
SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 11 April 2022

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON TUESDAY 26th April 2022**

14 April 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 – Tuesday 12 April 2022

Report 4 Report of the Scrutiny Autism Task and Finish Group

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is requested to agree the following recommendations:

- 1) That the Council work with partners to identify sustainable, long-term funding as there is currently only funding available for the first year of the All-Age Autism Strategy delivery plan.
- 2) Ensure tackling health inequalities for autistic people is prioritised for delivery as part of the All-Age Autism Strategy implementation plan to improve physical health, mental health, and emotional wellbeing.
- 3) Work with partners to accelerate and build on existing workstreams, to reduce the unacceptably long waiting times for diagnostic assessment
- 4) The Council and health partners work with schools, colleges and universities to ensure that all educational professionals (teachers, senior leaders, early career teachers, support staff) have a good understanding of the needs which may present for autistic and neurodiverse pupils and provide appropriate Continuous Professional Development (CPD) to ensure high quality provision at both whole class and individual intervention level.
- 5) The Council strengthen data sharing, alongside all relevant partners, between organisations to enable evidence gathered through assessments to be used by other professionals as part of the autism assessment process, to assist and expedite diagnosis with the necessary data protection safeguards put in place.

- 6) Support the Education and Childrens' Service Scrutiny Board undertaking a task and finish group during the 2022/23 municipal year to look at the in-depth challenges facing schools in providing support to children, young people and their families who are on the autism assessment pathway.
- 7) Health partners review the referral process for diagnosis to simplify it and enable electronic submission of referral forms.
- 8) Health partners to include schools in correspondence about appointments where schools were involved in the referral process. This will enable schools to support pupils and families through the diagnostic process.
- 9) The Council work with partners to ensure information on referral and support pathways is accessible to parents, carers, young people and professionals.
- 10) Community support services should be offered in the wider context of neurodiversity rather than limited to those with an autism diagnosis. Services should be titled and described to reflect that not all services require a diagnosis to access them.
- 11) The Council, with partners develop a holistic approach to support for families post diagnosis which includes emotional as well as clinical support and access to training.
- 12) To continue the Council's participation in the Employ Autism scheme, or the development of an inhouse equivalent and ensure there is appropriate resource for it to be delivered.
- 13) For the Council to lead by example and become an inclusive employer including for autism and neurodiversity.
- 14) Support SCRUCO including a future item on skills resilience pathways into employment for those with disabilities, including neurodiversity
- 15) The Council works towards Coventry becoming a city which celebrates, supports and accepts autism and neurodiversity. This would include
 - a. the introduction of more inclusive spaces and autism friendly environments throughout the city including in the City Centre, Parks and Open Spaces
 - b. safe spaces/low sensory stimulus areas to enable autistic people to decompression throughout the City.
 - c. public realm designs should include inclusive spaces including Autism friendly environments.
- 16) The Council resource and pursue digital opportunities including the development and rollout of a Neurodiversity Support App for Coventry
- 17) Support Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board receiving an update in 6 months-time on progress towards the recommendations, particularly the impact of measures to reduce waiting times for diagnostic assessments with regular briefings to the Chair in-between.

The recommendations above were approved

Report 5 Renewal of a Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and surrounding areas

Recommendation:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Renew the Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and surrounding areas.

The recommendation above was approved

Report 6 Renewal of a Public Spaces Protection Order for St Michaels and surrounding areas

Recommendation:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Retrospectively approve the acceptance of the Commonwealth Active Communities funding in the sum of £624,624.00 awarded to Coventry by Sport England.

The recommendation above 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.