

**ITEM 10**

**Recommendation from Cabinet  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 10 March 2020**

Present:

Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)  
Councillor A Khan (Deputy Chair)  
Councillor K Caan  
Councillor P Hetherington  
Councillor K Maton  
Councillor J Mutton  
Councillor M Mutton  
Councillor J O'Boyle  
Councillor P Seaman

Deputy Cabinet Members Councillor P Akhtar  
Councillor R Ali  
Councillor G Lloyd

Non-Voting Opposition Members: Councillor J Blundell (Substitute for Councillor A Andrews)  
Councillor G Ridley

Other Members: Councillor N Akhtar  
R Lakha

Employees (by Directorate):

People: G Quinton (Deputy Chief Executive (People)), D Ashmore, J  
Crawshaw

Place: T Cowley, B Hastie, L Knight, R Moon, J Newman, G Payne,  
S Wiles

Apologies: Councillors A Andrews, B Gittins, T Khan and D Welsh

**RECOMMENDATION**

**97. Impact of European City of Sport 2019**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), which detailed the impact of the European City of Sport 2019 on the City.

In May 2018, it was announced that Coventry had been awarded the status of ACES European City of Sport 2019. It was noted that the City would have a defining 10-year period (2012/2022) in relation to sport, physical activity and

leisure. The European City of Sport award formed a significant part of that decade of change, during which Coventry will have been a host city for the Olympic Games, hosted numerous international sporting events, invested over £100m in sports and leisure facilities, been the UK City of Culture 2021 and a host city for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The report indicated that over 180 events were delivered under the European City of Sport throughout the year. These events ranged from local events to major international events. The year enabled over 170,000 people to get involved in a variety of events, projects and activities that had been organised to support the aim of getting more people moving and helping to reduce health inequalities. In addition, over 500 volunteers supported the year, with over 2,500 hours of volunteering by the Coventry Ambassadors.

Over the course of 2019, Coventry opened a number of state-of-the-art sports and leisure facilities in the City, costing in excess of £100m, that transformed sporting and physical activities opportunities for the city's residents. These have included The Wave (Waterpark); Alan Higgs Centre 50 metre swimming pool; walking and running routes in parks; University of Warwick Sport and Wellness Hub; University of Warwick Athletics Track; 7 artificial cricket wickets and a 5 lane net facility; and footgolf at the War Memorial park. This investment and continued development of additional facilities such as indoor bowls provision, has created a landmark year to remember for sport, physical activity and leisure in the City.

**RESOLVED that, the Cabinet recommend that Council recognise the impact of Coventry's European City of Culture 2019 in the build up to the UK City of Culture 2021 and Commonwealth Games 2022 and support the ongoing legacy of the title.**