
SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 11 March 2024

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 22 March 2024**

15 March 2024

Public Business

- Denotes items that have been referred to, or have been, or are to be considered by, Audit and Procurement Committee.
- # Denotes items that are to be referred to, or are to be considered by, 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 have been, or are to be 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 Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change – Tuesday 12 March 2024

Report 4 Destination Coventry – Proof of Concept

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change is recommended to:

- 1) Note the outputs and impact of Destination Coventry that have been achieved during the proof-of-concept covering the period from 1 August 2021 up to March 2024.
- 2) Note the successes achieved by Destination Coventry in the delivery of the aims set out in the Destination Coventry Business Plan to March 2024 set out in paragraphs 1.5-1.12 of this report.
- 3) Approve an extension of the Destination Coventry hosting arrangement with the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce to 31 March 2025, in order to facilitate detailed exploration with the Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce for a permanent public / private funded destination management operating model for the city.

- 4) Approve revenue funding totalling £332k for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, funded from existing approved Council resources to be utilised towards the delivery of the destination management and tourism aims associated with the proof-of-concept set out in this report.
- 5) Note that the financial contribution to the collaboration will include payment for Council staff in relevant service areas which have been seconded to Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce until the end of the agreement
- 6) Delegate to the Director of Regeneration and Economy, following consultation with the Director of Law & Governance, and the Director of Finance and Resources to negotiate and undertake all associated and ancillary actions (including the authority to finalise such legal documents) as are necessary to give full effect to the recommendations set out in this report.

The above recommendations were approved.

Cabinet - Tuesday 12 March 2024

Report 5 Acceptance of Accommodation-based Support Grant 2024 -2025: Part 4 Duties of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021

Councillor A S Khan

Recommendations:

Cabinet recommended to:

- 1) Approve the acceptance of the grant of £885,733 for 2024/2025 from the Department of Levelling up to fulfil the functions of the new statutory duty on Tier 1 Local Authorities relating to the provision of support to victims of domestic abuse and their children residing within safe accommodation: and
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, following consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, to accept any future additional grant funding to fulfil the functions set out in this report in subsequent years 2025 – 2026 and 2026 - 2027 up to a combined total amount of £2.5 million pounds.

- 3) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources to make the necessary adjustments to the revenue budget to give effect to the recommendations set out in this report.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 6 Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2024: Acceptance of Grant

Councillor Dr K Sandhu

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the acceptance of the Department for Education HAF grant allocation, of up to £1,587,840 for the 2024/25 financial year.
- 2) Delegate authority for decisions about the planning and delivery of the HAF to the Director of Partnerships and Performance, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skill, including but not limited to:
 - a) Co-ordinating and awarding monies to relevant organisations in order to ensure the delivery of the programme to a high standard; and
 - b) Acceptance of any future opportunities for additional in-year grant funding up to a total amount in the sum of £2.5 million pounds, in 2024/25.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 7 2024/25 Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme

Councillor P Hetheron

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the 2024/25 programme of Transportation and Highway schemes marked 'A' in Table 2 of the report.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for City Services, to

approve a programme of scheme development and externally funded schemes, marked 'B' in Table 2 of the report.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 8 City Centre South – Appropriation of Land for Planning Purposes and Use of Section 203 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016

Councillor J O'Boyle

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Resolve to appropriate for planning purposes the land owned by the Council within the proposed redevelopment site shown on the plan at Appendix 1 to the report pursuant to section 122 Local Government Act 1972 in order to facilitate the CCS scheme.
- 2) Authorise the Director of Property Services and Development, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, the Director of Finance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to settle claims for compensation under s204 Housing and Planning Act 2016 in respect of rights, interests or restrictions which are overridden and/or to reach agreement for the release of any such rights etc. by affected third parties
- 3) Delegate authority to the Director of Property Services and Development, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, the Director of Finance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to:
 - (a) Place statutory advertisements as required by section 122(2A) Local Government Act 1972 of the Council's intention to appropriate for planning purposes the open space land in the Council's freehold ownership shown on the plan at Appendix 2 to the report; and
 - (b) Consider any representations received in response to the statutory advertisements referred to in paragraph (a) above and to decide whether any such land should be appropriated for planning purposes and dispose of to facilitate the CCS scheme; and
 - (c) Take all necessary, incidental or ancillary steps for the carrying into effect any of the recommendations set out in this report.

The above Recommendations were approved.

**◆#Report 9 Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme – Coventry City Council
Public Buildings Phase 2**

Councillor J O'Boyle

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Approve the acceptance of a PSDS grant of up to the sum of £786k from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, if successful, to be utilised on the delivery of the Project as set out in the report.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Director of Property Services and Development, the Director of Law and Governance, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change and the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, to undertake all necessary due diligence and actions required to enter into a grant funding agreement with Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (or nominee).

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

- 3) Approve the proposal to allocate up to £1m of corporate capital funding, funded from prudential borrowing towards Public Building Decarbonisation Phase 2 works with a total capital value of up to £1.85m as set out in the report ("the Project"), subject to successful award of the PSDS grant.
- 4) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Director of Property Services and Development, the Director of Law and Governance, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change and the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, to approve the final scope and finances allocated to the Project, including in the event that grant funding is not successful.
- 5) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Director of Property Services and Development, the Director of Law and Governance, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change and the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources, to commence any necessary procurement activities and finalise the

terms and conditions of the required contracts to facilitate delivery of the Project.

- 6) Approve the addition of up to £1.85m to the Capital Programme to reflect the delivery of the works recommended as part of this report.

The above Recommendations were approved.

Report 10 Social Housing Decency Funding

Councillor D Welsh

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Note the approval of the acceptance of the grant of £2.1m from the West Midlands Combined Authority (already received via the Constitutional mechanism set out in the Executive Summary above).
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Adults and Housing to enter into the necessary grant agreement with Citizen Housing to deliver upon the requirements of the grant funding.

The above Recommendations were approved.

Report 11 Accelerating Reform Fund

Councillor L Bigham

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Note the approval of the acceptance of the grant of £779,600 from the Department of Health and Social Care (already received via the constitutional mechanism set out in the Executive Summary above).
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Adults and Housing to enter into the necessary grant agreement/s (including the grant to Warwickshire County Council for their element of the grant as described in the Executive Summary) and/ or procurement exercise/s (and resulting contract/s) to deliver upon the requirements of the grant funding.

The above Recommendations were approved.

#Report 12 West Midlands Investment Zone

Councillor J O'Boyle

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Note the aspirations of, and supports the principle of participation in, the West Midlands Investment Zone (WMIZ) proposed to benefit the WMCA area and Warwick District, conditional upon there being agreed no detriment position in respect of business rates income.
- 2) Note the governance arrangements for the WMIZ as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.
- 3) Agree in principle to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding business rates and their retention across the WMCA area and the Warwick District Council (WDC) area and delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources (s151) and the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources to enter into this agreement.

Cabinet is asked to recommend that Council:

- 4) Approve acceptance of up to £35m in West Midlands Investment Zone (WMIZ) funding, noting that initially £23m will be available for infrastructure provision on the Coventry Airport site (subject to the conditions of the grant being satisfactory).
- 5) Grant delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration and Economy, following consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources, the Director of Law and Governance, and Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to:
 - a) Undertake all necessary due diligence in relation to acceptance of the WMIZ funding allocation.
 - b) Continue to negotiate on all the matters associated with this report and to take such action as is deemed necessary, incidental or ancillary to or in consequence of bringing into effect the recommendations contained in this report, including but not limited to entering into any associated legal agreements (including the authority to effect any lease variations/surrender and any associated documents

if appropriate) that are necessary to deliver the West Midlands Investment Zone.

- 6) Authorise the Council to add to the 5 Year Capital and/or Revenue Programme (as appropriate) any West Midlands Investment Zone funding received by the Council up to a maximum of £35m.

The above Recommendations were approved.

#Report 13 City Centre Cultural Gateway Project Update

Councillor D Welsh

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to request that Council:

- 1) Approve capital expenditure of a further sum in the amount set out in the private element of the Report to be financed from prudential borrowing to fund the construction and professional fees for delivery of the City Centre Cultural Gateway Project.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources following consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Economy, the Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to approve capital expenditure of a further sum in the amount set out in the private element of the Report to be financed from prudential borrowing to fund the construction and professional fees to be utilised towards the delivery of further works to Floors 1 and 2 , only once there has been a developed and approved business case for future tenancies.
- 3) Note that the Agreement for Lease between Coventry City Council and Arts Council England, British Council and Culture Coventry in respect of the Collection Centre Development will include a mechanism that facilitates the ability for a request to be made to the City Council to deliver Partner Variations (including fit-out works) on their behalf with the cost being repaid to the City Council.
- 4) Delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Resources following consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Economy, the Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, to undertake the necessary due diligence including approving any incidental and ancillary actions required to bring into legal effect the recommendation set out in Recommendation (3) above.

The above Recommendations were approved.

#Report 14 Procurement of a New Contract for the Supply of Electricity and Ancillary Services

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to recommend that Council:

- 1) Approves the proposal to enter into an electricity supply contracts pursuant to the Strategic Energy Partnership for the supply of electricity up to 31st March 2030.
- 2) Delegates authority to the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Economy and the Director of Law and Governance, to finalise the terms and conditions of the supply contract and any other legal agreements required to facilitate delivery of the electricity supply and its ancillary services.
- 3) Delegates authority to the Head of Energy Services, following consultation with the Director of Regeneration and Economy, to oversee the ongoing management of the wholesale purchasing strategy during the term of the contract.
- 3) Notes the exercise of the emergency functions by the Chief Executive on 19th December 2023 pursuant to Paragraph 3.8 (a) of Part 2M of the Constitution to secure an immediate hedging of energy using an interim 12 month standard flex contract.

The above Recommendations were approved.

Report 15 Coventry and Warwickshire Religion and Worldviews Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education 2024 – 2029

Councillor Dr K Sandhu

Recommendation:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education for use in Coventry schools over the next five years (2024 – 2029).

The above Recommendation was approved.

Cabinet Member for Adult Services – Thursday 14 March 2024

Report 4 Deferred Payment Agreement Scheme

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Adult Services is recommended to:

- 1) Endorse the revised Deferred Payment Scheme for all service users having 12-week disregards ending after the 31st March 2024.
- 2) Agree to implement the new approach to Deferred Payment Agreements.

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.