



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.30 am on Monday, 12th March, 2018

Place

Committee Room 3 - Council House

Public Business**1. Apologies and Substitutions****2. Declarations of Interest****3. Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)

(a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th January, 2018

(b) Matters Arising

4. WMP 2020 - West Midlands Police Transformation Programme

Presentation from Chief Superintendent Mike O'Hara, West Midlands Police

Councillor Kelly, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner and Member of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board, and Councillors A Khan and P Akhtar, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item

5. Police, Crime and Community Safety Action Plan (Pages 9 - 20)

Briefing note of the Head of Environmental Services

Chief Superintendent Mike O'Hara, West Midlands Police has been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item along with Councillor Kelly, Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner and Member of the Strategic Policing and Crime Board, and Councillors A Khan and P Akhtar, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

6. Annual Report of the Work of Outside Bodies - West Midlands Combined Authority - Committees (Pages 21 - 24)

Report of Councillor George Duggins

7. Annual Report on the Work of Outside Bodies - Voluntary Action Coventry (Pages 25 - 28)

Report of Councillor Christine Thomas

8. **Annual Report on the Work of Outside Bodies - Whitefriars Housing Group** (Pages 29 - 30)

Report of Councillor Ram Lakha OBE

9. **Outstanding Issues**

All outstanding issues have been included in the work programme.

10. **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2017/2018** (Pages 31 - 36)

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator

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

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

Tuesday, 27 February 2018

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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 P Akhtar, L Kelly and A Khan

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on
Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor R Brown (Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor A Andrews
Councillor D Gannon
Councillor R Lancaster (substitute for Councillor
J McNicholas)
Councillor G Ridley
Councillor R Singh

Employees (by Directorate):

Place S Bennett, B Hastie, G Holmes, A Walster

People D Ashmore, D O'Shaughnessy

Others Present N Slinn, Salvation Army

Apologies Councillors L Bigham, J Clifford, G Duggins, J McNicholas
M Mutton and C Thomas

Public Business

52. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

53. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 December, 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

54. Homelessness

The Committee considered a Briefing Note and presentation that outlined the current position on homelessness in Coventry and which highlighted the reasons why people find themselves without a home. Nathan Slinn, a representative of the Salvation Army, who currently hold the contract to provide supported accommodation and floating support, attended the meeting. In addition, the Chair, Councillor Brown, invited contributions from a number of members of the public who had either experienced homelessness or who worked with homelessness organisations.

The presentation covered the following issues:-

- Trends of those presenting as homeless; a breakdown of the reasons for homelessness; and comparison with West Midlands and County neighbours
- Changes to legislation and early intervention work
- Work currently underway with partner organisations including:-
 - Building new homes
 - Reducing temporary accommodation spend
 - Improving current temporary accommodation
 - Future plans to increase housing supply in Coventry
 - Support for victims of domestic violence
- Current trends and levels of empty homes since 2010

The Committee questioned officers, representatives and members of the public on a number of issues, including:-

- Rates of homelessness across the West Midlands and how those rates are measured
- The Council's powers in relation to Empty Homes
- Innovative ways of building new homes, such as modular homes
- Selective Licensing and anticipated implementation dates
- How homelessness is managed by Directorates across the Council
- Implications of the new Homelessness Reduction Act and grant funding associated with the new legislation
- The difference between rough sleepers and street beggars
- How rough sleepers are counted, the accuracy of those figures and the lack of day time facilities for rough sleepers
- Liaison between homelessness organisations and providers
- How drug and alcohol addiction impacts on cases of homelessness
- Innovative ways of funding new housing schemes to increase the amount of social and affordable housing

The Committee requested further information in relation to the following:-

- The anticipated effect of the introduction of Universal Credit on Homelessness figures
- Modular Housing schemes
- The average costs per person of temporary accommodation
- A breakdown of the figures in relation to the categories of empty homes and the number likely to be brought back into use in the next year

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair, Councillor Brown thanked all of the participants for their contribution to the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:-

- (1) Note the Briefing Note and presentation and welcome the contributions made by officers, the Salvation Army and members of the public**
- (2) Request that the report on Selective Licensing be considered by Scrutiny prior to its consideration by Cabinet**
- (3) Recommend that the Cabinet Member for Community Development:-**
 - a) In order to ensure a cohesive and holistic approach to homelessness and to enable information to be shared, considers the establishment of a Homelessness Forum, involving all appropriate stakeholders, including funding providers, to be chaired by an Independent Person**
 - b) Continues to consider innovative methods of funding new housing developments to ensure an increase in the number of new affordable and social housing being built**
 - c) Considers lobbying the Government to ensure that the funding provided as part of the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 continues beyond the initial two years.**

55. West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Feedback

The Chair, Councillor R Brown, provided an update on recent meetings attended.

56. Scrutiny Management

In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee noted that the Chair, Councillor R Brown had attended the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration meeting on 14 December, 2017 for the item relating to "Coventry City Centre Business Improvement District (BID) and had 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 18 December, 2017.

57. Outstanding Issues

The Committee noted that all outstanding issues were included in the Committee's Work Programme.

58. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2017/2018

The Committee noted their Work Programme for the current municipal year.

The Chair, Councillor Brown, asked all Chairs of Scrutiny Boards to consider if there were any outstanding issues from their Work Programmes that needed to be

considered during the current Municipal Year that could be considered by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.

59. **Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business**

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 12.00 pm)



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Committee

Date: 12th March 2018

Subject: Police Crime and Community Safety Plan

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide additional context for the Police Crime and Community Safety Plan provided for members.

2 Information/Background

- 2.1 Previously a presentation was given to the Committee regarding the key areas that were being targeted as part of the Police Crime and Community Safety Plan.
- 2.2 Members were quite clear that they felt that the format of the presentation did not provide them with sufficient detail to be reassured that there was enough substance and clear direction as to how aims were going to be achieved.
- 2.3 Agencies were instructed to go away and come back at such a time when members concerned could be allayed and the requisite level of detail provided.

3 The Plan

- 3.1 Each of the key topic areas is effectively allocated to a board that will oversee that aspect/area.
- 3.2 Some of the areas will cut across a number of different boards but we have looked to place the actions, and the responsibility for delivering those actions with the most appropriate board.
- 3.3 The plan has a dynamic RAG rating (Red, Amber, Green) The colour is intended to demonstrate how it is felt progress is being made towards the target/aim

4 Governance

- 4.1 The Police and Crime Board will be the forum whereby the areas and targets are monitored- that is not to take away the responsibility from other boards, it is just the most appropriate forum to discuss and monitor the plan.

There is a work plan and action tracker that are being designed to more easily check on the progress of the plan, whilst it is not appropriate to share them currently, there is no reason why members should not be kept updated as often as it is felt necessary and practical.

5 Next Steps

- 5.1 The plan is already being implemented, some initial actions have already been completed, boards will be discussing the areas and actions that are their responsibility.
- 5.2 The Police and Crime board will commence monitoring of the plan, checking the work plan and action tracker and where appropriate key staff or board members will be required to answer as to what is being done if progress is felt unsatisfactory.

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1. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

1.1 We will use new legislation and partnership forums to improve the way we tackle anti-social behaviour throughout the city				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
1.1.1	City tasking	We will make effective use of the PSPO legislation in place throughout the city to tackle anti-social behaviour through positive intervention	Insp Sarah Tambling & Liam Nagle	Ongoing
1.1.2	City tasking	We will seek permission to use PSPO legislation to tackle the anti-social use of vehicles throughout the City and to tackle common anti-social behaviours in the City Centre. When in place use positive intervention to address behaviours.	Liam Nagle & PC Nic Mansell	Ongoing
1.1.3	City tasking	We will introduce the use of Community Protection Notices to tackle those individuals who cause us the most harm through Anti-Social Behaviour	Lee Millar	March 2018
1.1.4	City tasking	We will review the Local Case Management Forums with a view to improving local practices and removing any unnecessary duplication	Liam Nagle/Sarah Tambling	Feb 2018

1.2 We will improve our use of technological advances in camera surveillance to keep our communities safe				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
1.2.1	City tasking	The Coventry Community Safety Partnership will build on the recent renewal of some of their 'street based' surveillance cameras by adopting better management practices and deployment of these assets to maximise their potential	Martin McHugh & Sgt. Nathan Witts	Ongoing
1.2.2	City Tasking	Use existing networks to develop CCTV coverage in partnership across the city e.g. collaboration with Coventry University	Joy Adams	June 2018

1.3 We will improve the way we communicate community safety updates, to seek more feedback and better interact with the needs of the local communities				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
1.3.1	City tasking	WMNow: We will use this online networking tool to improve communication with our communities, improve delivery of crime prevention messages and urgent community safety messages. We will improve usage and rate of signup to obtain greater coverage across the City. Update to PCCSB quarterly.	Peter Sturgeon (WMP)	March 2018

1.3.2	City tasking	City Tasking: We will provide regular feedback to Police, Crime & Community Safety Board about issues raised to City Tasking, progress and development of city plans	Craig Hickin	Ongoing to the Police and Crime Board
1.3.3	City tasking	Websites: We will refresh the Police, Crime & Community Safety Board Website and promote to our communities	Louise Slevin	Feb 2018

1.4 We will continue to develop and co-ordinate a cohort of Active Citizens and volunteer networks to help us tackle ASB and Environmental Crime.

No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
1.4.1	City tasking	Improve the way City Tasking engages and interacts with Universities and Student Warden network and make better use of this resource	Martin McHugh & Caron McKenna (Cov Uni)	Dec 2018
1.4.2	City tasking	Connect & Build Team: Continue to develop community networks and Active Citizens in neighbourhoods across the city. Provide PCCSB update quarterly on projects and developments.	Martin McHugh/Sarah Tambling	Ongoing
1.4.3	City Tasking	Active Citizen Fund: Promote the PCC's Active Citizen Fund to the PCCSB through quarterly and summarise the projects it has helped to fund including the reach across the city and development of partnership networks.	Insp Sarah Tambling	Ongoing

1.5 We will improve housing standards and reduce levels of Antisocial Behaviour linked to housing stock.

No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
1.5.1	City tasking	We will continue to implement the Selective Licensing Scheme in St Michaels Ward and monitor the effectiveness of this protocol	Davina Blackburn/Steve Chantler	TBC
1.5.2	City tasking	We will better engage with universities to encourage students to rate their properties and provide evidence of poor property management	Caron McKenna (Cov Uni)	TBC
1.5.3	City Tasking	Use of partnership Restorative Justice Team to resolve entrenched neighbour disputes, irrespective of tenure type and feed back results of this PCC funded project to PCCSB quarterly	Insp Sarah Tambling	Ongoing

2. CONNECT, BUILD & ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

2.1 Inspire greater trust especially from young, vulnerable and diverse communities				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
2.1.1	TBC	Improve engagement with young people: Launch Police & Youth Forum in partnership with Positive Youth Foundation	PC Vicky Hobbs	June 2018
2.1.2	TBC	Develop networks across the city with a view to develop a partnership youth strategy and focus	Insp Sarah Tambling	June 2018
2.1.3	COMG	Develop links with people with lived experience of stop & search in order to better understand its impact on our communities	Insp. Hasson Shigdar	March 2018
2.1.4	COMG	Work with our local universities to improve our understanding of the criminal and community safety threat posed to students, and to maximise the safety of the student and general university community	Gill Grant (Warwick Uni), Caron McKeena (Cov Uni), Sgt. Nathan Witts	March 2018

2.2 Strengthen our communities against the harm caused by Hate Crime				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
2.2.1	Harm Reduction & Vulnerable Victims (HRVV)	Encourage reporting of Hate Crime through targeted and proactive messaging to our communities through the new Hate Crime Strategy	Bev Massey & Mohammed Bashir	Ongoing
2.2.2	HRVV	Review the provision of Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres and online reporting options	Bev Massey & Mohammed Bashir	March 2018

2.3 Connect, build & engage with our communities, especially with those at most risk of harm.				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
2.3.1	HRVV	Strengthen partnership network for HRVV and ensure alignment with Multiple Complex Needs Strategy for the city.	Craig Hickin/Sarah Tambling	June 2018
2.3.2	MCN (Ops Group)	Involvement of Experts by Experience to inform the Multiple Complex Needs strategy and better understand the needs of those at most risk of harm. Feedback to inform PCCSB of progress and learning.	Liam Nagle/Sarah Tambling	June 2018

2.3.3	HRVV	Map and identify the communities at most risk of harm across our city and devise appropriate strategies	Mohammed Bashir	June 2018
2.3.4	HRVV	Promotion and development of Community Co-ordinator role (Insight) - to create more cohesive communities	Mohammed Bashir	June 2018
2.3.5	HRVV	Police Connect & Build Team: Repeat Community Fusion event to strengthen and integrate faith networks	Insp Sarah Tambling	September 2018
2.3.6	MCN (Ops Group)	Steps For Change: Development and sustainability plan for Steps Forc Change project and link with WMCA Homeless TaskForce	Insp Sarah Tambling	June 2018

2.4 Maximise the benefits of integration with partners				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
2.4.2	HRVV	Map, identify and coordinate existing and proposed provision of community coordination	Mohammed Bashir	June 2018

3. RE-OFFENDING & REDUCTION OF HARM

3.1 Reduce re-offending by the most harmful offenders				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
3.1.1	COMG	Complete the review of the Coventry Offender Management Group (COMG) Meeting to ensure that attendees and content of the meeting are fit for purpose and can deliver improved service	CI Anthony Bennett	March 2018
3.1.2	COMG	Continue to identify further referral pathways with stakeholders, ensuring that the demand for these is met where possible from statutory and third sector providers	CI Anthony Bennett	March 2018
3.1.3	COMG	LAC Care homes to continue to be focus for targeted prevention activity	Georgina Kell	Ongoing
3.1.4	COMG	Develop closer partnership with Border Agency to improve information sharing and understanding with the aim of addressing problematic foreign nationals	CI Anthony Bennett	March 2018

3.2 We will work in partnership to break the cycle of offending through partnership intervention programmes				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when

Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan - Actions

3.2.1	COMG	Stop the drivers behind offending by young people by providing relevant pathways to prevent reoffending in line with justice for the victim	Georgina Kell	Ongoing
3.2.2	COMG	Focus on Multiple Complex Needs strategy for offending linked to substance misuse and homelessness	Liam Nagle/Insp Sarah Tambling	September 2018

3.3 Work in partnership to reduce crimes and incidents involving weapons				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
3.3.1	COMG	Knife Crime – Prevention initiatives: e.g. Focus the use of resources such as knife arches to reduce number of offenders found carrying knives – in development with PCC	Insp. D Langston	March 2018
3.3.2	COMG	Schools Panels: Develop work in schools and educational establishments to raise awareness and reduce number of incidents and confiscations within educational settings	PC Vicky Hobbs	Ongoing
3.3.3	COMG	Build confidence among young people to divert them away from gangs and unhealthy relationships	PC Vicky Hobbs & Georgina Kell	Ongoing

3.4 We will promote safer travel & reduce casualties on the roads				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
3.4.1	City tasking	Continue to develop 'Community Speed Watch'.	Insp. D Langston	Ongoing
3.4.2	City tasking	Develop use of 'speed reporting concerns app' amongst community.	Insp. D Langston	Ongoing
3.4.3	City tasking	Develop use of virtual reality technology to increase speed awareness in the community.	Insp. D Langston	Ongoing
3.4.4	City tasking	Work with local partners to improve road safety.	Insp. D Langston	Ongoing

4. DRUGS & SUBSTANCE MISUSE

4.1 We will work in partnership to support the City's Drug and Alcohol Strategy				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
4.1.1	COMG	Community Safety and Police will engage with the City Drug & Alcohol Steering Group and ensure our activities are complementary. Make better use of Out of Court Disposals, where appropriate, to address drug use	Insp Jane Howarth (PIPT)	Ongoing
4.1.2	COMG	We will continue to use community protection notices and conditional cautions and seek other opportunities within our partnerships to use effective out of court disposal	Insp Jane Howarth (PIPT)	Ongoing
4.1.3	COMG	We will make greater use of restorative justice methods through establishment of partnership RJ team	Sgt. Stuart Randall	Completed

4.2 Provide more training and awareness for our community teams to be able to improve the way we engage and refer people into treatment				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
4.2.1	COMG	Establish a clear referral pathway for partnership officers to identify and signpost offenders as appropriate	Caroline Ryder	Ongoing
4.2.2	City tasking (NTE)	Continue to support St Johns Ambulance and Street Pastors who work with people in the Night Time Economy who are vulnerable through use of drink or drugs	Liam Nagle & Sgt. Tim Roberts	Completed

4.3 We will work closely with Universities and educational establishments to raise awareness of substance misuse issues				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
4.3.1	HWB	Work with the local Schools Panels to ensure they are encouraging preventative education from partner services around substance misuse	PC Vicky Hobbs	Completed (Ongoing monitoring)
4.3.2	HWB	Increase outreach and transitional working with students with substance misuse issues in the University Community	Jill Grant (Warwick Uni) and Caron Mckenna (Cov Uni)	Completed (Ongoing monitoring)

4.4 We will improve active outreach opportunities to get more people into treatment services				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
4.4.1	City tasking	We will use the positive requirements aspect of enforcement of the proposed PSPO in the city centre to compel beggars with substance misuse issues into treatment services	Liam Nagle	March 2018
4.4.2	HRVV	Sex Workers Forum: We will look for options for better support for key vulnerable groups such as sex workers, which will provide more effective screening and support	Bev Massey	June 2018/ongoing

4.5 We will work with Social Services and the Judiciary to improve drug and alcohol services within the criminal justice system				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
4.5.1	COMG	Better “Through The Gate” planning to ensure people released from jail and Young Offender Institutes are accompanied to treatment ASAP and appointments are prioritised	CRC/NPS	ongoing
4.5.2	COMG	We will look at ways to reduce waiting times for appointments and treatment services for those in the criminal justice system	CI Anthony Bennett	ongoing

5. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & ABUSE

5.1 Development and implementation of City Domestic Abuse Strategy				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
5.1.1	HRVV	Write and implement the Domestic Abuse and Vulnerable Victims Strategy	Liz Gaulton & Craig Hickin	March 18

5.2 Development and support of significant Domestic Abuse related multi-agency programmes and initiatives taking place across Coventry				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
5.2.1	HRVV	Review and seek continuation of serial significant DV perpetrator mentoring programme	Craig Hickin & Bev Massey	March 18
5.2.2	HRVV	Maximise referrals into the Home office funded alcohol related domestic abuse early intervention programme	Jayne Ross (WMP)	Ongoing
5.2.3	HRVV	Specialist support for employability, and support with financial and emotional abuse (High Life)	Bev Massey	June 2018

6. HIDDEN HARM & VULNERABLE VICTIMS

6.1 Development and implementation of City Vulnerable Victims Strategy				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
6.1.1	HRVV	Continue to work on development of City Vulnerable Victims Strategy	Liz Gaulton & Craig Hickin	June 2018

6.2 Development and support of significant multi-agency programmes and initiatives taking place across Coventry which are related to hidden harm and our most vulnerable victims				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
6.2.1	City tasking	Scam Awareness - support to vulnerable people to raise awareness of fraud and cyber-crime	Alan Harwood	Ongoing
6.2.2	HRVV	Whitefriars Housing neighbourhood Improvement Plan - focusing resources on priorities such as multiple complex needs	Carmel McCarthy	Ongoing
6.2.3	HRVV	Warwick University multi-agency initiative to support vulnerable students in the wider community	Jill Grant (Warwick Uni)	Ongoing
6.2.4	HRVV	Our Families, Our Future - engagement and support to new communities with focus on strengthening women's networks across the city	OFOF Lead TBC	Ongoing
6.2.5	HRVV	Fire Service Vulnerable Persons Officers - proactive response to referrals for vulnerable adults	Ben Diamond (WMFS)	

6.3 Increase partnership and community awareness of crimes associated with hidden harm and our most vulnerable victims				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
6.3.1	City tasking	Modern Slavery partnership operational group and links to other partners including voluntary & community sector	Sgt. Mark Teago and Davina Blackburn	Ongoing
6.3.2	HRVV	Devise a communication strategy for hidden crimes	Darren O'Shaunnessy	Ongoing

7. TACKLE NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL THREATS (COUNTER TERRORISM)

7.1 Reduce the harm caused by organised criminals and gangs				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
7.1.1	COMG	Complete and implement an action plan from the Coventry Serious and Organised Crime Local Profile	CI Anthony Bennett	June 2018

7.2 Increase our work with partners to prevent terrorism and extremism.				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
7.2.1	Prevent	Ensure the delivery of the City PREVENT plan.	Geoff Thomas	Ongoing

7.3 Further develop our plans to protect the city from terrorism and extremism.				
No.	Sub Group	Action	Responsible Officer	By when
7.3.1	Prevent	Work with the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Resilience Forum to ensure plans remain fit for purpose and suitable in view of recent terrorist incidents	Mike Enderby/Sgt Mark Teago	Ongoing
7.3.2	Prevent	Bring to life' the WMP and city plans so that staff know and understand their role better should plans need to be activated	Geoff Thomas	Ongoing
7.3.3	Prevent	Strengthen governance with CCC and scope possibility of a CONTEST board for the city	CS Mike O'Hara	Ongoing
7.3.4	Local Resilience Forum	Develop partnership to establish a city wide PROTECT & PREPARE board in order to support the CSW Resilience Forum	Mike Enderby/Sgt Mark Teago	Ongoing



Coventry City Council

Public report

Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

12th March 2018

Report of
Councillor G Duggins - Leader of the Council

Title
Annual Report on the Work Of Outside Bodies – West Midlands Combined Authority

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of elected members appointed to Committees of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) over the preceding twelve months.
- 1.2 WMCA is a statutory body that facilitates the collaboration and joint working between local authorities to drive economic prosperity for the area. It was established on the 17 June 2016 with Coventry being one of the seven constituent members. This gives the City Council full voting rights at its board and influence in how the WMCA achieves its ambition for the West Midlands is to help rebalance the UK economy, closing the £16bn output gap, and lead the Midlands Engine for the benefit of the region and the citizens of Coventry.
- 1.3 The WMCA operates within legislative and constitutional parameters and operates governance arrangements within that framework which requires appointments to its board and sub committees from the seven constituent authorities. From May 2017 the WMCA became a Mayoral Combined Authority.
- 1.4 The City Council has made a number of appointments to the WMCA board and committees including to the Overview and Scrutiny committee and the Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee to which the City Council representative continue to have significant input.
- 1.5 The appointment to the WMCA Board and Committees ensure the voice of Coventry residents is heard, the benefits of devolution for the City continues and that the City Council retains its influential role within the WMCA

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The appointment to the WMCA Board and Committees should continue to be made to the organisation in line with the legislative requirements.

3 Information on the WMCA activity

- 3.1 The Board co-ordinates the work of the WMCA to achieve its identified priorities across the region. The Leader of the City Council as member of the WMCA board provides a statement of the work of the WMCA at each Council meeting.
- 3.2 The Leaders of the constituent authorities, as part of their WMCA duties, have distinct responsibilities for programmes, initiatives or projects and work in partnership with each of the three Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs). Councillor Duggins is portfolio holder for Skills and Productivity. The WMCA aims to tackle the low productivity, shortage of skills and high rates of unemployment seen in some parts of the region.
- 3.3 The WMCA has a number of key priorities - economic growth, skills, transport and housing as well as reforming public services and reducing the region's welfare bill. To deal with these priorities the WMCA has established three commissions;

Land Commission

The aim of the Land Commission was to identify measures that could help provide more developable land for housing and employment that so that the levels of growth the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) could be met. The land commission identified measures to increase supply of land for housing and employment helping meet the level of growth set out in the SEP and now set out for delivery in the Land Action Plan.

Productivity and Skills Commission

The aim of this commissions is to understand the true extent of the productivity and skills challenge in the West Midlands and make recommendations to address the issues identified.

Mental Health Commission

This commission is undertaking research into mental health and its impact on the public sector. A full Thrive Action Plan has been put into place, fully resourced and progress is being checked against it.

- 3.4 The WMCA sets out its strategy and vision for improving the quality of life for everyone in the West Midlands in its Strategic Economic Plan (SEP). The strategic approach focuses on priority actions.

The eight priority actions are:

1. **New manufacturing economy:** harnessing the biggest concentrations of high value manufacturing businesses in Europe and their supply chains.
2. **Creative and digital:** further developing the area's vibrant and flourishing sector.
3. **Environmental technologies:** securing transformational environmental improvements.

4. **Medical and life sciences:** enabling the further growth of the medical and life sciences sector and supporting other businesses to diversify and become part of the sector's supply chain.
 5. **HS2 growth:** maximising the benefits of the largest infrastructure project in Europe.
 6. **Skills for growth and employment for all:** ensuring the skills needs of businesses are met and everybody can benefit from economic growth.
 7. **Housing:** accelerating the delivery of current housing plans to increase the level of house building to support increased level of growth.
 8. **Exploiting the economic geography:** making the most of the scale and diversity of the West Midlands' geography to enable economic growth and community wellbeing throughout the urban core and rural areas.
- 3.5 More information on the activities of the Combined Authority is available at www.wmca.org.uk. As reference above the Leader of the City Council has given regular updates on WMCA activity at meetings of full Council and the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee receives regular feedback from the Members appointed to the WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

4.1 The financial contribution for 2017/18 was £212 500.

5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

West Midlands Combined Authority Board

Appointees: Councillor Duggins (Lead) (Sub Councillor O'Boyle) and Councillor A Khan (Sub Councillor Maton)

10 meetings scheduled for the year (up to 9th February meeting there have been 8 meetings held).

Councillor Duggins attended 7 meetings – no meetings attended by substitute.
Councillor Khan attended 5 meetings - no meetings attended by substitute.

Audit and Risk Committee

Appointees: Councillor Bains (Lead) (Sub Councillor N Akhtar)

5 meetings scheduled for the year (up to 19th January meeting there have been 3 meetings held).

Councillor Bains attended 3 meetings - no meetings attended by the substitute.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Appointees: Councillor Mutton (Lead) (Sub Councillor Clifford) and the Joint Coventry/Solihull Member for 2017/2018 Councillor Brown (Sub Councillor McNicholas)

5 meetings scheduled for the year (up to 30th January meeting there have been 4 meetings held).

Councillor Mutton attended 4 meetings - no meetings attended by substitute.
Councillor Brown attended 3 meetings and Councillor McNicholas attended 1 meeting as substitute.

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Council House, Room 59



Coventry City Council

Public report

Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

12th March 2018

Report of
Councillor Christine Thomas

Title
Annual Report on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Voluntary Action Coventry

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report sets out details of the work of Voluntary Action Coventry (VAC) over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that Council does not appoint a representative to the Voluntary Action Board after the current grant aid agreement ends at 31st March 2018

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

3.1 Founded in 1957, VAC is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. Membership of Voluntary Action Coventry is open to all voluntary and community groups working within Coventry.

3.2 They offer a range of services & activities to voluntary and community organisations including:

- Group support
- Volunteering
- Network and information sharing

3.3 The strategic objectives of VAC are “The promotion of all or any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the city of Coventry and in particular by assisting the work of statutory authorities and voluntary organisations engaged in the advancement of education, furthering health, relieving poverty, distress and sickness or pursuing any other objects which now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable.” The area of benefit is the Midlands area and in particular the city of Coventry.

3.4 VAC meets these objects by:

- Supporting representation of issues from or relevant to the voluntary and community sectors (either by our members or by VAC championing issues that affect the sector generally)

- Organising networks and forums to provide liaison with statutory, voluntary and community organisations and to promote collaborative working
- Circulating information, including through newsletters and websites
- Providing advice on funding, volunteer management, charitable and constitutional issues etc.
- Providing occasional training or briefing sessions
- Promoting volunteering and helping volunteers find suitable opportunities
- Providing practical resources such as meeting rooms
- Signposting to other agencies with more specialist expertise
- Promoting the voluntary and community sectors generally

3.5 In April 2016 the Council put in place a Grant Aid Agreement with VAC, which ends in March 2018. This sets out the key outcomes which VAC is expected to contribute to in return for grant funding:

- Collaborative relationships between partners (voluntary, statutory and others) are established that focus on improving outcomes for Coventry residents.
- Approaches to engaging community organisations (and their communities) achieve greater collaboration and participation between the third sector and public sector.
- The voluntary and community sector grows in strength and capacity

3.6 VAC reports on its performance on a quarterly basis, this is discussed at the quarterly Management Board meeting which is also attended by the elected members and a Council officer representative. Key activities reported to the board during the first three quarters of the year include:

- Providing workshops to build collaborative relationships amongst third sector and public sector organisations, including to support: hospital discharge, domestic violence and abuse, drug and alcohol service, modern day slavery, mental health, proactive and preventative health and well-being, family hubs, Prevent and adult social care.
- Participation in a range of events and external funding consortia
- Supporting 130 organisations to set up and or run community organisations
- Supporting Coventry residents to give time to volunteering
- Establishment of two community based services

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

4.1 The Council Plan sets out the Council's vision and objectives for the period 2016-2024. With increasing public sector cuts, the third sector has an important role in helping to deliver the priorities for the City. By attending the VAC Board meeting elected members can hear at first hand the support provided by VAC to the sector and any issues that the sector may face.

4.2 The VAC Board includes representatives of local voluntary and community organisations elected by their membership. By attending the VAC Board meetings, City Council representatives benefit from discussion with third sector organisations on the VAC business plan and activities. It also provides an opportunity to network with third sector providers.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

- 5.1 Voluntary Action Coventry was granted £103,965.00 for 2016-17 and the same for £2017-8
- 5.2 Throughout the period of the grant VAC has been advised that the grant would end by March 2018 and officers have encouraged VAC to develop alternative income streams. Six months formal written notice that the grant would end was also provided on 14th September 2017 to ensure compliance with the Voluntary Sector Compact. The discontinuation of the Council grant will have a financial impact on VAC.
- 5.3 The Council's Insight Team has conducted engagement with third sector organisations and organisations in the city which provide capacity building support, including VAC, to help develop an alternative model to supporting the third sector.
- 5.4 This resulted in approval at the Cabinet Member (Community Development) meeting on 10th January 2018 for a one-year trial of a new grant scheme to provide small amounts of funding for community based organisations to aid them to become financially viable. It is envisaged that this will help to ensure that those third sector organisations the Council depends upon to provide less formal support to vulnerable or isolated residents are more able to be financially independent.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

- 6.1 Coventry City Council's representatives on Voluntary Action Coventry are Councillors Thomas and Sawdon. This arrangement has been in place for a number of years, including for the period of the current grant aid agreement. The representatives are invited to attend VAC's quarterly Management Board meetings and attend as observers rather than voting members of the board. During the period inclusive Councillor Bigham attended one management board meeting, prior to handing the appointment to Cllr Thomas who attended one meeting, and Cllr Sawdon attended three. Both Cllr Thomas and Cllr Sawdon attended VAC's Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2 There is no remuneration associated with this appointment.
- 6.3 Representation from the Council was discussed at the February VAC Management Board meeting and while official observers (Councillors and Officers) won't be required to attend from 1st April 2018, it has indicated that Councillors are very welcome to do so in an individual capacity.

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Coventry City Council

Public report

Report to
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

12th March 2018

Report of
Cllr Ram P Lakha OBE

Title
Annual Report on the Work Of Outside Bodies – Whitefriars Housing Group

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out details of the work of Whitefriars Housing Group since May 2017 and details of attendance by the City Council's representatives/nominated Members.

2 Recommendations

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended that the Council continue to appoint representatives as Directors of the Board of Whitefriars Housing Group

3 Information on Work of Outside Body

- 3.1 This year Whitefriars Housing has modified the way the governance of the organisation as part of WM Housing. The shift of decision making power is tilted in the favour of "Umbrella Group" WM Housing mainly because there has been indication from the government for this kind of shift.
- 3.2 City Council nominated directors on Whitefriars have maintained their position of city Council to keep Whitefriars Housing as independent as it can be within the "Parent Group" WM Housing.

4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment

- 4.1 Being the largest Social Housing organisation in our city it is the best way to deliver the housing policy of Coventry City Council.
- 4.2 The government may or may not have view to reduce the representation of Councillors on Whitefriars Housing Board and other similar bodies but my view is that the City Council founded Whitefriars Housing and the City Council has responsibility for housing policy in the city. Therefore it is very important that City Council continues to appoint its representative on Whitefriars Housing as it is now.

5 What Financial Contribution Does the Council Make to this Organisation

5.1 Coventry City Council has various contracts with Whitefriars Housing to develop new houses in our city. The resources (funds or land) from City Council is based on these contracts.

6 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment

6.1 Whitefriars have provided the table below to show Councillor Attendance at the Whitefriars Board meetings, since my appointment in May 2017. These also include Board Away Day attendance.

Whitefriars Board Member Meeting Attendance 2017

		20/07/2017	14/09/2017	14/09/2017 Away Day	16/11/2017
Harvard	Lindsley	1	1	1	1
Lakha	Ram	1	1	1	1
Taylor	Ken	1	1	1	0
Thomas	Christine	0	0	0	1

BMs attended	3	3	3	3
Total BM	4	4	4	4
% Attendance	75%	75%	75%	75%

6.2 The allowance is £2,000 basic per annum per appointment.

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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 Local Policing
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
Monday 12th March @ 10.30am
WMP2020 – West Midlands Police Transformation Programme Community Safety Partnership Action Plan Outside Bodies Reports
28th March 2018
WMCA Overview and Scrutiny feedback School Parking Issues
18th April 2018
Domestic Abuse Strategy
Date to be determined
Selective Licensing for the Private Rented Sector – consultation outcomes (Priority – awaiting date confirmation) Air Quality Prevent Strategy Renewal Plan
2018/19
Emergency Planning and Resilience Business Rates

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
Monday 12th March @ 10.30am	WMP2020 – West Midlands Police Transformation Programme	An introduction to plans for local policing to 2020.	Cllr A Khan Craig Hickin
	Community Safety Partnership Action Plan	To look in detail at the action plan for the Community Safety Partnership	Craig Hickin Cllr A Khan
	Outside Bodies Reports		
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
	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.	Caron Archer/ Rachel Goodyer Cllr Innes
18th April 2018	Domestic Abuse Strategy	The draft strategy will be brought to the Board for comment.	Liz Gaulton Craig Hickin Cllr A Khan
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

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	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
	<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>
	Air Quality	ScrucO 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.	
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 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.	Michael Enderby Cllr Duggins
	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

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