



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 26 MAY 2014

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2014**

30 MAY 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 (Community Safety and Equalities) and (Housing and Heritage) – 28th May, 2014

Report 6 Outcome of the Public Consultation on the Empty Homes Policy

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Members (Community Safety and Equalities) and (Housing and Heritage) are recommended to:

1. Acknowledge the responses received on the proposed Empty Homes Policy and the revision made to the initial policy as outlined in paragraph 3.4.
2. Approve the proposed Empty Homes Policy, (as detailed in Option 2 at paragraph 2.3 of the report)

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

3. There be a quarterly report to the relevant Cabinet Members on a specific programme as to the implementation of the new Empty Homes Policy with all and any appropriate recommendations both generic and specific. The Cabinet Members involved are to be the

Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Finance and
Cabinet Member with responsibility for Housing Policy.

**Report 7 Report Update in Response to a Petition Regarding the Condition of
an Empty Property in Holbrooks**

Recommendations

The Cabinet Members (Community Safety and Equalities) and
(Housing and Heritage) are recommended to:

1. Authorise Officers to allocate the proceeds of sale of this empty home in accordance with paragraph 2.1 in the Private report by:
 - a. Calculating any personal allowance permitted under s.22 Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983; and
 - b. Repaying monies owed to the Council in respect of works in default and care home charges under s.22 Health and Social Services and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983.
2. Authorise Officers to arrange appropriate publicity of this case and use it as a case study to promote the City Council's intent to address the issue of empty homes in the City.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 8 Management of Council Land

Recommendations

Cabinet Members (Housing and Heritage) and (Community Safety and Equalities) are recommended to:

1. Due to the imperative to complete the redevelopment of the site by 31 March 2015 officers are authorised to take any appropriate action to ensure court timescales are adhered to and if appropriate apply for expedition of the proceedings **and any and all other appropriate procedural steps at the direction of the Cabinet Members (Community Safety and Equalities) and (Housing and Heritage) or their successors in the New Municipal Year.**
2. Note that planning consent for the scheme was achieved on 25 February 2014 and support the progression of a tender for a completion of the works. Cabinet Member (Housing and Heritage)

and Cabinet Member (Community Safety and Equalities) are to be expressly briefed on the outcome of the tender prior to tender award **and their joint approval sought to the tender.**

3. Authorise the undertaking of any further legal proceedings, as appropriate, to prevent disruption to the site rebuilding works and/or secure access to any part of the site so that, as far as possible, the rebuilding works can continue without the threat of harm to officers and contractors working on the site in order that the Homes and Communities Agency deadline can be achieved **and any and all other appropriate procedural steps at the direction of the Cabinet Members (Community Safety and Equalities) and (Housing and Heritage) or their successors in the New Municipal Year.**
4. Note that recommendations 1 - 3 have taken account of the updated Equality Impact/Human Rights/Welfare Assessment at Appendix 2 of the private report.

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