



Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

Time and Date

2.00 pm on Wednesday, 14th July, 2021

Place

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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 14th April 2021
 - (b) Matters arising
4. **Climate Change - Biodiversity** (Pages 9 - 42)
Briefing Note of the Director of Business, Investment and Culture
5. **Work Programme and Outstanding Issues 2021/2022** (Pages 43 - 46)
Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator
6. **Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved**

Private Business

Nil

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

Tuesday, 6 July 2021

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Membership:

Councillors G Hayre, M Heaven, T Jandhu, R Lancaster, P Male, C Miks (Chair),
E Ruane, B Singh, A Tucker

By invitation:

Councillor J O'Boyle - Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change

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Agenda Item 3

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)
held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 14 April 2021
(This meeting was held remotely)

Present:

Members: Councillor C Miks (Chair)
Councillor G Hayre
Councillor M Heaven
Councillor T Jandu
Councillor R Lancaster
Councillor E Ruane
Councillor B Singh

Other Members
(by invitation):

Councillor J O'Boyle - Cabinet Member for Jobs and
Regeneration
Councillor K Maton - Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

By Invitation:

A Davis - Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Board
K Hughes – Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise
Board

Employees (by Service):

Business, Investment and Culture D Hope

Law and Governance G Holmes. M Salmon

Property Services and Development R Moon (Director of Property Services and Development),
L Lewis, D Peters, B Willers

Apologies: Councillor R Ali

Public Business

36. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

As a member of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership's Culture and Tourism Group, Councillor B Singh declared an interest in the matter the subject of minute 38 below headed 'Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership'. He remained in the meeting but took no part in the consideration of the matter.

37. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2021 and the minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Business, Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) and the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) held on 24th March 2021, which would also be submitted to the next meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1), were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

38. **Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership**

The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) received a briefing note and presentation of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) that provided a review of the work of the LEP and the impact of Covid-19 and plans for recovery.

Over the previous decade Coventry and Warwickshire economy had grown at a rate unsurpassed by any other LEP area in the country. Economic growth, measured by total GVA and productivity, both grew by 45% with manufacturing showing an outstanding performance as the fastest growing sector in the country, growing over 110% over the decade. The Coventry and Warwickshire employment rate stood at 75.9%, and grew by 5.4% since 2014, faster than growth seen in the West Midlands Combined Authority area (4.2%) and England (3.8%). An unemployment rate of 3.8%, was lower than the regional (5.1%) and national rates (4.1%). Average workplace earnings in 2018 were £30,2713, having grown 12.6% since 2014. This growth was higher than any of the other LEP areas. Coventry and Warwickshire had held a top 10 growth position since 2014 (15.5%) amongst all LEP areas on proportion of people aged 16-64 with an NVQ Level 4 or above, at 38.2%.

Currently 19,600 jobs were furloughed in Coventry, 12.5% of all jobs. A cumulative 56,600 Coventry jobs had been furloughed since the start of the pandemic, 36.3% of all jobs. 6,750 CBILS and BBLs, Government loans had been given to support business in Coventry worth £262.7m. 7,416 Government grants to support businesses, worth £57.9m, had also been issued in Coventry. Centre for Cities estimate current footfall in Coventry city centre to be a quarter of its pre-pandemic level, whilst spending was currently around one fifth of pre-Covid times. Claimant Count in Coventry jumped from c7,000 in March 2020 to c17,000 by July. The CW Employment Solutions site, since launching in Nov 2020, had had over 27,500 visits, with 6,300 users and there were currently nearly 3,500 vacancies on the site.

The presentation outlined the CWLEP reset strategic framework which had been established through an approach that needed to be responsive and agile to adapt to the rapidly changing nature of the economic recovery. CW Economic Reset Taskforce and Business Groups would feed into the CWLEP Board. The LEP's Objectives and reset principles, and pillars had been set around Coventry and Warwickshire being a safe and highly attractive place to live, study, work and invest. The presentation provided details of the implementation plan priorities and progress 2021 for Transport and Infrastructure, Planning and Housing, Culture and Tourism, Digital and Creative, Productivity and Skills, SME, International, and CW Place Board and Champions. It also highlighted case studies on Completing the Cultural Capital in Coventry, the Coventry Station Masterplan, Coventry Very Light

Rail, and the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre. It further highlighted the Electrification Taskforce that CWLEP had set-up to ensure greater connection between sectors as well as recognising the need for upskilling for the future of the economy.

The next steps were:

- Reset of the economy whilst living with Covid-19 and its impacts – implementation of One Coventry & Warwickshire Strategic Reset Framework across jobs, skills, innovation, and net zero agendas
- Continued impact and implications of the end of EU Transition
- Electrification - securing a Gigafactory in Coventry & Warwickshire
- Budget – Levelling-up Fund, UK Shared Prosperity Fund; Review of LEPs
- Maintaining Delivery in the final year of Local Growth Fund, and delivering the local Getting Building Fund projects
- Increasing already strong role in strategic projects including City of Culture and Commonwealth Games

The Board questioned officers, received responses and discussed the following issues:

- Coventry and Warwickshire Champions – speaker’s messages were valuable and should be made widely available
- Establish the required skills needed and ensure capacity to deliver them in the Sub-Region
- Continue work to remove barriers to investment and attract businesses to the region
- Continue work on promoting and keeping people connected, through challenging times
- Establishing trade deals around the world following Brexit
- The changing profile of businesses and new opportunities for manufacturing to expand the way they conduct business
- The resilience of retail using on-line and virtual opportunities through lockdown
- The Government review of Local Enterprise Partnerships to enable stronger Partnerships to evolve

RESOLVED that the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3):

- 1) Notes the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership reset strategic framework as detailed in the presentation.**
- 2) Made no further recommendations for Coventry City Council’s representative on the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership.**

39. Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Update

The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) received a briefing note and presentation of the Director of Property Services and Development that provided an update on the progress of the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) project since Cabinet and Council approved the proposals on 9th December 2020 and 16th December 2020 respectively. Copies of the reports were attached as appendices to the briefing note.

The UK Government committed to provide financial support to help stimulate the economy following the economic downturn caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. They had established a number of funding schemes aimed at supporting the wider agenda of “Building Back Better” through supporting green job growth. The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) launched the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme on 1st October 2020. The Grant Scheme was delivered by Salix Finance and aimed to allocate up to £1bn of grant funding to encourage green investment aligning with the Government’s Net Zero and clean growth goals.

The final value of the PSDS Bid 1 grant of £6,052,216 was confirmed on the 11th January 2021 and included 120 eligible measures across 29 Coventry City Council owned and operated properties. Eligible measures were categorised as: low carbon heating; energy efficiency measures; non-efficiency measures that supported decarbonisation; and fossil fuel replacement of oil and coal. The Director of Finance, in consultation with legal and property officers, accepted the grant on the 19th February 2021 and work to take the approved projects to the delivery stage. The Council were informed by BEIS on the 25th February 2021 that a further grant allocation for the maintained education portfolio could also be funded and a provisional offer of a second grant for £2,486,827 for Coventry City Council educational properties was made. Due to timing constraints the grant was accepted by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills and the Director of Law and Governance, under emergency powers, on the 25th February 2021.

Funding aimed to support measures that did not meet traditional “Financial Payback” criteria. No match funding was required as long as projects met the PSDS criteria of £500 per tonne CO2 saved in the project lifetime and there was no maximum Grant Value. There was a very prescriptive definition of what was eligible as a “Public Building”, which could not be charity or voluntary organisation operated.

An Initial review of the potential deliverable pipeline of eligible projects indicated a grant request of £6m for Corporate Properties (Bid 1). A further desktop review by Greener Energy Futures indicated an additional £2.4m for primary school improvements may be possible (Bid 2). Both applications were submitted by the 11th January 2021 deadline to be assessed for Phase 1. PSDS Phase 1 had £2.4bn of bids submitted. The Authority was initially told Bid 1, with a target financial saving of £59k per year, was successful but Bid 2 with a target financial saving of £88k per year was unsuccessful. Due to unclaimed grants CCC were subsequently awarded Bid 2 grant as part of new Local Authority Grant Process. This grant included 49 eligible measures across seven City Council Maintained Schools.

The Council had now begun the process of delivering the projects that secured funding with a deadline of 30th September 2021 to complete the works.

The Board questioned officers, received responses and discussed the following issues:

- Academy schools could not be included in the Authority’s bids.
- The limited timescale for submission of the primary school bid required the inclusion of only those schools that were in a position to deliver the measures within the timeframe

- Scoping of all of the city schools in preparation for future bids would ensure that the Authority was in a position to submit bids quickly
- Consultants were engaged to assist with supporting the work on the bids
- A government decision to initially focus on district heat networks and to reduce the available funding to £70m, then to change focus to include schools, had impacted on the Council's timescales and capacity to work on the bid for schools
- The definition of match funding was a combination of 50% of a project cost being borne by the Authority and 50% being received in grant funding. These decarbonisation projects did not require match funding
- These schemes were an important part of a wider agenda for climate change and environmental improvements that would see the Authority supporting the Government's clean growth goals

Members of the Board requested that a list of Council buildings that would benefit from the funding secured, to include details of the initiatives/eligible measures that would be progressed in each building, be circulated to them. They further requested that similar information be circulated to them for school buildings, when it was available.

RESOLVED that the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3):

- 1) Notes the work undertaken to date to secure funding under the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Grant Award**
- 2) Supports the progress made in delivery of the initiatives for which funding has been secured.**

40. Work Programme 2020/2021

The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) considered the Board's Work Programme for 2020/2021 and the suggested items that would be carried forward for the incoming Board to consider.

The Board requested that information on how the Council submitted bids for capital funding, to ensure that opportunities were maximised, be circulated to Members of the Board.

RESOLVED that the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3):

- 1) Notes the completion of the work programme for the Municipal Year 2020/2021**
- 2) Notes the suggested items that will be carried forward for the incoming Board to consider and agrees that the following matters be added/amended:**
 - a) Gigafactory - to include plans for Coventry Airport**
 - b) International Overseas Trade Market Update**
 - c) Integrated Transport – to include a progress update on Very Light Rail**

41. **Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved**

There were no other items of public business.

As this was the last meeting of the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) for the Municipal Year 2020/2021, the Chair, Councillor Miks, thanked Members for their commitment to the work of the Board throughout the year.

(Meeting closed at 3.30 pm)



**Canal &
River Trust**

Making life better by water

Coventry Canal – A transition to a greener future

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The WM Region in Numbers

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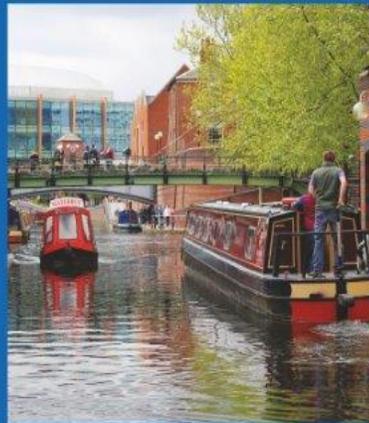
Waterways & Wellbeing

- 34% of Assets & PPM
- 29% of Actual Length
- 32% of Locks
- 39% of Reservoirs
- *2m target population of 5.7m overall.*
- *19 SSSI Sites*
- *1031km of towpaths*
- *948 access points*
- *National Boat Count 24%*



Canal &
River Trust
Making life better by water

West Midlands Waterways



~ 1/3 of network

4-ACTIONS - x7 CG22 and CC21 sites:

1. 5x Green Flag sites
2. Maximise brand awareness campaigns through signage, major activities and media
3. Community ownership through local volunteering and adoptions
4. Activities to promote wellbeing to up to 2m canal neighbours

Discover the Coventry Canal

From Coventry Canal Basin to Hawkesbury Junction.
Proudly supporting the Coventry UK City of Culture 2021.



Active & Sustainable Travel - Towpath Improvement

- £1.4m towpath improvement scheme, funded by the West Midlands Combined Authority through the Coventry City Council
- This has delivered a new all-weather towpath as well as access and signage improvements, from Priestley's Bridge to Hawkesbury Junction. The scheme connects with the existing improvements from the Canal Basin
- Active & Sustainable Travel – improvements for walkers, runners and cyclists encouraging sustainable zero emission transport methods
- The most common frequency for using the towpath is 2-5 times a week (33%) followed by everyday usage (24%). This is an encouraging statistic demonstrating high usage by local residents and repeat visitors.



Improvement of Biodiversity

- Management of water's edge habitat to improve it for key vertebrate species such as water voles.
- Planting of wild flower seeds along key sections of the canal to improve plant diversity, to attract pollinators and to improve aesthetic value.
- Maintaining trees that overhang the waterway channel and towpath to ensure that they remain clear for people to safely access and use the waterways.
- Increasing the amount of hedgerow to boost invertebrate and bird biodiversity along sections of this canal.
- Removal of invasive, non-native plant species that would otherwise displace native species and reduce biodiversity.

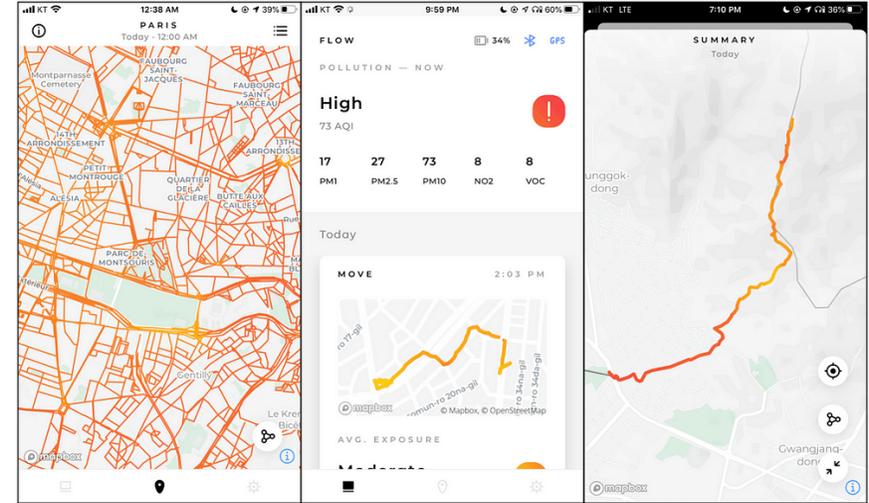


Involvement of the Public

- Leading wildlife walks along the canal for members of the public as a means of educating them towards the species present, their habitats and specific issues that may harm biodiversity whilst also promoting health and wellbeing.
- Encouraging local members of the public to report sightings of protected species such as water voles, bats and otters to provide a means of monitoring their presence along the canal.
- Involving the local community in environmental improvements that benefit their wellbeing by increasing volunteer activities such as:
 - Installation and monitoring of additional bird and bat boxes.
 - Clearing and removal of less desirable and invasive plant species in favour of planting native species that will improve biodiversity.
 - Management of areas of woodland to improve their conservational value to key animal species.



- As part of our management plan for the Coventry 5.5 we are undertaking environmental monitoring:
- **Air Quality Monitoring:** We are planning to conduct portable air quality monitoring around both the roads along the city centre and the canal corridor. This is to compare the quality of our air along the canal which we hope offers a cleaner, greener and safer travel corridor
- **Water Quality Monitoring:** We have begun a regional water quality project to assess the chemical quality of our waterways with Coventry being a priority site
- **Fly Tipping:** Increased communication with local authority, improvements in data collection/reporting & submission of evidence. Huge volunteer and community assistance in maintaining the canal environment



Invasive Species Project – Severn Trent

INNS Eradication Project 2021 - 2025



Invasive Non-Native Species Eradication Project (2021—2025)

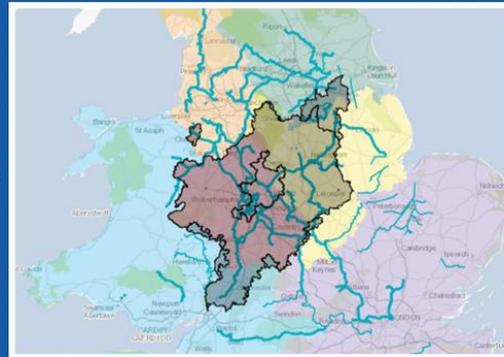
A strategic partnership between Severn Trent and Canal & River Trust. This project will focus on eradicating 4 invasive species within the catchment: Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Floating Pennywort and Water Fern.

Treatments Methods

This project will explore the use of a range of different techniques including chemical, biological and mechanical treatment as well as investigate new innovative technologies such as electricide and hot foam.

Outcomes

This project will help Canal & River Trust deliver a significant reduction in INNS across the canal and river network as well as provide the opportunity to test different treatment methods to compare effectiveness. Overall, this will help improve the habitats for native flora and fauna across Canal & River Trust's network.



- Strategic partnership project to tackle invasive species across the Severn Trent catchment (£600k of external funding)
- Covers 4 operating regions including West Midlands
- Invasive plant species including Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Floating Pennywort & Water Fern (Azolla)
- Sites on the Coventry Canal are being targeted for treatment & eradication
- Project is utilising different treatment methods including chemical, biological, mechanical and exploring new alternatives (i.e. using electricity for terrestrial treatment)



To: Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

14th July 2021

Subject: Climate Change - Biodiversity

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To introduce a presentation attached at Appendix 1 to the Briefing Note on Climate Change – Biodiversity.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) are recommended to:
- 1) Support the actions to consider for the future as provided in the presentation at Appendix 1 to the Briefing Note.
 - 2) Identify any further recommendations for the Cabinet Member.

3 Background and Information

- 3.1 Following an item on Climate Change received by Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at their meeting on 21st April 2021, the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) requested an item on Biodiversity.
- 3.2 The presentation at Appendix 1 to the Briefing Note provides information on Biodiversity and Green Space in Coventry and steps the Council and partners are taking to increase access to green spaces and manage biodiversity across the city.

4 Health Inequalities Impact Assessment

- 4.1 Access to Green Space has a significant impact on health and steps to increase access to green space will have a positive effect on health inequalities. 90% of people say green spaces enhance their health and wellbeing.

Appendix 1 – Climate Change - Biodiversity

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BIODIVERSITY & GREEN SPACE

The 5 ICLEI* Pathways to Sustainability

- Low emissions
- **Nature based**
- Circular economy
- Adaptability & resilience
- Equitable & People centred

Understanding the interrelationships

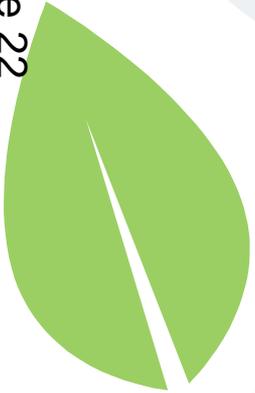
*International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives

Responding to Legislation

- ❑ UK Biodiversity Action Plan 1994
- ❑ Natural Environment & Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006
- ❑ UK National Ecosystem Assessment 2011
- ❑ Biodiversity Duty: public authority duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity 2014
- ❑ Biodiversity 2020: *A strategy for England's wildlife & ecosystem services*
- ❑ Improving Access to Greenspace –Public health England Review 2020
- ❑ National Planning Policy Framework 2019– Biodiversity mitigation requirement
- ❑ The Environment Bill 2020 – mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain

Green Space Strategy 2019 -2024

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- ❑ providing accessible spaces for play, sport and informal recreation
- ❑ improved physical and mental health and wellbeing and contributing to a reduction in childhood obesity
- ❑ increased community cohesion
- ❑ as venues for community and commercial events
- ❑ contributing to the heritage and cultural offer in the city
- ❑ active transport initiatives including safe, traffic free routes



2015/16 Revenue
Budget for
greenspace
reduced by 25%



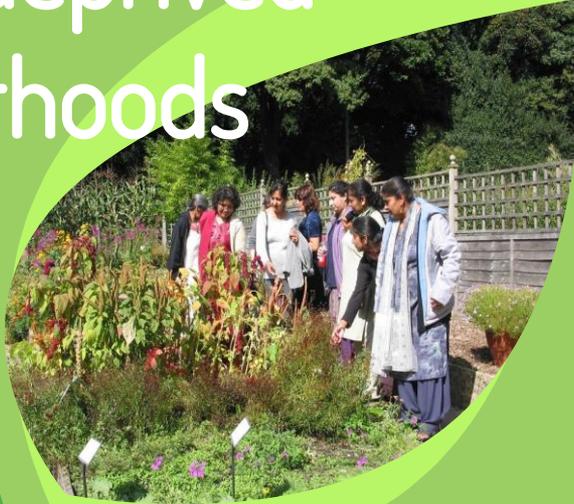
An extended period
of national austerity
affecting a non-
statutory service

The challenges and opportunities we face



- ☑ having enough staff - with the knowledge & expertise for habitat management
- ☑ setting aside areas for nature conservation
- ☑ changing the way we conduct routine maintenance of parks & open space
- ☑ Working in partnership with communities & partners for securing funding
- ☑ Review of Local Plan & Supplementary Planning Guidance
- ☑ City of Culture events to engage communities

Green Space - access & deprived neighbourhoods



70% of people visit green spaces at least once/week

90% of people say green spaces enhance their health & wellbeing

60% of people take less than 10 minutes to travel to their most used green space

Local authority	Number of neighbourhoods by rating				
	A	B	C	D	E
Lambeth	0	2	0	5	28
Birmingham	8	37	33	27	27
Tower Hamlets	0	2	0	3	27
Haringey	0	5	0	6	25
Newham	0	5	0	9	23
Islington	0	0	0	0	23
Manchester	0	8	7	21	21
Wandsworth	0	5	0	11	21
Southwark	0	3	1	8	21
Camden	0	3	0	5	20
Hammersmith and Fulham	0	2	0	3	20
Lewisham	0	3	0	14	19
Brent	0	7	1	7	19
Westminster	0	4	0	1	19
Liverpool	5	13	9	16	18
Bristol	3	15	10	9	18
Waltham Forest	0	1	3	6	18
Leicester	3	7	4	7	16
Kensington and Chelsea	0	0	0	5	16
Leeds	17	22	31	22	15
Hackney	0	3	0	10	15
Ealing	0	2	1	22	14
Croydon	4	6	10	10	14
Southampton	0	8	2	8	14
Brighton and Hove	4	8	3	4	14
Bradford	12	4	17	15	13
Enfield	2	5	2	14	13
Kingston upon Hull	0	4	5	10	13
Greenwich	1	7	4	8	13
Redbridge	1	6	3	8	13
Hounslow	0	7	0	8	13
Portsmouth	1	5	1	6	12
Coventry	2	6	11	12	11
Medway	4	7	9	7	11
Sunderland	5	3	13	4	11
Sheffield	11	17	13	19	10
Barnet	4	7	6	14	10
Nottingham	2	8	11	7	10
Plymouth	1	6	8	7	10
Bolton	4	8	8	5	10

Some notable species



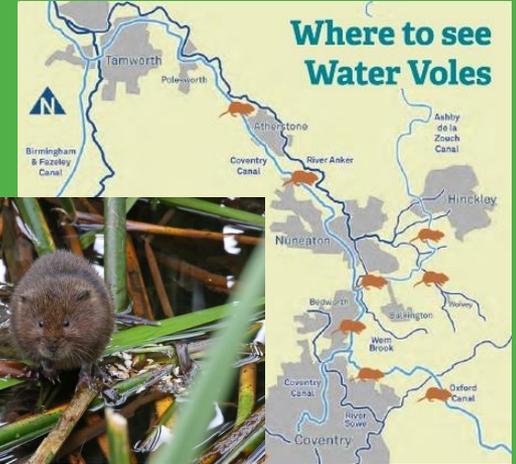
Peregrine Falcon, Cathedral tower



Bee orchids, Webster's Park



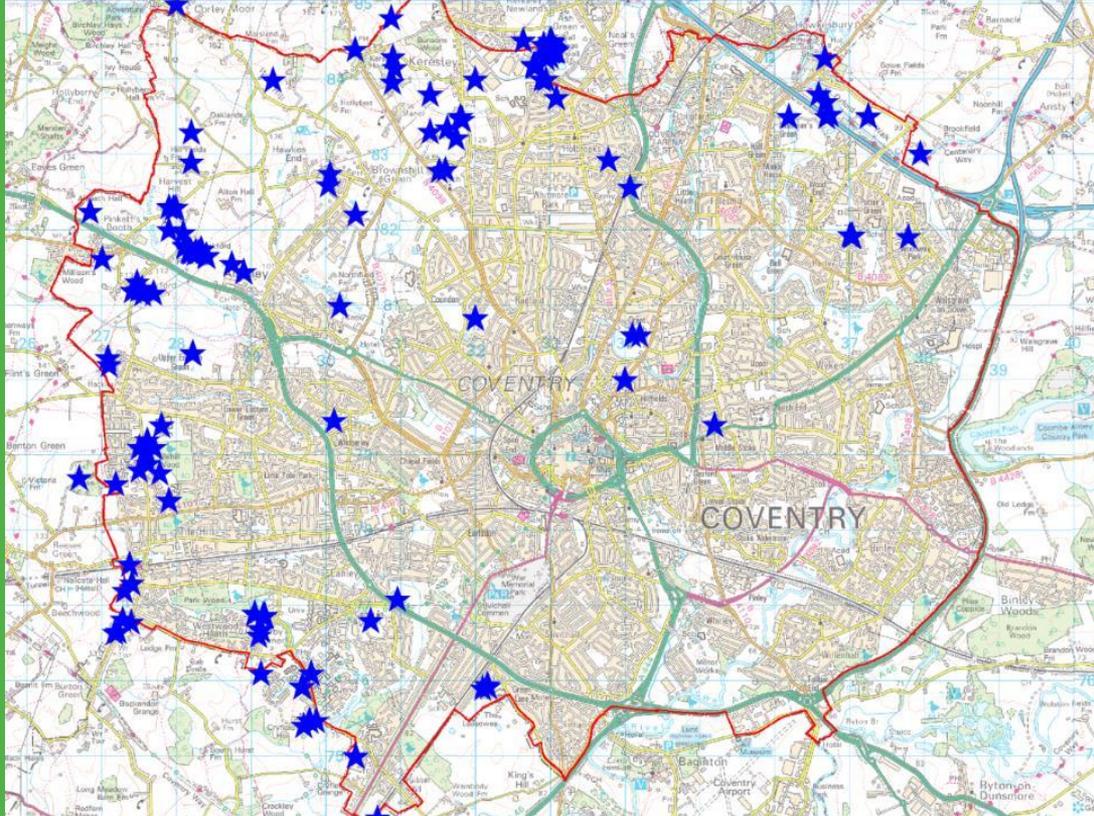
Kingfisher River Sherbourne



Water Vole, Coventry canal



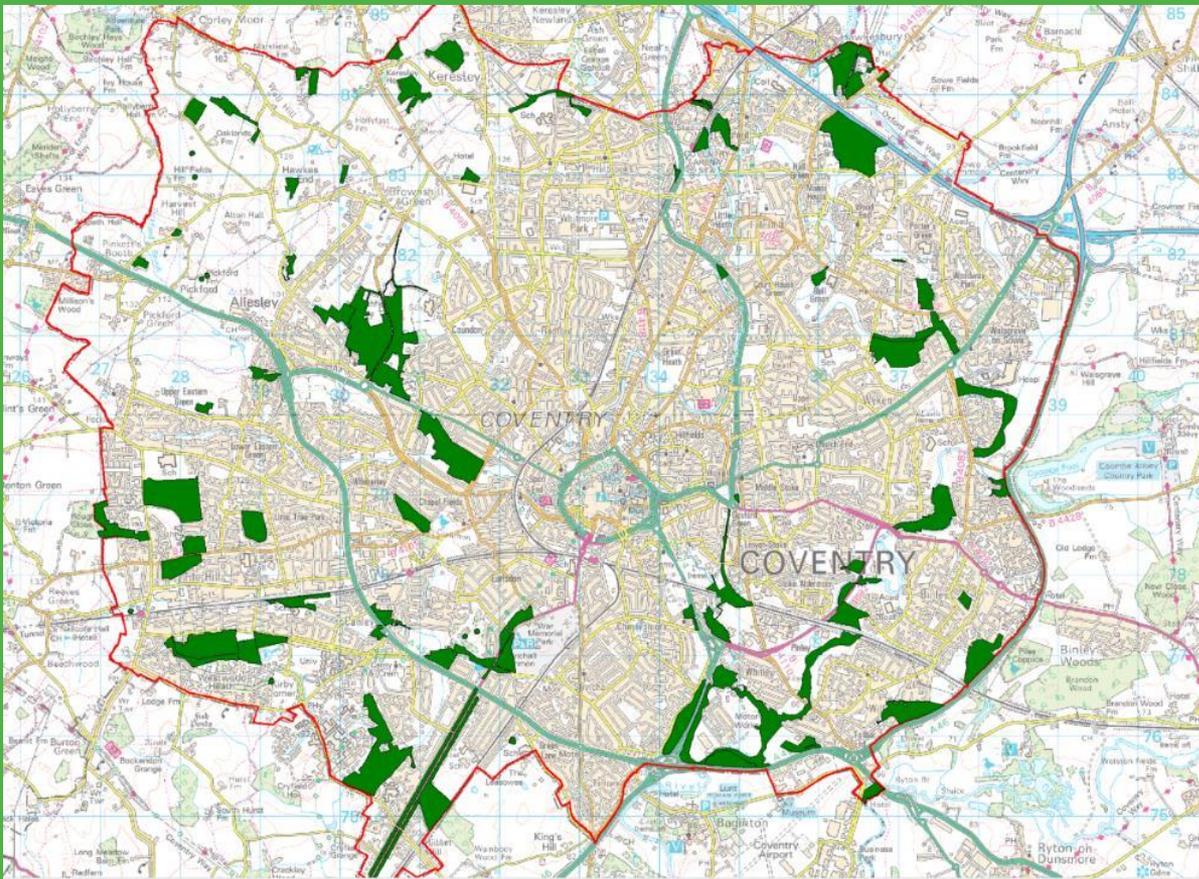
Some notable species



328 records of
Great Crested
Newts



Local wildlife sites

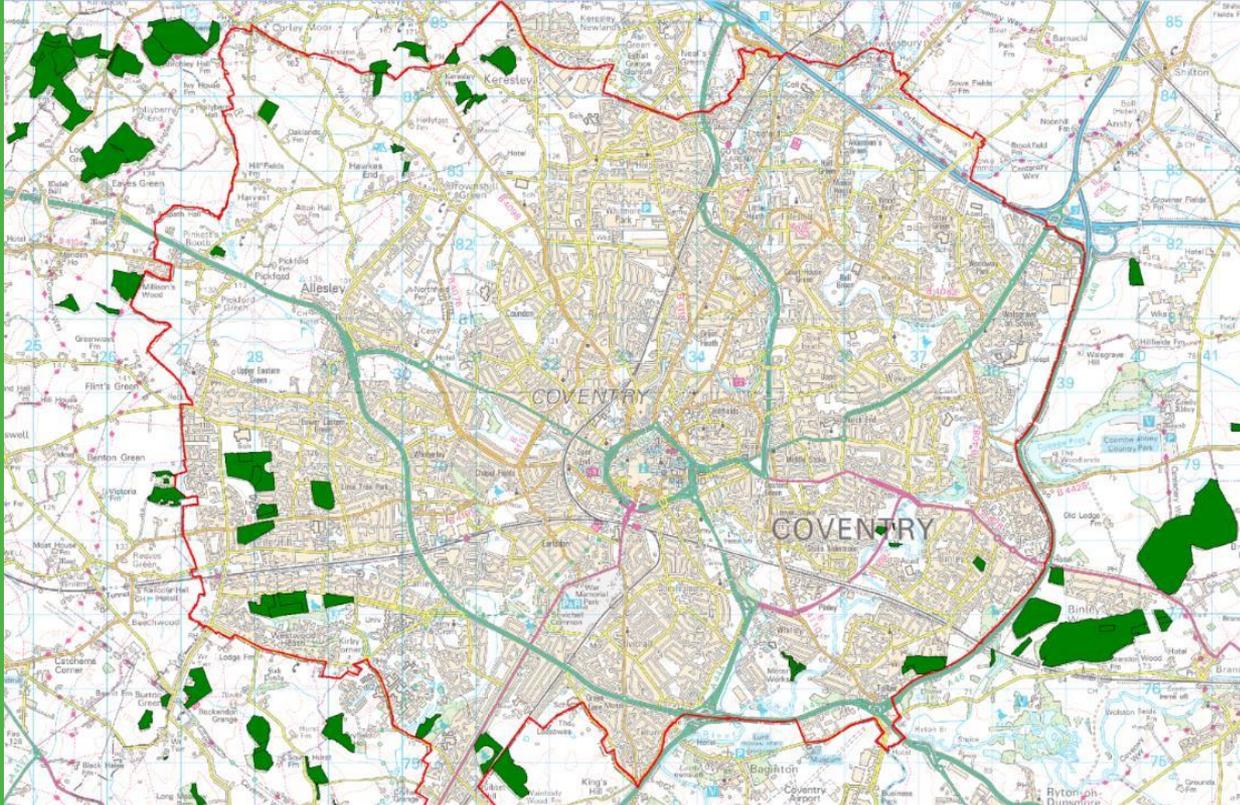


No sites 22
721.9 ha

Local
Nature
Reserves
272 ha



Ancient Woodland



Delivering on the Biodiversity Action Plan targets (2010)

Habitat Action Plans

Allotments - no change

Canals – improvement

Churchyards – no change

Gardens – improvement

Parks & Public Open Spaces – improvement

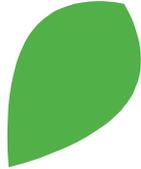
Hedgerows – no change

Roadside Verges – no change

School Grounds – no change

Built environment - decline

What is 2020 Like ?



12 Principles of an Ecosystem approach



Convention on
Biological Diversity



- ❑ Management of land, water and living resources are societal choices
- ❑ Management should be decentralised to the lowest level
- ❑ Managers should consider the impacts of one ecosystem upon another
- ❑ Recognise potential costs and gains and align incentives
- ❑ Conservation of ecosystem structure & functioning are of paramount importance to maintain ecosystem services
- ❑ Ecosystems managed within the limits of their being able to function

12 Principles of an Ecosystem approach

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Convention on
Biological Diversity

- ❑ Ecosystems have to be managed with the long term in mind and that there are lag effects
- ❑ Management of the inevitability of change
- ❑ Managers should consider the impacts of one ecosystem upon another
- ❑ Flexibility of approach between protection of pristine habitats to man made ecosystems
- ❑ Consider scientific and local knowledge in management of sites
- ❑ Ecosystems approach to engage all sector of society & scientific disciplines



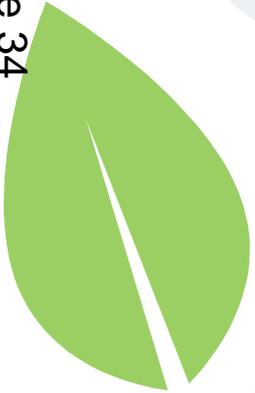
Biodiversity Action Plans – habitats & Species

- Effective, integrated and joined-up approaches to safeguard biodiversity and ecosystem services including management of all protected areas and the establishment of Nature Improvement Areas.
- Maintain the condition and current extent of the habitat.
- Promote good management practice and improve habitat condition to maximise the biodiversity value of habitats.
- Identify potential projects for which resources and funding can be sought with the support of the planning process to help deliver outcomes.
- Increase public appreciation of local habitats and their importance for wildlife.
- Rolling programme to monitor progress .



Green space Strategy 2019 -2024

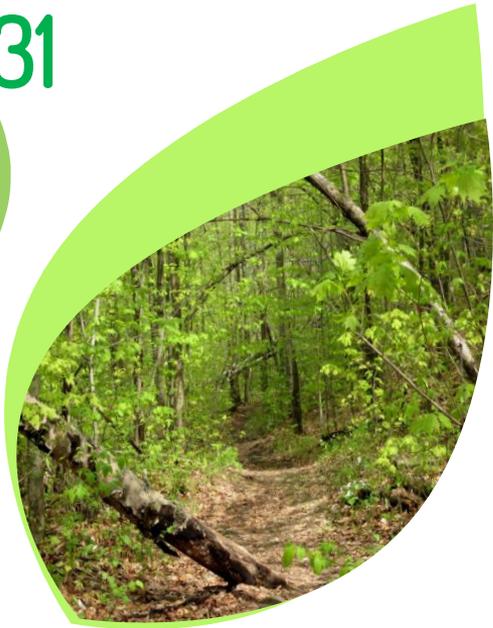
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- providing accessible spaces for play, sport and informal recreation
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- increased community cohesion
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Coventry Urban Forestry Strategy 2021-2031



Ecosystem Services



Coventry Urban Forestry Strategy 2021-2031

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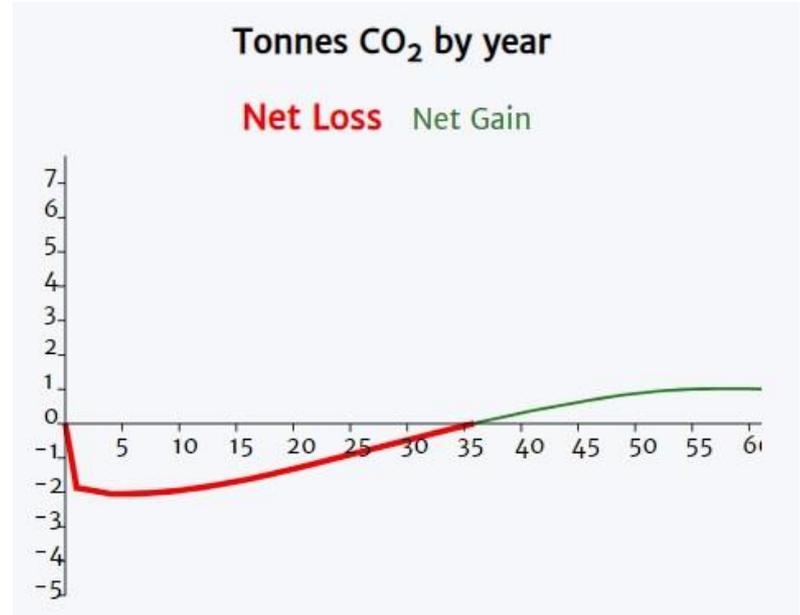
- 9,864 ha
- 360,000 people
- 24 parks
- 17 woodlands
- 44,000 individual trees
- 200,000 trees in open spaces
- 15% canopy cover
- Reduce airborne pollution
- Mitigates heat island effect
- Mitigates flooding & wind turbulence
- Promotes biodiversity
- Promotes health & wellbeing
- Adds economic value & investment
- Enhances landscape character & interest

Compensating for a loss of a mature tree (25 to 40 yrs) – Carbon fixation

Replacing a 60cm diameter Maple tree with 6 faster growing replacement standards e.g. Rowans



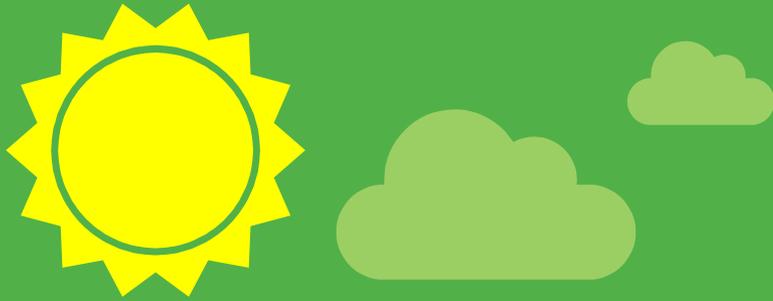
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Bristol Tree Replacement Standard

The number of trees required to compensate for loss of existing trees depends upon the size of the trees to be lost. This is set out in the following table:

Trunk Diameter of Tree lost to development (cm measured at 1.5 metres above ground level)	Number of Replacement Trees
Less than 15	0 - 1
15 - 19.9	1
20 - 29.9	2
30 - 39.9	3
40 - 49.9	4
50 - 59.9	5
60 - 69.9	6
70 - 79.9	7
80 +	8



Opportunities for the future

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Partnerships

- ❑ River Sherbourne
- ❑ Coventry Canal
- ❑ The Catchment Partnership
- ❑ City of Culture Trust
- ❑ Friends Groups
- ❑ Living Landscapes
- ❑ Developers etc.

Actions to consider options for the future...

- Establish ways in which Section 106, Biodiversity Net Gain, nutrient budgeting can best be used to support the development of open space, parks and LNR's etc and other biodiversity & resilience measures
- Update a Biodiversity Action Plan for Coventry
- Inform review of Local Plan & SPGuidance
- Identifying areas with potential for nature conservation
- Maximising the opportunities for wildlife on public land
- changing the way we conduct routine maintenance & to have access to the right equipment
- Create wildlife corridors linking sites integrated with active transport initiatives including safe, traffic free routes
- Promoting environmental awareness e.g. Ecoschools, Forest Schools, Tiny Forests etc
- Data monitoring – the State of the Environment



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Recommendations

The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) are recommended to:

- Support the actions to consider for the future
- Identify any further recommendations for the Cabinet Member

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Business, Economy and Enterprise (3) Work Programme 2021-22

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Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

14th July 2021
Climate Change - Biodiversity
8th September 2021
Transport Innovation Tourism Strategy
13th October 2021 8th December 2021 19th January 2022 9th March 2022 Suggested items for 2021-22
Gigafactory University Civic Agreements City Centre South Cycling Strategy Digital Skills Active Travel with Schools Apprenticeships

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
14th July 2021	Climate Change - Biodiversity	Looking at the issues of Climate Change focusing on one of the five strands	Cllr O'Boyle Bret Willers, City of Culture rep, Tim Wetherhill, Canals and Rivers Trust Rep
8th September 2021	Transport Innovation	Meeting to be held at the Transport Museum to coincide with the Innovation display	Colin Knight Cllr O'Boyle
	Tourism Strategy	To look at the Tourism Strategy in more detail	Val Birchall Cllr O'Boyle
13th October 2021			
8th December 2021			
19th January 2022			
9th March 2022			
Suggested items for 2021-22	Gigafactory	To look at what the Council is doing to support and encourage the location of a Gigafactory in Coventry	Cllr O'Boyle Andy Williams
	University Civic Agreements	Representatives from Coventry University and Warwick University be invited to attend the meeting of the Board to talk about the benefits of the Civic Agreements for the City and how they can work in partnership with the Council. To include how to encourage student retention for living and working in the city and the support they offer for graduate business start-ups.	Representatives from the Universities, Stephen Weir Cllr O'Boyle

Business, Economy and Enterprise (3) Work Programme 2021-22

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	City Centre South	Progress on development to be considered alongside the Tourism Strategy. Planning applications due to be heard March 2021	Richard Moon Cllr O'Boyle
	Cycling Strategy	To consider the plans to introduce cycling routes including the West of the city.	
	Digital Skills	To look in more detail how the Digital Strategy is supporting the development of digital skills across the city	Cllr Lloyd/Cllr Maton Paul Ward/Kirston Nelson
	Active Travel with Schools	Following consideration of the Local Air Quality Action Plan, the Board requested an item on relating to the work undertaken with schools to gather information about their travel preferences and proposals to encourage modal shift	John Seddon Cllr Hetheron
	Apprenticeships	To follow up on the item at SB1 and SB3 in 2021-22	

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