



Coventry City Council

SUMMARY OF CABINET/CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 6 MARCH 2017

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISIONS ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON Friday 17 March 2017**

10 March 2017

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 and Skills – Monday 6 March 2017

Report 5 Connecting Communities Phase 2 Proposals – Petitions (Libraries)

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills is requested to hear and consider the petitions submitted as part of the Connecting Communities consultation on the 'Libraries' proposal and provide a verbal update of any recommendations in relation to those petitions at the Cabinet meeting on 7th March 2017, for Cabinet to take into account when they consider the Connecting Communities report.

The Cabinet Member approved the following Recommendations:

- (1) Noted that Finham Library is the only community facility in Wainbody Ward and recognised the importance of maintaining community buildings in all areas of the City.
- (2) Recommended that Cabinet takes into account the issues raised through the petitions submitted as part of the Connecting Communities consultation on Library proposals when considering the Connecting Communities report at their meeting on 7th March, 2017.

- (3) Recognising the high level of community support and interest in maintaining libraries, recommended that Cabinet considers using that level of support to campaign for increased Government funding.

Cabinet – Tuesday 7 March 2017

* Report 5 Connecting Communities Phase 2

Councillors Maton and Ruane

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (1) Note that 10 petitions were considered by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People in relation to the proposals at their respective meetings on 28th February 2017 and 6th March 2017 and have been considered as part of the consultation process and outcomes.
- (2) Consider the outcomes of the consultation and the resulting equality impacts and the updated Equality Consultation Analyses in **Appendix A** of this report.
- (3) Approve the implementation of the proposals detailed in **Appendix B**:-

I - Family Hubs

- i. To develop eight integrated family hubs for 0 to 19 year olds from the current children's centres and youth services, located in areas of highest need, specifically at the following current children's centres: Bell Green, Foleshill, Tile Hill, Radford, Moat House (Wood End), Middle Ride (Willenhall), Gosford Park and Hillfields by September 2017.
- ii. For the Council to end children's centre provision from the following six children's centres: Barley Lea (Stoke Aldermoor), Canley, St Augustine (Radford), Stoke Heath, Richard Lee (Wyken) and Spon Gate (Spon End) by September 2017.
- iii. To end children's centre contracts with private, voluntary and independent providers at Tommies, Flutterbies and Valley House by May 2017.
- iv. To end all Council directly provided term-time nursery provision in 9 children's centres (Foleshill, Tile Hill, Radford, Moat House (Wood End), Middle Ride, Bell Green, Barley Lea (Stoke Aldermoor), Canley and Stoke Heath) by September 2017.
- v. To proceed to implementation of a new operational model for delivery of nursery provision by the Private, Voluntary and Independent sector, for two, three and four year olds in current children's centre buildings by September 2017.

- vi. To retain Council delivery of a targeted and specialist youth offer focused on young people who are hardest to reach and most vulnerable as part of the family hub model.
- vii. To end Council provided universal youth work provision in the following 16 locations: Youth Centres: African Caribbean Centre for Young People (Freehold Street, Hillfields), Hillfields Young People's Centre (Yardley Street, Hillfields), Jardine Crescent Young People's Centre, On Target Youth Centre (Doe Bank Lane, Spon End), People's Place (Acorn Street, Stoke Aldermoor), Stoke Park Youth Centre, Whoberley Youth Centre, Wood End Youth Centre (The Venny); and Community venues at Bell Green Community Centre, Cheylesmore Community Centre, Hagard Community Centre, Henley Green Community Centre, Jubilee Crescent Community Centre, Stoke Heath Community Centre, Xcel Leisure Centre (Canley) and Baginton Fields School by September 2017.
- viii. To retain Hillfields Young People's Centre as a Children's Resource Centre and to retain On Target Youth Centre but further explore the transfer of this building to the voluntary youth sector.

II - Libraries

- i. To develop sustainable, modern and comprehensive libraries as community hubs in three broad categories: core libraries, partnership libraries and community libraries.
- ii. To retain five core library services; Central Library, Bell Green, Foleshill, Stoke and Tile Hill with a reduced budget and increased self-service and volunteering opportunities as well as seeking to share space with partners wherever possible with the development of Stoke Library as a Library and Learning Centre as part of Connecting Communities.
- iii. To retain Aldermoor library and Allesley Park as partnership libraries in their existing locations with reduced budgets by September 2017.
- iv. To retain Canley library as a partnership library and continue developments to relocate to the Charter Primary School site as part of the existing children's centre space by September 2017.
- v. To retain Hillfields as a partnership library and relocate to the WATCH building with a reduced budget from October 2017.
- vi. To retain Jubilee Crescent library as a partnership library with a reduced budget by September 2017 and take forward plans to redevelop the site including library provision with a reduced budget.

- vii. To work with community groups to enable the transition of Cheylesmore, Earlsdon and Finham libraries to become community-led by September 2017.
 - viii. To work with Caludon Castle School to enable the transition to a community-led library by September 2017.
 - ix. To defer and develop options for the future delivery of a library service in Coundon as part of Connecting Communities to be included in Phase 3 plans.
- (4) Approve the following recommendations for the Transition Fund:
- i. The award of up to £20k to Cheylesmore Community Association limited to enable the transition to become a community-led library service.
 - ii. The award of up to £20k to WATCH Ltd to enable the delivery of a partnership library in Hillfields.
 - iii. The outline process for award of Transition Fund to enable further development of youth sector universal youth services, including identification of a lead voluntary sector organisation to provide infrastructure support for future provision (**Appendix C**).
 - iv. To agree that future awards under the Transition Fund be approved by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services as S151 officer, following consultation with relevant Cabinet Members.
- (5) Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, as appropriate, to approve subsequent variations to the proposals outlined in **Appendix B** of this report.

The above Recommendations were approved together with the following recommendations from the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on 3rd March 2017 and recommendations from Cabinet Member for Children and Young People on 28th February 2017 and Cabinet Member for Education and Skills on 6th March 2017:

From Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:

- (6) Involve Ward Councillors in further discussions about the implementation of the proposals.
- (7) Provide Ward Councillors with mapping information so they can see how the proposed changes affect theirs and surrounding wards.

- (8) No childcare or children's centre provision is closed without outreach services in place to support vulnerable families and ensure that there are no gaps in provision.
- (9) Before any umbrella organisation is considered for youth provision in the city, careful consideration is made as to how this would operate, the impact it would have and the potential cost of delivery.

From Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:

- (10) Take account of the issues raised through the petitions, submitted as part of the Connecting Communities consultation on the 'Family Hubs' proposal, when considering the Connecting Communities report at their meeting on 7th March 2017.

From Cabinet Member for Education and Skills:

- (11) Take into account the issues raised through the petitions submitted as part of the Connecting Communities consultation on Library proposals when considering the Connecting Communities report at their meeting on 7th March, 2017.
- (12) Recognising the high level of community support and interest in maintaining libraries, recommends that the Cabinet considers using that level of support to campaign for increased Government funding.

Report 6 Education Travel Assistance – outcome of public consultation

Councillor Maton

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to approve:

- (1) A revised Travel Assistance Policy (Statutory School Age Children) which aligns the statutory walking distance eligibility criteria to national levels and has a stronger focus on the Council's travel assistance on public transport and innovative travel options aimed at reducing dependence on minibus and taxi options as appropriate.
- (2) A new Travel Assistance Policy for post 16 and post 19 students that fully reflects current statutory requirements. This policy includes a contributory charge towards the cost of travel assistance for all post-16 students whose families do not meet the criteria for low income household concessions.

The above Recommendations were approved

Report 7 Redesign of Internal Children’s Residential Care Provision

Councillor Ruane

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is recommended to:-

- (1) Agree the newly configured model for children’s residential care outlined in this report
- (2) Agree to the sale of The Grange children’s home and the re-investment of the capital proceeds into the purchase of three new homes which will be registered with Ofsted as four bed children’s homes
- (3) Agree to the re-modelling and refurbishment of Gravel Hill as one of the new homes as a more cost-effective option for the council.
- (4) Agree to the purchase of the three new homes using corporate capital resources pending capital receipt from disposal of The Grange.

The above Recommendations were approved

Report 8 National Schools and High Needs Funding Formula Consultation Response

Councillor Maton

Recommendations:

Cabinet are requested to:-

- (1) Encourage individual schools and governing bodies in Coventry to make a response to the consultation by sharing the City Council response.
- (2) Recommend that Council approve the consultation response to the National Schools and High Needs funding formula consultations.

The above Recommendations were approved

Report 9 Proposed Modifications to the Coventry City Council Draft Local Plan and City Centre Area Action Plan

Councillor Bigham

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is requested to recommend that the Council:

- (1) Approves the Proposed Modifications to the "Local Plan Publication Draft (2011-2031)" and the "City Centre Area Action Plan Publication Draft (2011-2031)";
- (2) Authorises a period of statutory public consultation beginning on 15th March 2017 and ending on 28th April 2017; and
- (3) Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Development, the Chair of Scrutiny Coordination Board and the Chair of Planning Committee, to take full account of the responses received to the statutory period of public consultation, propose any further minor amendments to both Plans (where this is necessary to correct any errors and aid clarity) and submit the Plans back to the Secretary of State's nominated Inspector for her final consideration.

The above Recommendations were approved

* **Report 10 Creation of a City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order**

Councillor A Khan

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is recommended to:-

- (1) Consider any comments or recommendations from the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.
- (2) Consider and approve the wording of the proposed PSPO and the suggested area to be covered by the Order, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2.
- (3) Authorise officers to bring the order into effect at the earliest practicable date.

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

- (4) To support further consideration of a city centre skatepark and continue to work with partners to enable this to happen.
- (5) To consider a clear cycle plan for the city centre, so both cyclists and pedestrians are aware of suitable and appropriate cycle routes through the city centre.

Report 11 2017/18 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme

Councillor Innes

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is requested to approve:

- (1) The 2017/18 capital programme of schemes for maintenance and integrated transport as detailed in table 4 below; and,
- (2) The schemes designated 'A' for construction in 2017/18 as indicated in table 4, and delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Services, to approve the schemes not designated 'A' in table 4.

The above Recommendations were approved

Report 12 Coventry and Warwickshire Duplex Fund

Councillors O'Boyle and Mutton

Recommendations:

Cabinet is asked to recommend that Council:

- (1) Agree to capital investment of £2m in the Coventry and Warwickshire Duplex Fund in the form of a loan arrangement.
- (2) Delegate authority to the Executive Director Place and the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration to:
 - Negotiate the detailed terms of the loan arrangement and appropriate security, ensuring state aid compliance.
 - Make such amendment and variations to the loan arrangement as is deemed necessary over the lifetime of the loan period subject to the overall capital investment not exceeding the sum of £2 million pounds.

The above Recommendations were approved

Report 13 Workforce Reform

Councillor Mutton

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:-

Note the process that is to be followed in delivering this programme of work.

The above Recommendation was approved

Report 14 Outstanding Issues

Councillor Duggins

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

Report 15 Council Tax Discretionary Scheme

Councillors Mutton and Ruane

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

Approve the exercise of the Council's discretionary powers to award a 100 per cent discount for Coventry care leavers between the ages of 18 and 21, residing in the city based on the principles set out in this report.

The above Recommendation was approved

Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration – Wednesday 8 March 2017

Report 4 Response to Petition Requesting the Removal of the Escalator in the Upper Precinct

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration is recommended to:

- (1) Request that officers continue to negotiate with the current owners of the Upper Precinct in order to assist in facilitating the removal of the escalator.
- (2) That following these negotiations, officers be requested to submit a report to Cabinet outlining how the Council may assist in removing the escalator.
- (3) That officers be requested to inform the petitioners of the situation.

The above Recommendations were approved

Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities – Thursday 9 March 2017

Report 4 Annual Compliance Report - Regulatory & Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)

Recommendations:

- (1) Consider any comments and recommendations provided by the Audit and 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 5 Progress report towards equalities objectives – half year

Recommendations:

- (1) Consider the progress made on the equality objectives and to receive a further report at end of the year
- (2) Identify areas that the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities wishes other Cabinet Members to address in further detail
- (3) Agree to alternative more cost-effective ways of sharing information about accessibility of buildings and that the Council's contract with DisabledGo will not be renewed

Recommendations 1 and 3 were approved together with the following additional Recommendation:

- (4) The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finances and Resources be requested to investigate in greater detail what barriers if any, are preventing black and ethnic minority employees and women progressing to higher graded posts.

Report 6 Authority for Attendance – Conference/Seminar

Cabinet Member is requested to approve the attendance of the Lord Mayor Councillor Harvard and Principal Private Secretary to the Lord Mayoralty at the re-opening of the Kulturpalast Civic Centre in Dresden, Germany Conference on 27-29 April 2017.

**Report 8 The above Recommendation was approved
Any Other Business**

(i) Authority for Attendance – Conference/Seminar

Cabinet Member is requested to approve the attendance of the Lord Mayor (Elect) Councillor Skipper and the Insight Manager (Engagement) Public Health to Kiel Week and International City Forum 2017 from 16-19 June 2017.

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.



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