



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

10.00 am on Wednesday, 10th March, 2021

Place

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Public Business**1. Apologies and Substitutions****2. Declarations of Interest****3. Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)

(a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th February 2021

(b) Matters Arising

4. Coventry Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment (Pages 7 - 8)

Joint briefing note of the Head of Environmental Services and Chief Inspector James Littlehales, West Midlands Police who has been invited to the meeting.

Councillor AS Khan, Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities has been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item

5. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2020/2021 and Outstanding Issues (Pages 9 - 12)

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator

6. 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

Julie Newman, Director of Law and Governance, Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 2 March 2021

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

By invitation Councillor AS Khan

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 11.00 am on
Wednesday, 10 February 2021
This meeting was held remotely

Present:

Members: Councillor N Akhtar (Chair)
Councillor A Andrews
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor C Miks
Councillor G Ridley
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor R Singh

Other Members: Councillor P Akhtar, Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

Other Representative: Chief Inspector James Littlehales

Employees:

D Blackburn, Street Scene and Regulatory Services
V Castree, Law and Governance
V DeSouza, Public Health
N Hart, Communications
G Holmes, Law and Governance
J Newman, Director of Law and Governance
J Simpson, Business, Investment and Culture
A Walster, Director of Street Scene and Regulatory Services
A West, Law and Governance

Apologies: Councillors L Kelly and AS Khan, Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2021 were agreed as a true record, subject to recommendation 2) of Minute 40, headed 'Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park – Consideration of Objections Following a Period of Consultation' being amended to read that the monitoring and review report be submitted to a future meeting of 'Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee'.

There were no further matters arising.

3. Covid-19 Enforcement Response

The Committee received a joint presentation on the Covid 19 enforcement response. Councillor P Akhtar, Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, attended the meeting for the consideration of this item along with Chief Inspector James Littlehales, West Midlands Police.

Councillor Akhtar introduced the item, outlining that Covid-19 Enforcement activity was being undertaken to reduce and minimise the risk of infection to the people of Coventry. Communication and engagement were key to the approach being taken in the City, and this approach was used before any formal enforcement took place.

The presentation outlined the following points with regards to the Covid-19 Enforcement Response:

- The role of the Community Advisors
- Communication
- Public Health Response
- Regulating Business Compliance During Covid-19
- The Role of Regulatory Services
- Partnership Working
- Close of and restrictions on businesses
- Right Resource, Right Time

Following the presentation, Members asked a number of questions and received the following responses:

- In response to a request for data in relation to Covid enforcement, including information on the number of Covid advisor interactions, Covid hotspots and enforcement metrics including numbers of fines, it was agreed a further briefing note containing this data would be written and shared with the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee.
- Policing by consent was the preferred method of policing, however it was at times necessary to enforce to protect the health of our communities. It was acknowledged there was a gap between the legislation and the guidance.
- Facemask exemptions were in place and there were challenges with enforcing the use of face coverings and the need to be proportionate when doing so.
- The limitations of plastic face shields was an alternative to masks.
- Information was shared between partners, including the Police and the Council to ensure a joined up approach to education and enforcement.
- The Covid advisors were initially secondees but casual staff had now been recruited too, including some furloughed staff from CV Life. There were about 25 Covid advisors with further recruitment planned.
- Regional activity included Local Authorities sharing information on how they were using the enforcement powers available to them.
- The legislation was constantly evolving to reflect changes in restrictions.
- The Communications Team would review the pictorial messaging and look to include representation of young people through it and ensure the message was clear that Covid affects people of all ages.
- There was messaging going to schools to remind pupils that social distancing needed to be maintained out of school as well as in.

- The difference between the National Test and Trace Programme and the local Coventry Programme was outlined. Coventry had set up a team of Welfare Callers to do backwards contact tracing to try and identify the source of the infection and to offer support to encourage people to isolate. The National Programme looked at the 48 hours prior to testing positive to identify where the individual may have spread the infection.
- Work was being undertaken with Supermarkets to reinforce the importance of implementing Covid secure measures in stores and encouraging shoppers to adhere to them.
- Places of Worship had been able to remain open during the current lockdown as national data indicated that there was a low risk of transmission. The importance of places of worship for mental health and well-being was also a factor in them remaining open. Some places of Worship in Coventry had chosen to close where they did not feel they were able to open safely.
- The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities would be asked to write to Government and request the inclusion of Police, Fire and Teaching staff for priority vaccination.

RESOLVED that:

(1) A briefing note be circulated to Members on enforcement activity, including metrics as well as numbers of interactions by Covid Advisors, hotspots, number of more formal actions, number of fines issued and how behaviour change is monitored.

(2) Consideration be given as to how advice could be provided to children and young people eg pictorially in the same way that has been done for adults.

(3) The Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities be requested to make representation to Government for the prioritisation of key workers in the vaccination scheme to include teachers, teaching assistants, police and fire service staff.

4. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2020/2021

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

RESOLVED that the Work Programme 2020/21 be noted and consideration be given to the inclusion of Brexit at a future meeting.

5. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no additional items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 12.35 pm)

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Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Coordination Committee

Date: 10th March 2021

Subject: Coventry Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 Members requested details of the Coventry Community Safety Strategic Assessment, which was approved by the Coventry Police and Crime Board at their meeting on 4th February 2021.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee
- 1) Note the content of the Coventry Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment
 - 2) Identify items to be considered for inclusion in Scrutiny work programmes
 - 3) Make recommendations as appropriate to the Cabinet Member (Policing and Equalities), who is the Coventry Police and Crime Board (the PCB) chairperson.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are the statutory body that bring together local partners to solve shared issues around: Crime and Disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug and Alcohol misuse, and Reoffending. The CSP in Coventry meets as the Police and Crime Board (PCB).
- 3.2 Each year, CSPs are required to undertake strategic assessments to help to inform their priorities. The root causes of crime and disorder are complex and multi-faceted, but local partners are well placed to respond and continue to work hard to understand how to make real and lasting impacts.
- 3.3 The strategic assessment is created, on behalf of the CSP, by West Midland Police analysts. The document consists and is informed by, both local data, contributions from the local CSP members and from a public survey, where members of the public are asked for their views on community safety in the city.
- 3.4 Whilst the strategic assessment is looking back at data and events in the previous year, it is also a predictive tool and is used to anticipate future issues in the city. This information is used by the PCB to set priorities and actions for the partnership as we seek to improve community safety in the city, in its widest sense.

4 Police and Crime Board Priorities

- 4.1 The responsibility for delivering these strategic priorities ultimately lies with the PCB, although these are allocated and managed by the sub-groups, which support the Board. The chairperson for each sub-group is a PCB member and is answerable to the Board for

the priorities that fall in their specific areas. Some of the priorities are 'cross-cutting' and collective ownership is taken for these issues.

- 4.2 The sub-groups that support the PCB and are responsible for managing, delivering and monitoring the actions are summarised below:
- City Tasking: This group covers public place-based issues, safety and reassurance
 - Harm and Abuse Reduction Partnership: This group responds to and seeks to reduce a range of vulnerabilities/issues which range from domestic abuse, sexual violence, hate crime, modern day slavery etc.
 - Reducing Re-Offending Group: Reducing reoffending and the resulting harm, integrated offender management and tackling serious and organised crime.
 - Prevent: respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it; prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.
- 4.3 The PCB meet on a quarterly basis and the document that details performance against the qualitative and quantitative is circulated to PCB members. Specific reporting is limited to 'exceptions' i.e. under, or over performance, although PCB members are able to ask specific questions relating to any part of the Coventry Community Safety Plan.
- 4.4 There is further scrutiny of the plan by the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, who has a representative on the Coventry PCB.

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17th June 2020
Covid-19 - Impact, Reset and Recovery
8th July 2020
Sustainability and Climate Change
29th July 2020
Education and Vulnerable Children
19th August 2020
Not required
16th September 2020
Jobs, Regeneration and Economy Draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20
7th October 2020
Health Inequalities
4th November 2020
One Coventry Plan
25th November 2020
City of Culture 2021 - City Readiness
6th January 2021 (moved from 13th January 2020)
Consideration of Call in - Stage 2 - Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park - Consideration of Objections Following a Period of Consultation.
10th February 2021
Covid-19 Enforcement Response
10th March 2021
Coventry Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment
21st April 2021
Domestic Violence and Abuse Climate Change
Items for 2021-22
Impact of Brexit on the City Digital Skills Report back of Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park Centre for Public Scrutiny – Scrutiny Review outcomes City of Culture 2021 Legacy Restructuring Coventry City Council Subsidiaries

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
17th June 2020	Covid-19 - Impact, Reset and Recovery	To consider the current position, plans for re-set and recovery and identify areas for further scrutiny	Cllr Duggins Gail Quinton
8th July 2020	Sustainability and Climate Change	Scrucoco will consider the interrelationships between air quality, travel, transport, access to education and employment, health and inequalities, etc Scrucoco will want to ensure the new normal maximises benefits to all and makes a positive contribution to climate change and a sustainable future for the city and its residents.	Cllrs O'Boyle, Hetherington, Caan, T Khan Andy Williams Brett Willers Andrew Walster Colin Knight
29th July 2020	Education and Vulnerable Children	Scrucoco will consider the impact of school closures on education and wellbeing of children and young people, especially those from vulnerable families	Cllrs Maton, Seaman Kirston Nelson John Gregg
19th August 2020	Not required		
16th September 2020	Jobs, Regeneration and Economy	To consider the impact of Covid-19 and implications for recovery and re-set on jobs regeneration and the economy. To invite members of SB3 as well	Cllr O'Boyle Andy Williams
	Draft Scrutiny Annual Report 2019-20	To consider the draft annual report before it goes before Council	Cllr Brown Adrian West
7th October 2020	Health Inequalities	To consider the impact of Covid-19 and implications for recovery and re-set on health inequalities. To invite members of SB5 as well	Cllr Kamran Caan Liz Gaulton

SCRUCO Work Programme 2020-21

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
4th November 2020	One Coventry Plan	To provide SCRUCO with the opportunity to review, and comment on, the One Coventry plan, prior to it being taken to Cabinet on 1 st December.	Cllr Duggins
25th November 2020	City of Culture 2021 - City Readiness	An update on progress and impact of Covid-19 including apprenticeship opportunities and resilience planning.	Cllr Duggins
6th January 2021 (moved from 13th January 2020)	Consideration of Call in - Stage 2 - Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park - Consideration of Objections Following a Period of Consultation.		
10th February 2021	Covid-19 Enforcement Response	An item on how the guidance and restrictions as a result of Covid-19 are being managed in the City. Will include the role of the COVID advisors and how issues are escalated through to enforcement. To include input from the Police and Transport colleagues.	Cllr AS Khan/ Julie Newman / Andrew Walster/ Davina Blackburn
10th March 2021	Coventry Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment	To include plans for City of Culture 2021	Cllr AS Khan
21st April 2021	Domestic Violence and Abuse	To update following commissioning of services and focus on provision during the Covid-19 pandemic	Cllr AS Khan Liz Gaulton Craig Hickin
	Climate Change	To follow up from the initial meeting on 8 th July	Cllr O'Boyle

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
			Bret Willers
Items for 2021-22	Impact of Brexit on the City	To update SCRUCO on the impacts of Brexit and support, particularly to businesses, of new regulations.	Cllr O'Boyle/ Andy Williams/ Steve Weir
	Digital Skills	To look in more detail how steps being taken to improve digital skills, to narrow the digital gap and to ensure there are sufficient skills in the job market to meet future demand	Cllr Hetherton Cllr Maton Cllr Lloyd
	Report back of Introduction of Parking Charges at War Memorial Park		Cllr A S Khan
	Centre for Public Scrutiny – Scrutiny Review outcomes	The CfPS undertook a scrutiny review during 2019-20. This item will consider the recommendations and next steps.	Cllr Akhtar Adrian West
	City of Culture 2021 Legacy	To report on the lasting legacy of the City of Culture including impact on wider jobs and skills as well as capital and cultural assets	Cllr Duggins/ David Nuttall
	Restructuring Coventry City Council Subsidiaries	To consider a Cabinet Report for due in 2021	Andrew Walster Cllr Duggins