



Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Time and Date

11.00 am on Wednesday, 21st April, 2021

Place

This meeting will be held remotely. The meeting can be viewed live by pasting this link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/R9EJ6-tpTOE>

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 March 2021

(b) Matters Arising

4. Sustainability and Climate Change - Progress to Date (Pages 7 - 26)

Briefing note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator and presentation by the Head of Sustainability and Climate Change

Councillor O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, Councillors Hetheron and Lloyd, Cabinet Member and Deputy Cabinet Member for City Services, Councillor Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport and Councillor Welsh, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities have been invited to the meeting for the consideration of this item

5. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2020/2021 (Pages 27 - 30)

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

Tuesday, 13 April 2021

- Notes: 1) The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Liz Knight, Governance Services, Council House, Coventry, telephone 024 7697 2644, alternatively E-mail: suzanne.bennett@coventry.gov.uk/liz.knight@coventry.gov.uk
- 2) Council Members who are not able to attend the meeting should notify Liz Knight no later than 10.00 a.m. on the day of the meeting, giving their reasons for absence and the name of the Council Member (if any) who will be attending the meeting as their substitute.
- 3) Scrutiny Board Members who have an interest in any report referred to this meeting, but who are not Members of this Committee, have been invited to notify the Chair by 12 noon on the day before the meeting that they wish to speak on a particular item. The Member must indicate to the Chair their reason for wishing to speak and the issue(s) they wish to raise.

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

By invitation: Councillors 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, 10 March 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 AS Khan Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

Other Representative: Commander Mike O'Hara, West Midlands Police
Charlotte Powell, West Midlands Police
Simon Hensley, West Midlands Police

Employees:

V Castree, Law and Governance
C Hickin, Head of Environmental Services
G Holmes, Law and Governance

Public Business

53. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

54. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 February, 2020 were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

55. Coventry Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment

The Committee were provided with information about the Strategic Assessment and the priorities of the Police and Crime Board. Councillor AS Khan, Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities, attended the meeting for the consideration of this item along with Commander Mike O'Hara, Simon Hensley and Charlotte Powell, West Midlands Police.

Councillor AS Khan introduced the item, informing the Committee that the Strategic Assessment was used to identify trends and anticipate future issues to address, setting priorities for the Police and Crime Board to discuss.

Commander O'Hara of West Midlands Police provided the context of COVID-19 and stated that the medium- and long-term effects of the virus, and associated lockdowns, would become clearer over time.

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

- The consequences of increased alcohol use, through lockdown and beyond, including the public health, third sector and public sector partner responses should be considered at a future meeting
- The increase in serious crime was a complex issue which is why long term strategies, such as the 10-year violence reduction strategy, had been implemented. Increased efforts in enforcement activity could have contributed to an increase in recorded crime rates, but there were also a number of other factors to consider.
- Officers would consider ways to get a more representative response to the Crime Survey.
- The police did a substantial amount of partnership work to support children and young people. This included work with schools, including school-based police panels, and work with Early Help and Family Hubs. This used a trauma informed approach and recognised the importance of early intervention. School Heads, teachers and staff were able to access training on a wide variety of vulnerabilities facing children and young people including criminal exploitation as both victims and perpetrators.
- There was a dedicated police officer for restorative justice. There was good reporting available on restorative justice which would be included in future strategic assessments.
- Drug activity was taken very seriously as it was one of the key drivers for exploitation, violence and acquisitive crime.
- The police have a strong and robust position towards serious crime. This included working with the regional cannabis disposal team on the issue of cannabis farms and addressing the links with organised crime, health and safety as well as vulnerable people operating the farms.
- Police resourcing was the strongest it had been for the past three years, helped by the national policing uplift.
- There were 97 dedicated neighbourhood constables and 55 PCSO's across the city, as well as other city-wide teams and response officers, investigators, covert and operational officers. There were between 170-200 officers directly under the management of the Coventry Commander.
- Flytipping had increased during lockdown, following a decline in 2019, but was now seeing a decrease again in each quarter.
- Conviction rates were difficult to record as sometimes a conviction could be a significant time after the offence took place. Recordings of detections were an administrative process. A conviction was when a case has gone to court and the offender found guilty.
- Sexual violence statistics included those offences reported through voluntary organisations such as CRASAC, if the victim wanted to report it. Conviction rates for rape and sexual violence were low nationally and this was a concern. It was important that victims come forward and report offences.
- There was a dedicated police officer embedded in the City of Culture team and cybersecurity was considered, as well as organised crime, as a risk. They were working nationally and testing systems to ensure they were mitigated

- The strategic assessment enabled the Police and Crime Board to take a strategic approach and determine priorities such as domestic violence and the 10-year strategy. It meant they could look forward rather than just reacting.
- The health and wellbeing of officers was a priority and there were several initiatives to support this including forums to raise concerns as well as trauma informed approaches for staff. Open lines of communication were key.
- Begging had been a challenge and the police had been working with the Council to address the issue. Cases were dealt with at an individual level looking at background, accommodation and drug and alcohol issues. There had been an impact on homelessness and rough sleeping.
- Increase in harassment was mainly due to changes in categorisation of the data which altered in 2018. It included sending messages which had increased during lockdown.

Cllr AS Khan thanked the officers and the police for the work that had gone into the Strategic Assessment. This thanks was echoed by the Chair and the rest of the Committee.

RESOLVED that:

(1) The following items be added to the work programme for 2021/22:

- i. **Alcohol related issues including work with public health and third sector partners as well as the police**
- ii. **Youth Violence**
- iii. **Domestic violence and abuse.**

56. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2020/2021 and Outstanding Issues

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

RESOLVED that the Work Programme 2020/21 be noted and the meeting on 21st April be given to an item on Climate Change. Domestic Violence and Abuse would be deferred to 2021/22.

57. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no additional items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 11.25 am)

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Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 21st April 2021

Subject: Sustainability & Climate Change – progress to date

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To introduce a presentation appended to this briefing note which updates Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee on progress on sustainability and Climate Change

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are recommended to:

- 1) Consider the content of the presentation at Appendix 1
- 2) Identify any further recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Member

3 Background and Information

- 3.1 The presentation attached covers the areas:

- Energy and Climate Change
- Transforming transport and mobility
- Protecting diversity
- Addressing environmental inequalities and it's consequences on society
- Developing a circular zero carbon economy
- Creating partnerships for change

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Sustainability & Climate Change – *progress to date*

Bret Willers

*Head of Sustainability & Climate
Change*



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Key areas of activity to date



Energy & Climate Change

Transforming transport & mobility

Protecting Biodiversity

Addressing environmental inequalities & its consequences on society

Developing a circular zero carbon economy

Creating partnerships for change

Energy & Climate Change

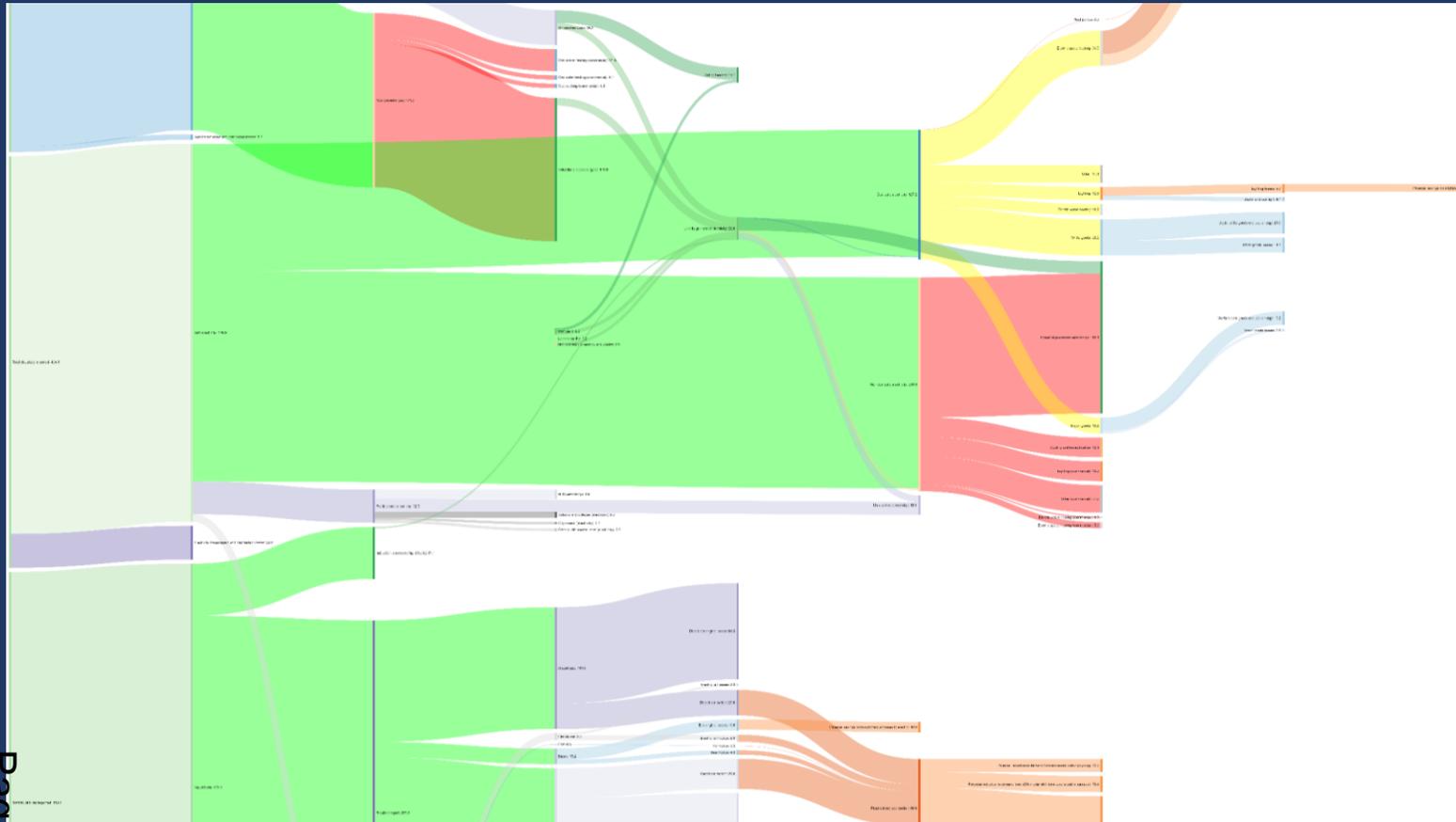
- **CDP A- Rating**
- **Regional Energy Systems Operator (RESO)**
- **Partnerships – securing investment for the zero carbon future**
- **Western Power Distribution & Cadent**
- **Feasibility Studies for Solar – (EUCEF)**
- **Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund £6m – Salix**
- **Climate View**
- **Supplementary Planning Guidance Documentation**

Regional Energy Systems Operator (RESO)

- **Innovate UK Funded – passed Stage Gate with flying colours**
- **Identifying systems design for Zero Carbon energy generation, distribution & efficient use of supply**
- **Exploring future systems of governance & energy trading**
- **Identifying potential investors for developing infrastructure**
- **Linked to SMART cities**



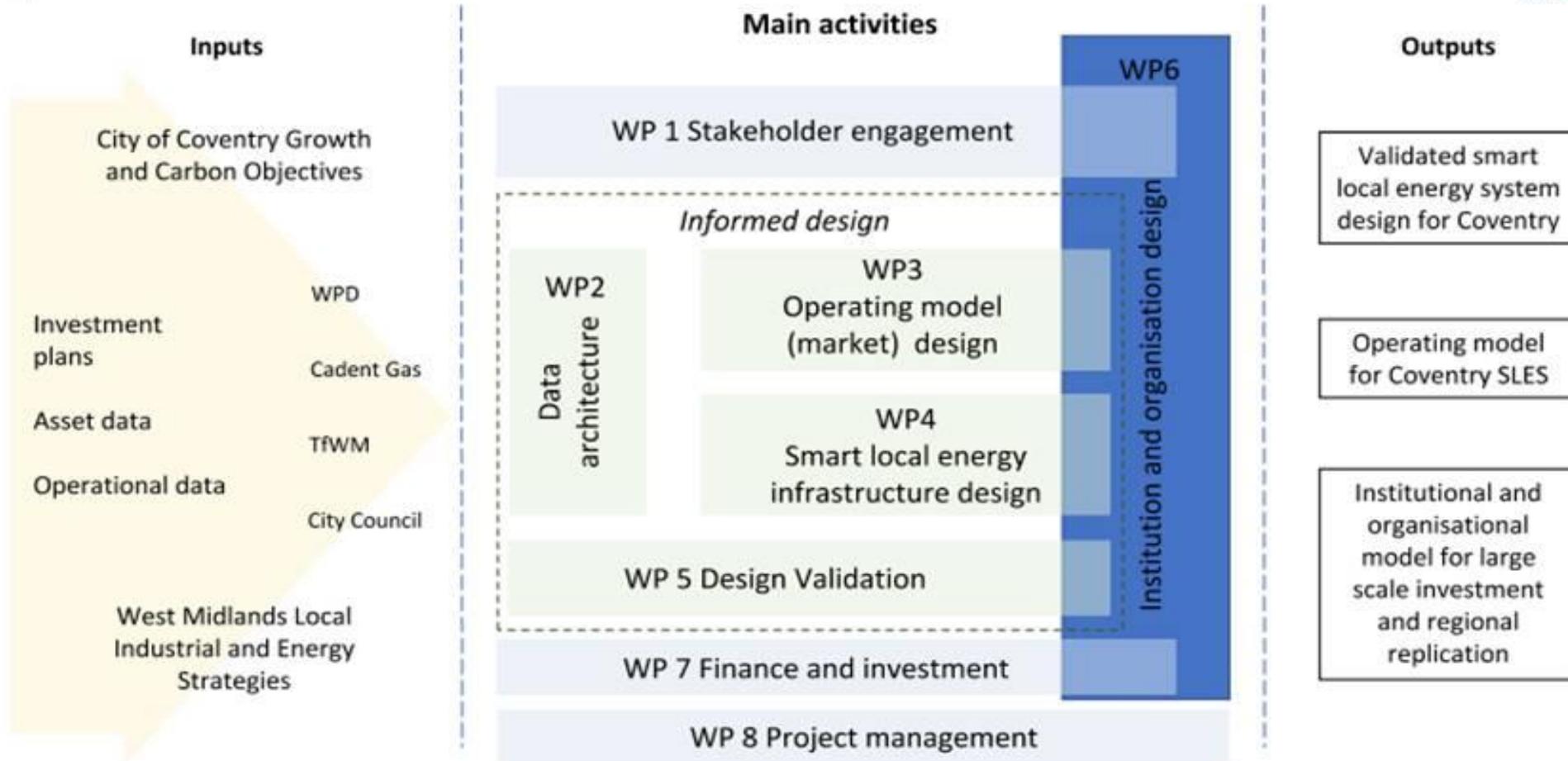
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Mapping energy flows in a geo-spatial context



An experienced team with a clear delivery plan



Transforming transport & mobility

- **An EV Infrastructure**
- **Electric Bus City**
- **Very Light Rail**
- **Active Travel - a new infrastructure**
- **Supporting behaviour change**
- **Freight – electric van hire**
- **Integrated hubs – hydrogen & EV**





ClimateView – behavioural change

What is a solution?

Emissions
from cars

Solutions to reduce
Emissions from Cars

Electrification

Public Transport

Cycling & Walking



120g CO₂
reduced
emission/km

135g CO₂
reduced
emission/km

141.9 g CO₂
reduced
emission/km



Biodiversity

- **Living Landscapes River Sherbourne Corridor**
- **Wildlife Corridors**
- **London Road Cemetery**
- **Green space strategy – informing WMCA’s 5yr Plan**
- **Community engagement - local spaces**



Addressing Environmental Inequalities

- **Air Quality Action Plan**
- **Social Value Policy**
- **Fuel Poverty**
 - LADS Funding £2.3m for home retrofits
- **Food Poverty**
 - City Food Network
- **Opportunities for social enterprise**



Circular Zero Carbon Economy

- **Supporting the infrastructure for green technological innovation**
 - Battery Innovation Centre
 - Gigafactory
- **Joint venture opportunities**
- **Social enterprises – repair & re-use, local sourcing with training & work experience.**



The 17 Sustainable Development Goals





Creating a shared Vision for a sustainable City...



An Independent Commission for a Sustainable Coventry

Sustainable Coventry' Commission

1. Low emission development pathway *curbs climate change, creates new economic opportunities and improves the health of human and natural systems.*

2. Nature-based development pathway *protects and enhances biodiversity and urban ecosystems, which underpin key aspects of local economies and the well-being and resilience of our communities.*

3. Circular economy development pathway *development of new models of production and consumption build sustainable societies that use recyclable, sharable and replenishing resources to end the linear model of produce, consume and discard*

4. Resilient development pathway *anticipates, prevents, absorbs and recovers from shocks and stresses, especially those brought about by rapid environmental technological, social and demographic change*

5. Equitable and people centred development pathway *building more just liveable and inclusive urban communities and addresses poverty and inequalities*

The 5 ICLEI Pathways for a Sustainable City

- **To establish an independent cross-sectoral commission of key stakeholders with resources and expertise**
- **Coventry Anchor Group has set ‘Sustainability and zero carbon objectives’ as a priority focus for the coming years**
- **Establish cross sectoral working groups to work on the 5 themes**
- **To develop a Strategy for a ‘Sustainable Coventry’**
- **To identify actions and secure commitments for an Action Plan covering each of the 5 pathways for action.**

Potential Opportunities

- New supply chains with export potential – electric vehicles and Very Light Rail
- Diversification of a localised energy supply
- Growth of active modes of travel – pop up cycle routes, electric bicycles etc
- Retrofit & residential opportunities – rebuild RSLs' capacity, Government funds
- Incentives for electric vehicle take-up
- Incentives for public transport use – build consumer confidence
- Enhancement of electric vehicle charging infrastructure & energy storage
- Opportunities for Municipal bonds, crowd funding & new funding systems



Some of the key areas for action

- A transition in our corporate culture to set an example for others to follow
- City of Culture – raising awareness & inspiring change at the community level
- Playing a collaborative role in energy network planning and investment
- Decarbonising buildings through priming the retrofit market & working with Developers and landlords
- Setting local zero carbon development planning policies
- Developing an integrated, low carbon transport system
- Achieving a green economic recovery and transformation

Page 25 Biodiversity and developing a 'Green & Blue' infrastructure

Building social permission for radical change



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Coventry in a global market



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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
Climate Change
Items for 2021-22
Impact of Brexit on the City Domestic Violence and Abuse 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	Climate Change	To follow up from the initial meeting on 8 th July	Cllr O'Boyle Bret Willers

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
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
	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
	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