



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 30 JUNE 2014

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 11 JULY 2014**

4 JULY 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) – 30th June, 2014

Report 4 Performance Within the Revenues Service for the Period April 2013 – March 2014

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- 1) Note the performance of the revenues service for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014;
- 2) Agree to receive a further report at the meeting of 21 October 2014 to provide an update for the period April 2014 to September 2014.

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

- 3) Agree to receive a report on ways to increase payments by Direct Debit.
- 4) Agree to receive a breakdown on the increase in Council Tax collection.

Report 5 Performance Within the Benefits Service for the Period April 2013 – March 2014

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- 1) Note the performance of the benefits service for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.
- 2) Agree to receive a further report to provide an update for the period April 2014 to September 2014.

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

- 3) Agree to receive a report dealing with the repeat callers.

Report 6 Agency Workers and Interim Managers – Performance Management Report Quarter 4 (1 January to 31 March 2014) With a Final Summary of 2013/14 Compared with 2012/13.

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is asked to:

1. Approve monitoring processes to continue for both Agency workers and Interim Managers
2. Endorse compliance with the corporate policy on the recruitment of Temporary Agency Workers through the Master Vendor, Pertemps for the Q4 period and Interim managers
3. Review the yearly spends on agency workers for the period April 2013 to March 2014
4. Instruct officers to continue to work towards reducing expenditure on the use of agency workers.
5. Approve that future orders are not accepted if no reason is given for the need for the agency worker.

The above recommendations were approved.

Joint Cabinet Members (Children and Young People) and (Policing and Equalities) – 1st July, 2014

#Report 4 Youth Justice Plan – Requirement Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Part III 40-(1)

Recommendations

- 1) That the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) and the Cabinet Member (Policing and Equalities) recommend that the City Council endorses the Youth Justice Plan.

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

- 2) That Joint Cabinet Members (Children and Young People) and Policing and Equalities) meetings be held on a quarterly basis to receive a Report against the following three national indicators:-
 - Reducing the number of young people entering the Youth Justice System as First Time Entrants (FTE).
 - Reducing re-offending.
 - Reducing the use of Custody for Young People.

Cabinet Member (Policing and Equalities) – 3rd July, 2014

Report 4 Response to Petition Calling for the Installation of Security Fencing to Open Land at the Rear of Numbers 2-66, Brookside Avenue

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to:-

1. Consider the information provided by Officers in determining whether fencing is appropriate in this location.
2. Endorse actions taken to date by Officers and request that the area continues to be monitored.
3. Request Police to continue to patrol the area responding to any issues raised or identified and to exercise their powers to obtain identities and disperse groups of individuals that are likely to cause nuisance or offending behaviour.
4. Request Community Development Officers to work with the community in tackling local issues including litter and environmental issues, and to assist residents in seeking funding that would contribute to security improvements.
5. Request Officers to provide a report back on progress against recommendations 1 – 4 inclusive in October 2014.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Report in Response to a Petition Asking the Council to Improve the Environment and Security of the Hearsall Area of Earlsdon in Coventry

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to:-

1. Acknowledge and endorse the work of **City Council** officers to date as detailed in the report
2. Acknowledge **and thank** the work of the Police who have also targeted additional patrols to the area responding swiftly to any issues raised or identified.
3. Request Officers **of the City Council and West Midlands Police** to continue to work with local residents to explore opportunities to

secure community funding with which to make local environmental and safety improvements to their area.

- 8 Request Officers to provide a further progress report to Cabinet Member meeting on **2nd October 2014**.

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

4. Request the Community Safety Team to carry out a review as to the effectiveness of existing gating schemes in the area.
5. Direct that the Care 4 Your Area campaign be applied at the earliest date and during the summer as a further pilot project to the roads identified below.
6. Direct that Planning Enforcement Officers to carry out a review and report on matters of concern and abuse of deemed consent on the roads identified below.
7. The identified to be: Broomfield Road, Kensington Road, Melbourne Road, Kingston Road, Bristol Road, Kirby Road, Farman Road, Latham Road and Sovereign Road.

Report 6

Report in Response to a Petition Calling on the Council to Request Whitefriars Housing Group to Take Action to Address Incidents of Fly-tipping and Anti-social Behaviour Taking Place on an Area of Whitefriars` Land on the Corner of Keppel Street/Wright Street

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to:-

1. Note **and thank City Council Officers and partner agencies including West Midlands Police** for the results of enquiries into the matter.
2. Endorse the action taken to date to address the issues outlined by local residents.
3. Request Police to continue to patrol the area responding swiftly to any issues raised or identified and to exercise their powers to obtain identities and disperse groups of individuals that are likely to cause nuisance or offending behaviour.
4. Request Officers **of the City Council** to continue to monitor the issues associated with this land as part of the Hillfields Action Plan **and request the Head of Community Safety to draft a letter to be sent on behalf of the Cabinet Member to the Chief Executive of**

Whitefriars requesting that they give consideration to securing this piece of land to deter any further incidents of fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour taking place. The letter to be drafted and sent within the next 14 days.

- 6 Request Officers to explore opportunities to undertake targeted monitoring and surveillance in this location in order to deter and detect perpetrators of crime and nuisance, particularly fly-tipping.

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

5. Direct City Council Officers, in liaison with West Midlands Police to use appropriate CCTV equipment to gather evidence and take appropriate action there from.
7. Request an update report in respect of the above matters to be submitted to the Cabinet Member meeting on 2nd October 2014.

Report 7 Outstanding Issues

Recommendations

The Cabinet Member (Policing 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 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.