



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 23 February 2015

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2015**

27 February 2015

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.

Cabinet – 24 February 2015

Report 4 2015/16 Council Tax Setting Report

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of recommendations (1) to (5).

Council are recommended:

- (1) To note the following Council Tax base amounts for the year 2015/16, as approved by Cabinet on 6th January 2015, in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) ("the Act"):
 - a) 74,296.2 being the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for the whole Council area;
 - b)

Allesley	309.2
Keresley	215.4

being the amounts calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2015/16 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Act :

(a) £718,717,000 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils (*Gross Expenditure and reserves required to be raised for estimated future expenditure*);

(b) £616,545,753 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. (*Gross Income including reserves to be used to meet the Gross Expenditure but excluding Council Tax income*);

(c) £102,171,247 being the amount by which the aggregate at (2)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (2)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year;

$$(d) \quad \text{£1,375.19} \quad \frac{(2)(c)}{(1)(a)} = \frac{\text{£102,171,247}}{74,296.2}$$

being the amount at (2)(c) above divided by the amount at (1)(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (*Average Council Tax at Band D for the City including Parish Precepts*).

(e) £5,056.00 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act. (*Parish Precepts*);

$$(f) \quad \text{£1,375.12} = (2)(d) - \frac{(2)(e)}{(1)(a)} = \text{£1,375.19} - \frac{\text{£5,056.00}}{74,296.2}$$

being the amount at (2)(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at (2)(e) above by the amounts at (1)(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special item relates. (*Council Tax at Band D for the City excluding Parish Precepts*);

g)	Coventry Unparished Area	£1,375.12
	Allesley	£1,386.33
	Keresley	£1,382.50

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (2)(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts

of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate. (*Council Taxes at Band D for the City and Parish*).

h)

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£
A	916.75	924.22	921.67
B	1069.54	1078.26	1075.28
C	1222.33	1232.29	1228.89
D	1375.12	1386.33	1382.50
E	1680.70	1694.40	1689.72
F	1986.28	2002.47	1996.94
G	2291.87	2310.55	2304.17
H	2750.24	2772.66	2765.00

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (2)(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwelling listed in different valuation bands.

(3) To note that for the year 2015/16 the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands and West Midlands Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

Valuation Band	Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands	West Midlands Fire Authority
	£	£
A	71.03	36.62
B	82.87	42.73
C	94.71	48.83
D	106.55	54.94
E	130.23	67.14
F	153.91	79.35
G	177.58	91.56
H	213.10	109.87

- (4) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (2)(h) and (3) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2015/16 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£
A	1024.40	1031.87	1029.32
B	1195.14	1203.86	1200.88
C	1365.87	1375.83	1372.43
D	1536.61	1547.82	1543.99
E	1878.07	1891.77	1887.09
F	2219.54	2235.73	2230.20
G	2561.01	2579.69	2573.31
H	3073.21	3095.63	3087.97

- (5) That the Council determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2015/16 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Sections 52ZC and 52ZD of the Act.

The above recommendations were approved, with the figures highlighted having been amended following confirmation of the West Midlands Fire Authority precept.

Report 5 Budget Report 2015/16

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of recommendations (1) to (5).

Council are recommended to:

- (1) Approve the spending and savings proposals in **Appendix 2**.
- (2) Approve the total 2015/16 revenue budget of **£238m** in **Table 1** and **Appendix 4**, established in line with a 1.9% City Council Tax increase and the Council Tax Requirement recommended in the Council Tax Setting Report considered on today's agenda.

- (3) Note the Executive Director of Resources' comments confirming the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves in **Section 5.1.2 and 5.1.3**.
- (4) Approve the Capital Programme of £118m for 2015/16 and the future years' commitments arising from this programme of £244m in 2016/17 to 2019/20 detailed in **Section 2.3** and **Appendix 5**.
- (5) Approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2015/16 in **Section 2.4**, the revised Investment Strategy and Policy at **Appendix 6** for immediate implementation and the prudential indicators and limits described in **Section 2.4** and summarised in **Appendix 7**.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Disposal of Property Assets pursuant to Friargate

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to recommend to Council that it:

1. Approve the freehold disposal of the site outlined red on plan 1 comprising Civic Centres 1 – 4 to Coventry University in accordance with the terms set out in in the report.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place, Executive Director Resources and Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Services as appropriate in consultation with Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise and Employment to agree any variations or new requirements that are deemed necessary to give effect to the proposals.
3. Delegate authority to the Executive Director, Resources and the Assistant Director for Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary legal documentation in this matter and collect the agreed consideration.
4. Approve the outline disposal strategy set out in clause 2.12 and delegate authority to the Executive Director Place in consultation with Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise and Employment to amend the strategy as required to minimise the impact of vacation of the City Centre estate

5. Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business Enterprise and Employment to agree terms for disposals under the strategy, provided that the terms are in accordance with the Friargate Business case.

Council is requested to approve recommendations 1 to 5 above.
Disposal of Property Assets pursuant to Friargate

The above recommendations were approved.

Cabinet Member for Public Services – 26 February 2015

Report 4 Phased Removal of Bring Sites (Recycling Banks)

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to approve the phased removal of bring sites across the city.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 5 Petition – Stop Pavement Parking in Coventry

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for Public Services is recommended to:

- i) Note the petitioners' request.
- ii) To the extent that resources permit The Council continues to work with the Police to deal with obstruction of pavement issues using the powers available.
- iii) Within the resources made available from the Councils capital programme continue to implement physical measures to remove parking that obstructs a footway as part of the verge parking programme.
- iv) That where a petition is received requesting a TRO for a footway or verge parking ban on a specific road the Council will investigate the problem and if action is required the scheduling of any works being based on the priority of the scheme and the funds available.
- v) That the Council gives its endorsement to the proposed Pavement Parking Bill to overcome the inconsistency of the law within England and Wales so that it is clear to all motorists that it is wrong to park on a footway without the specific permission of the local highway authority or Police.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Petition – Speeding on Earlsdon Avenue South

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Public Services is recommended to:

- i) Note the petitioner’s request.
- ii) Having considered the results of the speed surveys and Police road casualty record that no further action is taken at this time in respect of the speed of traffic in Earlsdon Avenue South.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 7 Objection to Experimental Order permitting Motorcycles in various Bus Lanes

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for Public Services is recommended to:

1. Consider the objection to the proposed use of the bus lanes by motorcycles and the 9 responses in support.
2. Subject to recommendation 1, approve that the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is made permanent
3. Subject to recommendation 1 and 2, approve the commencement of the legal process to permit motorcycles to use all bus lanes in Coventry.

Recommendation 1 amended to read:

1. **Note that the objection to the proposed use of the bus lanes by motorcycles has been withdrawn and consider the 9 responses in support.**

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 9 Extension to the hackney carriage vehicle age policy exemption

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Public Services is recommended to:

“Further extend the exemption for hackney carriages over ten years old to operate until the 31st January 2016, subject to the vehicle passing the inspection test and also allowing the opportunity for a re-test if appropriate.”

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 10 Outstanding Issues

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for 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 for Policing and Equalities – 26 February 2015

Report 4 Community Grant Fund – Round Two Award Decisions

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is requested to:

Approve the award of grants as identified in section 2.3 table one.

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

2. Request that there be a proactive Communications Strategy on this.
3. The report and award of grants be referred to the Assistant Director for Policy with a request that officers work together to engage and encourage potential applications for the Queens Award for Voluntary Service

Report 5 Continued Authorisation of the England Illegal Money Lending Team

Recommendations:

1. Approve the delegation of authority to Birmingham City Council to enforce the legislation specified in the Appendix to this Report by virtue of Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities [Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions] [England] Regulations 2012 and/or Sections 9D to 9EB of the Local Government Act 2000;
2. Authorise officers **in consultation with Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities** to negotiate and sign the terms of any protocol and ancillary legal agreements with Birmingham City Council to facilitate the arrangements, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

Recommendation 1 was approved, recommendation 2 was amended as indicated in bold and approved together with the following additional recommendation:

3. Request that a short report be submitted to a Cabinet Member meeting on or before 23 April 2015 identifying the number of Coventry cases investigated by Birmingham City Council in connection with this legislation, the number of criminal prosecutions brought by them; and the number of convictions achieved in the 12 months preceding this report.

Report 6 Outstanding Issues Report

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for 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 18 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 3E of the Constitution) – ie. it relates to:-
 - (a) a matter which is to be determined by the Council.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) a decision made by an employee exercising delegated authority unless it is a key decision
 - (d) decisions of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee, the Planning Committee, the Appeals and Appointments Panels and the Audit and Procurement Committee
 - (e) 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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