
SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 15 December 2025

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY 2026**

18 December 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.

Cabinet – Tuesday 16 December 2025

○Report 4 **Pre-Budget Consultation 2026/27**

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Note the position with regard to the Governments funding settlement.
- 2) Approve the Capital Programme proposals in sections 2.6 to 2.8 of the report.
- 3) Approve as a basis of consultation for a six-week period, the contents of this report as set out in section 1 and 2.
- 4) Approve a six-week public consultation period to commence on 17th December 2025 on proposed (minor) amendments to the council tax support scheme as detailed in the report and Appendix 1 in accordance with The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as substituted by the 2012 Act).

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 2025/26 Second Quarter Financial Monitoring Report (to September 2025)

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Approve the Council's second quarter revenue monitoring position.
- 2) Approve the revised forecast capital outturn position for the year of £184m incorporating: £1.4m net increase in spending relating to approved/technical changes and £5m of net programme rescheduling of expenditure to future years.

The above recommendations were approved

#Report 6 Coventry Very Light Rail

Councillor J O'Boyle

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to recommend that the Council approve:

- 1) The installation of the CVLR slab track and a short period of operation, of the City Centre Demonstrator (CCD) from Coventry Railway Station to Coventry University Technology Park in a live traffic environment will follow the release of the next phase of approved funding by the DfT.
- 2) Delegated authority to the Director of Innovation, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, the Director of Finance and Resources, the Director of Regeneration and Economy, and Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to operate CVLR in a live traffic environment subject to risks being appropriately mitigated.
- 3) Delegated authority to the Director of Innovation to secure the necessary Statutory approvals to construct CCD.
- 4) Delegated authority to the Director of Innovation, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, the Director of Finance and Resources, the Director of Regeneration and Economy, and Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to enter into all necessary legal agreements for the CCD.

- 5) Delegated authority to the Director of Innovation, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, the Director of Finance and Resources, Director of Regeneration and Economy and Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to agree the award of contract(s) and for the Council to enter into all necessary contracts, including but not limited to constructing and operating the CCD.
- 6) Delegated authority to the Director of Innovation, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, the Director of Finance and Resources, the Director of Regeneration and Economy, and Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to enter into the appropriate lease agreements for associated infrastructure required to deliver a modified, enhanced CVLR system and its potential to facilitate the construction of conventional tramways to prove out the advanced slab track capabilities.
- 7) Delegated authority to the Director of Innovation, following consultation with the Director of Law and Governance, the Director of Finance and Resources, the Director of Regeneration and Economy, and Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to, subject to the necessary funding being secured, initiate the business case work for a commercial route in Coventry.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 7 Highways Maintenance Contract – 2026

Councillor P Hetherton

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Subject to Procurement Board approval, approve the Council's use of Warwickshire County Council's Highways Maintenance Contract 2026 for the contract period (7-year core term plus potential extensions up to a further 6 years) from 05 May 2026 for the works outlined in this report.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Interim Director of City Services, undertake all necessary due diligence to enter into the contract, including but not limited to:
 - Finalising the terms of Coventry City Council's participation in the Highways Maintenance Contract 2026; and
 - entry into the contract on behalf of the Council.

The above recommendations were approved

Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change – Thursday 18 December 2025

Report 5 Supporting Coventry Market and its Traders

Recommendations:

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

- 1) Consider and note the two petitions as detailed in paragraph 2 of this report, together with any comments raised at the meeting.
- 2) Approve the proposal to provide rent relief to Coventry Market Traders who satisfy the criteria set out in section 3.2.3 of this report to be funded from existing resources.
- 3) Note that the Business Rates relief for applicable Coventry Market traders provided by way of discretion under section 69 of the Localism Act 2011 will be extended to also cover the 2026/27 and 2027/28 calendar year.
- 4) Note that Officers will be exploring options to secure funding to improve the external façade of Coventry Market and any subsequent decision will be the subject of separate Governance approvals as required.
- 5) Note that Officers will be working with specialists and key stakeholders to look at options for long term improvement to Coventry Market to ensure it has a financially viable future and any subsequent decision making will be the subject of separate Governance approvals as required.
- 6) 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 take all necessary, incidental or ancillary steps for the carrying into effect any of the recommendations set out in this report including but not limited to the authority to make necessary variations to the criteria set out in section 3.2.3 of this report.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 6

Mercia Business Centre, Westwood Way Westwood Business Park, Coventry – Lease Regear. (Surrender and Re-grant)

Recommendations:

The Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change is recommended, subject to the consideration of the additional confidential information contained in the corresponding private report to:

- 1) Approve the surrender of the existing leases across the former Mercia Business Centre site at Westwood Business Park.
- 2) Approve the simultaneous grant of new 153-year lease(s) to Skybridge Property Limited or their nominated investment fund or investor, to facilitate the development of up to 1,006 bed Purpose-built student accommodation scheme with a new ground rent.
- 3) Delegate authority to the Director of Property Services and Development, following consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources, the Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, to negotiate and finalise the terms of the grant of the new lease(s), to undertake the necessary due diligence, complete all necessary legal documentation to facilitate the completion of the transaction and to 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

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.