
SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 06 October 2025

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 17 October 2025**

10 October 2025

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.

Coventry Shareholders Committee – Tuesday 7 October 2025

Report 4 Council Acting as Charitable Trustees for War Memorial Park regarding the proposed development of Padel Tennis Courts

Recommendations:

In its role as Charitable trustee of the War Memorial Park and in the best interest of the Charitable asset, Coventry Shareholders Committee is recommended to:

- 1) Agree to carrying out a competitive procurement process inviting applicants to submit proposals outlining how they would develop and manage Padel facilities on a minimum 15-year lease at the proposed site shown edged red on the plan (Appendix 1) to the report, subject to:
 - a. an independent Charities Act report recommending that the intended disposal between the Charitable Trust and the successful applicant represents best value to the Charity.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Interim Director of City Services, following consultation with the Director of Property Services and Development, the Director of Finance and Resources and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to:

- a. prior to the lease, advertise and place a public notice detailing the intended lease of the land for the proposed Padel site in accordance with the guidance from the Charity Commission and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (as amended).
- b. consider any comments and/or objections received in response to the advertisement and the public notice and decide whether the lease of the proposed Padel site be affected; and
- c. select a successful applicant and negotiate the detailed terms of any agreements including but not limited to undertaking the appropriate due diligence and completion of the necessary legal documentation to bring into effect a new lease in accordance with the recommendations set out in this report.

The above recommendations were approved

NOTE: In accordance with the Constitution, Councillor J McNicholas attended as nominee of the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, Cllr Lloyd, and agreed the need for urgency such that **call-in arrangements will not apply**. The reason for urgency is that in order to meet the construction programme and complete the new development before peak season ends in Autumn 2026 the advertisement of the opportunity needs to go out in early October to allow for evaluation of proposals and legal commitment to be secured prior to the end of 2025 calendar year. Ensuring the facility can open during high season will improve the council's return on this development and advertising the opportunity as soon as possible is the most sensible commercial decision as it will ensure we will have the widest range of bidders before they have the opportunity to build a competing facility which may not bring the same benefits to the residents of Coventry.

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) – i.e. 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.