

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for City Services held at 10:30am on
Wednesday, 28 January 2020

Present:

Members: Councillor P Hetherton (Cabinet Member)
 Councillor S Nazir (Deputy Cabinet Member)
 Councillor M Heaven (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

Regeneration and D Keaney, V Robert
Economy

Law and Governance R Parkes, M Salmon, C Taylor

Public Business

Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Petition E7/25-26 - Bryn Road Separate Parking Zone

The Cabinet Member for City Services considered a report of the Director of Regeneration and Economy, that responded to a petition requesting a Permit Parking Area be created for Bryn Road separate from Zone EW1. The Petition Sponsor, Councillor AS Khan, a Foleshill Ward Councillor, was unable to attend the meeting. The Petition Organiser attended the meeting on behalf of the petitioners.

The petition contained 47 signatures and in accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those related to road safety were heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered the petition in advance of the meeting and requested that the petition be dealt with by Determination Letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting of Cabinet Member for City Services. The Petition Organiser subsequently requested that a report be submitted to a meeting.

The determination letter advised that the Council takes a zonal approach to residents' parking schemes, incorporating adjoining roads in one zone. This helps to reduce the effects of displacement of parking onto adjacent streets and increases the overall amount of on-street parking available during the hours of operation.

The Petition Organiser and residents spoke in support of the petition and raised their concerns, including:

- Non-residents of Bryn Road and local businesses were parking in Bryn Road, resulting in a lack of car parking spaces for residents.
- A previous petition submitted in 2020 requesting residents parking permits, was acceded to and provided relief and stability to Bryn Road residents for 2.5 years however, when the EW1 zone was extended, parking in Bryn Road by non-residents had increased.
- Disabled parking bays in Bryn Road were not enforced and were frequently used by non-disabled users. These bays had also been lost in the past due to resurfacing and more recent applications had been refused due to the traffic calming measures in place in Bryn Road.
- The parking survey undertaken in November 2026 did not provide a true reflection of the parking issues faced in Bryn Road, as it was not undertaken at pressure times i.e. 5.30pm.
- Parking Enforcement officers were frequently unavailable to attend to respond to parking concerns raised by residents.
- Emergency services and refuse vehicles were frequently unable to access Bryn Road due to the parking congestion.

Officers responded to questions, concerns and queries as follows:

- The proposed zonal approach would provide additional capacity for parking in the area with residents of Bryn Road being permitted to use their residents parking passes in Silverton Road and Crabmill Lane. Business vehicles from Stoney Stanton Road would not be permitted to park in Bryn Road which would also increase capacity.
- A review of the proposed approach would take place 6 months after implementation, to assess its operation.
- The issue of residents parking was not just isolated to Bryn Road as vehicles were displaced onto neighbouring roads. A holistic scheme was required to address all residents' concerns.
- Traffic calming measures on Bryn Road had contributed to the loss of some parking bays. The double yellow lines on Silverton Road would be reviewed to see if they could be reduced to provide more on-street parking.
- Plans were in place to encourage and improve enforcement capability. An increased focus in the area could be requested.
- Parking Services had been actively working to revoke parking permits when they were being misused.

- HMO's and high-density properties were not eligible for parking permits and would be revoked if issued. Officers were actively working on ensuring available parking spaces were given back to residents.
- Disabled advisory parking bays installation required the permission of the resident at the property where the location of the bay was proposed.
- Parking zones could become oversubscribed and if particular roads were broken down into individual zones, residents could become displaced further when parking.
- Eden Road and Adam Road were not currently proposed to be part of the residents parking scheme however, should they be included in the future, residents of HMO's or flats would not be eligible for parking permits.
- Not all HMO's were registered and links between enforcement and notification of HMO's had not been effective however, this was now being reviewed.

Officers undertook to:

- Investigate the traffic calming feature with the tree on Bryn Road to see if any width could be taken off the tarmac area.
- Review the eligibility of the HMO in Bryn Road for parking passes, with the enforcement team.

The Cabinet Member recognised the residents' frustration and concerns regarding the issues raised and indicated that she would like a site visit to be arranged to the area with officers.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for City Services:

- 1) Notes the petitioners' concerns.**
- 2) Requests that a site visit to the area be arranged for the Cabinet Member and Officers.**

44. Petitions Determined by Letter and Petitions Deferred Pending Further Investigations

The Cabinet Member for City Services considered a report of the Director of Regeneration and Economy in respect of petitions received relating to the portfolio of the Cabinet Member.

In June 2015, amendments to the Petitions Scheme, which formed part of the Constitution, were approved in order to provide flexibility and streamline current practice. This change had reduced costs and bureaucracy and improved the service to the public. These amendments allowed for a petition to be dealt with or responded to by letter without being formally presented in a report to a Cabinet Member meeting.

In light of this, at the meeting of the Cabinet Member (formerly Cabinet Member for Public Services) on 15 March 2016, it was approved that a summary of those petitions received which were determined by letter, or where decisions were deferred pending further investigations, be reported to subsequent meetings of the Cabinet Member, where appropriate, for monitoring and transparency purposes.

Appendix A to the report set out petitions received and how officers proposed to respond to them.

E27-25/26 – New footpath between Pickford Green and Eastern Green

In response to the Cabinet Member's concerns expressed at the meeting, officers undertook to look at the viability of installing a white lining on the edge of Pickford Green Lane to aid traffic management.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for City Services endorses the actions being taken by officers as set out in Section 2 and Appendix A of the report, in response to the petitions received.

Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues.

Any other items of Public Business

There was no other public business.

(Meeting closed at 11:45am)