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# **SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS**

**WEEK COMMENCING 21 March 2022**

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS  
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

**25 March 2022**

## 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 Policing and Equalities – Monday 21 March 2022**

#### **Report 4      Draft Urban Forestry Strategy**

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- 1) Note progress in the development of the Urban Forestry Strategy through two phases of consultation, detailed within the report.
- 2) Support the proposal to undertake public consultation.

**The above recommendations were approved**

#### **#Report 5      One Coventry Elected Members Training and Development Strategy**

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is requested to:

- 1) Recommend that Council approve the One Coventry Elected Members Training and Development Strategy as appended to the report

- 2) Recommends that Council approves the proposals for mandatory training for Members as identified in Section 3. and agree that the Constitution be amended to include within the functions of each relevant Committee the requirement that all Members of those Committees shall have received appropriate training before carrying out any of the functions that are delegated to that Committee.

**The above recommendations were approved**

**#Report 6 Proposed Changes to the Constitution**

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is requested to recommend to Council the approval of Recommendations (1) to (5) below with immediate effect:

- 1) With regard to the Coventry Shareholder Committee Terms of Reference:

- a) The current maximum of 5 elected Members be increased to a maximum of 10 elected Members; and
- b) Approve additional wording to permit Key Decisions in relation to charitable holdings held by the Council on trust for a charity to be made by the Shareholder Committee as trustee, with decisions below the Key Decision threshold delegated to Directors, Heads of Service and Officers in the areas concerned.

(The proposed revisions to Part 2N of the Constitution are set out in Annex A to this report)

- 2) With regard to the Functions of Scrutiny in respect of Parent Governor Representatives:

- a) The requirement for a Parent Governor Representative from both a maintained primary and secondary school in the City be removed (instead introducing a requirement for a generic parent governor who could technically be from any maintained school); and
- b) A maximum four year term of office and minimum of two year term of office for Parent Governor Representatives be inserted into the Constitution.

(The proposed revisions to Part 2D of the Constitution are set out in Annex B to this report)

- 3) Agree that the Management Structure be updated to reflect changes to staff and titles.

- 4) Approve wording to permit Government Consultation Papers to be primarily considered by the relevant Cabinet Member as opposed to Council by default, unless the Government Consultation Paper is high profile or of a particular matter of substantial public importance.

(The proposed revisions to Part 2A of the Constitution are set out in Annex C to this report)

- 5) An addition to the Taxi Licensing delegations to allow Taxi Licensing officers to take enforcement action under the "Smoke Free Legislation" with the written permission of the City Solicitor

(The proposed revisions to Part 2M of the Constitution are set out in Annex D to this report)

Council is recommended to approve the Recommendations (1) to (5) above with immediate effect and authorise the Monitoring Officer to make any necessary amendments to the Constitution.

**The above recommendations were approved**

**#Report 7**

**Amendment to Constitution - The Code of Good Planning Practice for Members and Employees Dealing with Planning Matters**

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities is requested to:

- 1) Consider any recommendations or comments from Planning Committee;
- 2) Approve the Revised Planning Code; and
- 3) Recommend that the Council adopt the Revised Planning Code.

**The above recommendations were approved with the following modifications as recommended by Planning Committee:-**

- 1) At paragraph 1.2 (part of the introduction) in the third sentence, the word 'your' to be replaced by the word 'their'.
- 2) The wording at Paragraph 7.3.3 and 7.3.4 (which relate to what Members should keep in the front of their mind when making a decision) to be revised as follows:-

7.3 Members should keep at the front of their mind that, when they come to make the decision, they:...

- 7.3.3 represent the interests of the whole community,
  - 7.3.4 must do so in accordance with the development plan (Local Plan) unless material considerations indicate otherwise,
  - 7.3.5 must only take into account material planning considerations, which can include the views of the public where they relate to relevant planning matters (Local opposition or support for a proposal is not in itself a ground for refusing or granting planning permission, unless it is founded upon valid material planning reasons),
  - 7.3.6 are to come to a decision after giving what they feel is the right weight to those material planning considerations.
- 3) Removal of “Part 4C” from the header and title and simply naming the document as – *Code of Good Practice for Members and Employees Dealing with Planning Matters* – on the basis that this document will be removed from the body of the Constitution and will instead be appended to the Constitution.

## **Cabinet Member for Children and Young People – Thursday 24 March 2022**

### **Report 4      Children’s Services Comments, Compliments and Complaints Annual Report 2020/21**

Recommendation:

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

- 1) Approve publication of the annual report in relation to complaints and representations in children’s services in 2020/21.

**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.