



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 22 February 2016

CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON Friday 4 March 2016

26 February 2016

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 Public Services – Monday 22nd February

Report 4 Petition - The Management of Trees in Loudon Avenue. Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Public Services is recommended to approve:

1. The reduction of the number of trees in the southern section of Loudon Avenue, between Steeplefield Road and Barkers' Butts Lane from 21 to 12 by removing trees in a pattern that will leave a balanced level of amenity greening.
2. Replacement trees being planted in the nearby Moseley Park on the 2 for 1 basis and retaining the overall tree canopy cover for this area, but also further enhancing Moseley Park.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Petition – Re-open Stoney Road to all Traffic

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for Public Services is recommended to:

1. Note the concerns of the petitioners.
2. Endorse that no further action is undertaken at the current time, but the location continues to be monitored.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Civil Parking Enforcement – Annual Report 2014 / 2015

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Public Services is recommended to:

1. To approve the Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Report 2014/15 (included as appendix 1 to this Cabinet Member report).

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 7 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 – Tuesday 23rd February

Report 3 Connecting Communities – Phase 1 Outcome of Consultation

Councillors Gannon, Kershaw and Ruane

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note that 7 petitions were considered by the Cabinet Members for Education and Children and Young People in relation to the proposals at their respective meetings on 12th February 2016 and have been considered and included as part of the consultation process and outcomes.
2. Consider the outcome of the consultation and the resulting equality impacts and the updated Equality and Consultation Analysis in **Appendix A** of this report.
3. Approve the implementation of the proposals detailed in **Appendix B**:
 - a. For the Council to stop providing play activities at Edgewick and Eagle Street Play Centres and for the Council to lease the buildings to third party operators to be used for nursery provision for two, three and four year olds instead by September 2016.
 - b. To end delivery of library services from the Arena Park Library facility by not renewing the lease and to continue engagement with Holbrooks Community Care Association (HCCA) about the potential delivery of a reduced library service to be provided in the HCCA building by September 2016.
 - c. To end delivery of library services by not renewing the lease from the current Willenhall Library facility and to continue engagement about the potential delivery of a reduced library service to be provided in the Hagard Centre building by September 2016.
 - d. To end the mobile library service by 1 June 2016.
 - e. To cut the library media fund of £658,000 to £558,000 with effect from 1 April 2016.
 - 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 by September 2016.

- g. To close Caludon Castle, Earlsdon and Foleshill libraries on Wednesdays and close Stoke and Tile Hill on Sundays by September 2016. To agree in principle that Bell Green, Earlsdon and Foleshill libraries remain open on Sundays provided that officers are satisfied as to the viability of a mix of paid staff and volunteers operating the libraries on these days. In the event officers are not satisfied the question of whether the libraries should remain open on Sundays would be referred back to the Cabinet Member for Education.
- h. Withdraw the youth services commissioning budget effect from 1 April 2016 and continue to 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 from 1 April 2016, keeping open the two city centre public conveniences.
- j. To enter into a lease with each of the community associations currently managing the community centres (six) within 12 months from approval of the proposal subject to variations to the approach specifically for Radford and Foleshill Community Centres

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 4 2016/17 Council Tax Setting Report

Councillor Gannon

Recommendations:

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

- (1) To note the following Council Tax base amounts for the year 2016/17, as approved by Council on 12th January 2016, in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) ("the Act"):
 - a) 77,525.1 being the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for the whole Council area;

b)	Allesley	318.3
	Finham	1,467.8
	Keresley	226.2

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 2016/17 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Act :

(a) £692,642,421 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) £581,800,332 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) £110,842,089 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) £1,429.76 $\frac{(2)(c)}{(1)(a)} = \frac{£110,842,089}{77,525.1}$

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) £30,037 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act. (*Parish Precepts*);

$$(f) \quad \text{£1,429.37} = (2)(d) - \frac{(2)(e)}{(1)(a)} = \text{£1,429.76} - \frac{\text{£30,037.00}}{77,525.1}$$

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	£1,429.37
Allesley	£1,454.90
Finham	£1,443.31
Keresley	£1,435.81

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 Finham	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£	£
A	952.91	969.93	962.20	957.20
B	1,111.73	1,131.59	1,122.57	1,116.74
C	1,270.55	1,293.24	1,282.94	1,276.27
D	1,429.37	1,454.90	1,443.31	1,435.81
E	1,747.01	1,778.21	1,764.05	1,754.88
F	2,064.65	2,101.53	2,084.79	2,073.95
G	2,382.28	2,424.83	2,405.51	2,393.01
H	2,858.74	2,909.80	2,886.62	2,871.62

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 2016/17 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	74.37	37.35
B	86.76	43.58
C	99.16	49.80
D	111.55	56.03
E	136.34	68.48
F	161.13	80.93
G	185.92	93.38
H	223.10	112.05

- (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 2016/17 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 Finham	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£	£
A	1,064.63	1,081.65	1,073.92	1,068.92
B	1,242.07	1,261.93	1,252.91	1,247.08
C	1,419.51	1,442.20	1,431.90	1,425.23
D	1,596.95	1,622.48	1,610.89	1,603.39
E	1,951.83	1,983.03	1,968.87	1,959.70
F	2,306.71	2,343.59	2,326.85	2,316.01
G	2,661.58	2,704.13	2,684.81	2,672.31
H	3,193.89	3,244.95	3,221.77	3,206.77

- (5) That the Council determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2016/17 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Sections 52ZC and 52ZD of the Act.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Budget Report 2016/17

Councillor Gannon

Recommendations:

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

- (1) Approve the spending and savings proposals in Appendix 2.
- (2) Approve the total 2016/17 revenue budget of £693m in Table 1 and Appendix 3, established in line with a 3.9% 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 5.1.3 and 5.1.2.
- (4) Approve the Capital Programme of £117m for 2016/17 and the future years' commitments arising from this programme of £170m between 2017/18 to 2019/20 detailed in Section 2.3 and Appendix 4.
- (5) Approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2016/17 in Section 2.4, incorporating the revised Minimum Revenue Provision policy, the revised Investment Strategy and Policy at Appendix 5 for immediate implementation and the prudential indicators and limits described in Section 2.4.11 and summarised in Appendix 6.

The above recommendations were approved.

Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks – Thursday 25th February

Report 4 A Vision for Allesley Park Walled Garden – Update

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports & Parks is recommended to approve the submission of an external funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund's 'Heritage Grants' scheme for c£480,000 to implement the Vision for the Walled Garden rather than an original proposal for submitting a bid to the HLF 'Parks for People' funding scheme.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 5 Annual Compliance Report - Regulatory & Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)

Recommendations:

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

1. Consider any comments and recommendations provided by the Audit & Procurement Committee.
2. Approve the report as a formal record of the Council's use and compliance with RIPA.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Authority for Attendance at Conference

The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks is requested to give approval for the Lord Mayor, the Head of Libraries, Health and Information Services and an officer from Democratic Services to attend the Kiel Week and International City Forum 2016 to be held in Kiel, Germany from 17 to 20 June 2016.

The above recommendation was approved.

Report 7 Outstanding Issues Report

Recommendations:

The 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.

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.