

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Coventry Shareholder Committee held at 2.00 pm on**  
**Tuesday, 1 August 2023**

Present:

Members:                      Councillor G Duggins (Chair)  
                                      Councillor L Bigham  
                                      Councillor P Hetherton

Employees (by Service Area):

Public Health and              V De Souza  
Wellbeing

Law and Governance         J Newman (Chief Legal Officer), S Bennett

Apologies:                      Councillor R Brown, K Caan, AS Khan, J O'Boyle, K Sandhu,  
   P Seaman and D Welsh

## **Public Business**

### **1.        Declarations of Interest**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **2.        Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March, 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

### **3.        Changing Places Toilet Installation at War Memorial Park**

The Coventry Shareholder Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing which indicated that, as part of the ongoing commitment to meeting the Public Sector Equality Duty, Coventry City Council is proposing to install a Changing Places Toilet in War Memorial Park in order to provide suitably accessible toileting facilities for people with complex disabilities. The report sought approval of the Committee, acting as the Charitable Trustees of the War Memorial Park, to approve that installation.

Changing Places Toilets meet the needs of people with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well as people with other physical disabilities. These toilets provide the right equipment including a height adjustable adult-sized changing table, a tracking hoist system, adequate space for a disabled person and carer, a peninsular WC with room either side and a safe and clean environment including tear off paper to cover the bench, a large waste bin and a non-slip floor.

Over the last 2-years, the Council has successfully received £260,190 of funding (during Rounds 1 and 2 of the Government's Changing Places Toilets programme) to install five Changing Places facilities at Albany Theatre, Tesco Arena, ShopMobility, Coombe Abbey Park and War Memorial Park and have until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 to install the Changing Places toilets for which funding has been granted.

The Council holds the legal title to the War Memorial Park by virtue of a conveyance dated 27 January 1921. The land was transferred to the Council to be held 'to the use' of the Corporation and its successors and assigns 'to be maintained by the Corporation and dedicated in perpetuity as a public park or Recreation Ground for the people or for use for Agricultural Shows Flower Shows or similar purposes with a right to charge for admission' the wording of this conveyance clearly settled the land (including the War Memorial Park) on charitable trust and as such the Council is now the sole corporate trustee of the Trust. Any decisions relating to the War Memorial Park need to be taken by the Coventry Shareholder Committee acting as the Charitable Trustees.

The Committee welcomed the installation of Changing Places toilets across the City.

**RESOLVED that the Coventry Shareholder Committee, acting as the Charitable Trustees of the War Memorial Park, approves the installation of a Changing Places toilet at the War Memorial Park and delegates authority to the Director of Public Health & Wellbeing to enter into the works contract.**

#### 4. **Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business**

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 2.15pm)