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Dear Member,

Supplementary Agenda – Meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee - Wednesday, 8th July, 2020

The papers for the above meeting were circulated on 30th June. At the time of publication, there was a presentation which was not available. This document has now been received and is attached to this letter. Please include the presentation with your papers for the meeting.

- **Agenda Item 4. SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE** (Pages 3 - 18)

Presentation of Colin Knight, Director of Transportation and Highways, Andy Williams, Director of Business, Investment and Culture and Bret Willers, Head of Climate Change and Sustainability

Councillors Caan and Ali, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport, Councillors Hetherington and Lloyd, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for City Services and Councillors O'Boyle and Welsh, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Liz Knight
Governance Services Officer



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Membership: Councillors N Akhtar, A Andrews, R Brown (Chair), J Clifford, L Kelly (Deputy Chair), C Mijs, G Ridley, K Sandhu and R Singh

By invitation: Councillors R Ali, K Caan, P Hetherington, G Lloyd, J O'Boyle and D Welsh

Scrutiny Briefing Presentation

To: Scrutiny Committee

Date: 8th July 2020

Subject: Post COVID -19 Climate Change & Sustainability

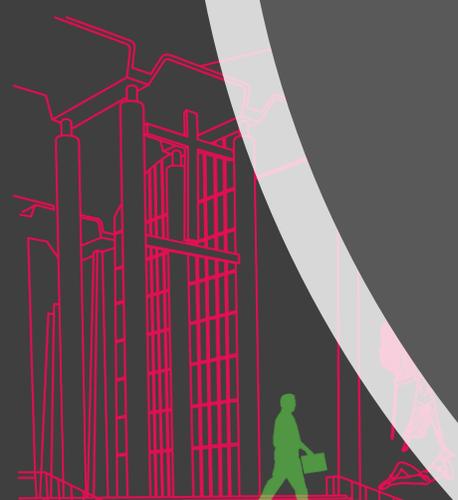


Bret Willers
Head of Climate Change & Sustainability



Purpose of the presentation

- To outline the current approach & successes to date
- To answer the specific questions raised by the Scrutiny Committee
- To highlight some key opportunities for the City
- To identify some priorities for action
- To outline the first steps to a new Strategy & Action Plan



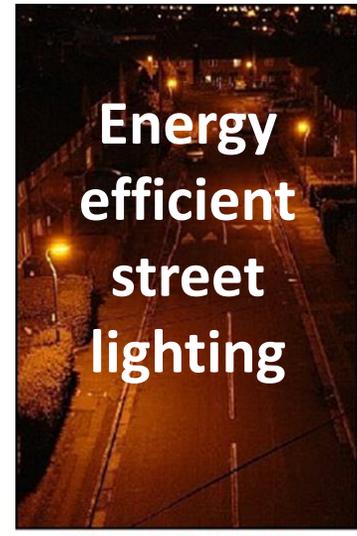
Reducing our emissions across the City



Heatline – energy shipped from waste plant via 6.6km pipelines to major City Centre buildings.



132 charge points have been installed
102 more - July 2020



Electric taxis operating in Coventry with more on the way.



Promoting green technology - Transport



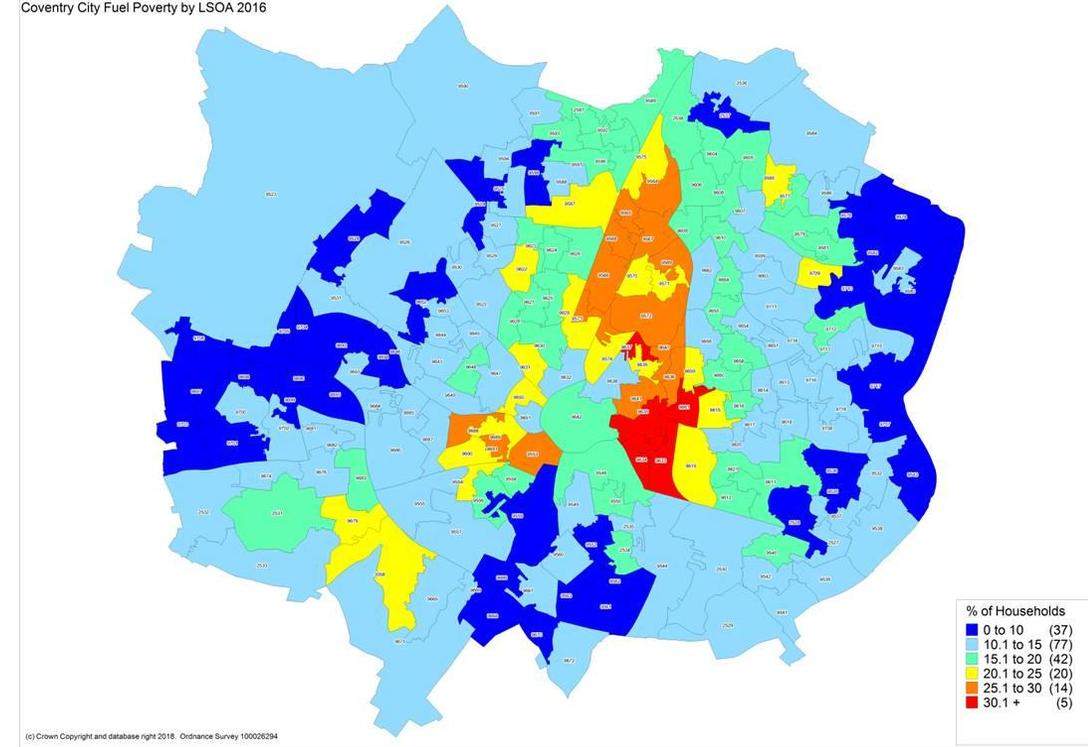
Reducing our emissions - homes

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Fuel poverty in Coventry currently 15.3% - the average for England is 11.1%

- Supporting people to insulate and heat their homes with grants (internal and external)
- Helping people switch to cheaper energy tariffs
- Advising people on how to reduce their energy bills and energy usage
- Helping people to understand their bills and meters

Coventry City Fuel Poverty by LSOA 2016



Coventry – a City that can...

- Policies, plans & frameworks
- Service provider
- Owns & manages assets
- Enforcement and Licensing
- Procurement – purchasing power
- Investor and enabler
- Key stakeholder & innovation partner



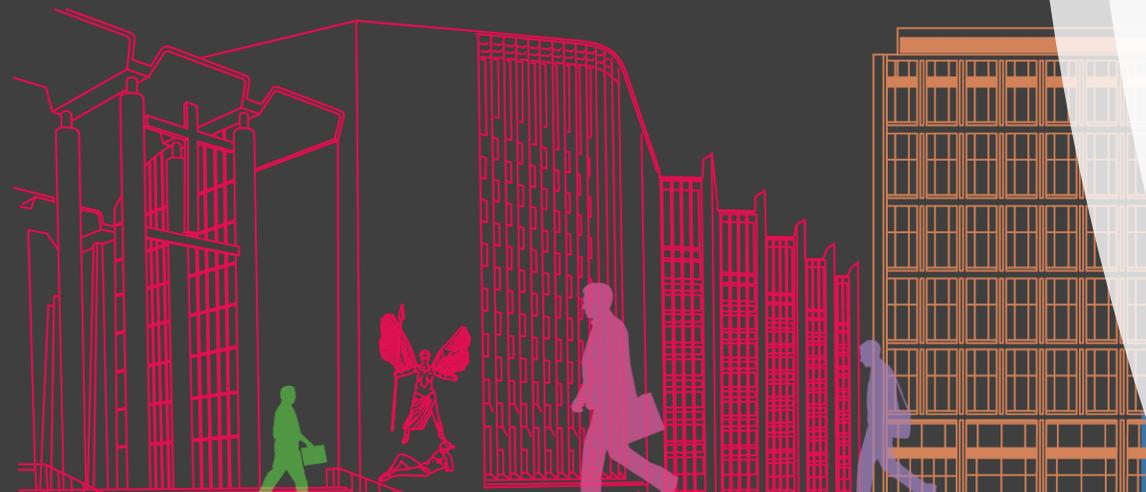
Where are we now?

Impact of Covid-19.

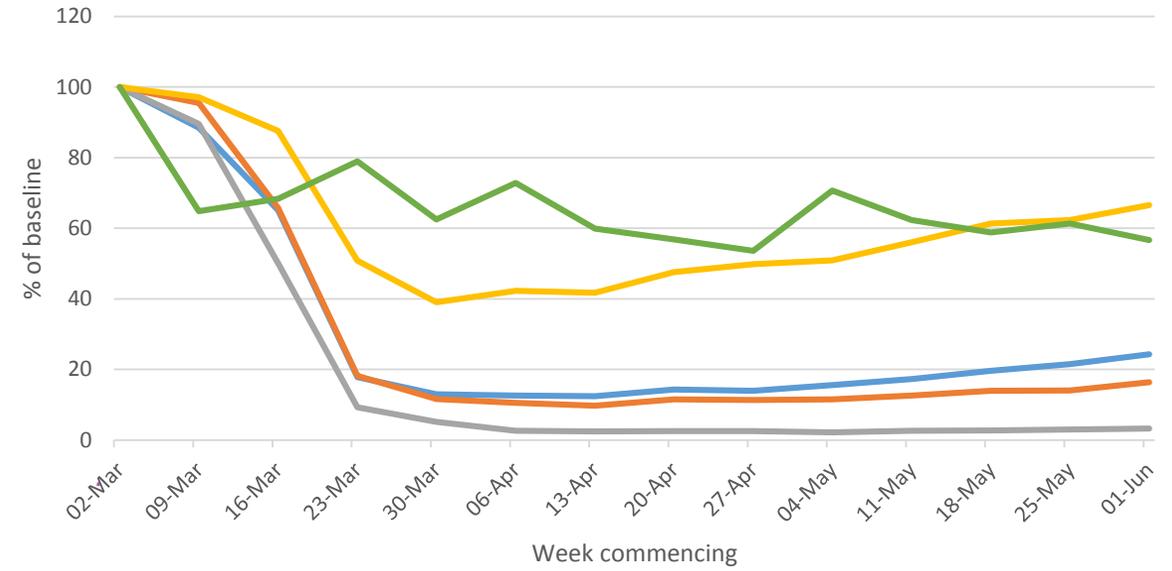


Dramatic changes in behaviour and associated environmental impacts

- Marked decrease in car journeys
- Increase in walking and cycling
- Reduction in the use of taxis and public transport
- Increase in fly-tipping and incidence of bonfires
- Fewer people visiting the City Centre & local centres
- Recognition of the importance of climate change & loss of biodiversity



Covid-19 impact on travel



Changes in travel behaviour & emissions



How has this changed what we know about the city, our priorities and plans?

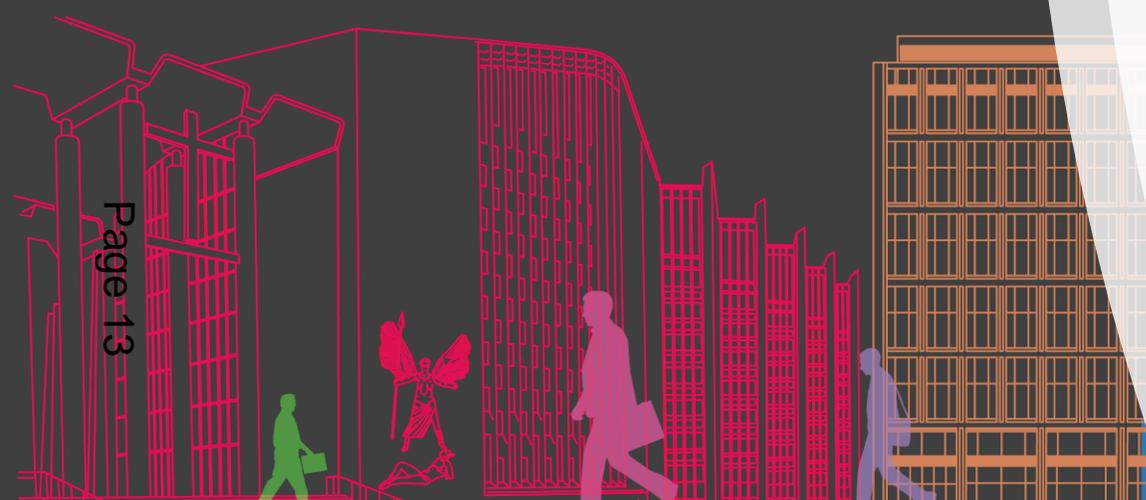


- People value the sense of place created by less traffic
- How can we make public transport safe and retain user confidence?
- How can we capitalise on the modal shift to active travel and maintain it – pop up cycleways, promotional campaigns etc?
- How can we promote and support home working citywide?
- How can we best address fuel poverty?



What opportunities are there to do things differently in the long term as we re-set?

- Transform the delivery of a new local/regional zero carbon energy infrastructure – meeting future demands across sectors
- Reducing the need to travel improving the digital infrastructure
- Enhancing the sense of place in local centres and the City Centre
- Electric vehicle infrastructure and modal shift for active travel
- Very Light Rail- revolutionary attractive safe means of public transport



How has this changed what we know about the city, our priorities and plans?

- Capitalising on the 'City of Culture' *Creative design, activities and events to encourage more visitors and longer dwell time in the City Centre and local centres*
- An opportunity to mobilise stakeholders around the Sustainability & Climate Change agenda



What opportunities are there to do things differently in the long term as we re-set?

- Creating jobs with the development of Green Technologies - & showcasing for the City – *e.g. Very Light rail*
- Rethinking the traffic hierarchy – creating streets for people & communities as well as cars, pop up cycleways & road closures
- Living Landscapes & Biodiversity, Carbon & nutrient offsetting framework – *tree planting , wildlife corridors & wetland development etc*
- Social & Environmental Impact Assessments of policies & programmes
- Promoting health & wellbeing by addressing the environmental wider determinants of health. – fuel poverty, local affordable quality food.
- Social and Environmental Sustainability considerations as a cross cutting theme as we reset & recover

What are the next steps?

- Promoting & enhancing sense of place in City and local centres
- RESO Project & SMART City – informing strategic investments & partnerships
- A Commission for change across the City
- Mobilising communities – supporting behavioural change – Culture City
- A major opportunity for job creation and economic growth in a global zero carbon market
- Environmental and sustainability policies (SUD's, Energy, Biodiversity etc)
- A holistic approach which has Environmental & Social Sustainability criteria at its heart

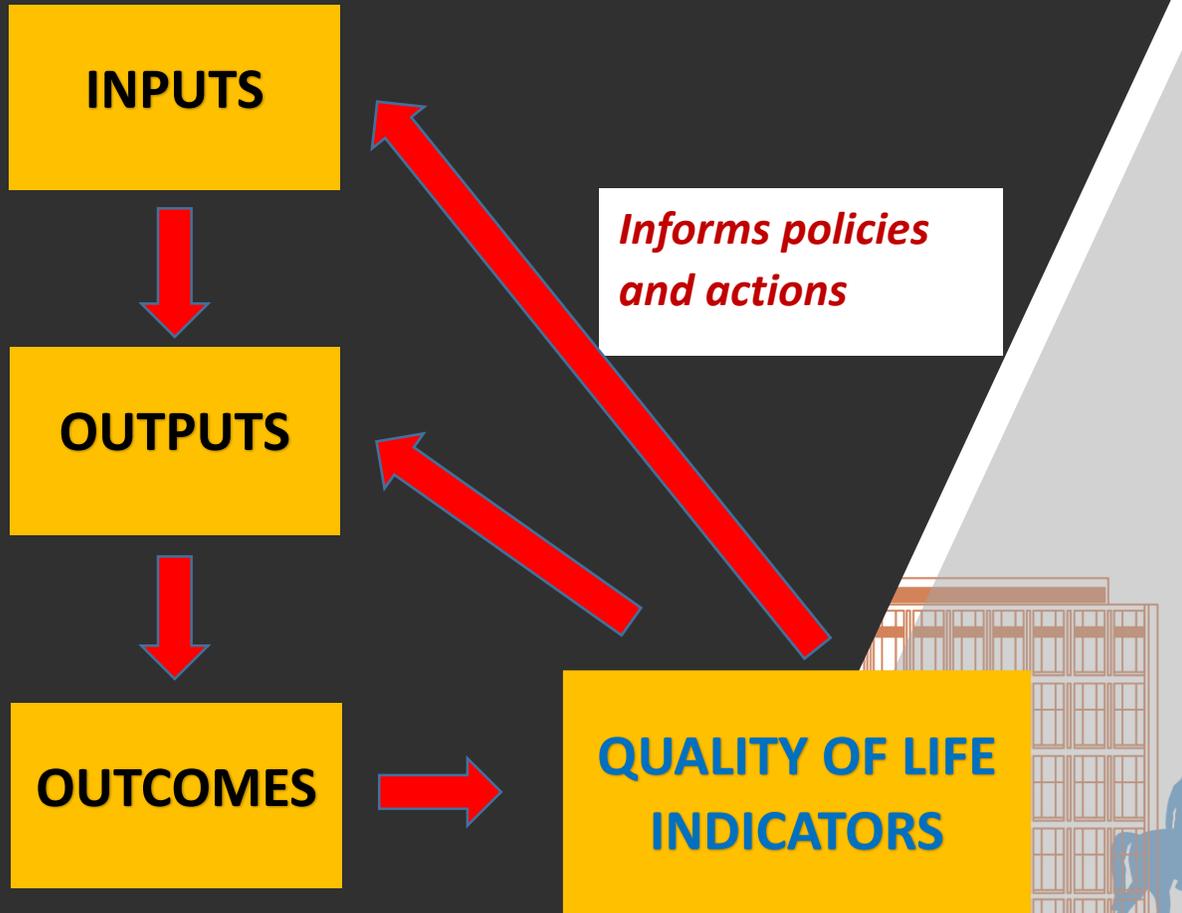


Government funding Post Covid-19

- £330k out of the £3.8m First tranche of the Emergency Regional Transport Allocation a total of £250m
- Coventry has bid for the £50m All Electric Bus Town Project
- £25m for fix your bike voucher scheme national scheme that residents in Coventry can apply for
- £5bn DfT for buses cycling and walking

Monitoring Progress, engaging, understanding impacts.

Climate View Transition Targets



Transport			Industry							Agriculture			Energy		Other		
Passenger transport by car	Passenger transport by truck	Other transport	Iron and steel	Chemical and plastics	Refineries	Chemical	Paper and pulp	Metals	Other	Agricultural land	Animal agriculture	Storage of feedstocks	Electricity and heat production	Local heating	Solvents	Machinery	Waste
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