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## Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

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### Time and Date

10.00 am on Wednesday, 7th September, 2016

### Place

Committee Rooms 2 and 3 - Council House

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### Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)

(a) To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July, 2016

(b) Matters arising

4. **Business Rates Reform** (Pages 11 - 18)

Briefing Note of the Executive Director of Resources

5. **West Midlands Combined Authority** (Pages 19 - 40)

Briefing Note of the Chief Executive

6. **Report Back on Conference - Civic Visit to Kiel Week, 17 to 20 June, 2016**  
(Pages 41 - 44)

Report of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Lindsley Harvard

7. **Scrutiny Management**

In accordance with the Constitution, the following matters are reported for information:-

- a) Councillor Lancaster, Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee attended the Cabinet meeting on 2 August, 2016 for the item relating to "Coventry City Council Response to InterCity West Coast Rail Franchise Consultation" and agreed that the decision was urgent and that call in should not apply. The reason for the urgency was that the City Council's response to the Consultation needed to be sent to the Department of Transport before the closing date for submissions which was 11.45pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016.

- b) Councillor McNicholas, acting as nominee of the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, attended the meeting of the Cabinet Member for City Services on 15 August, 2016 for the item relating to "Park Closure of Cox Street Car Park - Objection" and agreed that the decision was urgent and that call in should not apply. The reason for the urgency was that, to enable the first phase of the development to open for the academic year commencing September 2017, a planning application needed to be submitted in early September, 2016 for consideration at Planning Committee on 29 September, 2016. If the application is not submitted in time, then the programme of works will be delayed and the timescales for opening will not be achievable.

8. **Outstanding Issues** (Pages 45 - 50)

Report of the Executive Director of Resources

9. **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2016/2017** (Pages 51 - 54)

Report of the Executive Director of Resources

10. **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**

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Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 30 August 2016

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Membership: Councillors N Akhtar, J Blundell, G Crookes, D Gannon, L Kelly, R Lancaster (Chair), J McNicholas, M Mutton and R Singh (Deputy Chair)

By invitation Councillors P Akhtar and A Khan

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