



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.00 am on Wednesday, 4th March, 2020

Place

Committee Room 3 - Council House

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

- a) To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February, 2020
- b) Any matters arising

4. Update on City Centre Development Projects (Pages 9 - 12)

Briefing Note and presentation of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Councillors J O'Boyle and D Welsh, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item

5. Climate Change (Pages 13 - 18)

Briefing Note of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Councillors J O'Boyle and D Welsh, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, Councillors P Hetherington and G Lloyd, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for City Services and Councillors K Caan and R Ali, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item

6. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2019/20 and Outstanding Issues (Pages 19 - 26)

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 a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

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

Tuesday, 25 February 2020

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Membership: Councillors N Akhtar, A Andrews, R Brown (Chair), J Clifford, L Kelly (Deputy Chair), J McNicholas, G Ridley, K Sandhu and R Singh

By invitation: Councillors R Ali, K Caan, P Hetherington, G Lloyd, J O'Boyle and D Welsh

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on
Wednesday, 19 February 2020

Present:

Members: Councillor R Brown (Chair)
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor J Blundell (substitute for Councillor Ridley)
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor L Kelly
Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor R Singh
Councillor D Skinner (substitute for Councillor Andrews)

Other Members: Councillors P Akhtar and D Welsh

Employees:

G Holmes, Place Directorate
C Knight, Place Directorate
L Knight, Place Directorate
J Seddon, Place Directorate

Other representatives: Pete Bond, Transport for West Midlands (TfWM)
Chris Gibbens, National Express (NX)
Martin Hancock, NX
Nikki Houghton, NX
Andy Thrupp, TfWM

Apologies: Councillors A Andrews and G Ridley and J O'Boyle (Cabinet Member)

Public Business

54. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

55. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2020 were agreed and signed as a true record. All matters arising from Minute 50/19 headed 'Bus Provision in Coventry' were dealt with in Minute 56 below.

56. Bus Innovation in Coventry

Further to Minute 50/19 headed 'Bus Provision in Coventry', the Committee considered a briefing note of the Director of Transportation and Highways which provided information on the framework of options under the Bus Services Act 2017; national bus funding and opportunities; a breakdown of elements of the levy for the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and how this translated to

specific costs for Coventry; statistics for the recently introduced platinum bus service; UK City of Culture 2021 bus provision; and climate change and electric city. The meeting followed on from the Committee's last meeting on 5th February when the Committee had considered Bus Provision in Coventry. A briefing note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator provided an update from this meeting.

Councillors P Akhtar and D Welsh, the Council's representatives on the West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Delivery Committee attended the meeting for the consideration of this item. Chris Gibbens, Martin Hancock and Nikki Houghton, National Express, and Pete Bond and Andy Thrupp, Transport for West Midlands, were also in attendance.

The briefing note referred to the legislative framework for bus provision including the 1985 Transport Act which deregulated the bus market. Reference was made to subsequent Transport Acts in 2000 and 2008. The 2008 legislation contained powers to franchise bus services in the event that an authority felt that they were not being provided adequately by private operators. Cornwall Council had been successful in introducing a franchise system.

In 2017 further legislation was introduced providing a new suite of powers to enable stronger, more binding, partnerships known as Enhanced Partnerships, to be introduced, franchising powers with automatic entitlement to Mayoral Combined Authorities, and new powers to introduce ticketing schemes and improved data provision from bus operators. An appendix to the briefing note set out further details of the Act and its powers.

The Committee were informed that in June 2019 the WMCA Board approved moving to an Outline Business Case (OBC) to consider in greater detail the powers and options contained within the Act. This detailed assessment was underway and would be completed in April 2021. The three options under consideration were

- Do minimum (Bus Alliance) as current
- Further deregulated powers (Enhanced Partnerships)
- Regulated powers (Franchising)

There would be opportunities for the Council to have an input during this process.

The Strategic Vision for Bus was approved by the WMCA in November 2018 and was the agreed Vision for the region to set out what was wanted from the bus services. A copy of the Vision was set out at a second appendix.

The briefing note referred to the West Midlands Bus Alliance. The Alliance was a partnership that came into being in 2015 with the aim of delivering improvements across the bus network throughout Coventry and the wider West Midlands. The Alliance was held up at a national level as a leading example of what could be achieved through public and private partnership. Membership was detailed. A summary of its objectives and achievements to date were set out.

The briefing note highlighted recent additional Government funds for buses which included the Department for Transport (DfT) announcing plans to overhaul bus and cycle links for every region outside London, with £5 billion of new funding over 5 years, which was anticipated to be around two thirds bus and one third cycle related. This was in addition to the £50 million recently unveiled for All-Electric Bus Town / City opportunities, the further £70 million set aside for new,

transformational, 'Superbus' networks, and the £30m additional subsidised bus top-up.

Coventry had also secured funding through the Government's Ultra-Low Emission Bus (ULEB) scheme to begin the process of electrifying the city's bus fleet. The newly announced All-Electric Bus Town/City fund provided a potential opportunity to accelerate the process of electrification. There would be a two-stage competition for the available funding. Interested towns and cities needed to submit an expression of interest by 30 April 2020.

To improve current bus services, or restore lost services where needed, the Government would pay an extra £30m to local authorities in 2020/21. It was not yet clear how this £30m would be apportioned and if TfWM, and therefore Coventry, would receive any of it.

The briefing note provided further information on bus services in the city. Overall bus usage stood at around 28 million passenger journeys a year, which had remained fairly constant over the last few years. Details of bus patronage levels for National Express were highlighted which showed an increase of around 10% over the past seven years. There was some evidence that the introduction of 'platinum' services on individual routes had driven this increase in passenger numbers. Coventry Pool Meadow Bus station currently accommodated nearly 5 million passenger movements per annum and 400,000 bus departures, making it one of the highest bus departure locations in the region. Additional information was provided on fares and service reliability.

Government funding was becoming increasingly predicated on bus priority, whether involving bus gates, bus lanes, signal optimisation or any other measures that promoted bus and sustainable access. A good design that promoted public transport provision and reduced the reliance on the private car was key to the backdrop of sustainable travel in Coventry. Details of the current network bus priority were highlighted.

As requested at the previous meeting, the briefing note provided information on the subsidised services in the city. The vast majority of these services were provided on a commercial basis. Data provided by National Express revealed that, out of a total of 60,975 passenger journeys per week, only 1,065 (1.7%) of these were on subsidised services. In terms of revenue, National Express received £500,000 p/a in subsidy for Coventry services from TfWM, against a total income from passenger fares of £27.5 million (1.8%). Also TfWM had estimated that the level of subsidy for Coventry was £1.02 million. This was 11.1% of the total subsidised bus budget for the West Midlands.

The briefing note referred to the region wide Network Performance Board which monitored performance and delivered improvements and to the intention to set up a dedicated Bus Performance Board for Coventry.

With reference to climate change it was noted that improved bus services would reduce reliance on the private car.

The Coventry UK City of Culture 2021 was forecast to generate around 2.5 million visits to the city, and would see a significant increase in travel demand to and from

the city, especially around the major events expected to attract larger audiences. A transport strategy was under development in partnership with the City of Culture Trust, and it was anticipated that the bus would play an important role in getting people to and from events within the city. The Committee were informed that bus based Park and Ride was being considered as part of the transport strategy alongside potential enhancement of existing public bus services and the role that longer-distance coach travel could also play in getting people to and from the city. In addition, investment in the improvement of Pool Meadow Bus Station, within a budget of £1.5m, had already been identified by TfWM and the City Council as an important element of the UK City of Culture Transport Strategy. There was an acknowledgement that, at this stage, bus and train operators were unable to plan for much of their involvement with City of Culture without the necessary programme information.

Pete Bond, Transport for West Midlands gave a joint presentation which provided an overview of the issues set out above.

Members questioned the officers and representatives on a number of issues and responses were provided, matters raised included:

- Support for the strategic vision for bus
- Justification for the cost of bus journeys in the city compared to the cost of car travel and car park charges
- Details about potential shelf ready bus priority schemes for Coventry
- What was it that would lead to an increase bus patronage
- A concern that buses couldn't provide the convenience of the door to door travel that the car allows
- Details about the levels of risks associated with the three options and in particular the option of franchising bus services
- Clarification about how high levels of public sector intervention in bus services result in higher costs to the public sector
- Further information about the support to City of Culture 2021 by the provision of additional public transport for events
- Details about the proposed improvements at Pool Meadow Bus Station
- Future proposals for the development of apps which provide passengers with real time up to date bus information
- A suggestion to use multi-lingual communications on local buses along with voices of local people for announcements
- Further information about other bus services options and subsidies i.e. the London model
- The availability of statistical data relating to the performance of bus services
- Further details about the Super bus initiative and a request a bid being submitted for Coventry
- Information on the Traffic Commissioners and appropriate contacts for local bus issues
- A request for Scrutiny to have the opportunity to feed into the discussions on the development of the Strategic Outline Business Case for the franchising option.

Councillors Akhtar and Welsh, the Council's representative on the West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Delivery Committee, outlined their willingness to report back at future Scrutiny meetings when appropriate.

RESOLVED that:

1) The contents of the briefing note and information presented to the meeting be noted.

2) The Committee supports the establishment of the proposed Coventry Bus Performance Board and requests robust lines of accountability to the Council Lead Member for Transportation, with Scrutiny having the opportunity for an overview of the work of the Board as requested.

3) Opportunities be provided to allow for Scrutiny to feed into the discussions on the development of the Strategic Outline Business Case for the franchising option.

4) The willingness of National Express to work with the City of Culture Trust and the City Council to support increased public transport arrangements during City of Culture events in 2021 be welcomed.

5) Support be given to the development of apps which provide passengers with real time up to date bus information to help encourage an increase in bus patronage.

6) Support be given to the suggestion to use multi-lingual communications on local buses.

7) Support be given to funding bids for Coventry being submitted by Transport for West Midlands for a number of Government initiatives including Electric City and Superbus.

8) A further report be submitted to a future meeting in six months with particular reference to City of Culture, Climate Change and the Outline Business Case.

57. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2019/2020 and Outstanding Issues

The Committee noted their work programme for the current municipal year.

58. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no additional items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 12.05 pm)

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Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 4th March 2020

Subject: Update on City Centre Development Projects

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To update the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on progress with key city centre development projects.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are recommended to:
- 1) Note the contents of this briefing note
 - 2) Identify any comments or recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Member
 - 3) Receive a further progress report on the City Centre South scheme later in the 2020/21 municipal year

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The regeneration and physical transformation of Coventry city centre is a key priority for the City Council as well as the wider set of stakeholders the City Council is working with to bring improvement and positive change to the city.
- 3.2 City centres experience constant evolution and renewal and, for Coventry, this process is given even sharper focus through projects being delivered either in readiness for, or as a legacy to, City of Culture 2021. These projects are also set against the backdrop of unprecedented change to 'the high street', and the town and city centres in which they operate. Beginning with the major economic downturn that started in 2008, this upheaval has resulted from the continued importance of out-of-town shopping centres and supermarkets, the rapid rise in online shopping and wider shifts in consumer spending and behaviour that has created a situation where what the customers of today and the future want often isn't being delivered by traditional retail-led high street environments. This has led to a string of well-known retailers entering into administration or closing stores. Therefore, it is imperative that the city centre projects the Council is involved in delivering are focused on bringing people back into the city centre to invest, live, shop, work or play.
- 3.3 This briefing note provides updates on City Centre South (CCS), wider city centre development schemes and the public realm schemes which will transform the look and feel of the city centre in readiness for 2021.
- 3.4 City Centre South
- 3.5 CCS is the Council's key regeneration priority for the city centre. It will transform some of the most tired and out dated areas of the city centre, including Bull Yard, Shelton Square, City Arcade and Hertford Street. In January 2017, Cabinet and Council approved the appointment of Shearer Property Group (SPG) as the preferred bidder for the City Centre

South (CCS) scheme and provided permission for the Council to enter into the necessary contractual arrangements with SPG to bring forward the delivery of the CCS scheme.

3.6 The Council is currently working with SPG to bring forward an outline planning application for CCS which will set the parameters for future development. Further to public engagement anticipated for later this year, the scheme set out in the planning application will identify the potential for a significant number of new homes, a modern and forward looking retail, food and beverage, workspace and leisure offer and high quality public realm throughout the scheme which will complement the schemes being delivered throughout the wider city centre (see paras 3.10 – 3.19 below).

3.7 The uses brought forward in CCS will complement what is working successfully elsewhere in the city. For example, the delivery of the Cathedral Lanes scheme has demonstrated the demand from Coventry residents for a high quality restaurant offer in the city (which will be further improved through new food and beverage operators locating within the EDG Co-op scheme) and CCS will build on, and learn from, the operators that have worked successfully at those locations.

3.8 Key city centre development schemes

3.9 The delivery of wider development schemes in the city centre is helping to create the conditions for the successful delivery of a mixed use scheme of the scale of CCS. Relevant schemes include:

- **Friargate:** the creation of a new office led, mixed use district next to Coventry rail station. The master plan sets out the basis for the delivery of 14 major buildings to transform this fantastically located part of the city centre. One Friargate has been built and Two Friargate and the Hotel Indigo scheme are due on site during 2020.
- **Coventry rail station:** work is underway to deliver a new station entrance, multi-storey car park and new bus interchange at one of the fastest growing stations outside of London.
- **The Wave:** opened in 2019 following £36.7m of investment, the award winning water park is playing a key role in bringing significant footfall to an area of the city adjacent to CCS.
- **Coventry Evening Telegraph scheme:** this comprises the refurbishment and regeneration of the former newspaper offices and print works into a boutique hotel. The finished hotel, which is due to open in autumn 2020 will provide 88 high quality rooms in keeping with the 1950s ethos of the original building.
- **Co-op scheme:** this high quality scheme has delivered 63 new homes and provided a new benchmark for residential development in the city centre. The ground floor is being activated by a high quality new restaurant offer. This includes Rodizio Rico and Café Morse (already opened) with Franzos and Heavenly Desserts opening in March 2020.

3.10 Key public realm schemes

3.11 The £44m regeneration of the public realm in the city centre is a key part of the overall programme of city centre development works. The creation of transformed public spaces will provide a lasting impact and legacy in order to promote ongoing economic growth and investor development for Coventry as well as enhancing and developing a city in which Coventry people can be proud of, and ready to share with millions of extra visitors in 2021.

3.12 **Upper Precinct, Smithford Way and Market Way:** The works in the city centre retail area began in earnest in December 2019. The regeneration of the precinct's spaces will create a world class public realm experience which will enhance and pay homage to the original

Gibson design. The public realm team are working closely with SPG, Eurovia Contracting and wider stakeholders to minimise disruption and alleviate any concerns raised whilst we go through a period of disruption to the area. The current works are at ground level and extensive excavation is underway in all areas across the shopping precincts. As we move towards the summer period the fountains and plant rooms will be installed and the city will begin to see the transformation of the space. The works are planned to be finished by December 2020.

- 3.13 **Bullyard and Public Realm outside The Wave:** The civils works outside the Wave are nearing completion and are on target for the project to be finalised by April 2020. This will create a new fantastic family focused area in which to spend time. The new play area will be ready for the 2020 Summer holidays. The Bullyard area is being enhanced with a new lighting scheme, which will enhance the area in the evening and make it a more pleasant space to walk through and spend time. The team are also undertaking extensive research into the history of the area to ensure that this is appropriately reflected in any new public realm created. Greyfriars gate is an example of where we are looking to create a new visitor experience within the public realm, tapping into new technologies such as augmented reality and using that to tell the story of our history.
- 3.14 **Hertford St:** The Hertford St project has completed its first phase which has included the removal of the old Nationwide building. Phase 2 will be laying the resin bound gravel which will take place in March 2020 (subject to temperatures). The team are working with a company called Creative Giants to create a lighting installation within the Hertford St canopy by the end of 2020. Additional face-lifting works such as re-grouting, deep cleaning and painting will be taking place throughout 2020.
- 3.15 **Pool Meadow:** Working with Transport for West Midlands, the team are finalising concept designs for the Pool Meadow regeneration project. This will create a welcoming arrival experience for visitors in 2021 but also create an enhanced and usable bus station for the people of Coventry. This project will begin in May 2020.
- 3.16 **Walking routes:** Areas such as Greyfriars Green, Greyfriars Lane and Pepper Lane are all being upgraded with either enhanced lighting schemes, new granite surfaces or both. Pulling on the history of these areas is important and the finalised designs will reflect this in the way that people experience the space. We are working with SPG to explore options with Pepper Lane so we can move away from a service yard feel and do credit to the space in order to make it a destination that people want to arrive at. The Pepper Lane scheme starts in April 2020, with Greyfriars following on after.
- 3.17 **Lighting:** A significant upgrade of lighting is to take place across the city centre, this involves ensuring functional lighting is fit for purpose and provides safe access and egress to the city as well as lighting enhancements to some of our best heritage buildings and relighting some of the bridges and structures such as Whittle Arches. The lighting projects will start in April 2020 and be delivered over the next 12 months.
- 3.18 **Travel and Transport:** A new wayfinding solution will be installed across the city centre. This will be clear, concise, low maintenance and easy to follow. This will create a visitor experience that allows people to navigate the city in a way that can drive footfall, promote our assets and manage people flows for events. The tender for this is under development and will be procured by May 2020, ready for installation during summer 2020.
- 3.19 **Public realm refresh:** The public realm refresh project covers everything from upgrading plants and trees across the city centre to deep cleans of subways and repairs of broken assets. Work on this will take place throughout 2020.

3.20 Stakeholder engagement

3.21 We work closely with city centre stakeholders in the development and delivery of key projects and schemes, these include Coventry University, local businesses and amenity groups. Of particular importance is Coventry City Centre Business Improvement District (BID) who play a key role in representing hundreds of businesses and delivering a wide range of activities, events and campaigns to support a vibrant city centre business district.

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Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 4th March 2020

Subject: Climate Change

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 A briefing note to update on City Council activity to positively tackle climate change. Including progress to date and future plans including recruitment, investment, stakeholder engagement and the development of a strategy and programme of actions.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are recommended to:
- 1) Support the approach, how we shape next steps and how we communicate the challenge, the opportunities and broaden our engagement.
 - 2) Identify any recommendations for the Cabinet Members

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Coventry was one of the first cities to produce a Climate Change Strategy. The Climate Change strategy published in 2012 set a target to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 27.5% by the year 2020. Coventry achieved this in 2014 (6 years early). The current Climate Change Strategy for the City ends in 2020 and is now under review.
- 3.2 The City has been recognised as a global leader on climate action and transparency, achieving a place on the CDP's Cities A Listⁱ, which proves our commitment to tackling climate change. To score an A, a city must have a city-wide emissions inventory, have set an emissions reduction target, published a climate action plan and have completed a climate adaptation plan to demonstrate how it will tackle climate hazards now and in the future among other actionsⁱⁱ.

4 Existing and previous activity

Business, Industry & Jobs

- 4.1 Key initiatives include the Green Business Programme which is part funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), where we are helping businesses to reduce their impact on the environment through funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy powered solutions. To date we have supported 213 companies since the Programme launched, saved over 12,349 tonnes of CO₂ emissions and provided over £2 million in grant funding to support these businessesⁱⁱⁱ.
- 4.2 The Green Business Network currently has 905 members. The members consist of businesses, residents, local community groups, charities, universities, schools and training providers who have an appetite to engage with us around climate change. Being part of the Network ensures that as a Council we can engage with key stakeholders as well as share news on the latest green technologies, funding support and the many events covering topics on sustainability we hold within our region.

- 4.3 The UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC) is an innovative partnership between Coventry City Council, Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership and Warwick Manufacturing Group. UKBIC is an open access research facility which supports the transition of the UK to become a world leader in the design, development and manufacture of batteries for vehicle electrification.

Energy

- 4.4 For several years, the City has had a district heating system. The Heatline network supplies residual heat from the City's Energy from Waste plant to public buildings including the Council House, Herbert Art Gallery, Coventry Cathedral, 1 Friargate and The Wave. Approximately 8,000 MWh of heat is delivered to these buildings each year with capacity to deliver significantly more. Heatline delivers savings of approximately 1,100 tCO₂ per year compared to the emissions that would result from the connected buildings using conventional gas boilers. An additional benefit is that the remaining emissions are present at a central location which offers greater scope for future mitigation (eg. Carbon Capture and Storage) as new technology becomes available.
- 4.5 The principal basis for the operation of any Energy from Waste plant is that of waste management. Under Coventry's existing waste management strategy, the predominant method for residual municipal waste treatment (i.e. the waste that cannot be re-used, recycled or composted) is incineration. The inclusion of energy recovery (Heatline) is a significant enhancement to incineration and captures additional benefits from the waste management approach. Around 92% of Coventry's residual waste is sent to the Energy from Waste plant, with the remainder going direct to landfill. As a result, Coventry is extremely well positioned with regard to its diversion from landfill. A study by CSWDC in 2019, to understand the impact its Energy from Waste Plant had on reducing UK carbon emissions, highlighted that the plant provided substantial carbon benefits by saving 27,808 tonnes of additional carbon dioxide being emitted to the atmosphere in 2018 compared with landfilling the residual waste and fossil fuel energy generation.
- 4.6 Coventry was the UK's first city with centrally controlled dimming street lighting. 28,700 new PFI lighting columns were installed between 2010 and 2015. All lighting columns are targeted downwards to reduce light pollution, and this has provided 38% energy reduction across the city saving just over 5,000 tonnes of carbon since 2012.
- 4.7 Coventry was recently one of ten cities to be awarded funding for local smart energy projects from an open competition through UKRI^{iv}. The project, working with partners including WMCA and University of Warwick, will design a Regional Energy System Operator which will help the city to decarbonise and keep costs down. The design project has the potential to attract further investment into the city for implementation and reduce the need for expensive infrastructure upgrades.
- 4.8 The Council is currently undertaking a feasibility study on renewable heat recovery systems from the sewer network and historic mine infrastructure within Coventry. This is part of a national Government plan to harness Britain's hidden heating sources.
- 4.9 Through Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership, the City Council is participating in a power assessment study. The study will identify power constraint 'hotspots' within the LEP area and outline initial solutions to solve constraints including innovative options which enable a more future-proofed power infrastructure to enable our growth potential. The study is due to complete in July 2020, after which the next phase of solutions development can be looked at.
- 4.10 The Council runs Affordable Warmth Programmes which support disabled and low-income householders who are vulnerable to the adverse health effects of cold homes. Insulation and heating measures can be funded to reduce effects and help to alleviate fuel poverty.

Transport

- 4.11 Coventry has 156 charge points (including 35 rapid chargers) for electric vehicles and by April 2020, another 120 will have been added. Coventry is 2nd with the most amount of EV chargers of all UK cities outside of London.
- 4.12 The challenge of future mobility is being addressed by using battery technology to create a new very light rail (VLR) system in Coventry (the first one in the UK) alongside CW LEP, Warwick Manufacturing Group and West Midlands Combined Authority. The first demonstrator vehicle is estimated to be built and ready for testing in Autumn 2020.
- 4.13 In September 2019, Coventry City Council launched the Go Electric Taxi scheme, to encourage drivers to move to electric vehicles. It provides incentives worth £2,768 to taxi drivers interested in making the switch to a cleaner vehicle to reduce air pollution in the City. The initiative is supported by a range of companies including, the Coventry electric taxi maker LEVC, Irish energy company ESB, Siemens and the taxi app Gett.
- 4.14 The Council received £2.2million of Government funding to invest in greener, cleaner buses for the city. 10 fully electric buses in collaboration with National Express will be fully operational by June 2020 on major routes that experience high levels of congestion and have been identified as air quality hotspots.
- 4.15 Coventry City Council is seeking funding to enable businesses and organisations in the city to transport goods and provide services using electric vehicles (vans, cars and cargo bikes). A survey has recently been sent out to local businesses and organisations who are interested in making use of electric vehicles for a trial period.
- 4.16 The Council is also looking for funding to deliver a 'on the move charging' Dynamic Wireless Power Transfer project and a multi-fuel energy centre in Coventry. This is still in its inception stage.

Waste & Recycling

- 4.17 Trials are taking place using recyclable materials in tarmac of local roads significantly reducing energy consumption and a lower carbon footprint. Old vehicle tyres and plastic pellets are the recyclable materials being used in the road surfacing.

Community Engagement

- 4.18 The Council has facilitated the creation of the Coventry & Warwickshire Climate Action Partnership (CWCAP). This is a community-led partnership aiming to harness the community's ideas and resources in relation to climate change. The CWCAP will feed into the bigger discussion on the City's Climate Change Strategy.

5 Next steps and priorities for 2020/21

- 5.1 The Council is very committed to tackling climate change in the City. The main driver to this will be our new Head of Service who will be overseeing and developing our new Climate Change Strategy 2020. This post will bring in new extra high-level capacity to build upon all the great work that is currently happening and to drive the council's contribution going forward. This strategy will ensure that Coventry is at the forefront of low carbon innovation and that decarbonisation benefits the economy and ensures a sustainable, clean and green future for generations to come.
- 5.2 The Climate Change Strategy will require significant engagement with stakeholders in the City, including businesses, residents and community groups. This engagement will build upon the work already started on the Let's Talk Climate Change platform and ensure a high degree of community involvement.
- 5.3 The Council is committed to working with businesses to achieve the City's climate goals. For this reason, there is an intention to extend the Green Business Programme and to make the most of other recent funding opportunities within the sustainable agenda.

- 5.4 Coventry City Council are considering plans for the development of a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) that will serve Coventry, neighbouring authorities and regional businesses. The proposed 175,000 tonne capacity facility will increase recycling and reduce carbon emissions.
- 5.5 The Council has committed additional resource through the 2020/2021 budget process to deliver the Climate Change Strategy and implement actions coming through it.

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Endnotes

- i [CDP's Cities A List](#)
- ii [Coventry among 105 cities globally to score an "A" for leading climate action](#)
- iii [Coventry and Warwickshire Green Business Programme](#)
- iv [Local Smart Energy Project](#)

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City of Culture 2021 WMCA - Mayors Question time
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"Keeping young people safe in our city"
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19th June 2019	Health and Well-being Strategy – consultation	Consultation on the draft strategy. Possibly to include SB5.	Debbie Dawson Cllr Caan
17th July 2019	Introduction to Coventry's Climate Change Strategy	An overview of the Council's position in terms of action to address climate change.	Sarah Watson, Andy Williams Cllrs O'Boyle, Caan, Hetherton
	One Coventry Plan Annual Performance Report 2018-19	The Council Plan, One Coventry, sets out Coventry City Council's vision and priorities for the city. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are asked to consider the Council's performance, identify any issues they may wish to raise to Cabinet and identify areas that Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee or other Scrutiny Boards may wish to address as part of this year's scrutiny work programme.	
	Draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19	To receive, comment on, and approve, a draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report prior to it going to Council.	Vicky Castree, Gennie Holmes
16th October 2019 (moved from 9th October)	City of Culture 2021	To receive an update on plans for 2021, as agreed at the meeting on 27/2/19.	Cllr Duggins Martin Reeves David Nuttall
	WMCA - Mayors Question time	Feedback from Mayoral Question time.	Cllr Brown and Cllr Kelly
6th November 2019	"Keeping young people safe in our city"	To look in more detail about how a partnership approach can reduce knife crime and gang culture – 6-month review of the Coventry Violence Reduction Board	Liz Gaulton/John Gregg/Kirston Nelson/ WMP
4th December 2019	Community Safety Partnership Action Plan	To look in detail at the action plan for the Community Safety Partnership (Helen Kirkman), Kirstie (probation), Meenjit Panglie, Craig	Craig Hickin Cllr AS Khan
	West Midlands Police Updated	An update on progress on local policing.	Cllr AS Khan Craig Hickin Mike O'Hara (WMP)

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18th December 2019	Culture Coventry Trust	The Council grant the Trust funding. The report will include an update on the work of the Trust and future plans	Val Birchall Cllr T Khan
	Commercial Activities Supporting Parks Infrastructure	A progress report to cover the commercialisation of Coombe Abbey and other parks to support the Council's investment.	Andrew Walster Cllr AS Khan
8th January 2020	Proposed Equality Objectives 2020-2022	To consider the final outcomes of the consultation on equalities priorities for the Council, before it goes to the Cabinet Member.	Jaspal Mann Valerie De Souza Robina Nawaz Cllr AS Khan
	Friargate Development Progress Update	Referred by SB1 to SCRUCO on 18 th April 2018. To look at the whole development, including the Station Master Plan and the progress of Friargate 2 to include financial information and readiness for 2021. Suggestion from member of the public	Adam Hunt/ Richard Moon Cllr O'Boyle
5th February 2020	Bus provision in Coventry	including current stats on current usage, air quality, breakdown of what the TfWM levy is used for in Coventry,	Cllr Welsh, Cllr Akhtar, Cllr O'Boyle Colin Knight
	LGA peer challenge recommendations		Gail Quinton Joy McLanaghan
19th February 2020	Bus Innovation in Coventry	To look at what the bus companies are doing innovatively to encourage bus use, reduce carbon and plan for City of Culture 2021	Cllr Welsh, Cllr Akhtar, Cllr O'Boyle Colin Knight
4th March 2020	City Centre South - progress	To consider progress on the project. Suggestion from member of the public	Adam Hunt/ Richard Moon Cllr O'Boyle
	Climate Change	To update SCRUCO on the plans to address Climate Change.	Andy Williams Cllrs O'Boyle, Caan, Hetheron

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25th March 2020	Culture Coventry Trust	Following the meeting on 18 th December, the Culture Coventry Trust are to be invited in to discuss their plans and governance.	Val Birchall, Andy Williams Cllr T Khan
1st April 2020 (additional date)	Hate Crime Strategy Action Plan	To look at the detail of the Hate Crime Strategy Action Plan, as agreed at SCRUCO on 6 th February 2019.	Craig Hicken/ Bev Massey Cllr AS Khan
	Modernising Domestic Violence Abuse Services and Sexual Violence and Abuse Services	Further progress on the contract awarded in 2019. To include performance data.	Cllr AS Khan Angela Atkinson Paul Hargrave
Briefing note updates – not required at a meeting	Prevent Strategy	To receive an update on the Prevent Strategy and duties associated with it.	
	Emergency Planning and Resilience - 2021 and climate change	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
2020-21	Peer Review Progress Monitoring	Following the agreement at Cabinet on the 8th January, it was agreed that Scrucoco would monitor progress on the delivery of the actions plan arising from the Peer Review. <i>To brief Cllr Brown on action plan first.</i>	Michelle McGinty Cllr Duggins
	Improving consultation and engagement with residents		Valerie Da Souza Si Chun Lam
	FGM	Progress report following last year's report	Liz Gaulton
	Housing First	Refer to SB4	

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	Outside Bodies	Scruco can identify which of the Outside Bodies Members are appointed to that they have reports from	Adrian West
	Private Rented Sector	To cover issues raised as part of the One Coventry Plan including high rents, fuel poverty and freeing up of student homes for local families. Student housing – suggestion from member of the public.	Cllr T Khan Adrian Chowns
	Welfare Reform Working Together Group – progress report	To hear on the work of the WRWTG and their progress on mitigating the impact of welfare reform across the city	Tina Wukics
	City of Culture – security arrangements and emergency planning	As requested following their meeting on 16 th October, the Committee wanted to look at security and emergency planning arrangements for the City of Culture 2021	Andy Williams Cllr Duggins
	City of Culture 2021	Following their meeting on the 16 th October, the Committee requested regular updates on progress	Andy Williams Cllr Duggins
	Selective and Additional Licensing	Following Scruco’s input into the consultation process, Members requested a progress 12 months following implementation.	Adrian Chowns Cllr T Khan
	St. Michael’s PSPO (July 2020)	Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee requested a progress report in 6 months-time, including data, to monitor the effectiveness of the order.	Craig Hickin Liam Nagel Cllr AS Khan
	Friargate Progress Report	Following their meeting on 8 th January 2020, Members requested a further update 2020/2021	Adam Hunt/ Richard Moon Cllr O’Boyle
	Commercial Activities Supporting Parks Infrastructure	A progress item to scrutinise progress on this following the meeting on 18.12.19.	Andrew Walster
	Equalities Objectives	Members requested to consider the annual report to the Cabinet Member on progress on the Equalities Objectives	Jaspal Mann/ Robina Nawaz Cllr AS Khan

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	Bus Innovation – Sept 2020	Following their meeting in Feb 2020, Members requested a further report covering City of Culture, Climate Change and the Outline Business Case.	Colin Knight TDC reps Cllr O'Boyle TfWM

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