



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 7 APRIL 2014

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 18 APRIL 2014**

11 APRIL 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.

Joint Cabinet Members (Energy and Environment and (Public Services) – 8th April, 2014

Report 5 Approval to Formalise Cycle Ways Within the Cycle Coventry Programme.

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Energy and Environment) is recommended to:

1. Approve the appropriation of land currently held as open space to use for highway purposes (cycle track) identified in the attached plans (Appendix B) and listed as route sections 1.5, 3.2, 3.6, 3.7, 3.10b, 3.11, 6.9, 6.10, using S.122 Local Government Act 1972, and subject to the statutory notice process and the consideration of any objections received;

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to:

1. Subject to the above resolution, accept the appropriation of the former open space land referred to above for highway purposes and approve the construction of cycle tracks on such land using Section 24 of the Highways Act 1980 as identified in the attached plans (Appendix B) and listed as route sections 1.5, 3.2, 3.6, 3.7, 3.10b, 3.11, 6.9, 6.10, and known as:
 - 1.5 Cash's Park

- 3.2 Stoke Heath Park
 - 3.6, 3.7 Sowe Valley recreation ground,
 - 3.10b New Green Park (Sowe Valley)
 - 3.11 Wyken Croft recreation ground (Sowe Valley)
 - 6.9, 6.10 Canley Green recreation ground,
2. Accept the new areas of cycle track as adopted highway and authorise the amendment of the Council's highway adoption records accordingly.

The above recommendations were approved.

Cabinet Member (Public Services) – 8th April, 2014

Report 4 Petition – Condition of Carriageway at Hill Street, St Michael's

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve:

1. That the area of carriageway between Corporation Street and (up to and including) the junction of Bond Street be considered for inclusion in the Highways Capital funded forward programme of carriageway resurfacing work for repair in the financial year 2015/16.

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

2. That officers monitor the condition of the highway.

Report 5 Petition: King William Street – Request for Loading Bay

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to approve that a variation to the existing waiting restrictions on King William Street is advertised to create a loading bay into the existing parking bay at its Canterbury Street end.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 6 Petition for a Dropped Kerb and to Improve Road Safety Measures on Thistley Fields and Holloway Fields

Recommendations

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

1. A speed survey is carried out on Thistley Field West and Holloway Field and the results reported back to Cabinet Member (Public Services) within six months for consideration of whether the area meets the Perceived Safety scheme criteria and how it will be prioritised in the roll-out of 20 mph speed limits across the City.
2. A procedure is drawn up by officers for the private funding of individual dropped kerbs which does not adversely affect the delivery of the capital funded programme.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 7 Petition – Request for Funding / Sponsorship of the Parking Project in Front of the Shops on Hipswell Highway

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member (Public Services) approves that continued advice and support is given to the shop owners for the creation of a parking area on private land, but notes that the City Council cannot contribute any funding to this project.

The above recommendation was deleted and the following recommendation was approved:-

That the Cabinet Member deferred the consideration of the petition to a future meeting.

Report 8 Petition – Parking in Arden Street and Warwick Street

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to approve that the Traffic and Network Management Team draw up proposals for a parking scheme for Arden Street, Warwick Street, Clarendon Street and Moor Street which will include the review of the existing waiting restrictions.

The above recommendation was approved.

**Report 9 Report Back on Petition – Emerson Road & Wordsworth Road
Request for Traffic Calming**

Recommendations

Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to:

- i) Note the speed checks undertaken on Emerson Road recorded an average speed below 28mph.
- ii) Endorse that it is not included on the perceived safety scheme list.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 10 Report Back on Petition – Arbury Avenue, Request for Traffic Calming

Recommendations

Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to:

- i) Note that there have been no recorded injury collisions on Arbury Avenue.
- ii) Note that the speed checks undertaken on Arbury Avenue recorded an average speed of over 20 mph and endorse that it is included on the perceived safety scheme list

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 11 City Centre Maintenance Contract - Proposed Insourcing

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to approve:-

1. That on the expiry of the City Centre Maintenance Contract on the 20th September 2014 the service is insourced to be delivered directly by the Councils Streetpride Service.

2. That officers enter into formal discussions with The Landscape Group to obtain the appropriate information to allow the insourcing to take place, including the information required under TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006) and other appropriate operational information.
3. That the Executive Director, Place is instructed to bring back a further report to a future meeting that provides an update on the transfer process and seeks approval for future maintenance standards.

The above recommendations were approved.

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 Member (Energy and Environment) – 8th April, 2014

Report 4 Allesley Park Play Area Petition – Request that Improvements are Made to the Younger Children’s Play Area in Allesley Park

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Energy and Environment) is recommended to:

1. Approve that works are to be undertaken in the younger children’s facility at Allesley Park play area to replace the “safer” surfacing material only, at an estimated cost of £17,000.
2. Approve that, in addition to Recommendation 1 above, that the play equipment in the younger children’s play facility is repainted, at an estimated cost of a further £3,000.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Place Directorate Fees and Charges 2014/15 – Energy & Environment Portfolio

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the increases to existing, and introduction of new fees and charges with immediate effect, as detailed in this report.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 6 Support Provided to Schools on Climate Change and Carbon Management

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- 1) Endorse the ongoing work to provide information, advice and assistance to students and staff in the city around energy efficiency, carbon reduction and climate change issues.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 7 War Memorial Park, Centenary Fields Designation

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is asked to approve that:

- i) Coventry's War Memorial Park obtain Centenary Field designation through a deed of dedication between the Council and Fields in Trust
- ii) Delegated authority is given to the Head of Streetpride and Greenspace in consultation with the Lord Mayors' office to facilitate an event to mark the public launch of this designation.

The above recommendations were approved.

Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) – 8th April, 2014

Report 4 Family Placement Service Update Report

The Cabinet Member deferred consideration of this report to a future meeting.

Report 5 Special Guardianship Allowances

Recommendations

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

Approve Coventry's policy and practice for the assessment and award of Special Guardianship allowances with immediate effect for new cases and to be phased in for on-going cases from their annual review or at an earlier stage if changes in the case details require.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 6 The Voice of the Child – Recommendations from Task and Finish Group

Recommendations

1. The Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) is asked to:
 - a) note the report of the task and finish group included at Appendix 1;
 - b) consider any additional comments arising from the 3rd April meeting of the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board; and
 - c) consider and agree the recommendations set out in section 11 of the report.

Recommendations a) and b) above were approved.

Recommendation c) was amended and approved as follows:-

- c) Consider and agree the recommendations set out in Section 11 of the report, particularly in relation to an online child-friendly solution and the introduction of a telephone number that is dedicated, local, easy to remember and widely publicised.

Report 7 Outstanding Issues Report

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) is requested to consider the list of outstanding issues and to ask the Member of the Strategic 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) – 8th April, 2014

Report 4 Determination of School Terms and Holidays 2015 – 2016

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Education) is requested to:

- (1) Consider the outcome of the public consultation on School Terms and Holidays and agree a calendar of School Terms and Holidays for 2015/2016.
- (2) Adopt Option 1 as the School Terms and Holidays Programme 2015/2016 for Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools, and maintained Nursery Schools.
- (3) Invite the Catholic and Church of England Diocesan Authorities and the Governors of Trust Schools and Academies to recommend the same calendar for their schools.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Appointment of Authority Governors

Recommendations

Authority Governor: New Appointments

Name	School	Term of Office
Mrs V Kershaw	Good Shepherd Catholic Primary	7 April 2018
Mr Dhiran Vagdia	St Anne's Catholic Primary	7 April 2018

Authority Governor: Re-Appointments

Name	School	Term of Office
Mr P Cowan	Hearsall Primary	02 May 2018
Mr A Grearson	St Thomas Moore Catholic Primary	30 June 2018
Dr M Freeman	Templars Primary	13 June 2018
Councillor B Singh	Whoberley Hall	30 June 2018
Mr R Manning	Woodfield School	13 June 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, with an amendment that the appointment to Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School be withdrawn.

Cabinet – 10th April, 2014

Report 5 Coventry Homefinder Choice Based Lettings Policy 2014

Councillor Ruane

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to:

1. Consider the comments from the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) which are detailed in paragraph 3.11 of the report.
2. Approve the draft Coventry Homefinder Choice Based Lettings Policy attached at Appendix 1.

The above recommendations were approved.

#Report 6 Metropolitan Area Network (MAN) Disposal

Councillor Gannon

Recommendations

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

1. Authorise the disposal of the Metropolitan Area Network to CityFibre on the terms set out in the Private Report to make Coventry a Gigabit City, leverage investment into the City and generate income for the Council to support existing ABC savings targets.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Resources and the Council Solicitor, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance and Resources), to enter into contracts within the financial parameters detailed in the private report.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 7 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 and Procurement 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.