Coventry City Council

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee   **8ᵗʰ August 2012**

Subject: Population Change and Service Demand

1   Purpose of the Note
1.1   To brief Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on the recent changes to Coventry's population
        and population projections.

2   Recommendations
2.1   It is recommended that Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:
        1) Note the changes to the City's population and potential impact on service demand and
           the different levels of information available from the 2011 Census and population
           projections
        2) Identify where further briefings are required by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee
           and/or Scrutiny Boards

3   Information/Background
3.1   The Census, which happens every ten years, provides the most accurate information about
        an areas population.
3.2   The 2011 Census puts Coventry's population at 318,600 and the number of households at
        128,600.
3.3   Coventry's population grew by 5.2% in the ten years from 2001 to 2011. Much of the
        growth in Coventry happened towards the latter half of the decade and overall population
        growth in the city has been at a slower rate than the population growth in England and
        Wales (7.1%).
3.4   More detailed findings from the 2011 Census will be released by ONS through a staged
        approach between November 2012 and October 2013 (appendix A) This information will
        include demographics and population characteristics such as ethnicity, employment status
        and healthiness as well as data at a neighbourhood level.
3.5   In addition to Census information the city council receives annual population estimates and
        bi-annual population projections from the Office for National Statistics (ONS)
3.6   Current 'unofficial' population projections from the ONS indicate that the City's population
        may grow by an extra 66,000 people by 2033, taking the population to 430,900. Updated
        projections are due in September 2012 and the city council is expecting a lower projection
        based on the latest Census information.
3.7   Whilst there are some questions about the extent of projected population growth in
        Coventry, the population of the city is expected to increase and this is likely to have a
        significant impact on service demand in the future especially at a time of decreasing
        resources.

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Appendix A

Timetable for the release of 2011 Census information

Date	Release Stage	Type of data	Total
November 2012 - February 2013	Second	Key Statistics Quick Statistics	36 67
	Second stage total		103
March 2013 - June 2013	Third	Local Characteristics	98
	Third stage total		98
July 2013 - October 2013	Fourth	Armed Forces Detailed Characteristics Detailed Themes	4 154 35
	Fourth stage total		193
November 2013 onwards	Subsequent	Migrant Workplace Key Statistics Quick Statistics Detailed Characteristics Detailed Themes	16 14 2 8 25 4
	Subsequent stages total		69
	Grand Total		463

Quick Statistics refer to one variable on the census questionnaire for example the number of people who report Very Good, Good, Fair, Bad and Very Bad health status. This information will be released at a small area level (output area) and higher geographies.

Key statistics refer to information derived from more than one variable on the census questionnaire, and allow comparison across different small geographical areas (output areas). An example how many hours' people age 16 and over normally work in their main job a week.

Local characteristics provide the most detailed results possible for small areas (output areas), and contain two or more variables such as sex and occupation by age.

Detailed characteristics contain two or more census variables, such as age and sex, but provide considerably more detail than their local characteristics equivalent, for example sex and age and economic activity by religion. The data has a minimum population threshold of 5,000 persons and 2,000 households to reduce the risk of individuals being identified.

Themes such as **armed forces**, **migrant** and **workplace** bring together a range of results on a single variable, for example about those people working in the armed forces or people from particular ethnic groups.