



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.30 am on Wednesday, 13 June, 2018

Place

Committee Room 3 - Council House

Public Business**1. Apologies and Substitutions****2. Declarations of Interest****3. Minutes** (Pages 3 - 8)

(a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th April 2018

(b) Matters Arising

4. Child Poverty (Pages 9 - 44)

Briefing note and presentation of the Director of Public Health

Councillors Seaman and Skipper, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and Councillors Caan and Ali, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item

5. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2018/2019 (Pages 45 - 50)

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator

6. Any Other Items of Public Business

Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

Martin Yardley, Deputy Chief Executive (Place), Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

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Membership: Councillors N Akhtar, A Andrews, J Clifford (Deputy Chair), D Gannon, T Khan (Chair), J McNicholas, M Mutton, G Ridley and R Singh

By invitation Councillors R Ali, K Caan, P Seaman and T Skipper

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on
Wednesday, 18 April 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor R Brown (Chair)
Councillor A Andrews
Councillor J Clifford (Deputy Chair)
Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor M Mutton
Councillor G Ridley
Councillor R Singh

Other Members: Councillors P Akhtar, G Duggins, J Mutton and P Seaman

Employees:

N Daley, People Directorate
L Gaulton, People Directorate
C Hickin, Place Directorate
G Holmes, Place Directorate
L Knight, Place Directorate
A West, Place Directorate

Other representative: Inspector Katherine Sibley, West Midlands Police

Apologies: Councillors N Akhtar and D Gannon

Public Business

77. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

78. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th March, 2018 were signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

As this was the last meeting of the current municipal year, the Chair, Councillor Brown, placed on record his thanks to the members, officers and members of the public for all the support given to the Committee and the Scrutiny Boards during the course of the year.

79. Coventry Domestic Abuse Strategy 2018-2023

The Committee considered a briefing note of Liz Gaulton, Acting Director of Public Health and Craig Hickin, Head of Environmental Services which sought approval

for the draft Coventry Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2018-2023, a copy of which was set out at an appendix to the report. The draft action plan in support of the strategy was tabled at the meeting. Inspector Katherine Sibley, West Midlands Police attended the meeting in respect of this item along with Councillor P Akhtar, Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, Councillor Duggins, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership, Councillor John Mutton, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources and Councillor P Seaman.

The briefing note highlighted that domestic abuse had been identified as a priority for Coventry, with the annual cost of domestic abuse in the city estimated to be £34.8m. Details of the number of reported domestic abuse crimes was included.

The strategy had been drafted by a multi-agency working group and it was anticipated that the strategy and a wider needs analysis would inform recommissioning of the domestic abuse services. The action plan would support implementation of the strategy.

The strategy covered domestic abuse including honour based violence and forced marriage which were both defined as forms of domestic violence and abuse. The strategy acknowledged that while anyone could experience domestic abuse, there were certain characteristics that could increase a person's risk, its effects, and/or create barriers to accessing help and support. The strategy acknowledged that whilst in general women predominantly experienced abuse, there were other characteristics which could create barriers to accessing help and support. The following groups were identified as falling within these categories: children; older people; adults with care and support needs, including disabled people; men; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender; black, Asian minority ethnic and refugees; and people with mental illness and /or substance misuse problems.

The Committee noted that the strategy had been informed by engagement with a wide number of stakeholders. A co-design event had been held with professional stakeholders to discuss priorities, identify any gaps and suggest how the strategy could address them. The key issues raised were detailed. Service users and statutory and voluntary sector stakeholders were invited to complete surveys to identify their most important priorities. Targeted engagement with young people aged 15-18 had taken place through the Positive Youth Foundation by convening a focus group, while the adults with care and support needs were surveyed through Grapevine.

The following priorities areas were to be taken forward through the strategy and had been developed using the Government's Contest model:

- Prepare – the development of a strong governance and service commission structure to provide high quality, equitable services that were shaped around the needs of victims, ensuring that their voices were heard and responded to
- Prevent – a long term approach to improve awareness, understanding and early identification of abuse at all levels of society. Victims would be empowered to report and staff would be given the skills and confidence to support them. Interventions tailored to victims at all levels of risk with a range of needs would help to break the intergenerational cycle of abuse and minimise repeat victimisation

- Protect – there would be effective information sharing and referral pathways between key agencies, breaking down organisational barriers to ensure victims of abuse were identified and protected. The safety of victims, and that of their children (where relevant) would be paramount. Victims would be supported to access safe and appropriate accommodation and safeguarding procedures would be robustly implemented to ensure that children and vulnerable adults were protected, and that the voice of the child was always heard
- Pursue – an approach centred on achieving justice and positive outcomes for victims, including reductions in offending. There would be better understanding of perpetrator risk to support the use of court and out of court disposals so that they were held accountable for their actions and appropriately supported to understand and change their offending behaviour.

The report set out the outcomes for each of the four priority areas including how the outcomes would be achieved.

The Committee noted the membership of the Domestic Abuse Working Group. It was proposed that the Working Group would become a Steering Group to support the recommissioning of the Domestic Abuse Service in 2018 and to implement the Strategy's action plan. The Committee also noted the other local Boards where the strategy was to be or had been submitted for approval. A launch event was to take place on 13th June, 2018.

Members raised a number of issues in response to the briefing note and responses were provided, matters raised included:

- When considering the holistic approach to the strategy, why had FGM not been included along with references to substance abuse
- In light of the importance of front line early intervention, was it the intention to have a domestic violence worker in each of the family hubs
- Was there any involvement/ links to the Border Agency
- Concerns about the use of old data
- The ability of the Committee to be able to influence the strategy and action plan
- Further information about the index of multiple deprivation map of Coventry
- Who would have responsibility/ ownership to ensure progress with the action plan
- How would the findings of the current Government consultation on Domestic Abuse feed into the Strategy
- The suggestion that more emphasis be placed on economic abuse
- The involvement of Domestic Abuse Agencies such as CRASAC in the development of the strategy
- The suggestion that the strategy should include that children be heard and 'valued'
- In relation to the communication strategy, consideration should be given to the use of the different languages spoken in the city and to make use of local radio stations for promoting the strategy
- The suggestion that Faith Groups be involved with the outreach work concerning the strategy

- A concern about the financial implications associated with the strategy and whether consideration had been given to bringing services in-house to save on costs
- The involvement of perpetrators and their victims in the development of the strategy and the importance of taking their views into account
- Concerns that there wouldn't be sufficient finance available to support all the actions arising from the strategy
- If consideration had been given to looking at different initiatives used in Europe for addressing domestic abuse
- A request for a Member's Seminar in 12 months to provide an update on progress with the implementation of the Strategy.

RESOLVED that:

(1) Subject to the recommendations set out in (3) below, the Coventry Domestic Abuse Strategy 2018-2023 be endorsed.

(2) The draft Coventry Abuse Strategy Action Plan 2018-2023 be noted.

(3) The following recommendations raised by members be reported back to the Coventry Community Safety Partnership Board:

a) That the importance of early intervention and the issues of substance abuse and economic abuse be included in the strategy

b) Officers be requested to engage with the Border Agency regarding the Domestic Abuse Strategy, in particular in relation to forced marriage and FGM

c) Consideration be given to the inclusion of more up to date data within the strategy

d) Consideration be given as to how the findings of the current Government consultation on domestic abuse will feed into the strategy

e) The strategy be updated to include that children should be heard and 'valued'

f) Consideration to be given to data benchmarking to ensure that progress with the strategy can be monitored

g) The involvement of Faith Groups be built into the Strategy Action Plan

h) As the strategy evolves more account be taken of the views of perpetrators and the victims and survivors of domestic abuse

i) Officers be requested to investigate additional initiatives for addressing domestic abuse used in Europe

j) Consideration be given to the communication strategy, in particular to the use of different languages spoken in the city and to make better use of local radio stations for promoting the strategy

k) The Strategy to list the 30 organisations who attended the networking event to help in the development of the strategy.

(4) A briefing note be sent to Councillor J Mutton, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources and the Chair, Councillor Brown, detailing the financial implications associated with the implementation of the strategy including consideration of the option of bringing services in-house to save on costs.

(5) A briefing note be sent to Members providing additional information on the index of multiple deprivation map of Coventry.

(6) Members to be invited to the launch event for the strategy to be held on 13th June, 2017.

(7) Arrangements to be put in place for a Member's Seminar to be held in 12 months on the Coventry Domestic Abuse Strategy.

80. Outstanding Issues

The Committee were informed that all outstanding issues had been included in the work programme.

81. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2017/2018 and Review of the Year

The Committee considered a briefing note of the Members and Elections Team Manager, the purpose of which was to review the work of the Committee during the course of the 2017/18 municipal year and to identify any priorities or issues for consideration when planning for next year's scrutiny work programme. A copy of the final work programme was attached at an appendix to the report.

The Committee gave consideration to what had worked most effectively and what should be taken into account when planning arrangements for the next year.

RESOLVED that:

(1) The work programme be noted.

(2) Officers be requested to ensure that future reports/ presentations are circulated with the corresponding agenda in advance of meetings providing members with the necessary preparation time.

(3) Homelessness to be raised as a future item for the Committee's work programme for 2018/19.

82. Any Other Items of Public Business - Scrutiny of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership

The Committee considered a briefing note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator, which was tabled at the meeting, and informed the Committee of the recommendations from

the Business, Enterprise and Economy Scrutiny Board (3) at their meeting on 11th April, 2018 when they considered an item on the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP).

At their recent meeting the Board considered an item on the LEP and the Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub. Members questioned officers on the work of the LEP as well as on accountability of the decisions made about public money. Whilst recognising that LEPs had been established specifically to be led by the private sector, there was a concern about the lack of oversight by local authorities on the decisions, especially when involving funding. As this was a sub-regional issue, the Board had recommended:

- (i) That Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee lead on CWLEP scrutiny for the Council.
- (ii) The Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee to work alongside CWLEP officers and scrutiny officers to co-ordinate a holistic approach to CWLEP scrutiny across the Coventry and Warwickshire sub-region.

The Committee discussed the option of inviting Jonathan Browning, Chair, and Martin Yardley, Chief Executive, to a future meeting to providing an overview of the CWLEP.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee to lead on CWLEP scrutiny for the Council.**
- (2) The Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee to work alongside CWLEP officers and scrutiny officers to co-ordinate a holistic approach to CWLEP scrutiny across the Coventry and Warwickshire sub-region.**
- (3) Jonathan Browning and Martin Yardley to be invited to a future meeting of the Committee in the new municipal year.**

(Meeting closed at 11.20 am)



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 13th June 2018

Subject: Child Poverty

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide some background to Members of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the issue of Child Poverty

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to
- 1) Consider the background information contained in Appendix 1
 - 2) Consider the content of the presentation to be provided at the meeting on 13th June 2018
 - 3) Identify recommendations to the appropriate Cabinet Member

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee requested an item on Child Poverty at their meeting on 13th June.
- 3.2 Background information on this subject can be found at Appendix 1
- 3.3 Further information will be provided as a presentation at the meeting on 13th June 2018.

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Briefing note on Poverty

Scrutiny Committee 13th June 2018 – Prepared by Hannah Watts (Inequalities Programme Officer)

Purpose:

- To outline the current situation in Coventry using data gathered from a number of sources
- Detail work currently undertaken through the Marmot Steering Group and other areas with direct links to poverty / child poverty
- To consider the [Birmingham Child Poverty Commission](#) recommendations
- Consider how best to progress the poverty /child poverty agenda in Coventry.

Background:

One third of Coventry is in the 20% most deprived areas in England, with approximately 31% of children living in low incomes families, which equates to 24,931 children. There are significant differences between wards, with 53% of children living in poverty in St Michael's ward, and only 12% of children living in poverty in Earlsdon ward. Approximately 14% of households in the city are in fuel poverty. Gross disposable household income in Coventry was 76% of the national UK average in 2015, and rising at a significantly slower rate. There is no correlation between low income families in poverty and worklessness. Therefore low income may be more related to low wages and unstable work rather than due to worklessness.

The Council and its partners have a number of strategies and plans in place which address issues of poverty in the city, including:

- Council Plan 2016-24: key priorities include reducing the impact of poverty and breaking the cycle of poverty
- Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2016-19: includes the Marmot (health inequalities) Strategy
- Economic Growth & Prosperity Strategy 2018-22: growing the economy
- Parenting Strategy 2018-23: giving our children the best start in life
- Coventry Children and Young People Plan 2016: childhood obesity action plan and raising educational attainment

The Marmot Strategy has two key priorities: tackling inequalities which disproportionately affect young people, and good growth in the city which benefits the most disadvantaged residents. The 2016-19 Action Plan monitors a range of programmes which contribute towards achieving these priorities, reporting quarterly against outcomes and annually against a range of indicators.

Current position:

- Gathering information from all CCC departments about work taking place to address issues of poverty, using the themes identified in the Birmingham Child Poverty Commission report
- Marmot Steering Group have agreed to take the lead on this area of work
- University College London have confirmed their commitment to continuing to work with Coventry as a Marmot City, focussing on issues of poverty within health inequalities
- Scoping key areas of focus through the Marmot Steering Group and reviewing the group to reflect the new priorities

Recommendations:

- Extend the remit of the Marmot steering group to add a third priority of breaking the cycle / mitigating the impact of poverty / child poverty.
- Map existing work in Coventry against the five themes and four recommendations identified in the Birmingham report.
- Calculate the resource and policy implications of implementing the Birmingham report findings.
- Consider the impact on poverty within the context of all major delivery opportunities in Coventry e.g. Local Plan, UK City of Culture 2021

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Poverty / Child Poverty

presentation on what we know about poverty (including child poverty) in Coventry.



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Drivers of child poverty

| Factor | Certainty | Strength | Coverage |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Long-term Worklessness & Low Earnings | High | High | High |
| Parental Qualifications | High | High | High |
| Family Instability | High | Medium | Medium |
| Family Size | High | Medium | Medium |
| Parental Ill Health and Disability | Medium | Medium | Medium |
| Drug & Alcohol Dependency | High | High | Low |
| Child Ill Health | Medium | Low | Low |
| Housing | Low | Low | Medium |
| Debt | Low | Low | Medium |
| Neighbourhood | Low | Low | Medium |
| Educational Attainment | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Non-Cognitive Development | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Home Learning Environment | N/A | N/A | N/A |

An evidence review of the drivers of child families in poverty now and for poor child up to be poor adults.
 Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
 January 2014

JSNA - key facts and figures (updated 2018)

Coventry has a population of 352,900.

It is the 9th largest city in England and has seen sustained and increasing population growth.

9.4% of the population are claiming out of work benefits, compared to 8.3% of England

23% of the working age residents have no formal qualifications.

One third of the city is in the 20% most deprived areas in England.

Approximately 31% of children live in low incomes families (after housing costs).

Approximately 76,400 under 18s live in Coventry, 21.7% of the population,

compared to 21.3% compared to England. Coventry is a young city with two universities.

1/3 of the population is from a minority ethnic groups.

This compares to 20% for England as a whole.

People in Coventry die a year earlier than the England average.

However there is also significant inequalities within the city.

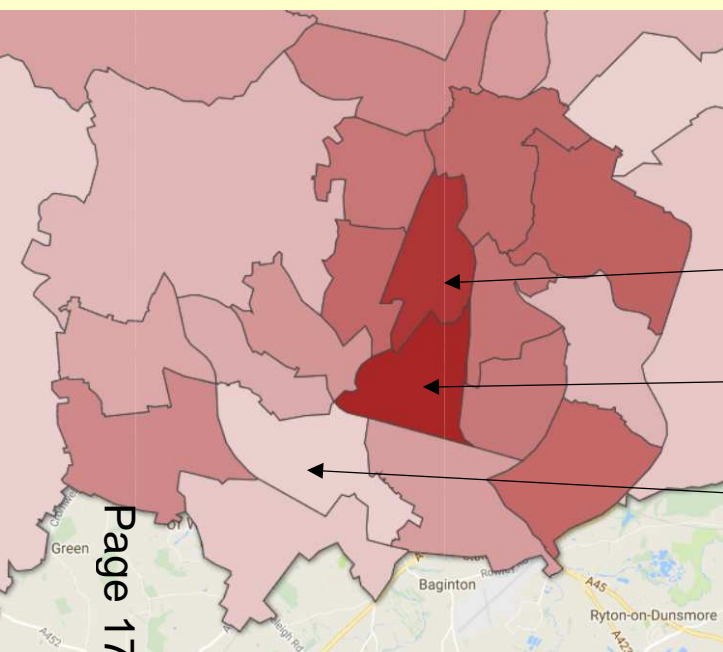
Child poverty in Coventry – overall and by ward



21% of Coventry children in poverty (before housing costs) that is, 16,140 children



33% of Coventry children in poverty (after housing costs) that is, 24,931 children



There are large differences between wards:
(Child poverty after housing costs shown)

Foleshill – 49% in poverty

St Michael's – 53% in poverty

Earlsdon – 12% in poverty

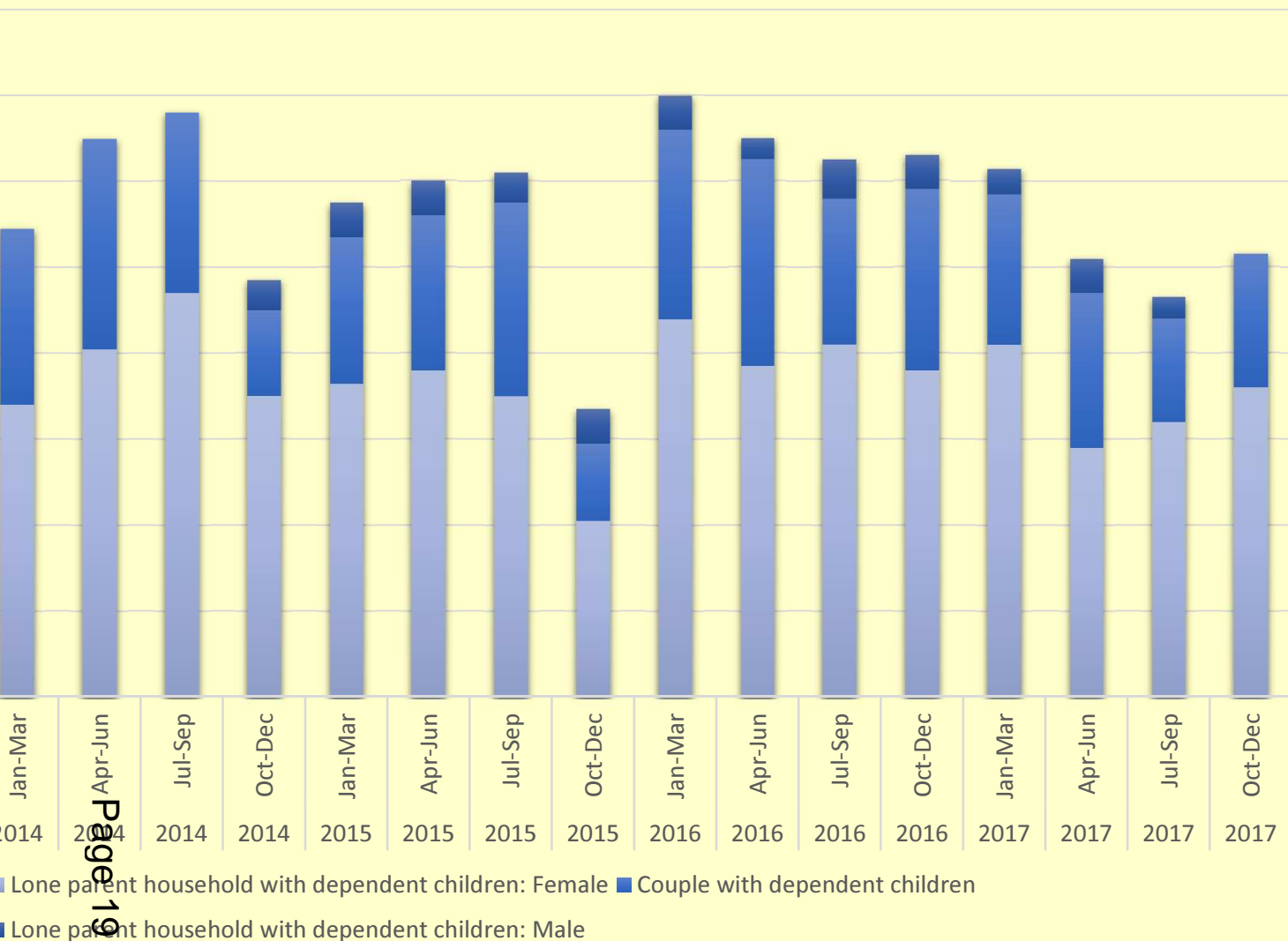
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JSNA - Housing

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| 133,696 household spaces (2011 census) | Over 88,000 dwellings required for Coventry and Warwickshire From 2011-2031 | 635 statutorily homeless households (4.1 per 1,000 households) 2015/16 | £1.5m overspend in 2017/18 on homelessness |
| 31% of households are one person households (2011 census) | 31% of households having dependent children (2011 census) | (44%) Foleshill has the highest number of households with dependent children | Wainbody (30%) and Whoberley (23%) have lower levels of households which include dependent children |
| 14.4% (19,000) of all households are in in fuel poverty (2015) | 96.4% of households have central heating | 18.7% excess winter mortality the death rate was higher during the winter months (2013-2016) | Winter deaths has been on the increase since 2010 18.7% in 2013-2016 17.8% in 2010-2013 16.8% in 2006-2009 |

Child poverty in Coventry – homeless households

Coventry households with children accepted as homeless and in priority need 2014-2017



In 2017, 421 households with dependent children were accepted as homeless and in priority need, out of a total of 572 homelessness acceptances.

This compares to:

2014: 471

2015: 398

2016: 512

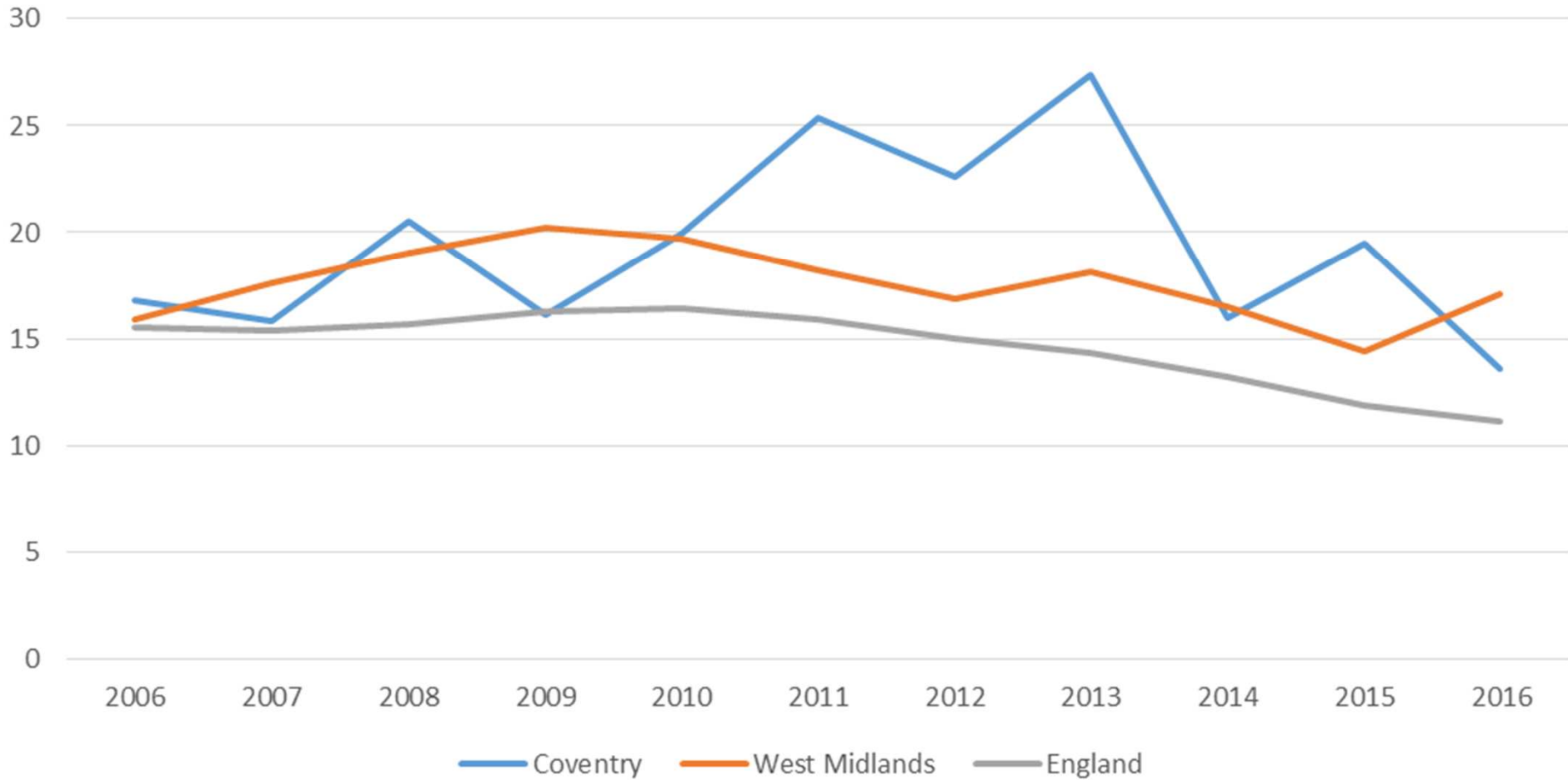
*Calendar years used.
Data from the Detailed local authority level homelessness figures from local authority returns published by the Government*



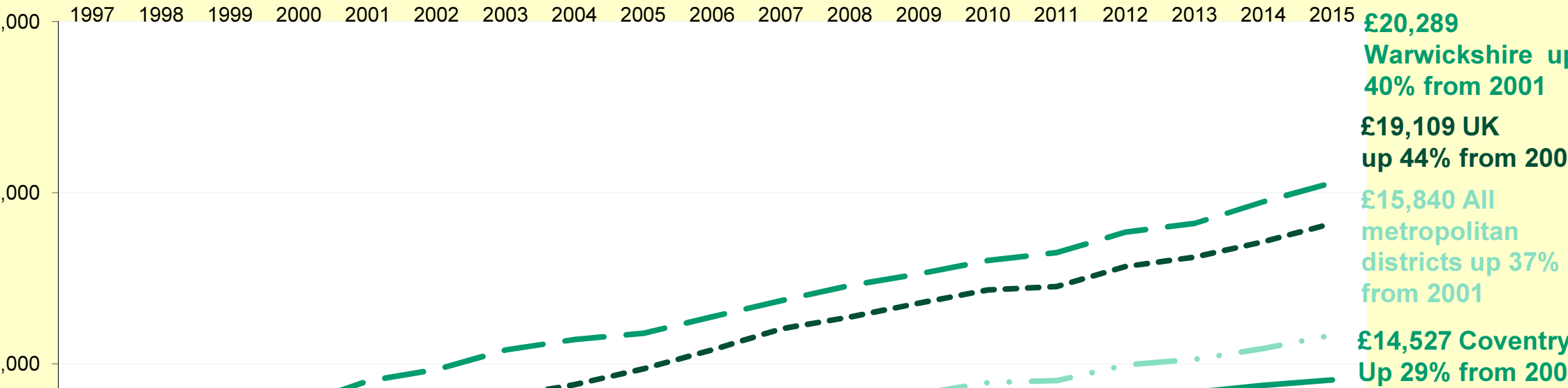
Child Poverty in Coventry – in numbers

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Percentage of children in workless households 2006 – 2016



Child poverty in Coventry – gross disposable household income



Gross disposable household income is the amount of money that that all of the individuals in the household sector have available for spending or saving after income distribution measures (for example, taxes, social contributions and benefits) have taken effect.

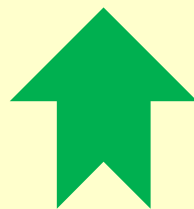


Child Poverty in Coventry – bringing it all together

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The positive trends include...



Fewer children living in workless households

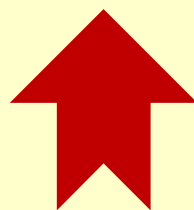


Increase in overall gross disposable household income

...but yet...



Child poverty has not decreased



Homelessness acceptances high and over three-quarters of homelessness acceptances are households with children

Therefore, it appears that...

There is no correlation between low income families in poverty and worklessness. Therefore low income may be more related to low wages and unstable work rather than due to worklessness.

JSNA – Vulnerable Children and Young People

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| 656 (88 per 10,000 children) looked after children (Oct 2017) | 510 children with a child protection plan | 14% of Coventry LAC achieved five or more A*-C GCSEs including English & Maths | 17.8% of pupils are eligible for Free School Meals |
| 74% of looked after children are in fostering | 90.5% of LAC had up-to-date health assessments | 77.3% of LAC had up-to-date dental assessments is | 25.6 (per 1,000 females aged 15-17 years) conceptions in women aged under 18 years |
| 13.2% of pupils have a statutory plan of SEN or are receiving SEN support | 37.7% LAC are on SEN support | 25% LAC have a statement of SEN or EHCP stands at | 5.5 (per 1,000 females aged 13-15 years) conceptions |
| 25.10% of children are in relative poverty and living in low income households | 29.1% of children in need are on SEN support | 12.2% of children in need have a statement of SEN or EHC plan | 20 cases of FGM referred to WM Police from Coventry (2016 -17) |
| 6.8% 16-17 year olds estimated to be not in education, employment or training | 42,460 (estimated) adults living have been victims of sexual violence at some stage of their adult lives | 10,000 (estimated) victims of rape and sexual abuse in the 0-16 year age band | 27 women accessed University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire midwifery services had been affected by FGM (2014-17) |

JSNA – The Economy

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| 165,800 economically active residents in employment. Highest since 2004 | 69.9% of people are employed | 7.6% self-employed | £429 median full-time gross weekly earnings |
| 68.2% of economically active females in employment | £569 gross weekly pay for full-time working males | £465 gross weekly pay for full-time working females | 4.3% of economically active working-age people are unemployed |
| 77.8% of economically active males in employment | 26.9% economically inactive population | 24,300 inactive students in the city | 13,000 economically inactive people who look after the family or home |

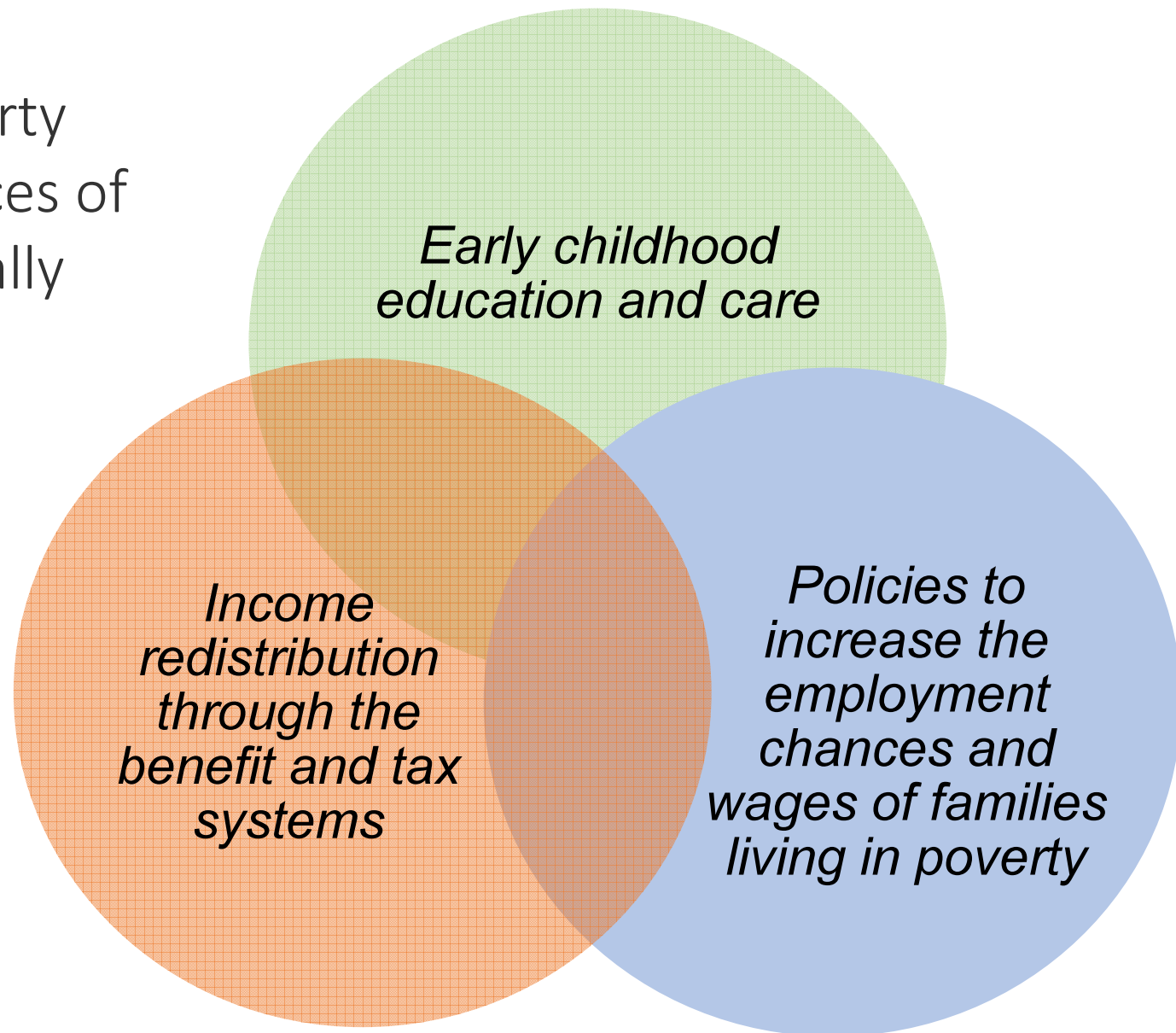
15% of working age residents do not have qualifications (2014)

30% of working age residents qualified to higher education level (2014)

14,030 people claiming employment and support allowance



Strategies to reduce poverty / child poverty and the consequences of child poverty generally involve three key components:



at the Council and Partners are doing in relation Poverty / Child Pov

vision/ priorities:



Council Plan 2016-24

Globally connected by promoting the growth of a sustainable Coventry economy...locally committed to improving the quality of life for Coventry people
Key priorities include...

- **reducing the impact of poverty – breaking the cycle of poverty**
- **protecting our most vulnerable people**

ered by key strategies to put in policies, programmes & services that maximise benefits and mitigate the



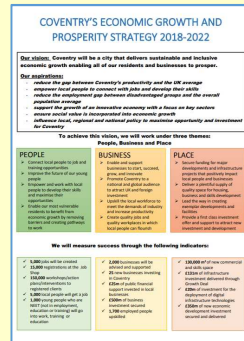
Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2016-19

Including... Marmot (health inequalities) Strategy



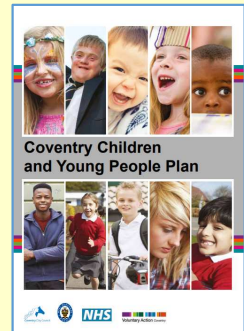
Parenting Strategy 2018-23

giving our children the best start in life



Economic Growth & Prosperity Strategy 2018-22

Growing the economy



Coventry Children and Young People Plan 2016

Childhood obesity action plan
 Raising educational attainment



COVENTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY STRATEGY 2018-2022

Our vision: Coventry will be a city that delivers sustainable and inclusive economic growth enabling all of our residents and businesses to prosper.

Our aspirations:

- ***reduce the gap between Coventry's productivity and the UK average***
- ***empower local people to connect with jobs and develop their skills***
- ***reduce the employment gap between disadvantaged groups and the overall population average***
- ***support the growth of an innovative economy with a focus on key sectors***
- ***ensure social value is incorporated into economic growth***
- ***influence local, regional and national policy to maximise opportunity and investment for Coventry***

Figure A: Highest ranking and most improved cities (by TTWA¹) in the Demos-PwC Good Growth Index, 2014

| Best ranking cities | Index score | Top 10 improvers | Score increase |
|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Cardiff | 1.02 | Birmingham | 0.19 |
| Leeds | 0.97 | Leeds | 0.19 |
| Southampton | 0.79 | Leicester | 0.18 |
| Newcastle | 0.72 | Newcastle | 0.17 |
| Southampton | 0.69 | Southampton | 0.17 |
| London | 0.60 | London | 0.17 |
| Middlesbrough & Stockton | 0.60 | Middlesbrough & Stockton | 0.17 |
| Wolverhampton & Walsall | 0.60 | Wolverhampton & Walsall | 0.17 |
| Liverpool | 0.59 | Liverpool | 0.16 |
| Derby | 0.57 | Derby | 0.15 |

Source: PwC analysis. Scores are relative to the 2011-13 UK average.

Marmot Strategy 2016-2019

One of three priorities in Coventry's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2019 is to work together as a Marmot City to reduce health inequalities

Coventry City Council's worked with stakeholders and national experts to consider where partners should focus to have the biggest impact on inequalities

Priorities for 2016 -2019 are to tackle inequalities disproportionately affecting **young people** and ensure economic growth in Coventry is '**good growth**' which benefits the most disadvantaged residents.

Whilst retaining now mainstreamed Marmot work streams eg Acting early and health in all policies



Giving every child the best start in life

Acting Early Programme

- 0-5 years (extended to 5-19)
- Locality based, integrated teams
- Improvements in engagement with health workers
- Reduction in smoking during pregnancy
- Increase in breastfeeding
- Positive parental feedback
- Parent leadership programme



Enabling all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives

- Ambition Coventry
- Routes to Ambition
- Sexual violence prevention programme / intimate partner violence prevention programme
- Young peoples early intervention service (risky behaviours)



Creating fair employment and good work for all

- Joint working with DWP and Employment Team
- Support programme for ESA claimants
- Promote Workplace Wellbeing Charter with local employers
- DWP advisor at GP surgery



Other programmes which reduce or mitigate the harm of poverty / child poverty

- Coventry foodbank
- Safe and Well checks by West Midlands Fire Service
- Selective licensing for private rented housing in city centre (not currently in place)
- Keeping Coventry Warm
- Welfare benefits advice from CAB, Law Centre, Job Shop, Coventry Independent Advice Service
- Drug & alcohol services including the Family Drug and Alcohol Court
- Marmot as part of Equalities Consultation Analysis

Continued....

- **Working Together on Welfare Reform Group** has brought partners together to raise awareness of the impacts of the Government's welfare reform programme within the city and to work together to mitigate these where possible.
- **Feeding Coventry** partnership of public, educational and voluntary sector organisations, established as a local pilot of Feeding Britain for the relief of poverty for people in need.
- **Moat House Community Trust** to employ 2 part-time commur navigators, funded through the Insight Engagement & BCF

Other programmes which mitigate the harm of poverty / child poverty: Coventry Citizens Advice Bureau

Children and Young People in Coventry

- Coventry Citizens Advice **trains school staff and dedicated individuals** from 55 schools and organisations.
- So far over 3,000 families have been helped
- One of the main focuses is to support families to claim free school meals. Ensuring children receive at least one hot meal a day supports the health and wellbeing of children, and helps the school to increase its pupil premium.
- **Supporting the whole family creates a more positive environment for children,** and helps to improve their educational attendance and engagement.



Eviction



Benefits



Welfare reform



Multiple debts



Unsuitable housing



Financial Information Support Sessions



Information and advice over the telephone



Assisted information by email



Appointment with a case worker
a tailored plan ensures the complete situation is dealt with.



Referred to a specialist support appointment

Recommendations made in the 2016 Birmingham Commission to address child poverty –

Themes of the report:

1. Health
2. Housing
3. In-work poverty
4. Economy and worklessness
5. Education and lifelong learning

Recommendations:

- A. Raising aspirations
- B. Mitigating the impact of existing poverty
- C. Share responsibility
- D. Breaking the cycle of poverty

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Current position:

- Cross-council information gathering exercise mapping existing work in Coventry against Birmingham report, including resource implications
- Led by Public Health through the Marmot Steering Group who will agree on the scope this work - membership will also be reviewed
- University College London confirmed their commitment to continue working with Coventry as a Marmot City, focussing on issues of poverty within health inequalities
- Consider the impact on poverty within the context of all major delivery opportunities in Coventry e.g. Local Plan, UK City of Culture 2021

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Recommendations and conclusion

There is no easy way to prevent or mitigate the impact of poverty in childhood: it is not within the gift of a single organisation or body; the solutions are not simple; and it manifests itself in many different ways. However, over the course of the Commission we have kept returning to five broad themes that, if appropriately tackled at the local level, can have a significant and positive impact on reducing and mitigating child poverty in Birmingham. Under each of these broad themes, we have made a range of recommendations. Based on the evidence we have collected, the people and organisations we have spoken to, and the best practice we have looked at, we have arrived at a set of recommendations.

The need to support families and their children out of poverty is a task which sits across all levels of the statutory sector, the voluntary sector, private business and other partners. Without safe and suitable accommodation, the ability to access the city you call home and the unfettered aspiration that should characterise all children's lives, Birmingham's children will be disadvantaged by poverty, and continue to be so. In concluding the Commission has sought to not only mitigate the impact of existing poverty, but also look to the future, to raise aspirations amongst our children and young people and tackle the cycle of inter-generational poverty. It is a shared responsibility, but one which the council as the civic heart of the city must lead.

A. Raising aspirations

Children we have spoken to have told us about their aspirations to be nurses, computer engineers and teachers, before immediately rebuking themselves with "But it will never happen". Childhood should be a time when aspirations are limitless.

Birmingham is England's second city. The city is home to more than 1.1 million people, with almost 22% of residents being under 15 and 46% of residents being under the age of 30. The city needs to raise its aspirations and those of its residents. Birmingham should be challenging the economic heft of London and competing with the creativity of Manchester.

1. By September 2017, the Birmingham Secondary Schools Forum working with Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Education Partnership and Business leaders should develop a specific offer for disadvantaged pupils at KS4 to provide intensive support to narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged children at this level.

There is the potential that this could be funded through the pupil premium. It is proposed that a mentoring scheme with local businesses could be run alongside or be part of this specific offer for KS4 pupils.

The roll out of this scheme should focus initially on the lowest performing groups at KS4.

2. An annual or biennial 'Best of Birmingham' event should be introduced by July 2017 to showcase and celebrate outstanding children, young people and the adults that support them.

3. Birmingham City Council and Birmingham Education Partnership should assist schools to establish formal partnerships with universities, both in the UK and abroad. The purposes of doing so include: raising students' awareness and aspirations of the opportunities for higher education; enhancing partnerships between schools and universities for professional development; and influencing standards of teaching and learning.

This recommendation should be carried out by June 2017.

B. Mitigate the impact of existing poverty

While we can seek to reduce child poverty and even, ultimately, eradicate it, we must also support those currently facing it. With an average of almost 30% of children and young people in Birmingham living in poverty, families need to be supported with the day-to-day challenges poverty brings.

4. By September 2016, there should be a named Cabinet Member with responsibility for poverty.
5. By January 2017, adult education providers to provide data for all Birmingham City Council courses so that the reach and impact of adult education in the city can be appropriately analysed.
6. Through existing resources and by January 2017, the DWP (Department for Work & Pensions), working closely with schools, Birmingham City Council and the voluntary sector, should rotate benefits and other financial advisers around those schools/children's centres with high levels of need offering an outreach financial inclusion service.
7. Where required, parents should be encouraged to take up ESOL classes, particularly for groups whose language is a barrier to the labour market. These should be scheduled in schools around pick up/drop off times for children. This system should be in place by Spring Term 2017 and led by the ESOL providers in the city.
8. By January 2018, Birmingham City Council should adopt to undertake a formal review of their housing standards enforcement, with a view to introducing a landlord accreditation scheme such as that in operation in Newham.
9. By January 2018, there should be a planning restriction in place preventing new fast food outlets within 250 metres of schools.
10. By April 2017, Birmingham City Council should adopt a local 'breathing space' placing council tax accounts on hold for 21 days when a family gets in touch with them so as to enable the family time to seek independent debt advice. The Council should also adopt an explicit policy of not engaging bailiffs for families in receipt of Council Tax Support.

11. By July 2017, all schools should adapt their school uniform policy to ensure affordability is a primary consideration.
12. By December 2016 Birmingham City Council should establish the School Food Trust to provide free school meals for all school pupils whose families are in receipt of working tax credits, child tax credits and universal credit (when rolled out), with the ultimate aim of providing universal free school meals.

C. Share responsibility

Improving the lives of children and young people is not the sole responsibility of the City Council's Children, Young People and Families Service: it is the responsibility of all of Birmingham.

The impacts of poverty can be felt across the city and so require a city-wide approach to addressing them. Tackling child poverty isn't just a job for the City Council and voluntary sector: education providers, business groups and employers all need to accept responsibility and share the role of improving the outcomes and experiences of children and young people in Birmingham.

13. By December 2016, Birmingham City Council should work with JobCentrePlus and employment support providers to ensure that parents of two year olds taking up funded early education are specifically targeted with employment and skills support that encourages starting work or training, and that wrap-around childcare is sufficiently affordable and flexible to enable those parents to sustain and increase their employment opportunities.
14. Birmingham City Council should use its powers as a commissioner and champion of Birmingham to work with local businesses and the Living Wage Foundation to make Birmingham the first Living Wage City where all employers pay this minimum amount, by January 2019.
15. By June 2017, Registered Social Landlords should commit to introducing a minimum of 3-year tenancies, allowing for greater stability for tenants and landlords. By September 2017 this information should be made available for families on Birmingham City Council's website.
16. By March 2017, an audit should be completed on the number of schools that have access to counselling support and do a cost analysis of providing outreach counselling service to schools with the highest proportion of pupils in receipt of pupil premium.
17. The new city centre hub Pause should be advertised in services accessed by children and families, including the School Health Advisory Services and Children's Centres.
18. A targeted obesity programme in primary school to reduce the rise in childhood obesity should be in place by September 2017.

D. Break the cycle of poverty

Poverty perpetuates poverty

Child poverty leads to poor education attainment, which leads to fewer job opportunities, which leads to fewer better-paying jobs, which creates more poverty. This cycle can only be broken with concerted effort at each stage of the cycle. So many of the parents we spoke to who were in poverty grew up in poverty, with many of their children expecting their lives to reflect their parents’.

19. By June 2017, the tendering process should be used to ensure that new projects over £500,000 encourage greater numbers of quality apprenticeships offered to young people from low-income families in Birmingham and the wider West Midlands.
20. By January 2017, all Birmingham City Council-approved strategies should include a mandatory section on the public health and health inequality implications of the issue under consideration.
21. By April 2017, Birmingham City Council should exempt care leavers from Council Tax up to, and including, the age of 25.
22. By April 2019, Birmingham City Council should adopt a policy that no low-income family with children can be declared intentionally homeless.
23. By April 2017, Birmingham City Council should explore potential for subsidised transport for young people within city localities, using Merseytravel’s ‘My ticket’ scheme as a model.
24. By June 2017, Birmingham City Council should have reviewed how improved data sharing processes could be used to automatically enrol children for free school meals in order to increase take up.

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Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 13th June 2018

Subject: Work Programme 2018-19

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 This note is to enable Members to identify items for the work programme for the municipal year 2018-19

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to consider the current work programme and identify items any future items.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The work programme with items carried forward from 2017-18 is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee covers the portfolios of the Leader, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership, and the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities.
- 3.3 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is also the designated Crime and Disorder Board under the Police and Justice Act 2006.
- 3.4 The Leader's portfolio comprises of:
- Council Plan
 - City of Culture 2021
 - Scrutiny
 - External relations / public relations
 - Image and reputation
 - Chair of Cabinet / Management Board meetings
 - Emergency Planning
 - Regional Matters
 - West Midlands Combined Authority
 - Corporate Governance
 - Information Management and Governance
 - Risk Management
- 3.5 The Deputy Leader's portfolio comprises of:
- Community Safety
 - Community Cohesion
 - Public Protection and Licensing

- Prosecution and Enforcement
- Democratic Services, including Lord Mayor's
- Electoral Services
- Equalities
- Legal Services
- Training (Members)
- Constitutional Matters and Political Management
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation
- Local Policing
- Media Strategy
- Events
- Parks
- International Liaison

3.6 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee also oversees cross cutting items that cover more than one scrutiny board and scrutiny management issues.

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Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

2018/19

Selective Licensing for the Private Rented Sector – consultation outcomes (Priority – awaiting date confirmation)

West Midlands Combined Authority

WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback

Air Quality

Prevent Strategy

West Midlands Combined Authority Renewal Plan

Emergency Planning and Resilience

Child Poverty Strategy

Friargate Development Progress Update

Homelessness

Council Performance Report 2017/18

Council Performance progress April – September 2018

| Date | Title | Detail | Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer |
|----------------|---|--|--|
| 2018/19 | Selective Licensing for the Private Rented Sector – consultation outcomes (Priority – awaiting date confirmation) | To consider the outcomes of the consultation and recommendations to the Cabinet Member following a scrutiny task and finish group recommending implementation in St. Michael's Ward. | Davina Blackburn Tracy Miller Cllr O'Boyle |
| | West Midlands Combined Authority | To consider engagement with the West Midlands Combined Authority, particularly its Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Cllr Mutton and Cllr Brown are the City Council's nominated representatives on the Committee for 2017/18. | Cllr Duggins Martin Reeves |
| | WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback | Council representatives on the WMCA overview and scrutiny committee to feedback on the work of the committee | |
| | Air Quality | ScrucO will consider this issue which cuts across several areas including health, transportation, planning and public realm etc. The Board wishes to address issues and identify solutions. A potential task and finish group. | Liz Gaulton/Andrew Walster |
| | Prevent Strategy | To receive an update on the Prevent Strategy and duties associated with it. | Chief Superintendent Danny Long Geoff Thomas |
| | West Midlands Combined Authority Renewal Plan | SCRUCO will invite WMCA Mayor, Andy Street, to discuss his renewal plan. | |
| | Emergency Planning and Resilience | Following the item in October 2017, SCRUCO requested that an item on Emergency Planning and Resilience is brought to the Board annual to enable them to review the arrangements in the city to minimise risks, respond to emergencies, ensure effective communication and provide reassurance. | Michael Enderby Cllr Duggins |
| | Child Poverty Strategy | Following a referral from the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board, the Board will consider aspects and the actions arising from the Child Poverty Strategy | Liz Gaulton |

SCRUCO Work Programme 2018/19

| Date | Title | Detail | Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer |
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| | Friargate Development Progress Update | Referred by SB1 to SCRUCO on 18 th April 2018. To look at the whole development, including the Station Master Plan and the progress of Friargate 2. | David Cockcroft |
| | Homelessness | Following a meeting on 24 th January 2018, Scrucro requested a further item on this subject | |
| | Council Performance Report 2017/18 | To consider the Council's performance report. To include, as recommended by SCRUCO in 2016/17, simple information on the reduction in funding imposed on the Council and the impact that this has had on performance. | Si Chun Lam |
| | Council Performance progress April – September 2018 | Progress on the Council Plan report for 2017-18, which will go to Cabinet in January 2018 | Si Chun Lam Cllr Duggins |
| | Community Safety Partnership Action Plan | To look in detail at the action plan for the Community Safety Partnership | Craig Hickin Cllr A Khan |
| | West Midlands Police Transformation Programme update | An update on progress on local policing. | Cllr A Khan Craig Hickin |

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