
SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 22 February 2021

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 5 March 2021**

26 February 2021

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 – Tuesday 23 February 2021

Report 4 Council Tax Setting Report 2021/22

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of recommendations (1) to (5).

(1) To note the following Council Tax base amounts for the year 2021/22, as approved by Cabinet on 12th January 2021, in accordance with Regulations made under Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 ("the Act"):

- a) 82,717.1 being the amount calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for the whole Council area;
- b)

Allesley	330.0
Finham	1,513.9
Keresley	309.2

being the amounts calculated by the Council as its Council Tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 31A, 31B and 34 to 36 of the Act:

a) £774,235,566 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils (*Gross Expenditure and reserves required to be raised for estimated future expenditure*);

b) £627,959,949 being the aggregate of the amounts that the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act. (*Gross Income including reserves to be used to meet the Gross Expenditure but excluding Council Tax income*);

c) £146,275,617 being the amount by which the aggregate at (2)(a) above exceeds the aggregate at (2)(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its Council Tax requirement for the year;

d) £1,768.38 $\frac{(2)(c)}{(1)(a)} = \frac{£146,275,617}{82,717.1}$

being the amount at (2)(c) above divided by the amount at (1)(a) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. (*Average Council Tax at Band D for the City including Parish Precepts*).

e) £46,673 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act. (*Parish Precepts*);

f) £1,767.82 - £46,673 = (2)(d) - (2)(e) = £1,768.38 -

$$\frac{£1,767.82 - £46,673}{(1)(a)} \qquad \qquad 82,717.1$$

being the amount at (2)(d) above, less the result given by dividing the amount at (2)(e) above by the amounts at (1)(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for

the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special item relates.
(Council Tax at Band D for the City excluding Parish Precepts);

g)

Coventry (unparished area)	£1,767.82
Allesley	£1,809.33
Finham	£1,781.75
Keresley	£1,806.28

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (2)(f) above, the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at (1)(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.
(Council Taxes at Band D for the City and Parish).

h)

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates	Parish of Allesley	Parish of Finham	Parish of Keresley
	£	£	£	£
A	1,178.55	1,206.22	1,187.84	1,204.19
B	1,374.97	1,407.26	1,385.80	1,404.88
C	1,571.40	1,608.30	1,583.78	1,605.59
D	1,767.82	1,809.33	1,781.75	1,806.28
E	2,160.67	2,211.40	2,177.70	2,207.68
F	2,553.52	2,613.48	2,573.64	2,609.07
G	2,946.37	3,015.55	2,969.59	3,010.47
H	3,535.64	3,618.66	3,563.50	3,612.56

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (2)(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in

accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwelling listed in different valuation bands.

- (3) To note that for the year 2021/22 the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands and West Midlands Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwelling shown below:

Valuation Band	Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands £	West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority £
A	118.37	42.02
B	138.09	49.03
C	157.82	56.03
D	177.55	63.04
E	217.01	77.04
F	256.46	91.05
G	295.92	105.06
H	355.10	126.07

- (4) That having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (2)(h) and (3) above, the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021/22 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Parts to which no special item relates £	Parish of Allesley £	Parish of Finham £	Parish of Keresley £
A	1,338.94	1,366.61	1,348.23	1,364.58
B	1,562.09	1,594.38	1,572.92	1,592.00
C	1,785.25	1,822.15	1,797.63	1,819.44
D	2,008.41	2,049.92	2,022.34	2,046.87
E	2,454.72	2,505.45	2,471.75	2,501.73
F	2,901.03	2,960.99	2,921.15	2,956.58
G	3,347.35	3,416.53	3,370.57	3,411.45
H	4,016.81	4,099.83	4,044.67	4,093.73

- (5) That the Council determines that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2021/22 is not excessive in accordance with the principles set out in the Secretary of State's report, under Sections 52ZC and 52ZD of the Act.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 5 Budget Report 2021/22

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

That Cabinet recommend to Council the approval of recommendations (1) to (6).

- (1) Approve the Budget proposals in Appendix 1.
- (2) Approve the total 2021/22 revenue budget of £774m in Table 1 and Appendix 3, established in line with a 4.9% City Council Tax increase and the Council Tax Requirement recommended in the Council Tax Setting Report considered on today's agenda.
- (3) Note the Director of Finance's comments confirming the adequacy of reserves and robustness of the budget in Section 5.1.2 and 5.1.3.
- (4) Establish an Innovation and Development Fund as set out in section 5.1.2 with decisions on the Fund delegated to Strategic Management Board following consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources.
- (5) Approve the Capital Strategy incorporating the Capital Programme of £220.4m for 2021/22 and the commitments arising from this programme totalling £479.6m between 2021/22 to 2025/26 detailed in Section 2.3 and Appendix 4 (that element represented by reports on the same agenda in relation The Albany Theatre and the Collections Centre is subject to approval of these reports).

- (6) Approve the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2021/22 in Section 2.4 and the Prudential Indicators and limits described and detailed in Appendix 6a, the Commercial Investment Strategy for 2021/22 in Section 2.5 and Appendix 5, the Commercial Investment Indicators detailed in Appendix 6b and the Medium Term Financial Strategy in Appendix 7.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 6 Albany Theatre Trust Capital Project

Councillor D Welsh

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

- (1) Approve a grant of up to £2.908m be provided to the Albany Theatre Trust to support the capital proposal summarised in Section 2 of this report, subject to the conditions set out in Section 6.2.
- (2) (noting that £500,000 of the required total has been earmarked from funds already approved) Approve that additional capital expenditure for this purpose of up to £2.408m is added to the approved capital programme, to be funded from prudential borrowing.
- (3) Note that subject to the approval of this report, estimated annual debt servicing costs of c£250k will be incorporated into the 2021/22 (and ongoing) budget report for approval by full Council.
- (4) Delegate authority to the Director of Business, Investment and Culture and the Director of Finance, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities and the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, to take all necessary steps to negotiate and enter into all necessary legal agreements to effect the recommendations in this report.

The above recommendations were approved

■ Report 7 **Property Acquisition and Acceptance of Grant**

Councillors D Welsh and J O'Boyle

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is requested to:

- (1) Approve the acquisition of the leasehold interest of the site shown edged red in Appendix 1.
- (2) Approve additional professional design fees of £1.311m to develop the detailed option designs to RIBA Stage 3 and Stage 4 (contractor procurement through a compliant process), subject also to finalising commitment of the partners (through a Partnership Agreement) to the underwriting of these fees should the project not proceed.
- (3) Delegate authority to the Director of Property Services and Development and the Director of Business, Investment and Culture, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and the Director of Housing and Transformation, to commence the necessary procurement for the appointment of the professional design team including any necessary contract extensions.
- (4) Delegate authority to the Director of Property Services and Development and to the Director of Business, Investment and Culture, following consultation with the Director of Finance, the Director of Law and Governance, the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to undertake the necessary due diligence and finalise the terms of the leasehold transaction and acquisition between the Council and IKEA Properties Investments Limited.
- (5) Note that the principal partners, subject to their own due diligence processes and final approvals on terms delegated to their respective Chief Executives or identified representatives, have approved the principle of entering into Agreements for Lease with the Council as tenants within the New Collections Centre.
- (6) Delegate authority to the Director of Property Services and Development and the Director of Business, Investment and Culture, following consultation with the Director of Finance, the Director of Law and Governance, the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to finalise the necessary negotiations and any due diligence associated with the Heads of Terms for each of the

partners and the entry into the new Agreements for Lease arrangements between the parties.

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

- (7) Approve capital expenditure in the sum specified in the Private section of this Report for the purchase (plus acquisition fees and Stamp Duty Land Tax) cost to fund the acquisition of the leasehold interest of the site shown edged red in Appendix 1 to the report, and to include this within the approved capital programme which shall be funded from a combination of capital grant and prudential borrowing.
- (8) Delegate authority to the Director of Business Investment and Culture and the Director of Finance, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to identify and bid for grant assistance, where available, that supports the aims of the Collections Centre Project. The delegated authority given under this recommendation shall include the power to accept the terms and conditions of grant funding and the entering into all necessary legal agreements to secure such grant funding.

The above recommendations were approved

NOTE: Recommendations (7) and (8) above were referred to Council and consequently are not subject to call-in.

Report 8

Entering into a Joint Venture Arrangement to Promote a Strategic Land Opportunity

Councillor J O'Boyle

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (1) Approve the Council entering into a joint venture arrangement with Coventry Airport Limited to promote the Coventry Airport site for use as a Gigafactory or employment led commercial development.
- (2) Delegate authority to the Director of Property Services and Development and the Director of Law and Governance, following consultation with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, to undertake the necessary due diligence and approve the

structure of the joint venture arrangements and, thereafter, enter into any associated legal agreements (including the authority to effect any lease variations/surrender and any future disposal if appropriate) that are necessary to deliver the joint venture arrangements and give effect to the recommendations within this report.

- (3) Approve expenditure of up to £250,000 from reserves in advance of future capital receipts to fund the workstreams required to further develop the Gigafactory proposal (including further technical feasibility and business case development).
- (4) Approve expenditure of up to £1m (as a 50% share) from reserves in advance of future capital receipts to fund the work streams required to take forward the entry into the joint venture arrangements, the submission of the planning application and disposal process (if appropriate) for the Coventry Airport site.

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.