



Coventry City Council

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

**WEEK COMMENCING 23 NOVEMBER  
2015**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 4 December 2015**

**27 November 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 Education – Wednesday 25 November 2015

**Report 4**      **Consultation on a Proposal to make Prescribed Alterations to**  
**Tiverton**      **School**

### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet Member for Education is recommended to:

1. Approve pre-statutory consultation during the 2016 spring term in relation to proposals to make prescribed alterations to Tiverton School to create a broad-spectrum special school co-located with Whitley Abbey Primary School; and
2. Agree that a report be submitted to Cabinet in February 2016 on the outcome of the consultation.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

**Report 5 Proposed Disposal of the former Dartmouth School site, Tiverton Road, Wyken**

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet Member for Education is requested to formally declare the former Dartmouth School site surplus to educational requirements and request officers to dispose of the property.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

## **Cabinet – Thursday 26 November 2015**

### **Report 5     2015/16 Second Quarter Financial Monitoring Report (to September 2015)**

**Councillor Gannon**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve the forecast revenue overspend at Quarter 2 and the proposed actions to be taken by the Strategic Management Board set out in section 5.
2. Approve the revised capital estimated outturn position for the year of £118.4m incorporating: £4.4m net increase in spending relating to approved/technical changes (Appendix 2), £11.1m net rescheduling of expenditure into 2016/17 (Appendix 4) and £0.3m net underspend (Appendix 5).

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

### **Report 6     Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-19**

**Councillor Gannon**

#### **Recommendations:**

- (1) 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.**

**(NOTE: In respect of Recommendation (1) (a), the Cabinet did not accept the recommendations proposed by Scrutiny Board 1, as they were already reflected in the Pre-Budget report).**

## **Report 7 Pre-Budget Report 2016/17**

### **Councillor Gannon**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (1) Approve the content of the report, the revenue spending and savings options in Section 2 and Appendix 1 and the broad Capital Programme proposals in sections 2.7 and 2.8 as the basis for the Council's budget consultation process
- (2) Approve the proposed approach on Council Tax in 2.9.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 8 Connecting Communities**

### **Councillors Gannon and Kershaw**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve a period of consultation from 7 December 2015 to 1 February 2016 on a set of ten proposals for changes to some services in order to achieve savings of £1.2million for 2016/17 as required by the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) original City Centre First Programme (now Connecting Communities Phase 1). The proposals for change for 2016/17 are:
  - a. For the Council to stop providing play activities at Edgewick and Eagle Street Play Centres and to explore the option for them to be used for nursery provision for two, three and four year olds instead.
  - b. To end delivery of library services from the Arena Park Library facility (and not renew the lease) and to enter into discussions to relocate reduced library provision at an alternative community location in Holbrooks.
  - c. To end delivery of library services (and not renew the lease) from the current Willenhall Library facility and to continue discussions with the Haggard Centre about a more cost effective community library being located within the Centre.

- d. To end the mobile library service
  - e. To cut the library media fund of £658,000 to £558,000 for 2016/17
  - f. For Central Library to continue to open seven days per week, but to close one hour earlier on weekdays – closing at 7pm instead of 8pm.
  - g. To standardise opening hours across all community libraries. All community libraries will be closed on Wednesdays and Sundays. This will mean Caludon Castle, Earlsdon and Foleshill libraries closing on Wednesdays and Bell Green, Earlsdon, Foleshill, Stoke and Tile Hill closing on Sundays. In addition to these reductions in opening hours, to pursue alternative ways of running the libraries working with other statutory and/or voluntary sector organisations and groups.
  - h. Withdraw the youth services commissioning budget for 2016/17 and work with the community and voluntary sector to explore the best way that youth services for young people should be delivered across Coventry.
  - i. To close six public conveniences located outside the city centre, keeping open the two city centre public conveniences.
  - j. Asset transfer remaining community centres to community organisations on a full responsibility basis.
2. Approve a period of engagement, conducted jointly with key partner organisations, from 7 December to May 2016 (Connecting Communities Phase 2) to include:
- a. Trialling new collaborative and participatory engagement methods in local neighbourhoods, across the city, in organisations and using digital communications.
  - b. Engagement with stakeholders (including community groups and voluntary organisations) to identify existing community strengths, resources and aspirations and the potential in communities to deliver services more collaboratively.
  - c. Exploring the extent to which complementary community provision can be developed to support the Council and partners in the delivery of core integrated services
  - d. Co-designing and developing options for future delivery models from emerging ideas.

- e. Delivery of a further £3.8million saving as per the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
3. Chris West, Executive Director, Resources be given delegated authority to:
- a. Invite formal expressions of interest from stakeholders in using the Transition Fund, to enable them to take an increased role in providing Council services;
  - b. where appropriate to seek submission of a formal application or business case from interested stakeholders.

Decisions on award of Transition funding will normally be made by Cabinet unless the matter is urgent or where lower risk/value opportunities are identified, when the Executive Director of Resources will have delegated authority in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 9 Outcomes of Fair Funding Consultation to Schools 2016/17**

### **Councillor Kershaw**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is requested to:

- (1) Approve the recommended changes to the Fair Funding Formula and Fair Funding Scheme of Delegation, which are summarised in section 2 of the report.
- (2) Delegate authority to the Director Education, Libraries & Adult Learning and the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for 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 2015, and implement any other necessary changes.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 10 Staffing Reductions and Voluntary Redundancy**

**Councillor Gannon**

### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is recommended to;

1. Approve the launch, consultation and implementation of a fifth ER/VR programme with consultation from 2nd December until 16th January 2016 and a closing date for ER /VR applications of 23rd January 2016.
2. Delegate authority to the Executive Director Resources (following consultation with Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources) the authority to develop and instigate further (general or specifically targeted) Early Retirement / Voluntary Redundancy programmes as appropriate on an on-going basis.
3. Approve the launch, consultation and implementation of such programmes in the future.
4. Recommend to full Council that it approves the virement of additional resources of £7.4m as identified in section 5 to add to existing budgets of £10.1m to fund redundancy and early retirement costs.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 11 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2015**

**Councillors Caan and Ruane**

### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is asked to:

- a. Consider comments from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)
- b. Approve the publication of the report.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**



## **Report 12 Continuing as a Marmot City**

### **Councillor Caan**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is requested to:

- (i) Consider comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board
- (ii) Approve the proposed partnership arrangement and approach
- (iii) Make any comments or recommendations to Council about the report and its proposed approach
- (iv) Ask Council to approve the proposed partnership arrangement and approach

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 13 Delivering Effective Short Term Support in People's Own Homes**

### **Councillor Caan**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is requested to:

1. Approve the tendering of short term home support to support delivery of integrated services across health and social care and delegate authority to the Executive Director of People, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult services for the award of contracts following completion of the tender process.
2. Approve the City Council entering into a grant aid agreement, using resources funded by the Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group for a voluntary sector partnership to deliver asset based community support for adults and older people.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

**Report 14 European Funding Programme 2014-20 – Coventry City Council First Round Applications**

**Councillor Maton**

**Recommendations:**

**Cabinet is asked to:**

1. Note the success of European Funding in delivering the City's Economic aspirations and to continue supporting the acquisition of European funds into the future.
2. Retrospectively endorse the submission of bids for 2014-2020 European Funding
3. Recommend that Council agree the funding opportunity from ESIF as a significant opportunity in delivering the City's priorities, authorise the City Council to act as guarantor and to delegate authority to the Executive Director Place to enter into the appropriate grant aid agreements should it be successful in securing funds.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

**Report 15 Establishment of and Appointment of Directors to West Midlands Rail Limited**

**Councillor Mrs Lucas**

**Recommendations:**

1. Approve the proposed governance arrangements set out in this report for the development and oversight of the West Midlands Rail Ltd, established as a company limited by guarantee with a Board of Directors appointed from each of the constituent partner authorities for the purpose of providing local democratic strategic guidance for the specification of the new West Midlands rail franchise being let by the Department for Transport (DfT) during 2017.
2. Approve Coventry City Council joining West Midlands Rail Ltd as an Associate member.
3. Approve the appointment by the Council of the Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership as a principal director on the Board of West Midlands Rail Ltd and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment (Transportation) as their substitute director on that Board.

4. Authorise the Executive Director of Resources or his nominee to agree and enter into or execute such documents as are necessary to give effect to these decisions.
5. To note that it is intended that West Midlands Rail Ltd will in due course enter into a formal partnership agreement with the DfT that will set out the rights and obligations of West Midlands Rail Ltd in relation to the award of the new West Midlands Rail Franchise and related matters, and that:
  - a) the agreement will require approval by a 75% vote of West Midlands Rail Ltd's members and will be the subject of a future report to Cabinet/Council; and
  - b) any West Midlands Rail Ltd member may resign its membership of West Midlands Rail Ltd at any time, including where the member does not approve the terms of any such agreement.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

**Report 16 Use of Public Space Protection Orders in Coventry**

**Councillor A Khan**

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet is recommended to approve the adoption of the Public Space Protection Order standard process as outlined in Appendix A

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

**Report 17 The Freehold Disposal of land at Elms Field Farm and Surrender of Leasehold Interest.**

**Councillor Maton**

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet are requested to:-

- (1) Authorise the Council to enter into an agreement for surrender with the tenant in respect of the Lease and subject to the successful freehold disposal of the development site to complete a deed of surrender and pay the agreed surrender premium.

- (2) Approve the preparation and submission of an outline planning application for residential development of the land at Elms Field Farm, Wigston Road.
- (3) Approve the marketing and disposal of the site by tender
- (4) Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise & Employment, for any subsequent variation in terms.
- (5) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Resources to prepare and complete the necessary documentation to facilitate the agreement for surrender and the freehold sale.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

## **Report 18 Partnership working with Whitefriars Housing Group Limited**

### **Councillor Maton**

#### **Recommendations:**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (1) Agree the principle and purpose of contractual arrangements with Whitefriars Housing Group Limited and delegate authority to Executive Director of Resources and Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment and Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources for any subsequent variation in terms or new requirements to give effect to the disposals.
- (2) Approve that the identified Council sites be released for the benefit of the project subject to securing Market Value for the land.
- (3) Encourage the development of family houses on garage infill land with a subsidy subject to Whitefriars securing HCA funding.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

**Report 19 Land Registry, Leigh Court, Torrington Avenue, Coventry – Terms of Disposal**

**Councillor Maton**

**Recommendations**

Cabinet are requested to

1. Approve the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the site of the Land Registry Offices at Torrington Avenue.
2. Approve that the proceeds be allocated to the Strategic Property Review target to reduce debt servicing costs in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy, which provides that Prudential borrowing should be repaid from capital receipts as they are generated.
3. Delegate to officers within Resources Directorate (Legal Services) to prepare and complete documentation for the freehold sale and collect the agreed purchase sum.

**The above Recommendations were approved.**

**Report 20 Outstanding Issues**

**Councillor Mrs A Lucas**

**Recommendation:**

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 21a Authority for Attendance at Conference / Seminar**

### **Councillor Maton**

#### **Recommendation:**

The Cabinet are recommended to approve the attendance of John Kyffin-Hughes (IMPRESS Project Manager) and Kevin Palmer (Energy Manager) to attend the IMPRESS Project Meeting to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 in Naples, Italy.

**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.