



Coventry City Council

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

**WEEK COMMENCING 3 NOVEMBER 2014**

CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2014

**7 NOVEMBER 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.
- Split recommendations. Please see note at foot of item for details of the recommendations that are not subject to call-in.

Note: The Limitations on Call-in are set out at the end of this sheet.

## **Joint Cabinet Members (Strategic Finance and Resources),(Business, Enterprise and Employment) and (Policing and Equalities) – 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014**

### **Report 5 Progress Made In Bringing Long-Term Empty Homes Back Into Use**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet Members (Policing and Equalities), (Business, Enterprise & Employment) and (Strategic Finance & Resources) are recommended to:

1. endorse the actions that have been taken outlined in the report to address long-term empty homes in the City; and
2. request a further report in April 2015.

**Recommendation 1 above was approved, and Recommendation 2 was amended per the following and approved:**

2. Request a further detailed report on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015; the report to include recommendations as to how the Council might use its legal powers including those of compulsory purchase to acquire

residential properties that have been continually unoccupied for a period in excess of 3 years.

## **Joint Cabinet Members (Business, Enterprise and Employment) and (Policing and Equalities) – 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2014**

### **Report 5 Update Report In Response to a Petition Regarding The Condition Of An Empty Home In Holbrooks**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet Members (Policing and Equalities) and (Business, Enterprise & Employment) are recommended to:

- a. Instruct Officers to continue in their attempts to establish dialogue with the new owner of the empty home and use legal powers, where appropriate and applicable, to secure the property and prevent its further decline.
- b. Submit a further progress report to Cabinet Members before the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

**The above recommendations were amended and approved, as per the following:**

- a. Instruct officers to seek approval from Planning Committee at the earliest date for the service of a Section 215 Notice and take all and other appropriate enforcement action to secure the property and bring it back into use at the earliest opportunity.
- b. Submit a further progress report to a Joint Cabinet Members meeting on or before 31st December 2014.

# Joint Cabinet Member (Education) and (Business, Enterprise and Employment) – 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

## Report 5 Variation to Lease, Walsgrave Triangle

### Recommendations

Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) and Cabinet Member (Education) are recommended to:

1. Subject to the Sevak Education Trust gaining a lawful change of use planning consent under permitted development rights, allow the use of Link House, Walsgrave Triangle Business Park for Educational uses.
2. Delegate authority to Executive Director, Place to vary the existing long lease dated 16 May 1994 made between the Council and Barclays Nominees (George Yard) Ltd for 150 years from 24 September 1993 so as to allow the proposed change of use, **together with any other necessary variations in the Lease**, for educational purposes to proceed.
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources, and in particular officers within Legal Services, to complete the necessary legal documentation in this matter.
4. Authorise officers to negotiate the terms of further land to be included in the lease subject to a satisfactory planning permission being obtained.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Cabinet Member (Public Services) – 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

### **Report 4      Petition Requesting Parking Facilities Outside 367 to 391 Woodway Lane**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to note the petition and that the decision of the Cabinet Member (City Services) of the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 is re-affirmed.

**The above recommendation was approved.**

### **Report 5      Report back – A4600 Red Route Petitions**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to:

- i) Note the report.
- ii) Reiterate the previous decision to approve the replacement of the Red Route when economically and practically viable to do so with an alternative traffic restriction such as a double yellow line and peak period loading prohibition, subject to the outcome of any subsequent consultation and other statutory processes,
- iii) Note the outcome of the discussions with the Police following the two fatal accidents which occurred on Ansty Road in early 2014.
- iv) Agree that additional limited waiting to permit parents to drop off and pick up children on Ansty Road in the vicinity of Wyken Croft Primary School should **not** be introduced but that the measures detailed in paragraph 2.5.6 are implemented.
- v) Agree that on balance no physical measures be undertaken by the Council to alter the ingress and egress from affected private entries on Ansty Road to aid drivers pulling onto the carriageway. However, the residents of 282 to 342 Ansty Road will be written to, to advise that in the interests of road safety they only enter via the Ansty Road accesses and should exit onto Farren Road and that H markings (access protection markings) will be installed at the accesses on Farren Road to assist this.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 6      Petition Requesting Road Safety Near to Ansty Road and Wyken Croft Junction**

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member (Public Services):-

- i.      Notes the petition
- ii.     Endorses that a scheme aimed at reducing the number of road traffic accidents occurring on Ansty Road at its junction with Wyken Croft and Arch Road be considered for inclusion in a future year's Capital Programme.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 7      Report Back Regarding Requests for a Residents' Parking Scheme in Norton Hill Drive, Gleneagles Road, Farren Road and Arch Road**

**Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member (Public Services) is recommended to:

- i)      Approve an extension to the existing Residents' Parking Scheme on Gleneagles Road to Norton Hill Drive, Farren Road and Arch Road is progressed as shown in Appendix A and that the petitioners be informed of this decision.
- ii)     Agree that a full consultation/engagement with Ward Members and residents is commenced to determine the options and features of the revised Residents' Parking Scheme that best serves the overall community without compromising the Council's policies and obligations.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 8      Proposed Parking Charges – Fargo Village Car Park Paynes Lane**

**Recommendations**

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

- i)      Fargo Village car park on Paynes Lane be managed by the Council as a pay & display car park.

- ii) Subject to the above point, that the car park is added to the Council's Off-street Parking Places Order.
- iii) Level of charges for the car park are comparable to those charged by the Council in other local car parks.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**Report 9 Proposed Changes to the Provision of Grit Bins on the Highway Network.**

**Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to adopt the new conditions for provision of grit bins attached at Appendix 1 and that this report is accepted as current policy for provision of grit bins as part of the Highways Winter Service.

**The above recommendation was approved.**

**Report 10 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

### **#Report 5 Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015-18**

**Councillor Gannon**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (a) Consider any recommendations from Scrutiny Board 1
- (b) Agree the report and recommend that Council approve the Strategy.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

### **○Report 6 2014/15 Second Quarter Financial Monitoring Report (to September 2014)**

**Councillor Gannon**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the projected revenue underspend prior to any new expenditure commitment approvals.
2. Approve the revised capital estimated outturn position for the year of £148.2m incorporating: £6.6m net increase in spending relating to approved/technical changes (Appendix 2), £13.6m net rescheduling of expenditure into 2015/16, (Appendix 4) and £0.2m net underspend on schemes (Appendix 5).
3. Approve an additional £2m one off capital investment to fund a revised and enhanced scheme for the new Customer Services Centre remodelling work to floors 1 and 2 of Broadgate House to incorporate a new ground floor shop and enhanced access to meet accessibility requirements. This will be funded from any underspending on the revenue and capital programmes and if needed a contribution from reserves.



4. Approve a variation to the City College Car Park lease, by way of a £210,000 p.a. reduction in rent for up to 3 years from 2014/15, to be recovered through increased rent over a maximum of 7 years, and to delegate responsibility to the Executive Director Resources to agree the detailed terms of the variation to the lease, as outlined in section 5.4.
5. Recommend to full Council the revisions to the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Policy as outlined in section 2.4 including the lowering of minimum credit ratings to BBB+.
6. Recommend to full Council the £2m additional cost of works required for the Council's Customer Service Centre and the associated funding proposals outlined in sections 5.3.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 7 Outcomes of Fair Funding Consultation to Schools 2015/16**

### **Councillor Kershaw**

#### **Recommendations**

Cabinet is requested to:

- (1) Approve the recommended changes to the Fair Funding Formula which are summarised in section 2 of the report.
- (2) Authorise the relevant Directors, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Education) and the Schools Forum, to make necessary amendments to the final detail of the recommended changes, in order to comply with the School Finance (England) Regulations 2013, and implement any other necessary changes.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**◆Report 8 Outcome of the Consultation of the Aylesford Intermediate Care Centre**

**Councillor Gingell**

**Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Note the outcomes of the consultation, having taken into account the resulting equality impacts and the updated Equality and Consultation analysis (Appendix 2).
- 2) Approve the closure of the Aylesford Intermediate Care Centre with effect from 1 April 2015.
- 3) Declare the site surplus to operational requirements following closure and authorise its disposal.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**#Report 9 Investment in an Energy Performance Contract (Re:Fit)**

**Councillors Gannon and Maton**

**Recommendations**

**Cabinet is asked to recommend that Council:**

- (1) Approve the use of its powers under the Local Government Act 2003 to prudentially borrow the sum of £0.37m to provide investment for the Re:Fit programme as an addition to the existing approved capital programme.
- (2) Approve the Council entering into a contract with Salix for access to interest free loan finance (£0.16m) for investment in the Council buildings, where the energy efficiency measures meet the conditions for such funding, reducing the need for prudential borrowing.
- (3) Approve the Council acting as a guarantor for the Salix funding (£0.50m) provided to schools participating in the Re:Fit programme.
- (4) Approve the use of its powers under the Localism Act 2011 to provide a loan to Coombe Abbey Park Limited (CAPL) plus the costs

of any due diligence, on commercial terms to be met from prudential borrowing (as detailed in recommendation 1).

- (5) Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources and the Council Solicitor to agree detailed terms of the transaction between CAPL and the Council.
- (6) Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources and the Council Solicitor as appropriate, to sign the loan agreement and other ancillary documentation as is necessary to complete the financing transaction with CAPL, based on the proposals detailed in this report.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 10 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.**

## **Report 11 Coventry & Warwickshire Gateway – Section 106 Planning Agreement**

### **Councillor Maton**

#### **Recommendations**

**The Cabinet is recommended to:**

1. Approve that the Council, acting as landowner, enter into the Coventry & Warwickshire Gateway Section 106 Planning Agreement with Warwickshire County Council and Warwick District Council, provided that that all the financial liabilities imposed on the Council in that agreement are indemnified by the Developer in the land agreement and backed by Parent Company Guarantee with a fully bank backed guarantee being put in place at the point the leasehold interest in the land is transferred.

2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources and the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise & Employment) and Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance & Resources), to negotiate the final terms of the indemnity from the Developer and the financial Guarantee (being the parent company guarantee and subsequently a bank guarantee) enabling the conclusion of all necessary legal documents in relation to the Section 106 Planning Agreement.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Cabinet Member (Community Development, Co-operatives and Social Enterprise) – 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2014**

### **Report 4 Coventry - A Social Enterprise City**

#### **Recommendations**

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (1) Consider the outcomes from the round table event on social enterprise in Coventry and, recognising the expertise of the sector in the city, work in partnership to take the actions forward.
- (2) Give support in principle to Coventry becoming a social enterprise city and support the partnership forum in taking steps towards this aim.

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

- (3) Approve that a progress report be submitted to the Cabinet Member meeting scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

## **Report 5 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.**

## Limitations on Call-in

A call-in will normally be regarded as appropriate **UNLESS**:-

1. it falls within paragraph 18 of the Scrutiny rules (Part 3E 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.