



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 10 OCTOBER 2016

CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON Friday 21st October 2016

14 October 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 City Services – Monday 10 October 2016

Report 4 Revised Burial & Cremation Fees and Charges 2016/17

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is asked to:

1. Approve the proposed increase to burial fees with effect from 1 November 2016, as detailed in this report.
2. Approve the proposed increase to cremation fees with effect from 1st November 2016, as detailed in this report.
3. Approve the proposed removal of children's burial and cremation fees with immediate effect, for children who are resident in Coventry.
4. Approve additional fees from 1st November 2016 to achieve full cost recovery for services which are currently supplied free of charge or at a subsidised rate.
5. Approve that an increase in fees and charges is applied from 1st January 2018, and on the 1st January for the subsequent three years in line with the West Midlands Benchmarking Group average, and that the communication and implementation of these increases is delegated to the Assistant Director for Streetscene and Regulatory services in consultation with the finance manager for the Place directorate.

(Benchmarking exercise will be completed and a briefing note sent to the cabinet member on the % uplift to be applied).

The above Recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Outstanding Issues

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for City 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 Strategic Finance and Resources – Thursday 13 October 2016

Report 4 Report in response to petitions regarding provision of superfast broadband in New Stoke Village

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

1. Respond to the petition organiser encouraging residents of New Stoke Village to register their requirements for access to superfast broadband with local broadband providers (BT and Virginmedia).
2. Review the Councils involvement in regional initiatives such as the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Broadband Partnership with a view to improving the coverage of Superfast Broadband in Coventry.
3. Work with the Task and Finish groups of Scrutiny Boards 1 and 3, to meet with local Broadband suppliers (BT, Virginmedia, City Fibre etc.) to explore further opportunities for the improvement of the Superfast Broadband infrastructure within Coventry.

The above Recommendations were approved.

Report 5 3 month April – June 2016 Cumulative Sickness Absence 2016-2017

Recommendation:

Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources is asked to receive this report providing sickness absence data for the 3 month period of April to June 2016 and endorse the actions taken to monitor and manage sickness.

The above Recommendation was approved.

Report 6 Agency Workers and Interim Managers – Performance Management Report Q1 (1 April to 30 June 2016)

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources is requested to:

1. Approve monitoring processes to continue for both Agency workers and Interim Managers.
2. Endorse compliance with the corporate policy on the recruitment of Temporary Agency Workers through the Master Vendor, Pertemps.

3. Instruct officers to continue to work towards reducing expenditure on the use of agency workers.
4. Instruct officers to use the Pertemps Master Vendor contract except when Pertemps have not been able to supply appropriate staff.

The above Recommendations were approved.

Report 7 Transition Fund Award

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources is recommended to:

1. Note a decision that the Executive Director for Resources has already made in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, under delegated authority, to make an award from the Transition Fund to Holbrooks Community Care Association up to the value of £20,000.

The above Recommendation was approved.

Report 8 Outstanding Issues Report

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources 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 – Thursday 13 October 2016

Report 4 Response to a petition from residents of Swan Lane and Thackhall Street relating to Anti-Social Behaviour in the locality

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Request West Midlands Police and K T Management to continue their monitoring of the area and respond accordingly to residents request for assistance.
2. Encourage residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in the area and report incidents of concern to Police as soon as they occur.

The above Recommendations were approved.

Report 5 Response to a petition regarding concerns over; Anti-Social Behaviour, Police Patrols and Street Cleansing in Cawthorne Close

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:-

1. Request West Midlands Police and Council officers to continue their monitoring of the area and respond accordingly to residents requests for assistance.
2. Encourage residents to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in the area and report incidents of concern to Police and the Council as soon as they occur.

The above Recommendations were 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.