



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.00 am on Wednesday, 24th January, 2018

Place

Committee Room 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 20th December, 2017 (Pages 3 - 8)

(b) Matters Arising

4. Homelessness (Pages 9 - 14)

To consider a joint Briefing Note and presentation

Councillors Bigham and Thomas, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Community Development have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item.

5. West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Feedback

Councillor R Brown, one of the Council's representatives on the West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee, will report.

6. Scrutiny Management

In accordance with paragraph 19 of the City Council's Constitution, the following is reported for information:

Councillor R Brown, Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee attended the Cabinet Member Jobs and Regeneration meeting on 14th December, 2017 for the item relating to 'Coventry City Centre Business Improvement District (BID) Proposal' and agreed that the decision was urgent and that call-in should not apply. The reason for urgency was in order to meet the timetable detailed in the report, the Notice of Ballot in relation to the BID proposal needed to be issued on 18th December, 2017.

7. **Outstanding Issues**

All outstanding issues are included in the Work Programme

8. **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2017/2018** (Pages 15 - 20)

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator

9. **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

Martin Yardley, Deputy Chief Executive (Place) Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 16 January 2018

- Notes:1) The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Suzanne Bennett, Democratic Services, Council House, Coventry, telephone 7683 3072, alternatively E-mail: suzanne.bennett@coventry.gov.uk/liz.knight@coventry.gov.uk
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- 3) Scrutiny Board Members who have an interest in any report referred to this meeting, but who are not Members of this Committee, have been invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

Membership: Councillors N Akhtar, A Andrews, R Brown (Chair), J Clifford (Deputy Chair), D Gannon, J McNicholas, M Mutton, G Ridley and R Singh
By invitation Councillors Bigham and Thomas

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on
Wednesday, 20 December 2017

Present:

Members: Councillor R Brown (Chair)
 Councillor N Akhtar
 Councillor A Andrews
 Councillor R Auluck
 Councillor J Clifford (Deputy Chair)
 Councillor P Male
 Councillor J McNicholas
 Councillor P Seaman
 Councillor R Singh

Other Members: Councillors G Duggins and R Lakha

Employees:

L Gaulton, People Directorate
G Holmes, Place Directorate
L Knight, Place Directorate
S Chun Lam, People Directorate
D O'Shaughnessy, People Directorate
A Walster, Place Directorate
A West, Place Directorate

Other representatives: Marcus Jimenez, Manager, Central Taxis
 Alan Lewis, Unite

Apologies: Councillors D Gannon, M Mutton and G Ridley

Public Business

45. Declarations of Interest

Councillor N Akhtar declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter referred to in Minute 47 below headed 'Taxi Licensing'. He withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of this matter.

46. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November, 2017 were signed as a true record.

Further to Minute 37 headed 'Student Accommodation and University City Development' the Committee were informed that additional information requested from City Council officers had been circulated to Members. The further information requested from the two universities was still awaited and would be forwarded as soon as it was available.

47. Taxi-Licensing

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services and considered a briefing note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator which provided a strategic overview of the current position in relation to taxi-licensing, including the context in which local authorities operate, the current legislative context and potential developments and recent market changes. Marcus Jimenez, General Manager from Central Taxis and Alan Lewis, Unite attended the meeting for the consideration of this item along with Councillor Lakha, Deputy Cabinet Member for City Services. Councillor Duggins, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership was also in attendance. The city's three MPs had also been invited but were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

The presentation referred to the two types of taxis licensed in the city as follows: The Hackney Carriage (black cab) which was currently capped at 859 and operated from the taxi ranks, could be flagged down in the street, undertook pre-booked work and was required to use the metre to measure levy their charge within their licensed authority. There were currently approximately 200 private hire vehicles licensed in Coventry who could undertake pre-booked work only.

The presentation set out all the requirements to be able to be a taxi driver in the city including a comparison with the reduced requirements for other local authorities. The necessary vehicle checks were also highlighted.

The Committee were informed of the current challenges around taxi licensing which included:

Air Quality – the majority of the taxi fleet were older diesel vehicles, especially the black cabs which contributed to poor air quality. New technologies such as the LEVC TXC would help to improve air quality.

Cross Border Hire – an increasing number of vehicles were now trading in Coventry from local authorities with lower licensing standards and the council had no licensing power over these vehicles.

Current Legislation not Fit for Purpose – the current legislation did not deal with the rise of digital solutions and app based platforms, for example Uber; were two different types of taxi licences still needed in 2017?; should Hackney Carriages still have regulated meters?; what would happen to accessible vehicles if the market dictated a move to all private hire vehicles.

Members raised a number of questions in response to the presentation and responses were provided by the officer and the representatives present, matters raised included:

- Details about the European Court ruling that Uber was a transport company and not a digital service and the resulting implications
- Further details about the different requirements needed to be met to be a taxi driver in Coventry compared to the requirements for Wolverhampton and Birmingham
- An update about what was happening across the West Midlands region regarding taxi licensing from Councillor Duggins from his perspective as Leader of the Council

- Details of the Reading Court Case when two private hire drivers had been prosecuted for illegally plying for hire after trying the Uber Incentive Scheme
- The importance of ensuring the safety of Coventry residents who use local taxis
- A concern that Coventry drivers were being disadvantaged in light of all requirements being placed on them.
- A comparison of the numbers of taxi drivers licensed in Coventry compared to Wolverhampton
- The implications for the Hackney Carriage trade if Uber continued to operate in the city
- Details about the recent meeting between John Hayes, Transport Minister, Jim Cunningham MP and Alan Lewis including the discussions on potential legislative changes which were not anticipated in the next two Parliaments
- Concerns about the licensing of drivers by Wolverhampton Council and the implications for taxi drivers in Coventry along with details of meetings which included representatives from the two local authorities
- Further information about the Uber drivers licensed by Wolverhampton and Birmingham operating in Coventry
- If there were any options open to the City Council to help alleviate the current taxi issues in the city
- A request for a snap shot in time of taxis in the city
- An acknowledgement of the need for a change in regulation legislation to be able to deal with some of the issues raised
- Potential implications for the City of Culture 2021
- The need to support future development opportunities in the city i.e. the development of electric vehicles
- The opportunities for the West Midlands Mayor, Andy Street to become involved in lobbying for a change in legislation relating to taxi licensing and the requirement to keep lobbying
- Details about the potential for customers to pay for taxis by electronic payment
- The opportunity to be taken to review the requirements/ standards for taxi drivers in the city to ensure the City Council is carrying out its duties in the most expedient and efficient way.

RESOLVED that:

(1) The content of the presentation be noted.

(2) The issue of public safety to be kept at the forefront on any future discussions on taxi licensing and support be given to the opportunities for innovation in the city e.g. the development of electric vehicles.

(3) Opportunities be taken to develop and streamline requirements/ standards for taxi drivers and vehicles in Coventry to ensure Council processes are undertaken in the most expedient and efficient way, while maintaining the highest level of standards.

(4) The Chair, Councillor Brown, to write to the city's three MPs and Andy Street, West Midlands Mayor, requesting that every opportunity be taken to

lobby for a change in legislation for taxi licensing which is no longer fit for purpose.

(5) The Board to be informed of the legal implications relating to Uber operating in the city and the subsequent challenges this brings, for further consideration.

(6) Consideration be given to undertaking a study of taxi licensing in the city, providing a snap shot in time and the potential position in future years, with the results informing any review of taxi licensing requirements.

48. Council Plan 2017-18 Half Year Performance Report

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive, which set out the Council's progress against the Council Plan for the first half of 2017/18. A copy of the performance report was attached as an appendix to the report. The report was due to be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 9th January 2018. Councillor Duggins, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership, attended the meeting for the consideration of this item and indicated that this was the last time that the Council would be considering a half year performance report. The Committee also received a presentation providing a summary of the performance report including the significant performance issues relating to globally connected and locally committed.

The Council Plan set out the Council's strategic direction and priorities for the ten year period 2014-2024. The current plan was last revised in July 2017. The report indicated that the Council sought to promote the growth of a sustainable economy and was committed to reform so that everybody, including the city's most vulnerable residents, could share in the benefits of growth.

The performance report detailed the progress made towards the Council Plan from April to September 2017. It set out the Council's performance across all areas and used indicators, along with contextual and comparative information to describe and explain how the Council and the city's performance compared to previous years and to other places. Where possible, the report compared progress with previous years and it was noted that where previous data was unavailable, the data would form a baseline against which to measure future progress. This year the report also included data for groups with protected characteristics as set out in the Council's equality objectives and the Council's Marmot (health inequalities) agenda.

The Council Plan performance report was currently measured using 67 indicators. At half year progress was made or maintained in 31 indicators; 13 indicators had got worse; officers couldn't say for 7 indicators; and progress was not available for the remaining 16 indicators either because they were updated less frequently or because data wasn't available. The Committee noted that the progress had been made in the context of continued and sustained reduction in the overall resources available to the Council, £107m less core government grant in 2017/18 than the equivalent figure for 2010/11.

The Committee noted that the performance report also set out how the Council was addressing inequalities. Detailed progress was discussed at relevant Cabinet Member meetings.

The Council's performance management framework, which set out how the Council planned and organised its resources to achieve its vision and priorities, was set out at a second appendix. Responding to the Council's digital strategy, officers had introduced new methods to improve transparency and good governance with online digital performance dashboards and publishing more datasets on-line as open data.

The Committee were pleased to note that the additional indicators, trend data and information requested for inclusion in future reports at their meeting on 12th July, 2017 had now been included in this Council Plan half year performance report.

The Committee questioned the Cabinet Member and officers present on a number of issues and responses were provided, matters raised included:

- The option to standardise a 'start' date to demonstrate progress made from a baseline
- Further information on how many Council services could now be accessed on-line by Coventry residents
- Future Council Plan performance reports to include an information about the impact of Coventry being the City of Culture 2021
- The likely tourism benefits to winning the City of Culture bid and the importance of ensuring a lasting legacy for the city
- The implications for the City Council of the increasing numbers of homeless people in the city, noting that the issue was due to be discussed at the Committee's next meeting on 24th January, 2018
- Information about community safety and whether data was gathered from partner organisations.

RESOLVED that:

(1) The Council's performance this half year as set out in the performance report be noted.

(2) Details about the number of on-line services now offered by the Council be circulated to members.

(3) Consideration to be given to including the impact of Coventry being the City of Culture 2021 in future Council performance reports.

(4) A copy of the presentation be circulated to members.

49. Civic Visit to Belgrade, Serbia - 1st to 6th October, 2017 - Report Back

The Committee considered a report of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Tony Skipper concerning his civic visit to Belgrade, Serbia from 1st to 6th October, 2017 which involved leading a delegation from the Belgrade Theatre to meet representatives of the Children's Cultural Centre Belgrade and organisers of the annual Joy of Europe Festival with a view to young people from Coventry participating in future

years. The Committee noted that Coventry had been twinned with Belgrade since 1957 so 2017 marked the 60th anniversary of the twinning arrangement.

RESOLVED that the report of the Lord Mayor's civic visit to Belgrade, accompanied by three representatives from the Belgrade Theatre and the principal private secretary to the Lord Mayoralty, and the positive way the relationship with Coventry was reflected, be endorsed.

50. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2017/2018 Including a Suggestion for Scrutiny

The Committee noted their work programme for the current municipal year. Attention was drawn to a suggested topic for Scrutiny that had been submitted by a member of the public as follows 'I would like the process of adults being assessed and diagnosed for autism to be clearer and more promoted. It is quite clear for children but a minefield for adults'. The Committee were informed that the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) would be considering Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) at their next meeting on 31st January, 2018 and the issue could be raised under this item.

RESOLVED that:

(1) The work programme be noted.

(2) The suggestion relating to the process for adults being assessed and diagnosed with autism to be raised at the meeting of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) on 31st January when the Board consider Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

51. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no additional items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 12.20 pm)

To: Scrutiny Coordination Committee

Date: 24th January 2018

Subject: Homelessness

1 Purpose of the Note

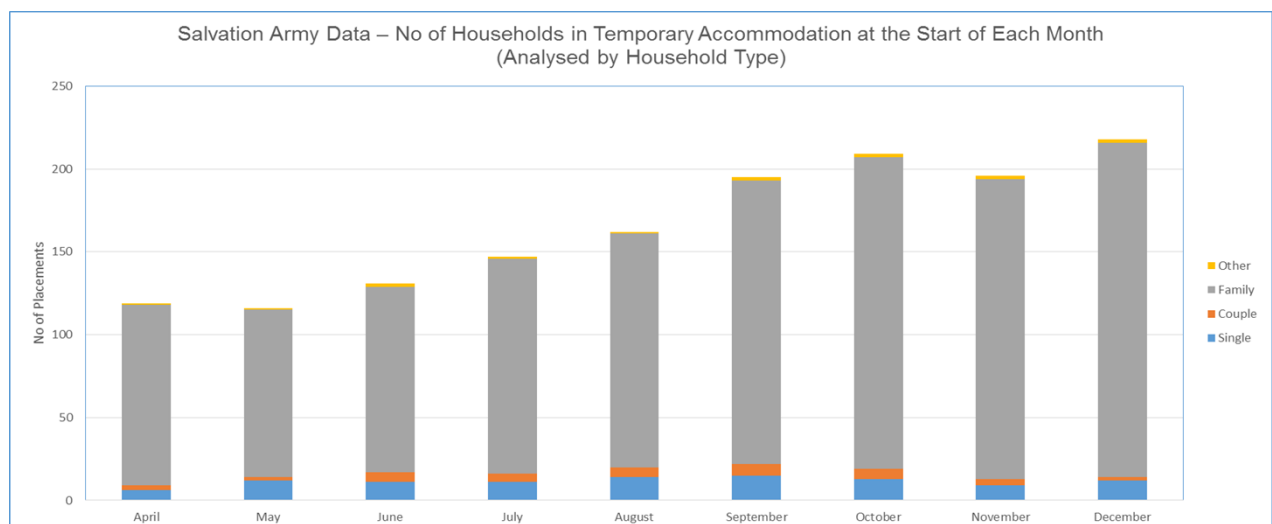
- 1.1 To present the current position for homelessness in Coventry, and to highlight the reasons why people will find themselves without a home.
- 1.2 In addition Scrutiny Coordination are asked to note the work being undertaken by the City Council and partner organisation to try and alleviate the effects of homelessness.
- 1.3 In attendance today is Nathan Slinn from the Salvation Army to provide further information on work carried out by them in Coventry.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Coordination Committee is asked:
 - 2.1.1 To note the increasing trend of homelessness in Coventry, and the increasing financial pressure that this brings.
 - 2.1.2 To note the work with partner organisation to alleviate some of the problems presented by the increase in homelessness.
 - 2.1.3 To make recommendations to the Cabinet Member as appropriate.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The trends of those presenting as homeless, are provided in table 1 below.



- 3.2 The increase demonstrated above also represents an added estimated financial pressure in 2017/18 of £4.2m against a budget of £1.3m (total spend £5.5m) from the provision of temporary accommodation, particularly for families. Fuller details are shown at appendix 2.
- 3.3 A breakdown of the reasons given for homelessness is in appendix 1, along with our current performance against West Midland and County neighbours. The top three reasons for homelessness remain: ending of an assured short hold tenancy at 27%, breakdown of family relations at 29%, and domestic violence at 12%.

4 Changes to legislation and early intervention:

- 4.1 In 2017, government introduced the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017. The legislative requirements of the act come into force across England on the 1st April 2018, and place a legal prevention duties on local authorities to intervene in homelessness cases earlier and maintain an involvement with service user for longer.
- 4.2 The housing placements team (People Directorate), and the strategic housing team (Place Directorate) have been working to get Coventry ready to implement the requirements of this legislation. There are a number of small policy changes that will be required to implement the guidance of the act and allow the City Council to intervene earlier in an attempt to prevent people becoming homeless in the first place. These policy changes and establishment of a dedicated team are currently making their way through the political approval process.

5 Work currently underway with partner organisations:

- 5.1 **Building new homes** through our joint venture with Whitefriars – as approved by council in November 2015, this joint venture has achieved planning permission on two sites, and will deliver a minimum of 122 additional affordable homes before 2020. A further 39 homes are also likely to be brought forward following a separate land sale to Whitefriars. It should be noted that these are in addition to the affordable homes provided as part of planning requirements on developments over 25 properties. (The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) reviewed housing supply and delivery at their meeting on 17 January 2018. Representatives of Whitefriars, Stonewater and Midland Heart attended the meeting.)
- 5.2 **Reducing temporary accommodation spend** -working with Whitefriars and Valley House, the City Council is proposing to convert a previous care home into temporary accommodation for up to 32 families, reducing our reliance upon bed and breakfast. The legal agreements for this should be completed by the end of January allowing a final approval report to be brought to cabinet. Officers are currently preparing a second business case to build further temporary accommodation using a locally manufactured modular building system, on a former neighbourhood office site. This could bring forward a further 20 family units. A full business case and permission to proceed will be presented to cabinet in due course.
- 5.3 **Improving current temporary accommodation** – by working with the current suppliers of temporary accommodation the housing placements team have been successful in negotiating a number of long term accommodation places that they can then place service users in at a cheaper rate.
- 5.4 Joint work between licensing and housing options colleagues, will also see the roll out of new Service Level Agreements (SLA) with accommodation providers during the last quarter of 2017/18. This is aimed at driving up the standard of temporary accommodation and where possible reducing the cost of the accommodation, by removing ad hoc procurement arrangements.
- 5.5 **Future plans to increase housing supply in Coventry** – the City Council has now adopted a local plan and area action plan for the City Centre. These release additional land within the City and where a development is over 25 dwellings, developers will be required to provide further affordable housing.

- 5.6 Following the presentation from Birmingham City Council on their current house building activities, colleagues in the development team are preparing an options paper for cabinet to make proposals directly relevant to Coventry.
- 5.7 **Domestic violence** – whilst the percentage of the people presenting as homeless as a result of domestic violence has dropped since 2014/15, it still remains the third highest reason for someone finding themselves homeless. Public Health and the Community Safety team are concluding their work on the preparation of a new domestic violence strategy and the document will shortly be ready to consult upon. Working with the service providers who support victims of domestic violence one key output for this strategy will be to improve the provision and capacity in the City to support victims of domestic violence. (Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee will be considering the Domestic Abuse Strategy at its meeting on 28 February 2018).

6 Empty homes

6.1 Table 2 below provides the current levels empty homes and trend since 2010.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Coventry - empty over 6 months (DCLG Live Table 615)	1,565	1,495	1,455	1,445	1,273	1,080	1,150
Total dwellings (from DCLG Live Table 125)	132,130	132,890	133,800	134,780	135,870	136,980	138,390
Over 6 months empty as % of total dwellings	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%

6.2 Since 2010 there has been a steady decrease in the number of empty homes in Coventry. Work continues through planning enforcement to bring these properties back into permanent use where possible. However, it should be noted that a good proportion of the 1,150 empty homes for over six months are already paying the enhanced council tax of 150%. In exceptional circumstance the City Council can use powers of compulsory purchase to acquire an empty property and bring it back into use, this is currently being considered in a long running enforcement case and a business case is being prepared.

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Homelessness Statistics (Updated January 2018)

Reasons for homelessness - statutory homeless households (P1E):

As can be seen in the table below, the main reasons for homelessness in Coventry are: Ending of an assured shorthold tenancy in the private rented sector; parents/relatives/friends no longer able or willing to accommodate; violent breakdown of relationship with partner.

The % homeless as a result of being evicted from the private rented sector has been relatively consistent over the past three years, but has increased significantly since 2010/11 (when it was 20%) – this is in line with the national picture.

Reason for Homelessness	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18 Q1 Q2 & Q3
1. Parents no longer willing or able to accommodate	10%	12%	12%	19%
2. Other relatives/friends unable/unwilling to accommodate	8%	9%	16%	12%
3. Non-violent breakdown of relationship - partner	5%	4%	5%	6%
4a. Violent breakdown of relationship - partner	19%	17%	11%	12%
4b. Violent breakdown of relationship - associated persons	2%	0%	1%	1%
4c. Racially motivated violence	0%	0%	0%	0%
4d. Other forms of violence	2%	2%	1%	1%
5a. Racially motivated harassment	0%	0%	1%	0%
5b. Other forms of harassment	2%	1%	0%	1%
6. Mortgage arrears (repossession or other loss of home)	1%	0%	1%	0%
7a. Rent arrears on LA or other public sector dwellings	1%	1%	0%	1%
7b. Rent arrears on RSL or other HA dwellings	0%	0%	0%	0%
7c. Rent arrears on private sector dwellings	1%	1%	3%	3%
8a. Loss of rented accomm due to end of AST	34%	34%	35%	27%
8b. Loss of rented - reasons other than termination of AST	6%	5%	3%	4%
9. Req to leave accomm provided as asylum support	5%	5%	3%	3%
10a. Left prison/on remand	0%	1%	0%	0%
10b. Left hospital	0%	1%	0%	1%
10c. Left other institution or LA care	1%	2%	1%	2%
11a. Other - Left HM forces	0%	0%	0%	0%
11b. Other reason (eg emergency, sleeping rough)	2%	4%	4%	6%
12. Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

**Rate of Statutory homelessness (number stat homeless per 1000 population):
West Midlands and Geographical Neighbours P1E Stats comparison -
2016/17**

Local Authority	Number of decisions	Number of Stat Homeless decisions	Rate of stat hless per 1000 population
Coventry	1065	638	4.51
Birmingham	5473	3479	8.07
Dudley	1725	59	0.45
Sandwell	786	551	4.32
Solihull	783	418	4.71
Walsall	373	304	2.72
Wolverhampton	835	412	3.91
North Warwickshire	142	85	3.21
Nuneaton & Bedworth	173	128	2.36
Rugby	233	168	3.82
Warwick	552	136	2.24
Stratford-on-Avon	259	142	2.64
England	115550	59100	2.54

Appendix 2

	Cost		Pressure	
	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Housing Benefits	2,273	3,144	2,273	3,144
Housing Options Team (non-staffing)	154	224	119	189
Housing Options Team (staffing cost)	541	679	158	290
Neighbourhoods Team & RAS	469	572	227	330
Total excl. Supported Accom. for homeless 18-24	3,437	4,619	2,777	3,953
Supported Accommodation for homeless 18-24	1,046	878	399	231
Total	4,483	5,497	3,176	4,184

This table includes the cost of service provision including the cost of the Housing Options officer time which is largely (but not exclusively) related to homelessness. It does not however include other staffing costs or grants to voluntary providers where they would support homeless families either directly or indirectly, as this cannot be quantified, and would vary from year to year.

Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

14th June 2017 (informal briefings)
Air Quality Community Safety Public Health
12th July 2017
Council Performance Report 2016/17 WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback
6th September 2017
City Centre Redevelopment including Friargate, City Centre South, Station Master Plan, Leisure Centre, 50m Pool Civic Visits to Dresden and Kiel
20th September 2017 PM
Fire Safety in High-Rise Buildings
18th October 2017
WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback
22nd November 2017
WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback – verbal update Student Accommodation and University City Development Adult Services Community Based Preventative Support
20th December 2017
Council Plan progress April – September 2017 Taxi Licensing Civic Visit to Belgrade, Serbia
24th January 2018
Homelessness WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback – verbal update
28th February 2018
School Parking Issues
28th March 2018
WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback
18th April 2018
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Date to be determined
Selective Licensing for the Private Rented Sector – consultation outcomes (Priority – awaiting date confirmation) Vulnerable Persons Strategy Air Quality Prevent Strategy Renewal Plan WMP2020 – West Midlands Police Transformation Programme
2018/19
Emergency Planning and Resilience

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
14th June 2017 (informal briefings)	Air Quality		
	Community Safety		
	Public Health		
12th July 2017	Council Performance Report 2016/17	To consider the Council's performance report. To include, as recommended by SCRUCO in 2016/17, simple information on the reduction in funding imposed on the Council and the impact that this has had on performance.	Andy Baker/ Si Chun Lam
	WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback	Council representatives on the WMCA overview and scrutiny committee to feedback on the work of the committee	Cllr Brown Cllr J Mutton
6th September 2017	City Centre Redevelopment including Friargate, City Centre South, Station Master Plan, Leisure Centre, 50m Pool	A report on how several developments are interlinked and how they will support the regeneration of the city. Meeting to take place at Eaton House and a visit to Friargate.	David Cockroft David Nuttall Cllr O Boyle Cllr Welsh Cllr Duggins
	Civic Visits to Dresden and Kiel	Reports from the Lord Mayor on recent visits to Dresden and Kiel	No officers required
20th September 2017 <u>PM</u>	Fire Safety in High-Rise Buildings	To discuss with the Fire Service and Whitefriars, Coventry University to consider fire prevention and safety for high-rise buildings	Andrew Walster Cllr Duggins WMFS Whitefriars Coventry University Council rep on outside bodies
18th October 2017	WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback	Council representatives on the WMCA overview and scrutiny committee to feedback on the work of the committee	Cllr Brown Cllr J Mutton

SCRUCO Work Programme 2017/18

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	Local Policing	An item to cover issues including effectiveness of current PSPO's, Police and Crime Plan, rough sleepers, enforcement powers.	
	Emergency Planning and Resilience	To review the arrangements for emergency planning and resilience in the city to minimise risks, respond to emergencies, ensure effective communication and provide reassurance.	Michael Enderby Cllr Duggins
22nd November 2017	WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback – verbal update	Council representatives on the WMCA overview and scrutiny committee to feedback on the work of the committee	Cllr Brown Cllr J Mutton
	Student Accommodation and University City Development	To look at demand and supply of purpose built and private rented student accommodation and whether HIMO's have been returned to family use. Plans for CC1-4 site and the impact of Brexit on University finances.	Coventry University Craig Hickin Mark Andrews Cllr Bigham/O'Boyle
	Adult Services Community Based Preventative Support	This report is coming to SCRUCO prior to Cabinet on 28 th November. This will give SCRUCO to make recommendations for Cabinet ahead of the decision being finalised.	Michelle McGinty Cllr Abbott
20th December 2017	Council Plan progress April – September 2017	Progress on the Council Plan report for 2017-18, which will go to Cabinet in January 2018	Si Chun Lam Cllr Duggins
	Taxi Licensing	This item will explore the current issues around taxi licensing, prompted by the rise in the number of cabs operating in the City who are registered elsewhere and the development of new models of taxi businesses, including Uber.	Andrew Walster Mick Coggins Cllr Innes
	Civic Visit to Belgrade, Serbia	Feedback on the Lord Mayor's civic visit to Belgrade, which took place in October.	Cllr Skipper Jane Barlow
24th January 2018	Homelessness	There has been a rise in homelessness, and this trend is expected to rise. This item will take a strategic look at the way the City addresses homelessness and identify whether there is a way resources can be used differently to prevent homelessness and reduce levels of homelessness and the	Andrew Walster/ John Gregg/ Pete Fahy/ Liz Gaulton/ Barry Hastie/ Customer Services

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
		number of people in temporary accommodation. Childrens' Services, Adult Services, Customer Services, Public Health and Revenues & Benefits will all be asked to contribute to the meeting, as well as the team with overall responsibility for Homelessness.	
	WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback – verbal update	Council representatives on the WMCA overview and scrutiny committee to feedback on the work of the committee	Cllr Brown Cllr J Mutton
28th February 2018	School Parking Issues	To scrutinise the problems around schools during drop-off and pick-up times and look at what powers can be used to alleviate issues for residents.	
28th March 2018	WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback	Council representatives on the WMCA overview and scrutiny committee to feedback on the work of the committee	Cllr Brown Cllr J Mutton
18th April 2018	-		
Date to be determined	Selective Licensing for the Private Rented Sector – consultation outcomes (Priority – awaiting date confirmation)	To consider the outcomes of the consultation and recommendations to the Cabinet Member following a scrutiny task and finish group recommending implementation in St. Michael's Ward.	Davina Blackburn Tracy Miller Cllr O'Boyle
	West Midlands Combined Authority	To consider engagement with the West Midlands Combined Authority, particularly its Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Cllr Mutton and Cllr Brown are the City Council's nominated representatives on the Committee for 2017/18.	Cllr Duggins Martin Reeves

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	Business Rates	Members requested information on the current position on business rates retention and the WMCA pilot considering the Local Government Finance Bill was not in the Queen's Speech. This was received during July 2017. Once further information is available, the Board would like an agenda item on Business Rates.	Barry Hastie Paul Jennings Cllr J Mutton
	<i>Review of Scrutiny</i>	<i>To review the current Scrutiny procedures and to consider whether improvements could be made.</i>	<i>Adrian West Cllr Brown /Cllr Duggins</i>
	Vulnerable Persons Strategy	This will take a strategic approach to a range of issues affecting vulnerable people. It will incorporate the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy as well as addressing issues such as modern day slavery, hate crime, Female Genital Mutilation, forced marriage and sexual violence. This will provide Scrutiny with an early opportunity to review the new proposed approach.	Liz Gaulton/Craig Hickin Cllr A Khan
	Air Quality	Scrucos will consider this issue which cuts across several areas including health, transportation, planning and public realm etc. The Board wishes to address issues and identify solutions. A potential task and finish group.	Liz Gaulton/Andrew Walster
	Prevent Strategy	To receive an update on the Prevent Strategy and duties associated with it.	Chief Superintendent Danny Long Geoff Thomas
	Renewal Plan	SCRUCO will invite WMCA Mayor, Andy Street, to discuss his renewal plan.	
	WMP2020 – West Midlands Police Transformation Programme	An introduction to plans for local policing to 2020.	Cllr A Khan Craig Hickin
2018/19	Emergency Planning and Resilience	Following the item in October 2017, SCRUCO requested that an item on Emergency Planning and Resilience is brought to	Michael Enderby Cllr Duggins

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		the Board annual to enable them to review the arrangements in the city to minimise risks, respond to emergencies, ensure effective communication and provide reassurance.	