



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

**WEEK COMMENCING 21 SEPTEMBER
2015**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2015**

25 SEPTEMBER 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 Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks – 24 September 2015

Report 4 Petition Update Report - Juniper Drive Play Area

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks is recommended to:

1. Note the progress made by the Allesley Green Residents Association in seeking external funding to remove the old play equipment at Juniper Drive Play area and replace with new.
2. Endorse the actions of Council Officers in assisting the Association to seek and submit external funding bids.
3. Agree that the removal of the play equipment at Juniper Drive be postponed until November 2015 (subject to any necessary action arising from safety or maintenance issues) allowing the Association adequate time to explore funding sources.
4. Agree that the Council continues to inspect and maintain the equipment at Juniper Drive Children's Play area until **May 2016**.

Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 were approved, Recommendation 4 was amended and approved as shown in Bold.

Report 5 Outstanding Issues Report

Recommendation:

Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks 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 – 24 September 2015

Report 4 Report in response to a petition regarding smoking in Hall Lane

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. **Defer the review of the implications of making Hall Lane a smoke free street and approve the officer recommendation not to proceed until the matter is referred back to the hospital for further consideration and an updated report is submitted to the Cabinet Member meeting on 10 December 2015.**
2. Request that the petition be passed onto University Hospital, Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust for a formal response **and also Coventry and Warwickshire Primary Trust and Meridan Hospital for their consideration together with a copy of the recommendations.**
3. Request that Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers are allocated to the area on an intermittent basis **as resources permit** to enforce any littering caused by smokers in Hall Lane

The above Recommendations were amended as indicated in bold and approved.

Report 5 Progress report on the Hillfields Community Safety Action Plan.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Note the updated action plan which now includes the recommended actions from the meeting on 23 July and progress towards the same, and agree that the work on this continues. Endorse the actions in this plan that also cover the underlying social issues which cause problems in the area
2. Request officers continue to engage with local community groups and businesses to continue to identify local issues (especially those related to street drinking and problematic individuals in the Village Square and surrounding area), deliver action, monitor reported incidents, and regularly review and update the action plan.
3. Request Police to:-
 - continue to dedicate patrols to hotspot locations within the Hillfields area, responding swiftly to any issues raised or identified,
 - exercise their powers to obtain identities and disperse individuals in groups that are likely to cause public nuisance and/or offending behaviour, ensuring individuals are challenged about their behaviour where appropriate, but also have the opportunity for treatment and support.
4. Request that officers continue multi-agency case management through relevant forums to monitor behaviour and the effectiveness of interventions to support change.

The above Recommendations were approved together with the following additional recommendations:

5. (a) Request that the Tree Preservation Officer and Arboriculture Services Officer (Robert Penlington and Tim Wetherhill), prepare a written report within 14 days of today in relation to the tree situated in Hillfields, Adelaide Street identifying amongst other matters whether the tree is currently subject to a Tree Preservation Order; whether it can be pruned and if so, within what timescale; and whether it can be removed completely without causing structural damage to neighbouring properties. Such report to be distributed to the three Hillfields Ward Councillors, lead petitioner and the Cabinet Member.
- (b) To ask the Assistant Director of Highways Services, to prepare a written report within 14 days on whether or not the wall surrounding the tree can be removed without causing damage to neighbouring

properties and if so within what timescale and at what expense. The report to show good reasons why the wall should not be removed.

- (c) Request the Assistant Director of Safeguarding Performance and Quality, to submit a written report providing an update on the position regarding the outstanding work to be undertaken by Waites. Copies of all of the above mentioned reports to be sent to Inspector Mason, West Midlands Police, for information.
6. Any further decisions in relation to recommendation 5 above, be deferred to Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities in consultation with the three Hillfields Ward Councillors and the Executive Director of Place.

Report 6 Progress report on improvements made to the environment and security of the Hearsall area of Coventry

Recommendation:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Request Officers to:
 - a. Continue to monitor the area to ensure that the progress made in removing wheelie bins from the street is maintained.
 - b. Continue to work with the local residents' group and support them when and where required.

The above Recommendation was approved.

Report 7 Annual Report of the use of the Covert Surveillance of Employees Policy and Procedure and Processing CCTV Footage: Alleged Employee Misconduct Procedure

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (1) Note the position outlined in the report;
- (2) In light of the limited use of these procedures, to request that the Monitoring Officer provide a report to the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities on an annual basis identifying the number of applications made through these procedures and any other relevant issues, which report will be considered in private if necessary where data and information about individuals is referenced in the report

The above Recommendations were approved.

Report 8 Equality strategy – end of year progress report 2014/15

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member is requested to:

- (1) consider the progress made on implementing the equality strategy;
- (2) approve the end of year 2014/15 progress report on the Equality Objectives; and
- (3) request a review and update of the Council's equality strategy to be published by March 2016.

The above Recommendations were approved together with the following additional recommendation:

- (4) Direct that a copy of the report be sent to all Directors, Assistant Directors, all Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members within the course of the next 14 days.

Report 9 Invasive Non-native Plant Species

Recommendation:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- (1) Endorse the three stage approach suggested by officers in assisting residents in dealing with the encroachment onto their land of non-native invasive plant species.

The above Recommendation was approved.

Report 10 Outstanding Issues Report

Recommendation:

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 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.