



Coventry City Council

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

**WEEK COMMENCING 2 March 2015**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2015**

**6 March 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 – 3 March 2015

### #Report 5 Annual Pay Policy Statement 2015/16

#### Councillor Gannon

#### Recommendations:

1. Cabinet is requested to recommend that the Council approve the Annual Pay Policy Statement 2015/16.

**The above recommendation was approved, subject to paragraphs 4 and 6 of appendix 1 being amended to indicate that decisions on large salary packages or large severance packages (£100,00 or above) be made in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources.**

**Report 6    Implementing the Care Act 2014**

**Councillor Gingell**

**Recommendations:**

**Cabinet is requested to:**

1.    Approve a 12-week consultation on amendments to the existing charging policy
2.    Approve the pilot for the delegation of some carer assessment functions to the Carers' Trust
3.    Note the actions taken to ensure effective implementation of the Care Act 2014 from 1 April 2015

**The above recommendations were approved.**

**#Report 7    The Process for Addressing the Housing Needs of Coventry and Warwickshire.**

**Councillor Maton**

**Recommendations:**

The Cabinet is requested to:

- 1)    Recommend that the Council endorses the Joint Committee paper attached at Appendix 1

**The above recommendation was approved.**

## **#Report 8 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Open Call for Extension to Projects**

### **Councillors Maton and Lancaster**

#### **Recommendations**

##### **Cabinet is requested to:**

1. Recognise the opportunity to bid for further ERDF as a significant part of the Regeneration of the City, and retrospectively confirm, its support to bid for further of ERDF for the projects listed in the report;
2. Agree to receive a further report at a subsequent meeting of Cabinet confirming what projects, if any, have been successful in securing additional ERDF; and
3. Authorise the City Council to act as guarantor and delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Executive Director for Resources to enter into grant aid agreements with DCLG on ERDF terms and conditions projects if they are successful in securing ERDF for the following projects: Enterprise & Business Growth, Fargo Village and Coventry International Transport Museum

##### **Subject to being notified that it has been successful in securing additional ERDF, the Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:**

4. Authorise the City Council to act as guarantor and delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place in consultation with the Executive Director for Resources to enter into grant aid agreements with DCLG on ERDF terms and conditions projects if they are successful in securing ERDF for the following projects: Public Realm and Friargate Bridge/ Whitley.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 9 2015/16 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme**

**Councillor Lancaster**

### **Recommendations:**

1. Approve the 2015/16 capital programme of schemes for maintenance and integrated transport as detailed in table 3 below.
2. Approve the schemes designated 'A' for construction in 2015/16 as indicated in table 3, and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Public Services, to approve the schemes not designated 'A' in table 3 and additionally any schemes proposed in relation to monies received through Challenge Fund bids.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 10 Coventry Station Regeneration and Associated Rail Improvements**

**Councillor Maton**

### **Recommendations:**

The Cabinet are recommended to:-

- (1) Approve the proposed works at Coventry Station to deliver a new footbridge between platforms, associated canopy extensions, a pedestrian access under Warwick Road and the completion of design, technical, legal and regulatory industry approvals for the remaining scheme elements;
- (2) Delegate authority to the S151 Officer to enter into the appropriate funding agreements with the Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership and other funding bodies;
- (3) Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment), the Cabinet Member (Public Services) and the Lead Member for Transport to investigate and determine the feasibility of options at Coventry Station and to determine whether to proceed with Option A or Option B;
- (4) Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Place, to
  - a. contract with Contractors for the delivery of the works at Coventry Station;
  - b. negotiate and enter into on behalf of the Council all associated agreements that support construction and completion of design, including Asset Protection Agreements with Network Rail and agreements with rail industry parties to facilitate investment in the station;

- c. negotiate, agree and enter into various land agreements required to facilitate the works; and
  - d. negotiate and contract with Network Rail and other land owners for the necessary land access and rights in order to construct the Coventry Station and Nuckle 1.2 proposals
- (5) Approve the inclusion of £21.3m in the Council's capital programme for the purpose of the Coventry Station Regeneration masterplan as described in this report;
  - (6) Approve the advance spending of c£3.6m Growth deal monies in 2015/16, from the 2016/17 allocation, subject also to approval of the funding body;
  - (7) Delegate authority to the Executive Directors for Place and Resources, in consultation with the Nuckle Strategic Board, to finalise and complete a Pre Financial Close and Project Delivery Agreement for Nuckle1.2 between Coventry City Council (CCC) and Warwickshire County Council (WCC), which provides mutual assurance between partners of their respective commitment to jointly deliver Nuckle 1.2;
  - (8) Approve expenditure of £1.52m on the development costs of Nuckle 1.2, in line with the Pre Financial Close and Project Delivery Agreement for Nuckle1.2;
  - (9) Approve the principal of risk sharing between Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council of capital cost over/under spends for Nuckle 1.2 to be on an equal share basis, subject to normal delegations for approval of any variations;
  - (10) Approve the inclusion of the £13.025m of secured funding for Nuckle 1.2 in the Council's Capital programme, adjusting the Nuckle 1.1 budget to reflect the projected underspend once finalised;
  - (11) Approve in principle, subject to Nuckle 1.2 proceeding to delivery phase, the inclusion of an indicative £338,000 (over 3 years) in the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for the revenue subsidy to operate the enhanced train service from the date of operation.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **#Report 11 Public Realm Phase 3 Extension (3a)**

### **Councillor Lancaster**

### **Recommendations**

#### **Cabinet is requested to:**

1. Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place, in consultation with Cabinet Members for Public Services and for Business, Enterprise and Employment, to agree the detailed works for schemes in Coventry city centre Public Realm Phase 3a as set out in Appendix B and their prioritization for implementation given the uncertainty on the available funding.

#### **Cabinet are requested to recommend that Council:**

2. Authorise the new and additional programme of works, as set out in Appendix B, for Public Realm Phase 3a totalling £15.4m, to be added to the approved capital programme for 2015/16, utilising £11.7m ERDF, £3m Growth Deal grant, £0.7m LTP subject to funds being made available and priority order set out in this report;
3. Subject to funding agreement and conditions, authorise the accelerated expenditure of £3m Growth Deal grant from the 'Coventry City Centre' project from 2016/17 to 2015/16 to part-fund the public realm programme and cash-flowed by the capital programme;
4. Authorise the updating of the Council's approved Capital programme, in consultation with Cabinet Member for Public Services, to reflect the revised detailed programme of works as can be afforded within funding available including any new ERDF and Growth Deal 2 monies

**The above recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 12 Outstanding Issues**

### **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**



## **Cabinet Member for Children and Young People – 3 March 2015**

### **Report 4      Annual Statement of Payments to Coventry City Council Foster Carers**

#### **Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People is requested to:-

1.      Agree an uplift of 1.8% of the weekly maintenance allowance for foster carers from 2015/16.
2.      Agree on the adoption of a fee per child payment in respect to the payment of the skill fee for foster carers from 2015/2016.
3.      To note the introduction of saving for looked after children, the proposal to stream lining of payments and initiatives to engage and support the development of foster carers and the Coventry Foster Careers Association.

**The above recommendations were approved.**

### **Report 5      Managing Emergency Accommodation**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (1)      Sign up to the Barnados 'Beyond Care' campaign to demonstrate its commitment to providing appropriate support to care leavers.
- (2)      Approve the establishment of an emergency accommodation panel to provide oversight of Young People, families or vulnerable people placed in emergency accommodation.
- (3)      Require that all young people aged under 18 and covered by the provisions of the Children Act accommodated in Bed and Breakfast accommodation for a period in excess of 2 days are reported to Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on a quarterly basis.
- (4)      Approve the commencement of a tender process for emergency accommodation so that there is more capacity to support homeless

people or those at risk of homelessness and reduce reliance on bed and breakfast accommodation.

**Recommendations (1) to (3) above were approved.**

**Recommendation (4) was deleted and replaced with the following:**

- (4) That Officers be requested to undertake a feasibility study regarding the impacts, costs, benefits and deliverability of adopting a policy of limiting the use of Bed and Breakfast and Emergency Accommodation by the City Council to a set period of time, with a view to submitting a report to Cabinet containing recommendations for consideration in due course.

## 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.