

**Coventry City Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 8 October 2019**

Present:

Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)  
Councillor A Khan (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor K Caan  
Councillor P Hetherton  
Councillor T Khan  
Councillor K Maton  
Councillor J Mutton  
Councillor M Mutton  
Councillor J O'Boyle  
Councillor P Seaman

Deputy Cabinet Members Councillor P Akhtar  
Councillor B Gittins  
Councillor G Lloyd  
Councillor D Welsh

Non-Voting Opposition Members: Councillor A Andrews  
Councillor G Ridley

Other Members: Councillor N Akhtar  
Councillor R Brown  
Councillor J Clifford  
Councillor R Lakha  
Councillor J McNicholas  
Councillor C Thomas

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's M Reeves (Chief Executive),

People G Quinton (Deputy Chief Executive (People)), D Ashmore,  
A Errington, N Hart, P Ward

Place M Yardley (Deputy Chief Executive (Place)), B Hastie,  
G Hood, P Jennings, L Knight, R Moon, J Newman, S Weir

Apologies: Councillor R Ali

## RECOMMENDATION

### 36. **Greenspace Strategy April 2019 - March 2024**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), which set out the Greenspace Strategy for 2019 to 2024.

The importance of Local Authorities developing a strategy for greenspaces is well recognised and key to ensuring that parks and greenspaces continue to meet transforming needs and demands placed on them, such as social and economic changes and that they keep providing value and benefit to diverse communities into the future.

The City Council's second Greenspace Strategy terminated on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 after a period of ten years during which it delivered a number of significant achievements. A new greenspace strategy had now been developed, building on the foundations set by the previous strategy and its successes, setting the scene for the management and development of the City's parks and open spaces for the next 5 years.

The strategy had been developed through a number of defined stages which included a review of national and local policies influencing green provision, an assessment of greenspace quality, quantity and accessibility within the City, stakeholder consultation of the review of findings, analysis and evaluation.

A number of recommendations were presented which sought to improve the safety, use and access of greenspace, addressed deficiencies in both the quantity and the quality of greenspace, developed partner engagement and income regeneration and contribute positively to increased biodiversity.

From these recommendations, a five-year action plan had been produced which would enable the identification of priorities and progress on the implementation and delivery of the strategy to be monitored and tracked.

The report indicated that the draft strategy had been considered by the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) and it had made a number of recommendations. The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities had reviewed and accepted these recommendations and they had had been incorporated into the strategy that was now submitted for adoption.

**RESOLVED that, the Cabinet recommend to Council to:-**

- 1. Note that the draft Greenspace Strategy has been considered by the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) and the Board's recommendations have been approved by the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities and incorporated into the draft strategy document.**
- 2. Approve the adoption of Coventry Greenspace Strategy 2019-2024.**

- 3. Approve the Coventry Greenspace Strategy 5-year Action Plan**
- 4. Delegate authority to the Head of Streetpride and Greenspaces to deliver the actions identified in the strategy.**