

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on
Wednesday, 10 February 2016

Present:

Members: Councillor G Duggins (Chair)
Councillor N Akhtar (Deputy Chair)
Councillor S Bains
Councillor T Khan
Councillor R Lakha
Councillor K Taylor
Councillor S Walsh

Other Members: Councillors A Lucas and K Maton

Employees:

V Castree, Resources Directorate
M Checkley, Place Directorate
N Inglis, Chief Executive's Directorate
E McDermott, Chief Executive's Directorate
J Moore, People Directorate
A West, Resources Directorate

Apologies: Councillors J Blundell and D Welsh

Public Business

59. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

60. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February, 2016 were signed as a true record.

Further to Minute 51 relating to "Minutes", the Committee noted that there was no information at the current time in relation to the proposal for a new railway station at Woodfield School site.

Further to Minute 52 relating to "Council Plan – Progress at Half Year 2015/16 – Including Inequalities", the Committee noted that a Briefing Note had been circulated detailing the information regarding the indicators that they had requested.

61. Coventry: A Marmot City

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Health which provided an overview of the following:-

- What it means for Coventry to be a Marmot City
- ,What the benefits have been to date
- The financial implications of being a Marmot City
- An outline of the next phase of Coventry's Marmot City work.

The Committee questioned officers on aspects of the report, particularly in relation to:-

- The impact that good economic growth has on people's health
- Work being done in connection with child obesity levels
- How public health outcomes are measured
- Working in partnership with other organisations such as West Midlands Police
- Action taken to reduce the gap in life expectancy across different Wards in the City

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee notes:-

- (1) That health, equality and social value are reflected in Council policies and decision making**
- (2) That resources are targeted bases on need and that proportionate universalism is embedded in decision making**

62. **Air Quality Action Plan**

The Committee considered a Briefing Note of the Executive Director of Place which provided an update on developments in air quality management in the City and on the new air quality management proposals from Government. The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs Air Quality Plan for the achievement of EU air quality limit value for nitrogen dioxide in Coventry/Bedworth was appended to the Briefing Note.

The Briefing Note outlined:-

- Air quality management in Coventry
- Air quality measurement and modelling in Coventry
- The Low Emissions Towns and Cities Programme

- How the draft Local Development Plan had accommodated concerns around poor air quality
- Joint work undertaken with Public Health in planning the management of air quality in the City.

The Committee questioned officers on aspects of the Briefing Note including:-

- Where the air quality “hot spots” are in the City
- The impact that road design has on air quality
- The inspection and regulation of large industrial premises
- The availability of electric car charging points in the City

RESOLVED:-

- (1) **That the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee notes the contents of the Briefing Note, in particular the broader actions being undertaken to manage air quality**
- (2) **That officers be requested to provide information on the number of charging points for electric cars in the City and to give consideration in relation to the length of time cars are permitted to park at those points**

63. Outstanding Issues

The Committee noted that all outstanding issues had been included in their Work Programme (Minute 64 below refers)

64. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2015/2016

The Committee considered their Work Programme for the current Municipal Year.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be noted.

65. Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business

There were no additional items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 11.15 am)