



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.30 am on Wednesday, 18 July, 2018

Place

Committee Room 3, Council House, Coventry

Public Business**1. Apologies and Substitutions****2. Declarations of Interest****3. Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)

(a) To agree the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 June, 2018

(b) Matters Arising

4. Delivering City Centre Capital Projects (Pages 7 - 16)

Briefing Note of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

5. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme and Outstanding Issues 2018/2019 (Pages 17 - 20)

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, 10 July 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 Councillor Duggins

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at
10.30 am on Wednesday, 13 June 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor T Khan (Chair)

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

Other Members Present: Councillor G Duggins, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership
Councillor R Ali, Deputy Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport
Councillor K Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport
Councillor P Seaman, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Councillor T Skipper, Deputy Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Employees (by Directorate):

Place V Castree, A West

People L Gaulton, C Ryder

Apologies Councillor N Akhtar

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April, 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Reference was made to checking on lighting arrangements in the City Centre, particularly around the Skydome, as discussed at the meeting on 12th March 2018 and reassurance was sought that this had been investigated.

Members requested information as to whether the Homelessness Forum had progressed as discussed at the meeting on 24th January 2018

3. **Child Poverty**

The Scrutiny Board considered a Briefing Note, presentation and background information on Child Poverty which was introduced by Cllr Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport and Liz Gaulton, Director of Public Health and Wellbeing. Cllrs Duggins, Seaman and Skipper were also present for the item.

The information provided highlighted that Poverty is a significant issue for the City. The implications of poverty are considerable and have a huge impact on the life chances of young people. In-work poverty is now a big issue too, as although employment is rising in the City, our gross disposal income is lower in Coventry than the national average.

The presentation highlighted that there are a number of key strategies the Council is using to tackle poverty, including the Marmot Strategy, Council Plan, Health & Wellbeing Strategy, Economic Growth and Prosperity Strategy, the Parenting Strategy and the Coventry Children and Young People Plan 2016. These documents will be used to address the various drivers of child poverty, which include long-term worklessness and low earnings, family instability, family size, housing, debt and educational attainment.

Members raised a number of issues following the presentation and responses were provided, matters raised included;

- The definition of child poverty and associated calculations
- Whether we should focus on poverty, as it effects families and individuals too, rather than just child poverty
- That there are some positive trends – that fewer children are in workless households and that disposable income is increasing
- The reasons why the rate of growth of disposable income is slower than in other areas
- That the Marmot Strategy is due to be refreshed next year and will likely focus on good growth for the City and building the resilience and aspirations of young people
- The opportunities being the City of Sport 2019, as well as the Year of Wellbeing will bring for reducing poverty
- The impact of Zero Hour contracts and opportunities to introduce rent caps
- Whether the City Council or their sub-contractors use Zero hours contracts
- What can be done to stop the revolving door of poverty
- The need to strengthen a woman's position financially to address child poverty
- The challenge of making sure work pays and people are growing their disposable incomes
- The need to have measureable objectives around the reduction of poverty - there are rigorous performance measures on this through Marmot and that these can be brought to a future meeting.
- The importance of focussing on mental health and resilience to reduce poverty
- Whether enough focus is given to priority neighbourhoods to address the differences in levels of poverty across the City
- The opportunities for Family Hubs to play a role in this agenda

Members of the Committee were asked whether they supported using the 5 themes from the Birmingham Commission, of health, housing, in-work poverty, economy & worklessness and Education and lifelong learning to further develop this work. Members agreed to this approach.

Members were also asked to consider a recommendation that this work is led by the Marmot Steering Group, the membership of which is due to be refreshed next year. Members agreed this. Members also suggested that an MP be invited to sit on the group, as many of the drivers of poverty are influenced by national policy.

The Director of Public Health and Wellbeing informed the Committee that there is a piece of mapping work taking place to look at the various strands of work under the aforementioned strategies to see what we and partners are doing to tackle poverty. The Committee noted that they will receive a report back on this mapping exercise once it has been completed.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:-

- 1) Note 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 the following recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Members:-**
- 4) That the Committee support a Cross-council information gathering exercise mapping existing work in Coventry against Birmingham report, including resource implications**
- 5) Recommend that this work is led by Public Health, through the Marmot Steering Group, who will agree on the scope this work which will also include a review of membership of the Group**
- 6) Acknowledge that University College London have confirmed their commitment to continue working with Coventry as a Marmot City, with a focus on issues of poverty within health inequalities**
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- 8) Support the consideration of the impact on poverty within the context of all major delivery opportunities in Coventry e.g. Local Plan, UK City of Culture 2021**
- 9) Recommend that the focus should be changed to encompass Poverty as a whole**
- 10) Recommend that work on Poverty must reflect the role of women in supporting families financially**
- 11) Recommend that a Poverty Summit be held in the City**

12) Agree to take an update report on Marmot City at an appropriate time this municipal year, to include a focus on Poverty

4. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2018/2019

The Committee considered their Work Programme for the new municipal year, which included information on the remit of the Board.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be noted.

5. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no other items of urgent public business

(Meeting closed at 12.30pm)



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 18th July 2018

Subject: Delivering City Centre Capital Projects

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee of the capital projects in the city centre and to discuss the capacity of the organisation to deliver those projects. The Deputy Chief Executive (Place) will present and lead a discussion with Members at the meeting

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:
- 1) Consider the content of the attached presentation and discussion at the meeting on the 18th July 2018
 - 2) Identify any comments or recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Member/Members

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their informal meeting on 18th June 2018, scrutiny members received a presentation from the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) on the work of the Directorate.
- 3.2 The presentation attached at Appendix A provides some background information to some of the current and planned capital investment in the city that Members received at that meeting.
- 3.3 Members heard that capital spending in the city has increased 5 times over the last 5 years. The majority of this money has come into the city from other sources and Coventry has a good record of spending to timescales.
- 3.4 Members at the informal meeting asked whether the Council has the capacity within existing revenue budgets to deliver the current programme of capital projects. This item will provide an opportunity to discuss this issue further.

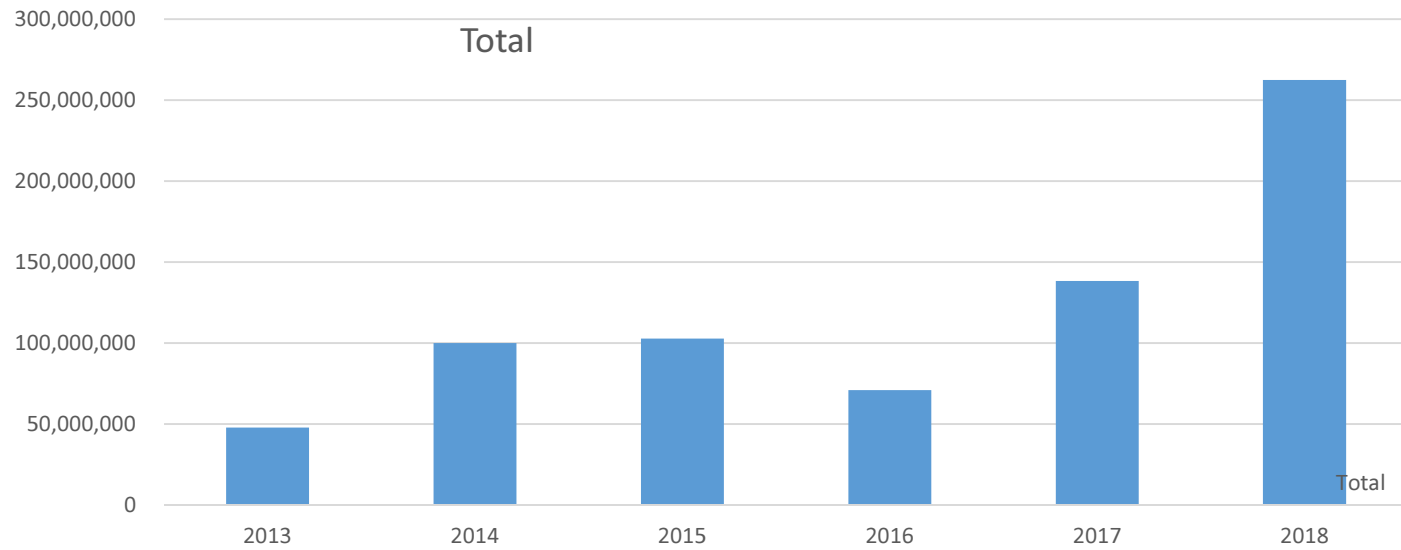
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Our capital spend



An ambitious city



A changing city



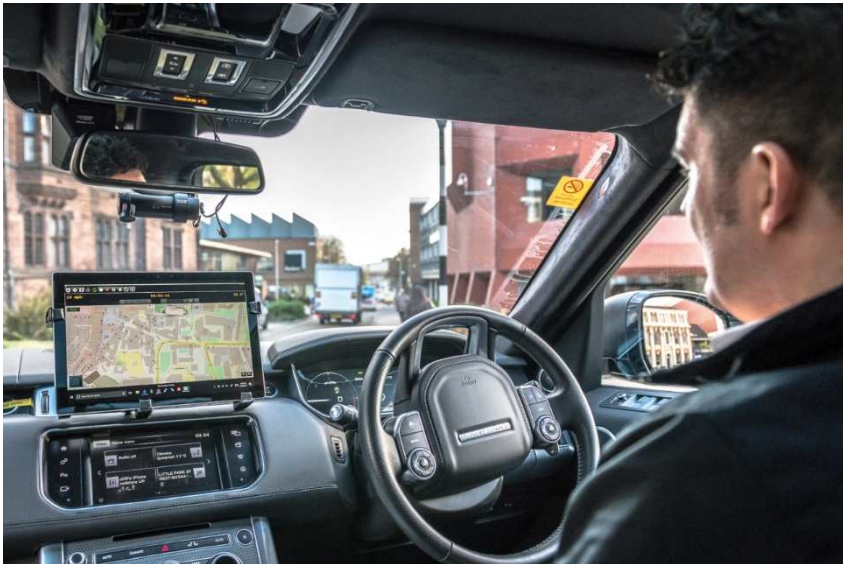
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Agenda Item 5

SCRUCO Work Programme 2018/19

Last updated 10/7/18

Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

13th June 2018
Child Poverty Strategy
18th July 2018
Delivering City Centre Capital Projects Scrutiny Work Programmes – 2018-19
5th September 2018 26th September 2018
Preventing Sexual Violence Domestic Violence Commissioning
10th October 2018
Council Performance Report 2017/18
14th November 2018
Homelessness and Housing Strategy
12th December 2018 23rd January 2019 27th February 2019 3rd April 2019 2018/19
Selective Licensing for the Private Rented Sector – consultation outcomes (Priority – awaiting date confirmation) West Midlands Combined Authority WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback Prevent Strategy West Midlands Combined Authority Renewal Plan Emergency Planning and Resilience Friargate Development Progress Update Council Performance Report 2017/18 Council Performance progress April – September 2018

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
13th June 2018	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 Cllr Caan
18th July 2018	Delivering City Centre Capital Projects		
	Scrutiny Work Programmes – 2018-19	To consider the work programme for the year, including suggestions from the All Scrutiny Members meeting on 18 th June	Adrian West
5th September 2018			
26th September 2018	Preventing Sexual Violence	To find out more about the programme delivered in schools to tackle the gender based nature of sexual violence, through improving attitudes to women and knowledge about consent.	Liz Gaulton Cllr Caan
	Domestic Violence Commissioning	Last municipal year, Scrucoco received a report on the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy. This will provide information about the commissioning process to support the strategy	Liz Gaulton Cllr A Khan
10th October 2018	Council Performance Report 2017/18	To consider the Council's end of year performance report. Possibly to look at performance from a gender equality aspect.	Si Chun Lam Cllr Duggins
14th November 2018	Homelessness and Housing Strategy	Following a meeting on 24 th January 2018, Scrucoco requested a further item on this subject	Mark Andrews Cllr Ruane
12th December 2018			

SCRUCO Work Programme 2018/19

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
23 rd January 2019			
27 th February 2019			
3 rd April 2019			
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 T Khan (sub Clifford) is the City Council’s nominated representative on the Committee for 2018/19.	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	
	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.	

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	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
	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
	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
	WMCA Skills Strategy	The Leader is the portfolio for this piece of work across the West Midlands Combined Authority and it cuts across the remits of SB2 and SB3. Members of these Boards to be invited when this item is considered	Cllr Duggins Cllr Maton Cllr O'Boyle
	Outside Bodies Report		