



Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

Time and Date

2.00 pm on Wednesday, 6th July, 2016

Place

Committee Rooms 2 and 3 - Council House

Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)

To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 April 2016

4. **Digital Coventry Strategy** (Pages 7 - 14)

Briefing note

5. **Outstanding Issues Report**

Outstanding issues have been picked up in the Work Programme

6. **Work Programme** (Pages 15 - 18)

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator

7. **Any other items of Public Business**

Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

Private Business

Nil

Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 28 June 2016

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Membership: Councillors S Bains, L Kelly (Chair), J Lepoidevin, T Mayer, J McNicholas, J Mutton (By Invitation), T Sawdon, R Singh, T Skipper and R Thay

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) held
at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 27 April 2016

Present:

Members: Councillor J Mutton (Chair)
Councillor S Bains
Councillor J Blundell
Councillor G Duggins
Councillor R Lakha
Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor R Singh
Councillor D Welsh

Employees:

Resources: V. Castree, P. Jennings, C. Sinclair, H. Williamson

Apologies: Councillor D Chater and T Skipper

Public Business

45. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

46. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2016 were signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

47. City Council Capital Programme 2016/17

The Board received a briefing note and presentation in respect of the City Council Capital Programme for 2016/17.

The briefing note set out the Capital 5-year programme by portfolio. The presentation covered an update on the Capital Programme, Revenue funding of Capital Programme, moving revenue spend into the Capital Programme, debt level and the Coventry Investment Fund (CIF).

It was noted:

- Significant investment in capital spend would continue for at least 2 years and would include a mixture of Government Funding and local contributions.
- 2016/17 prudential borrowing and capital receipts had increased compared to 2015/16

- 2016/17 grants and other contributions and revenue had reduced compared to 2015/16

During discussion, Member questioned officer on a number of issues including the rationale behind prudential borrowing and use of CIF.

RESOLVED to note the information contained within the briefing note and request that the following information be circulated to Members of the Board:

- **Information on Finance Birmingham Investment into Mezzanine Fund and which Coventry businesses have benefitted so far.**
- **Further detail on the capital scheme for London Road.**

48. **Review of 2015/16 Scrutiny Activity**

The Board noted a briefing note which summarised the work of the Scrutiny Board over the 2015/16 municipal year.

During the year, the Board had met 6 times and had carried out their business through a range of activities including traditional board meetings, task and finish group and visits. The Board had gathered evidence from the engaged with Cabinet Members, council officers, partner organisation, private and third sectors and members of the public.

Following discussion, members considered that the work undertaken jointly with the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) on Friargate had been useful and suggested that this be carried on in 2016/17.

RESOLVED that the Board recommend that joint working continue with the appropriate Scrutiny Board in 2016/17 on matters relating to Friargate.

49. **Outstanding Issues Report**

There were no outstanding issues.

50. **Work Programme**

The Board noted the work programme with a recommendation that the 2016/17 Scrutiny Board continue the work started by the current board on scrutinising the impact of changes to the local council tax support scheme.

In addition, the Chair thanked Members of the Board and officers for their work in over the year.

51. **Any other items of Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board

Date: 6 July 2016

Subject: Digital Coventry Strategy

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board of the progress being made, and provide an opportunity to shape, the Digital Strategy for the City.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board

- 1) Note the details in the presentation regarding the draft digital strategy.
- 2) Identify Members to be involved in a task & finish group to input to and shape the strategy.
- 3) Identify the area(s) of focus for the task & finish group.

3 Information/Background

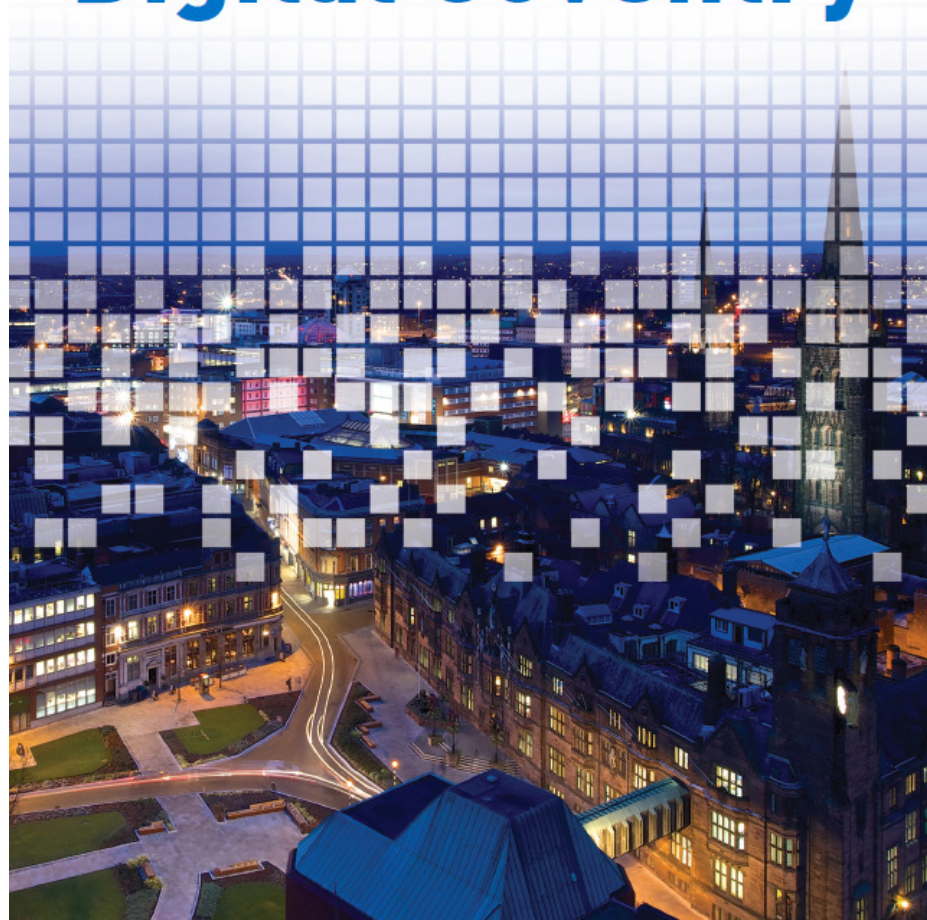
- 3.1 Outline information is provided in the appended slides and the Board will receive a presentation from Officers at the meeting which will contain more detail and context for the strategy.

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Digital Coventry



Digital Coventry Draft Strategy Scrutiny Board 1

Lisa Commane

Paul Ward

6th July 2016

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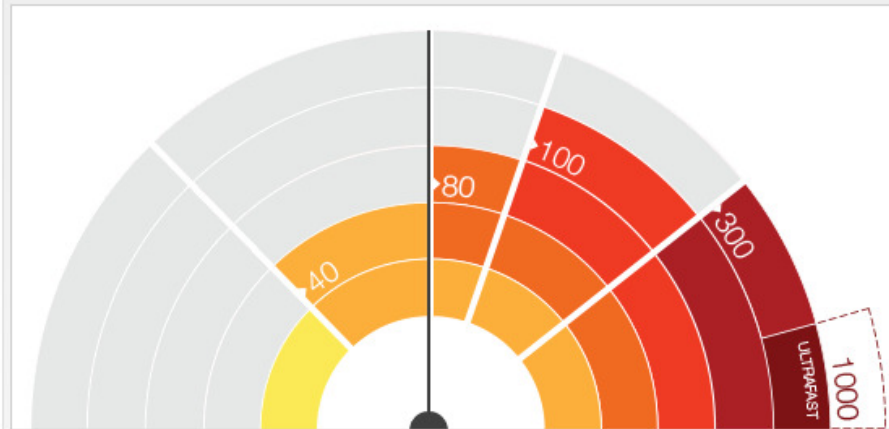
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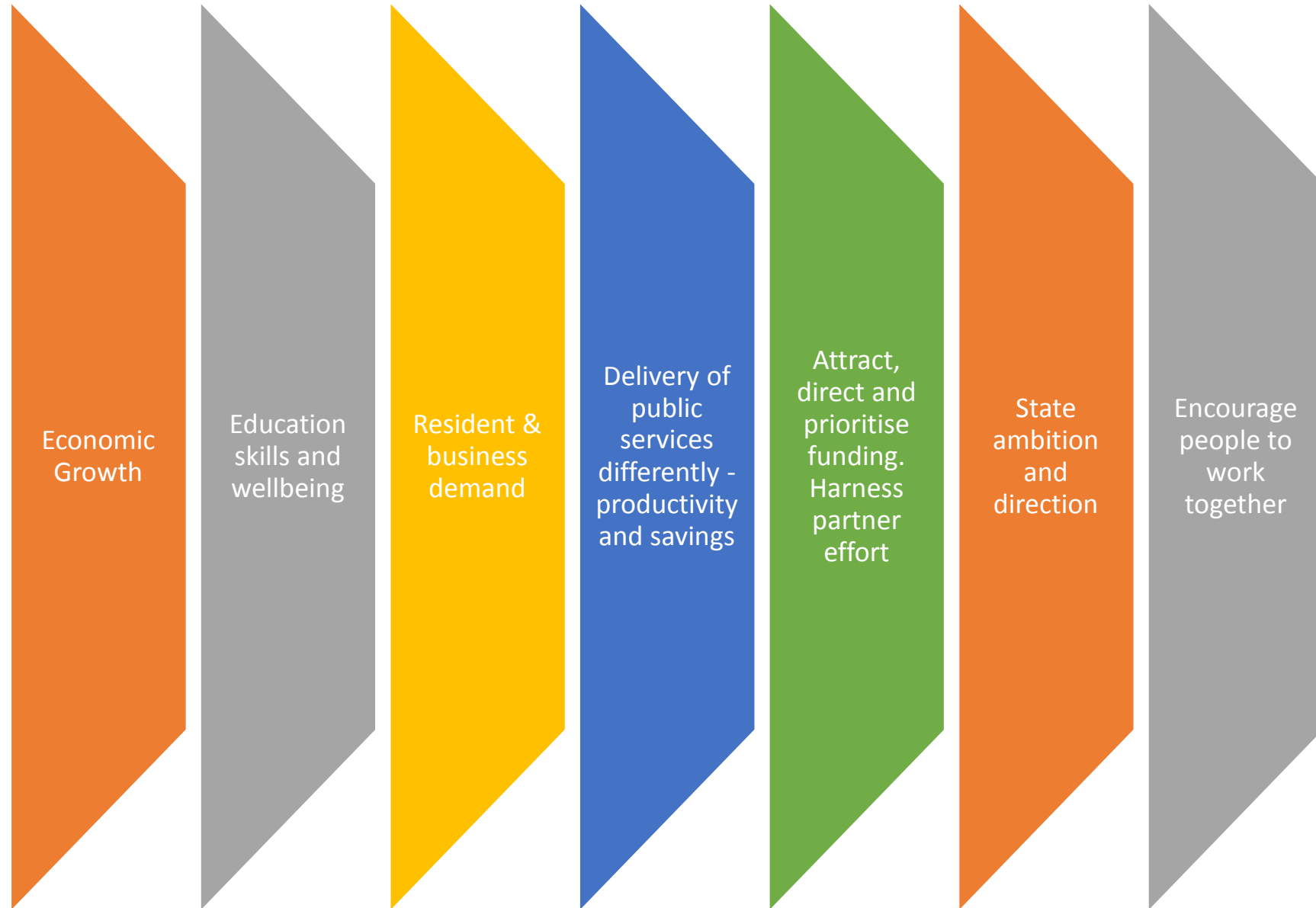
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Digital Coventry aims - for the City, not just the Council



Digital Coventry a strategy to pull together all of our digital work to fully realise the benefits that digital technology can bring. Increasing our scope to focus not only on the work of the organisation but aligning with the work of our partners to the benefit of Coventry as a place to live, learn, work, innovate and do business.

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Digital place

Infrastructure, digital innovation and data are promoted within the City to deliver economic growth and public service reform.

Digital customer & inclusion

Enabling customers to get the information they need and to access our services through on-line self-service.

Digital communities

Using digital technology to engage with our citizens and to work closely with our partners, to address complex issues

Digital workforce

Developing a workforce who have access to the right tools to do their job and are confident in maximising the use and benefits of technology in their daily work.



Bringing it to life...



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Digital Coventry

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	 Unified Communications
	 2-in-1 laptops that also operate as touch screen tablets (Toshiba Z20)
	 Document Management: (Sharepoint Team Sites and Information@Work)
	 Access email, make calls and share the internet with your laptop for agile working

What next

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Scrutiny Board 1 task and finish group to help shape

Cabinet approval – late summer/autumn

Continue to build digital into our service planning and thinking

Developing the digital skills and confidence of our workforce is key

Agenda Item 6

Last updated 15/06/2016

Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) Work Programme 2016/17

6 July 2016
The Digital Agenda
7 September 2016
2017-20 Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Strategy
19 October 2016
Reserves
30 November 2016
25 January 2017
29 March 2017
Dates to be determined
Impact of changes to Local Council Tax Support Scheme Medium Term Financial Strategy Workforce Strategy Procurement Strategy and Social Value Act Friargate Customer Services The EU Reserves Capital Programme

Date	Title	Detail	Lead Officer

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