
SUMMARY OF CABINET / CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 5 January 2026

**CALL IN FOR THESE DECISION ENDS
9.00 A.M. ON FRIDAY 16th JANUARY 2026**

9 January 2026

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 6 January 2026

Report 4 Outcomes of the Fair Funding Consultation 2026/27 Councillor K Sandhu

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Approve the recommended operation of the 2026/27 Fair Funding Formula and changes to the Fair Funding Scheme of Delegation, which are summarised in section 2 of the report.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Children's and Education Services, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, to:
 - a) make (subject to prior consultation with the Schools Forum) such minor and technical variations to the Fair Funding Scheme of Delegation as is deemed necessary; and
 - b) make any necessary amendments to the final detail of these recommended changes, in order to comply with the School Finance (England) Regulations once full detail of the schools funding settlement has been published by the Department for Education for 2026/27. Any such changes will be made following discussion with the Schools Forum as appropriate.

The above recommendations were approved.

Report 5 The 2026/27 Council Tax Base Report

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to:

- 1) Approve that the Council Tax collection rate for 2026/27 be set at 97.6%
- 2) That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012, the amounts calculated by the City Council for 2026/27 shall be:

a net tax base of 91,413.3 for the whole of the City Council area made up as follows:

Allesley Parish	498.7
Finham Parish	1,587.2
Keresley Parish	744.4
All Other Coventry City Council Wards	<u>88,583.0</u>
TOTAL	91,413.3

- 3) That the following grant payments should be made to parish councils to reflect the impact in 2026/27 of Council Tax reductions on their tax bases:

Allesley Parish	£2,183
Finham Parish	£2,514
Keresley Parish	<u>£1,840</u>
TOTAL	£6,537

The above recommendations were approved

#Report 6 Brandon Wood Nature Reserve

Councillor J O'Boyle

Recommendations:

Cabinet is requested to recommend that the Council approve:

- 1) Approve the in principal change of use of Brandon Wood Golf Course to a nature reserve and a registered Biodiversity Net Gain habitat bank, including demolition of the former golf club house

subject to a formal planning process via Rugby Borough Council to deliver proposed changes to the Site (as shown in Appendix 1 and 3 to the report) and land appropriation within the Council between service areas;

- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development, following consultation with the Director of Property Services and Development, the Director of Finance and Resources (s151 Officer), and the Director of Law and Governance and the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change to:
 - 2a) Enter into the appropriate legal agreements (including but not limited to a property transaction) and to make necessary variations from time to time between the Council and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Group for up to thirty years for the Site.
 - 2b) Undertake all necessary due diligence including the investment strategy and subsequent phasing of the project and enter into necessary legal agreements (and make necessary variations from time to time) to maximise Biodiversity Net Gain Units for the whole Site up to £8m.
 - 2c) Enter into appropriate legal agreements to enable the Council to join the Nature Capital Investment Strategy partnership with Warwickshire County Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, including acceptance of funding to support delivery of BNG on the Site if this becomes available through the partnership, subject to formal governance processes.
 - 2d) Accept up to £2m in the sale of BNG units to deliver the initial phase of delivery of the Site.
 - 2e) Approve the addition of up to £1.4 million for the purposes of delivering the Project (subject to the financial mitigations set out in the financial implications).
- 3) Approve that all Biodiversity Net Gain income from the Site is ringfenced and reinvested in biodiversity and enabling activities.

The above recommendations were approved

Report 7

Gas Contract Renewal

Councillor R Brown

Recommendations:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Approve the proposal to enter into a Gas Framework up to £6.3million for the supply of gas up to 31 March 2031.
- 2) Delegate authority to the Director of People and Facilities Management, following consultation with the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance to finalise the legal due diligence and terms and conditions of the Gas Framework and any other legal agreements required to facilitate delivery of the gas supply and its ancillary services.
- 3) Delegate authority to the Head of Energy Services, following consultation with the Director of People and Facilities Management, to oversee the ongoing management of the wholesale purchasing strategy during the term of the contract.

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) – 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.