



Coventry City Council

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

**WEEK COMMENCING 29 SEPTEMBER  
2014**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2014**

**3 OCTOBER 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 Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise) – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014**

### **Report 4 Active Citizens, Strong Communities: Asset Based Working in Coventry**

#### **Recommendations:**

- (1) That the Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise) endorses the development of a programme of work to roll-out asset based working in the City by the development of a joint strategy and action plan.
- (2) Agree that a further report comes to a Joint Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise) and (Health and Adult Services) meeting on 26th November 2014 to receive a Joint Strategy and Action Plan.

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

- (3) Requests officers to explore ways to promote Asset Based Working throughout Coventry City Council.
- (4) Requests officers to ensure that the formulation of the Joint Strategy involves all of the City's communities.

- (5) Ensures that all Councillors are involved in the development of the Community Directory/Single Point of Access database.

**Report 5      Early Action Neighbourhood Fund Bid Development**

**Recommendations**

- (1) That the Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise) endorses the 'Early Action' approach at the heart of the bid and the support being provided by Council employees to develop the bid.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise) is fully briefed on the outcome of the bid.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 6      Outstanding Issues**

**Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise) 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 (Policing and Equalities) – 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014**

### **Report 5 Report in Response to a Petition Concerning a Property in Earlsdon Ward**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (1) Endorse the action already taken and planned to address the conditions at this property.
- (2) Request a further report to be submitted to the Cabinet Member in four months detailing progress made at this property.

#### **Recommendation 1 above, was approved together with the following additional recommendations:**

- (2) Note the Section 215 served under The Town & Country Planning Act and instruct officers to oppose the appeal if one is made.
- (3) Request a legal opinion from the Assistant Director Legal Services on what other courses of action are available to the Council to take action (for example injunction/legal proceedings etc.) to address the issue.
- (4) Request officers to ensure that all relevant assessments are carried out prior to any enforcement action being taken.
- (5) Direct that a further report as to the on-going situation and progress be submitted to the Cabinet Member meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

### **Report 6 E-Petition to Save Coventry's Badgers from Culling**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member is requested to:

- (1) Acknowledge the e-petition and confirm the Council's support for the wider aim of the Government's strategy in achieving TB free status by 2038.

**The above recommendation was approved.**

**Report 7      Progress Report in Response to a Petition Asking the Council to Improve the Environment and Security of the Hearsall Area of Coventry**

**Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Acknowledge and endorse the additional work of Officers since the last Cabinet Member meeting as detailed in section 2 of this report.
2. Request Officers to:
  - a. Continue the Care for Our Area/Hot Street project until the relevant alleyways have been cleared and the project reaches its conclusion.
  - b. Continue to offer advice and guidance to residents on the implementation of self- help 'gating schemes' where appropriate.
  - c. Continue to investigate and respond to reports from residents concerning the unauthorised use of for sale and letting boards.
  - d. Report back to Cabinet Member on progress made to the meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014.**
  - e. Direct the Community Development Service to continue to engage with residents.

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

**Report 8      Progress Report on Action Taken to Improve Security to Open Land at Rear of 2-66 Brookside Avenue**

**Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member is requested to:-

1. Endorse the additional action taken by Officers
2. Request Police **by letter to be drafted by Head of Community Safety to be sent to the Chief Superintendent**, 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

3. Request Community Development Officers to continue to work with the community in tackling local issues including litter and environmental issues and to assist residents in seeking funding that they could use on private land to improve the security of their properties.
4. Request Officers to continue to monitor incidents of crime and nuisance together with the effectiveness of their action and to respond appropriately to any such issues.

**Recommendations 1, 3 and 4 were approved and recommendation 2 was amended as indicated in bold and approved together with the following additional recommendation:**

5. Direct officers to submit a further progress report to the Cabinet Member meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

**Report 9      Update on Action to Address Incidents of Fly-tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour Taking Place on the Corner of Keppel Street/Wright Street, Hillfields, Coventry**

**Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Note the action taken to date to address the issues;
2. Request the Police **by letter to be drafted by the Head of Community Safety to be sent to the Chief Superintendent**, 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. **The letter to be copied to Councillors Akhtar, O'Boyle and Welsh, St Michaels Ward Councillors for information.**
3. Request that Officers continue to monitor the issues associated with this land as part of the Hillfields Action Plan and the effectiveness of interventions applied.

**Recommendations 1 and 3 were approved and recommendation 2 amended as indicated in bold and approved together with the following additional recommendation:**

4. Direct that a briefing note be sent to Councillors Akhtar, O'Boyle and Welsh, St Michaels Ward Councillors and Councillors Townshend, Fletcher and Andrews before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014 confirming that CCTV has been installed in situ.

**Report 10 Primary Authority Partnerships - a Revised Model for Delivering Regulatory Advice to Businesses**

**Recommendations**

Cabinet Member is asked to:

- (1) approve the introduction of the Primary Authority Partnership Scheme with businesses which meet the statutory criteria and who wish to work with regulatory officers.
- (2) approve the proposed charging summary for Primary Authority Partnerships detailed in Appendix 1.
- (3) request a further report be presented by officers in 12 months' time detailing the initial outcomes of implementing the Primary Authority Partnership scheme **to the Cabinet Member with portfolio responsibilities for this area of work.**

**Recommendations 1 and 2 were approved and recommendation 3 was amended as indicated in bold and approved.**

○ **Report 11 Annual Compliance Report – Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)**

**Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member (Policing & Equalities) is requested to:

- (1) Note the Council's use and compliance with RIPA; and;
- (2) Consider any comments and recommendations provided by the Audit & Procurement Committee

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **#Report 12 Change to the Constitution: Appointment to Appeals Committee**

### **Recommendations**

Cabinet Member

- (1) To recommend to Council that paragraph 1 of Part 3J of the Constitution is amended to remove the prohibition on Cabinet Members sitting on the Appeals Committee in connection with appeals by employees only, subject to their receiving appropriate training beforehand; and
- (2) To review the operation of the new arrangements in the next municipal year to ensure that they are delivering the anticipated improvements **with a further short report to the Cabinet Member meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.**

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

## **Report 13 Outstanding Issues Report**

### **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 Cabinet Member is recommended to approve that item 6 headed "Effectiveness & Quality of recent consultation exercises carried out by CCC" be deleted from the table of outstanding issues as this has been over taken by a review of Ward Forums which makes suggestions about future consultations more widely.

**The above recommendation was approved.**

## **Item 14 Any Other Business**

**The Cabinet Member is requested to approve the authority for attendance by the Lord Mayor and an Assistant Director from the Place Directorate to undertake a civic visit to Volgograd, Russia from 20<sup>th</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2014.**



## **Cabinet Member (Education) – 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2014**

### **Report 4 Cessation of Dol y Moch Remissions Budget Contributions from the Council**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member is asked to

- (1) Agree the cessation of the Dol y Moch remissions funding from April 2015

**The above recommendation was approved.**

### **Report 5 Appointment of Authority Governors**

#### **Recommendations**

##### **Authority Governor: New Appointments**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Term of Office</b>
Mr William Holdforth	Allesley Hall Primary	29 September 2018
Mrs Jackie Brook	Leigh CE Primary	29 September 2018
Mr Hitesh Mehta	St Thomas More Catholic Primary	29 September 2018
Mrs Karen Rossiter	St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary	29 September 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
- Are supportive of the LA's policies, its aspirations for Coventry's children and the partnership between a publicly accountable LA and its schools
- Are able to work as a member of a team.
- Are conscientious and committed to attending meetings regularly.
- Have good communication skills both written and oral.
- Have an interest in and a desire to contribute to improving education outcomes in Coventry.

- Have a willingness to be challenging, supportive and a critical friend to the school.
- Are supportive of public services and of the role of the City Council in the provision of Education.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 6 Outstanding Issues Report**

Cabinet Member (Education) 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.



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