

Council – 15 October 2024
Recommendation from Cabinet
1 October 2024

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 1 October 2024

Present:

Cabinet Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)
Councillor A S Khan (Deputy Chair)
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor R Brown
Councillor K Caan
Councillor J O'Boyle
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor P Seaman

Non-Voting Deputy
Cabinet Members: Councillor S Agboola
Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor G Hayre
Councillor S Nazir

Non-Voting Opposition
Members: Councillor S Gray
Councillor G Ridley

Other Non-Voting
Members: Councillor R Lakha
Councillor G Lloyd
Councillor C E Thomas

Employees
(by Service area):

Chief Executive Julie Nugent (Chief Executive)

Adult Services and
Housing P Fahy (Director of Adult Services and Housing)

Childrens Services and
Education S Sen (Director of Childrens Services and Education),
N Jeffreys

City Services and Commercial	D Pipe, J Seddon
Policy and Communications	M Burrows (Interim Director of Policy and Communications)
Finance and Resources	B Hastie (Director of Finance and Resources)
Law and Governance	J Newman (Director of Law and Governance), J Adams, D Blackburn, L Nagle, M Salmon
Public Health and Wellbeing	V De Souza
Apologies:	Councillor P Hetherton Councillor P Male Councillor D Toulson

Public Business

22. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

RECOMMENDATION

28. Coventry Transport Strategy Update

Cabinet considered a report of the Director of City Services and Commercial that had been considered at Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) at their meeting on 26th September 2024 and would also be considered at the meeting of the Council on 15th October 2024, which provided an update on progress achieved since the Coventry Transport Strategy was adopted, including the latest available performance information. The report also sought approval to update the Implementation Plan which accompanied the Strategy to reflect the Council's latest plans. Appendices to the report provided: the Coventry Transport Strategy Key Performance Indicators Progress Report; and the Coventry Transport Strategy Implementation Plan Update.

The Coventry Transport Strategy was approved by Council in December 2022 (their minute 83/22 referred). It was a 15-year strategy which set out plans to fundamentally change the city's transport system, including by investing in significant improvements to public transport, walking and cycling and by accelerating the transition to zero emission vehicles.

The Implementation Plan set out the 'pipeline' of specific improvements that the Council intended to deliver over the lifetime of the Strategy. The proposed changes to this included updating the expected timescales for the delivery of various schemes and the addition of a small number of new actions. These additions included reform of the region's bus services and several additional

walking and cycling schemes, for which funding had now been secured. The specific changes that Council was being asked to approve were detailed in the Coventry Transport Strategy Implementation Plan Update that was appended to the report.

Cabinet received a briefing note from Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) consideration of the report (their Minute 3/24 referred), that had been circulated, setting out their recommendations for Cabinet's consideration. The Committee recommended that Cabinet agree the recommendations in the report and agrees to find opportunities to promote the innovative projects being delivered to support active travel in the city, such as VLR, Ring and Ride schemes and WM On Demand.

Cabinet agreed to recommend that Council:

- 1) Approves the updated and amended Implementation Plan (set out in Appendix 2 to the report) which was previously approved by Council on 6th December 2022, and which accompanies the Coventry Transport Strategy.
- 2) Delegates authority to the Director of City Services and Commercial and the Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change and the Cabinet Member for City Services, to make variations from time to time to the Coventry Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan.

RESOLVED that Council is requested to:

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- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of City Services and Commercial and Director of Finance and Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, and the Cabinet Member for City Services, to make variations from time to time to the Coventry Transport Strategy and Implementation Plan.**