

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.00 am on Wednesday, 8th October, 2014

Place

Committee Rooms 2 and 3 - Council House

Public Business**1. Apologies and Substitutions****2. Declarations of Interest****3. Minutes**

(a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd September, 2014 (Pages 5 - 8)

(b) Matters Arising

4. Overview and Scrutiny Management

The following matter is reported to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, in accordance with Part 2D, paragraph 1.6 of the City Council's Constitution, it being responsible for the overall management of the Scrutiny and Overview function and for dealing with call-ins.

Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) Item of Urgent Public Business**[Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment \(SHLAA\) – Technical Evidence Paper](#)**

The Cabinet Member (Business, Enterprise and Employment) considered the above report at his meeting on 11th September, 2014. Councillor Skipper, Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, attended the meeting and agreed that the decision was urgent and call-in should not apply.

In accordance with Part 3E, paragraph 19.4 of the Council's Constitution, the report is presented to Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee to inform them of the reason for urgency. The reason for urgency was that the publication of the draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) update forms an integral part of the Local Plan public engagement process, which commenced on 12th September, 2014. This is particularly in relation to the Duty to Cooperate and the Council's on-going engagement with its neighbouring authorities in relation to housing need and supply. The SHLAA is also a technical evidence paper, which will help inform local communities and stakeholders about the Council's housing land supply and allow for consultation feedback to be collected and used to help inform the final version of the document. As such, it was urgent that the draft SHLAA was made available alongside the Local Plan paper to support the public engagement process.

10.10 a.m.

5. **Welfare Reform - The Impact of Benefit Sanctions on People in Coventry**
(Pages 9 - 46)

Briefing note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator and presentation from the Working Together on Welfare Reform Group

The following representatives have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this matter:

Sue Bent, Coventry Law Centre
Martin Buxcey, Department for Work and Pensions
Janet Gurney, Coventry Law Centre
Daksha Piparia, Citizens Advice Bureau
Gaynor Smith, Department for Work and Pensions
Mary-Ann Stephenson, Warwick University

11.10 a.m.

6. **Female Genital Mutilation** (Pages 47 - 70)

Report of the Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) who has been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item

Presentation by the Director of Public Health

11.55 a.m.

7. **Outside Bodies - Reporting Arrangements 2014/15** (Pages 71 - 76)

Briefing note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator

8. **Civic Visit to Kiel Germany for 132nd Kieler Woche** (Pages 77 - 80)

Report of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Noonan

9. **Outstanding Issues**

All outstanding issues have been included in the work programme below

12.15 p.m.

10. **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2014/2015** (Pages 81 - 84)

Report of the Members and Elections Team Manager

11. **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

Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 30 September 2014

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Membership: Councillors J Blundell, J Clifford (Deputy Chair), G Duggins, J Innes, R Sandy, B Singh, T Skipper (Chair), K Taylor and S Thomas

By invitation Councillor A Gingell

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