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Coventry City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 June 2019

Present:

Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)
Councillor K Caan
Councillor AS Khan
Councillor K Maton
Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor P Seaman
Councillor P Hetherton

Non-Voting Opposition Members: Councillor M Lapsa (substitute for Councillor A Andrews)

Other Members: Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor R Brown
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor B Gittins
Councillor G Lloyd
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor D Welsh

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executives M Reeves (Chief Executive)
People G Quinton (Deputy Chief Executive (People), D Ashmore, N Hart)
Place B Hastie, L Nagle, J Newman, M Salmon, A Walster

Apologies: Councillor J Mutton, G Ridley and M Mutton
Councillor A Andrews (substitute Councillor M Lapsa)
Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor R Ali
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor R Singh

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

3. **Creation of a Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and Surrounding Areas**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that sought approval to create a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) that would assist Police Officers in predominantly keeping young people in the city safe. The Draft PSPO, a map outlining the area covered by the Order, results of the consultation, Partner Impact Statements and relevant supporting evidence, and an Equality and Consultation Analysis were attached as appendices to the report.

On the 12th February 2019, permission was granted by the Cabinet (minute 111/18 referred) for a public consultation on the possible creation of a PSPO for St Michaels Ward and adjoining areas.

The order was designed to address anti-social behaviour and criminal and sexual exploitation of young people and would provide useful powers for Police officers to address adverse behaviours in the designated area. It was quick and easy to use and could be enforced by simply informing someone that their behaviour was unacceptable and advising them to move on. An offence and further action only applied if they refused. It also had the added benefit of enabling the offender to accept a fixed penalty notice rather than appear in court and receive a criminal record if enforcement was necessary. The operation of the PSPO would be in line with Home Office guidelines.

The consultees and partners were overwhelmingly supportive of the proposed PSPO and the geographical area to be covered by this Order.

The report had also been considered by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at their meeting on 17 April 2019 (their minute 68/18 referred) and a copy of a briefing note was attached to the report for Cabinet's consideration. Following consideration of the report and clarification on:

- How the order would be enforced and whether there were the resources and capacity to do so
- Definitions of anti-social behaviour and whether this would include peaceful protests
- How the effectiveness of the order would be monitored and the data that would be gathered to measure this
- The impact of existing PSPO's in the city
- Displacement of anti-social behaviour outside of the boundaries of the PSPO
- How the area for the PSPO was identified

The Committee requested a progress report in 6 months-time, including data, to monitor the effectiveness of the Order, and agreed that Cabinet be recommended:

- To accept the recommendations in the report
- To ensure there are regular meetings with ward members to share information regarding displacement outside of the PSPO area.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) **Accepts the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee that Cabinet:**
 - i. **Accept the recommendations in the report**
 - ii. **Ensure there are regular meetings with Ward Members to share information regarding displacement outside of the Public Space Protection Order area.**
- 2) **Approves the Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and surrounding areas.**

4. **Authority for Attendance at Conferences**

(a) **Kiel Week and International City Forum 2019**

RESOLVED that the Cabinet approves the attendance of Andrew Walster, Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services, to accompany the Lord Mayor at Kiel Week and International City Forum 2019 in Kiel, Germany from 21st to 24th June 2019

(b) **The Role of Cities in the Integration of Migrants and Refugees Conference**

RESOLVED that the Cabinet approves the attendance of Peter Barnett, Head of Libraries, Health Advice and Information Services, and Sunairah Miraj, Programme Delivery Manager for Migration and MiFriendly Cities Project Co-ordinator, to The Role of Cities in the Integration of Migrants and Refugees Conference in Antwerp, Belgium on 12th and 13th June 2019

(c) **15th German / Russian Sister Cities' Conference**

RESOLVED that the Cabinet approves the attendance of Councillor A S Khan, Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, to the 15th German / Russian Sister Cities' Conference in Dueren, Germany on 25th to 28th June 2019.

5. **Outstanding Issues**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that contained details of an outstanding issue item that was the subject of a report at this meeting.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet notes that the item listed, being the subject of a report at this meeting, could now be removed from the Outstanding Issues Report.

6. **Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.**

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 2.35 pm)