
SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 12 December 2022

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 23 December 2022**

16 December 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 13 December 2022

Report 5 **Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document - Adoption**

Councillor D Welsh

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet adopts the Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)
2. That Cabinet delegates to the Strategic Lead (Planning) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities any necessary further non-substantive (minor) changes to the document

The above recommendations were approved

Report 6 New Residential Buildings Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) - Adoption

Councillor D Welsh

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet adopts the New Residential Buildings Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
2. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Strategic Lead (Planning) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities to make any necessary further non-substantive (minor) changes to the document.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 7 Tall Buildings Design Guide and Three Spires View Management Framework Supplementary Planning Document SPD) - Adoption

Councillor D Welsh

Recommendations:

1. That Cabinet adopts the Tall Buildings Design Guide and Three Spires View Management Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
2. That Cabinet delegates authority to the Strategic Lead (Planning) following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities to make any necessary further non-substantive (minor) changes to the document.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 8 Pre-Budget Report 2023/24

Councillor R Brown

Recommendation:

The Cabinet is requested to:

1. Approve as a basis of consultation: the revenue spending and savings options in Section 2 and Appendix 1 of the report; the broad Capital Programme proposals in sections 2.6 to 2.9 of the

report; the approach in relation to Council Tax and the Adult Social Care Precept in Section 1.8 of the report, including a Council Tax rise of just under 3% and an Adult Social Care Precept of 2%.

The above recommendation was approved

Report 9 2022/23 Second Quarter Financial Monitoring Report (to September 2022)

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is requested to:

1. Approve the Council's revenue monitoring position.
2. Approve the revised forecast capital outturn position for the year of £165.8m incorporating: £0.3m net increase in spending relating to approved/technical changes, £0.6m net overspend and £0.8m of net rescheduling of expenditure into future years.
3. Approve the use of corporate capital receipts to fund the £0.6m Public Realm 5 overspend as referenced in section 5 and Appendix 4

The above recommendations were approved

Report 10 Council Tax Premiums for Empty Properties and Second Homes

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

1. Approve the implementation of a provision contained within the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill to:
 - Apply a 100 per cent premium for properties that have been empty and unfurnished for 12 months or longer – this charge would be implemented from 1 April 2024 and applied to any property that had been empty for 12 months at that point and going forward.

- Agree to review the option of implementing a 100 per cent premium on second homes following the Enactment of the legislation and receive a further report detailing any recommendations proposed to come into effect from April 2025.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 11 Approval of Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant

Councillor K Caan

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the approval to retrospectively accept the Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant in the sum of £1,228,092 from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) for the period April 2022 to March 2024.
2. Authorise the Council to bid and accept further grant monies from OHID for Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment in the maximum sum of £2,499,000 for the period 2024- 2025.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, following consultation with the Chief Legal Officer and the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport to undertake the necessary due diligence, negotiate the terms and conditions of any funding agreement with OHID and enter into the necessary agreement to bring into legal effect the recommendation set out at (2) above.

The above recommendations were approved

■ **Report 12 Public Realm ‘Phase 6’**

Councillor J O’Boyle

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to:

1. Agree the revised scheme list and delegate authority to the Director of Transportation and Highways following consultation with Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate

Change, to agree the detailed works for schemes in Coventry City Centre Public Realm Phase 6

2. Delegate authority to the Director of Transportation and Highways, following consultation with Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change and the Chief Operating Officer to agree the detailed works and budgets for additional Public Realm Phase 6 funding.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Transportation and Highways following consultation with Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, alongside Procurement Board to agree the most appropriate procurement route for the works to be delivered
4. Recommend that Council Approve the addition of £1.8m of corporate resources to the 5-year capital programme to deliver the Public Realm 6 programme, funded from capital receipts

The above recommendations were approved

NOTE: Recommendation 4 above is not subject to call in as it is a referral to Council

Report 13

Adult Social Care Preventative Support Grants

Councillor M Mutton

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve the award of grants totalling £5,406,000 to be awarded to voluntary sector organisations for a period of up to two years to 31 March 2025.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Adult Services and Housing, in consultation with Cabinet Member for Adult Services, to undertake the necessary grant funding processes for voluntary sector organisations to apply for grant funding and undertake the necessary due diligence, negotiate the terms and conditions of any grant funding agreement with the voluntary sector organisations and enter into the necessary agreement to bring into legal effect the recommendation set out at 1 above.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 14

Refugee Resettlement and Newly Arrived Communities

Councillor D Welsh

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to:

1. Approve the proposed regional model put forward by the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership to disperse people who are asylum seekers across the West Midlands region, as set out in Appendix 2. As set out in section 1.5 providing information on 'Move to Full Dispersal' policy and described in Option 2 of the Options and Recommended proposal section.
2. Reaffirm the position of Coventry as a City of Sanctuary, City of Peace and Reconciliation and continue to be a welcoming and inclusive place for people from asylum seeking, refugee and migrant communities. This is with a particular emphasis on supporting new arrivals to be able to make a positive contribution to local communities and the local economy.
3. Confirm the Council's pledge to resettle 125-150 people per annum from the Government's Resettlement Schemes. This would reflect the capacity in the city to support these very vulnerable refugees and make a positive contribution to the Government's request for support with the challenges faced particularly by the collapse of the previous Afghan regime in August 2021.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing following consultation with the Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities to be able to increase or decrease the Council's pledge to the Government's refugee resettlement schemes. This would be in accordance with Coventry's capacity to deliver effective integration support and would be based on the population size of the city.
5. Authorise the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities following consultation with the Head of Service Libraries and Migration and the Chief Legal Officer to prepare and thereafter issue a letter to the Home Secretary stating the following:
 - That the City Council remains supportive of the West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership's plan which reflects the move to a new and better dispersal model;
 - That the current contingency hotels are stood down in the City of Coventry; and

- No further contingency hotels are to be created in the future within the City of Coventry
6. Accept all government grant allocations awarded to the Council per individual under the grant schemes programmes listed in Appendix 1 for current and future years and delegate authority to the Head of Service Libraries and Migration following consultation with the Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities to take all necessary actions to bring into effect this recommendation.
 7. Authorise the Council to accept additional grant funding award of £794,753 from the Asylum Migration Integration Fund (AMIF) subject to the appropriate match funding being secured by all necessary delivery partners which shall thereafter be utilised to extend the current MyCoventry programme for a third year (ending December 2023) as described in Paragraph 1.10 below.
 8. Delegate authority to the Head of Service Libraries and Migration following consultation with Chief Operating Officer and Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities to enter into the appropriate agreements:
 - To secure the additional grant funding; and
 - Back-to-back funding agreement with the necessary delivery partners.

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.