick Centre to request that visitors are reminded of the need to drive with consideration to the residents of Thomas Naul Croft.

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

3. Approve that a pedestrian route is clearly marked on Thomas Naul Croft across the front of the Limbrick Wood Centre.

Report 7 Proposed Policy Review – Vehicle Specification for Taxis

PLEASE NOTE: with the agreement of the Cabinet Member, this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

Report 8 Outstanding Minutes

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 Member (Education) – 21st January, 2014

Report 4 Report on Pupil Behaviour in Coventry Schools and Educational Settings in 2012/2013

Recommendations

The Acting Cabinet Member is recommended to accept the report and approve the further development of the identified strategies to further improve pupil behaviour.

The above recommendation was approved.

*** Report 5 The Standards, Progress and Achievement of Coventry Children by Ages 5, 7, 11, 16 and 18 in 2013**

Recommendations

The Acting Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- 1) Endorse the evaluation of the outcomes of the 2013 EYFS, KS1, KS2, KS4 and KS5
- 2) Approve the key priorities for the 2013-14 school improvement cycle outlined in the document.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Racist Incident Monitoring 2012 – 2013

Recommendations

1. The Acting Cabinet Member notes the information provided in respect of the number of racist incidents for 2012/13;
2. The Acting Cabinet Member recognizes the need to 'challenge' schools that fail to provide a timely racial incident return; and
3. The Acting Cabinet Member approves the modifications to the method of presentation; and the support available to schools in respect of racist incident monitoring, recording and reporting.

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

4. The Acting Cabinet Member (Education) requests that he be advised, through the annual Racist Incident Monitoring Report, of those schools that have not provided termly racial incident returns.

Report 7 Services to Schools Pricing Strategy 2014/15

Recommendations

In line with Scrutiny Board 1 report of 23 January 2013 and more recently the Cabinet Member and Scrutiny Board 1 report of 29 July 2013, the Acting Cabinet Member is asked to:-

- a) Agree proposed Service Level Agreement charge increases as set out in appendix 1.
- b) Require services that are not achieving full cost recovery to set out a plan and timescale for moving towards full cost recovery.

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

- c) The Acting Cabinet Member (Education) and Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources) meet with the Executive Director, People, to give further consideration to apportionment in respect of Work Related Learning.

Report 8 Appointment of Authority Governors

Recommendations

Authority Governor: New Appointments

Name	School	Term of Office
Mr Chris Jones	Eastern Green Junior	20 January 2018
Mrs Sylvia Peak	Gosford Park Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Pauline Davies	Keresley Grange Primary	20 January 2018
Mr David Simpson	Joseph Cash Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Jane Barker	Moathouse Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Jane Jones	Park Hill Primary	20 January 2018

Mr Carl Christon	Ravensdale Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs C Connolly	Sowe Valley Primary	20 January 2018

Authority Governor: Re-Appointments

Name	School	Term of Office
Councillor K Mulhall	Aldermoor Farm Primary	14 January 2018
Mr M Hoyland	Aldermoor Farm Primary	14 January 2018
Mr B Ricketts	Barrs Hill School	10 March 2018
Mr Roger Buckle	Coundon Primary	10 March 2018
Councillor J O'Boyle	Frederick Bird Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Brinder Sehmi	Hillfields Nursery	10 March 2018
Shaheen Ashfaq	Holbrook Primary	20 January 2018
Mrs Patricia Liggins	Keresley Grange Primary	10 March 2018
Mr Robert Dowey	Little Heath Primary	10 March 2018
Mr Rick Leigh	Little Heath Primary	6 February 2018
Mrs Carol Wright	St Osburgs Catholic Primary	10 March 2018
Mrs S Burton	Sowe Valley Primary	10 March 2018
Mrs S Rixon	Stanton Bridge Primary	10 March 2018

All the above meet the criteria for appointment as LA Governors set out below.

- Have a commitment to the provision of high quality education and the pursuit of excellence for all children
- Be supportive of the LA's policies, its aspirations for Coventry's children and the partnership between a publicly accountable LA and its schools
- Show a willingness to be a supportive and critical friend to the school
- Have the time to attend meetings of the governing body and to get to know the school
- Possess skills and/or experience relevant to the work of school governing bodies.

The above recommendations were approved.

Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) – 23rd January, 2014

Report 5 Report Back On Progress of On-Going Action 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. Directs Officers to continue to proactively challenge and manage the behaviours of those causing issues in the gardens and immediate area and ensure that the details of such individuals are provided to the City Centre Local Case Management Forum in order to consider the most appropriate enforcement action for each case.

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

- 4.(i) The Head of Parks and Open Spaces be requested to submit a briefing note to the Cabinet Member with regards to the programme of defensive planting within 3 months of today.
- (ii) The Head of Community Safety be requested to submit a briefing note to the Cabinet Member on a 3 monthly basis with regards to anti-social behaviour in the area.
- (iii) Request a 3 monthly briefing note from the North West Neighbourhood Area Police Inspector with regards to any issues around crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Report 6 Implementation of the Neighbourhood Working Review

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve:

1. **Directs that** the City Council publicises and encourages members of the public to report issues through the Coventry Direct telephone service and the Police 101 telephone number, whilst recognising that city council employees working in neighbourhoods can also signpost our **citizens** to relevant services.
2. **Directs that** additional resources in terms of Neighbourhood Enforcement and Community Safety **are** deployed through the existing multi-agency tasking arrangements **to** ensure resources are focused on priority locations.
3. **Directs that** Officers continue working together with West Midlands Police, to implement the Safer Homes Initiative through additional recruitment of Special Constables in Coventry, as a result of financial support from the West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner's Innovation Fund, ensuring that they are deployed in priority locations.
4. **Directs that** Officers, working together with the Police and Housing Associations, **continue** to develop initiatives to increase community confidence/capacity in relation to community safety.

The above recommendations were amended, as indicated in bold, and approved, together with the following additional recommendation:

5. Directs that priority locations are to include but not limited to the following areas: Bell Green, Wood End, Stoke Aldermoor, Willenhall, Canley, Tile Hill, Radford, Spon End, Foleshill and Hillfields.

Report 7 Member Training and Development Programme 2014/15 and 2013/14 Budget Update

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is asked to:

1. Approve the Member Development Training programme for 2014/15 and associated budget of £19,325 as set out in Appendix 2 (Option A).
2. Note the projected 2013/14 spend of £18,990 and 2012/13 outturn spend of £15,582.

3. Approve the opening up of appropriate member training sessions as set out in Appendix 2 to all officers on a first come first served basis, 3 weeks prior to the delivery date of each session.

Recommendations 1 and 2 were approved, and recommendation 3 was amended as per the following and approved:

3. Approve the opening up forthwith of all member training sessions as set out in Appendix 2 to all Coventry City Council Officers and appropriate partner agencies such as West Midlands Police, on a first come first served basis, notification to be given 3 weeks prior to the delivery of each session.

Report 8 Coventry & Warwickshire Local Justice Area Consultation

Recommendations

Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Consider **and note** the information set out in the accompanying private report relating to the consultation document with proposals on reallocating the court caseload across Coventry, Leamington Spa and Nuneaton Courts and
2. i) if appropriate, authorise Officers to prepare and issue Judicial Review Proceedings against the Ministry of Justice **no later than Friday 31st January 2014**; and
ii) to make any other appropriate recommendations.

The above recommendations were amended, as indicated in bold, and approved.

Report 9 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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