



---

### Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

---

**Time and Date**

10.00 am on Wednesday, 22 June, 2022

**Place**

Diamond Room 1 and 2, Council House, Coventry

---

**Public Business****1. Apologies and Substitutions****2. Declarations of Interest****3. Minutes**

(a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 April, 2022  
(Pages 3 - 8)

(b) Matters Arising

**4. Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board (Pages 9 - 26)**

Briefing Note of the Director of Health and Wellbeing

**5. Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22 (Pages 27 - 34)**

Briefing Note of the Director of Law and Governance

**6. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme and Outstanding Issues 2022/2023 (Pages 35 - 40)**

Briefing Note of the Director of Law and Governance

**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**

---

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

Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Suzanne Bennett, Governance Services - Telephone: 024 7697 2299 E-mail: [suzanne.bennett@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.bennett@coventry.gov.uk)

Membership: Councillors N Akhtar (Chair), M Ali, R Auluck, L Bigham, J Innes, P Male, G Ridley and R Singh

By invitation Councillors P Akhtar, AS Khan

**Public Access**

Any member of the public who would like to attend the meeting in person is encouraged to contact the officer below in advance of the meeting regarding arrangements for public attendance. A guide to attending public meeting can be found here: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/publicAttendanceMeetings>

**Suzanne Bennett, Governance Services - Telephone: 024 7697 2299  
E-mail: [suzanne.bennett@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.bennett@coventry.gov.uk)**

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on**  
**Wednesday, 6 April 2022**

Present:

Members: Councillor N Akhtar (Chair)

Councillor L Bigham  
Councillor J Clifford  
Councillor G Duggins  
Councillor C Miks  
Councillor R Singh  
Councillor C Thomas (Substitute for Councillor J Innes)

Other Members: Councillor G Duggins, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership

Employees (By Service Area):

Communications N Hart

Education and Skills K Nelson (Director and Chief Partnership Officer)

Health and Well-Being A Duggal (Director), V De Souza, K Larson

Law and Governance S Bennett, G Holmes

Apologies: Councillors M Ali, J Lepoidevin and G Ridley

## **Public Business**

### **56. Declarations of Interest**

The Committee noted that Councillor L Bigham was a member of the West Midlands Air Quality Committee

### **57. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March, 2022 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

### **58. Coventry & Warwickshire Health Inequalities Strategic Plan**

The Committee considered a Briefing Note of the Director of Health and Well-Being, together with a presentation at the meeting, which outlined the Coventry and Warwickshire Health Inequalities Strategic Plan, which is required to be provided by the Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System (ICS) to NHS England.

The Plan must depict a locally agreed strategic approach for addressing health inequalities within 5 nationally determined clinical priorities and must be led by the Local Director of Public Health and owned by decision making bodies within the developing ICS. A programme of engagement was currently underway with partners and key NHS workstreams to develop the Plan and the Plan had been considered by the Health and Well-Being Board at their meeting on 4 April, 2022.

The Plan must apply the national “Core 20+5” model, with action to improve access and outcomes for people living in the most deprived areas (Core 20: most deprived fifth of the population) and for locally determined priority population groups (“+” groups) across the 5 clinical areas. Recommended local priority “+” groups for Coventry are transient communities and people on long-term sickness benefits. The Local Plan will build on existing work which aims to embed consideration of and action on health inequalities in all we do and shift how we work with local communities.

The Briefing Note covered:-

- Progress to date
- Health inequalities in Coventry
- Local Priority Population Groups:-
  - Transient communities
  - Refugees/migrants
  - Asylum seekers
  - Gypsies/Travellers
  - People who are experiencing homelessness
  - People on long-term sickness benefits
- Next Steps and timescales

The Committee asked questions, sought assurances and made comments on a number of issues including:-

- Partnership working on aspects of the Plan including air quality and planning
- How the Plan will be scrutinised in the future and the need for the Plan to have measurable objectives
- The role of the Director of Health and Well Being in dealing with health inequalities
- How the Director works with partners in the NHS and can be a conduit in relation to raising Members’ issues and concerns with NHS partners
- Concerns regarding current access to primary care, particularly in relation to the accessibility of GP appointments
- Applying a One Coventry approach to work being undertaken in relation to health inequalities
- The possibility of using volunteers in sports related activities to encourage public participation
- The importance of living in a clean and tidy environment

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:-**

- 1) Notes the requirements for a Coventry and Warwickshire Health Inequalities Strategic Plan**
- 2) Supports the recommended local priority population groups for the Strategic Plan (covering transient communities and people on long-term sickness benefits)**
- 3) Requests that the following additional Recommendations be forwarded to the appropriate Cabinet Member/officer as part of the development of the Plan:-**
  - i. That air quality targets have measurable, interim targets**
  - ii. That the protection of green spaces is considered as part of the Planning process**
  - iii. That the public health aspect in relation to the approval of hot food takeaways be considered as part of the Planning process**
  - iv. That consideration be given to increasing the budget for street cleansing**

**59. Consultation Process**

The Committee considered a Briefing Note of the Director of Health and Well-Being, together with a presentation at the meeting, which outlined the current consultation process and activities used in the promotion of consultations.

The Insight Engagement Team provides an oversight and advisory role across the Council and works with service area leads to ensure that methods used are fit for purpose, that the Council seeks to engage with people that are most affected and involve stakeholders with an interest in the outcomes. A Consultation Plan Template was appended to the Briefing Note.

There is a dedicated Engagement Manager for Regeneration, Highway, and Air Quality schemes who is involved throughout the duration of the project and is a member of the Project Teams. A consultation process document was also appended to the report. Additionally, there is a Children's Champion who focuses on consultations with young people.

All consultations involve working closely with the Community Resilience and Engagement and the Communications teams, as well as the service areas themselves. Discussions are held outlining possible online promotion, offline promotion, and community network engagement opportunities. In the case of large-scale citywide consultations, communication/engagement action plans are produced.

The Briefing Note indicated that whilst every endeavour is made to promote all consultation/engagement opportunities as widely as possible, there is no guarantee that people will want to engage and take part.

The presentation covered:-

- The principles of consultation
  - Dynamic dialogue between individuals or groups
  - Genuine exchange of views with the objective of influencing and informing decisions, policies, or programmes of action
  - NB: There is a decision to be made and opportunity to influence this
  - Engagement
  - Actions or processes undertaken to establish effective relationships with individuals or groups so that more specific interactions can then take place
  - Aim is to foster effective relationships.
- Consultation is undertaken to give stakeholders a genuine opportunity to influence the Council's decision making and the follow apply:
  - Consult when there is a legitimate expectation to do so
  - Consult before taking decisions when proposals are still at a formative stage
  - Provide enough information for intelligent consideration
  - Allow enough time for responses to be made
  - Decision makers to consciously consider the findings
- Information relating to "Lets Talk Coventry" – the Council's engagement platform which hosts all consultations
- How the Insight Team provide guidance and support to service areas to ensure that there are both offline/online mechanisms opportunities to enable the public to participate in consultations
- Areas identified for improvement:-
  - Continue to work to ensure consistency of approach to consultation across all Council departments through supporting best practice
  - Consistently share findings and intelligence from consultations both internally and with partners if appropriate
  - Improve feedback mechanisms: "you said, we did"
  - Mobilise wide range of internal and partner networks to promote consultations as appropriate

The Committee asked questions, sought assurances, received answers and made comments on a number of issues including:-

- How best to change the perception that consultations are tick box exercises and the provision of case studies to assist with this
- The use of Citizens Assembly Panels to assist with consultation. It was noted that these have been used by the Council in the past for specific consultations

- The need to use a wide range of mechanisms to reach as many different members of the public as possible, rather than just attracting responses from the same group of people
- The Committee noted that often there is a significant amount of work undertaken to engage with and consult with service users/key partners before a formal consultation takes place, which may explain lower responses to formal consultations
- Applying the One Coventry approach to consultations. It was noted that the One Coventry Plan Refresh was on the Committee's Work Programme
- In relation to questions regarding resourcing of the Team, it was noted that the Team provides a core service to Departments and shares knowledge, expertise and good practice across the Council
- Engagement with partners across the City via Communications groups
- The use of "Jam Boards" to communicate messages
- Engagement with local, regional and national broadcaster

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:-**

- 1) Notes the information provided in the Briefing Note**
- 2) Requests that details of consultations on the Council's website are forwarded to the Political Groups**
- 3) Requests that the Committee receives details on the proposed public consultation process for the One Coventry Plan as part of the report on that Plan to be considered by the Committee as part of their Work Programme for 2022/23**

**60. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Outstanding Issues and Work Programme 2021/22**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Law and Governance which detailed the Work Programme and Outstanding issues for the current Municipal year.

The Committee noted that outstanding issues would be carried forward to the next Municipal year.

**RESOLVED that skip/ pavement crossings/highway licensing be included on the Work Programme for the appropriate Board for 2022/23.**

**61. Any Other Items of Public Business**

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 12 Noon)

This page is intentionally left blank



Coventry City Council

## Briefing note

---

**To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

**Subject: Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board**

---

### **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To inform members of the Committee on the progress made in establishing a Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board and progress in implementing the associated action plan

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee are recommended to:
  - 1) Consider the presentation at Appendix 1
  - 2) Note progress made
  - 3) Identify any recommendations for the Cabinet Member

### **3 Background and Information**

- 3.1 At their meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee considered a report on the requirements under the new Domestic Abuse Act 2021. The Committee requested a further report on the work of the Partnership Board.
- 3.2 Members are requested to consider the progress report in the presentation attached at Appendix 1

Appendix 1 – Presentation Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board

Jayne Ross  
Domestic Abuse Programme Delivery Manager – Public Health  
[Jayne.ross@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:Jayne.ross@coventry.gov.uk)  
02475 381285

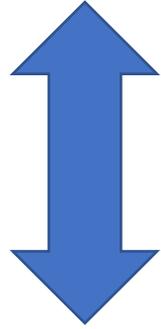
This page is intentionally left blank

# Coventry's Response to the Domestic Abuse Act 2021

## Progress update



# Governance



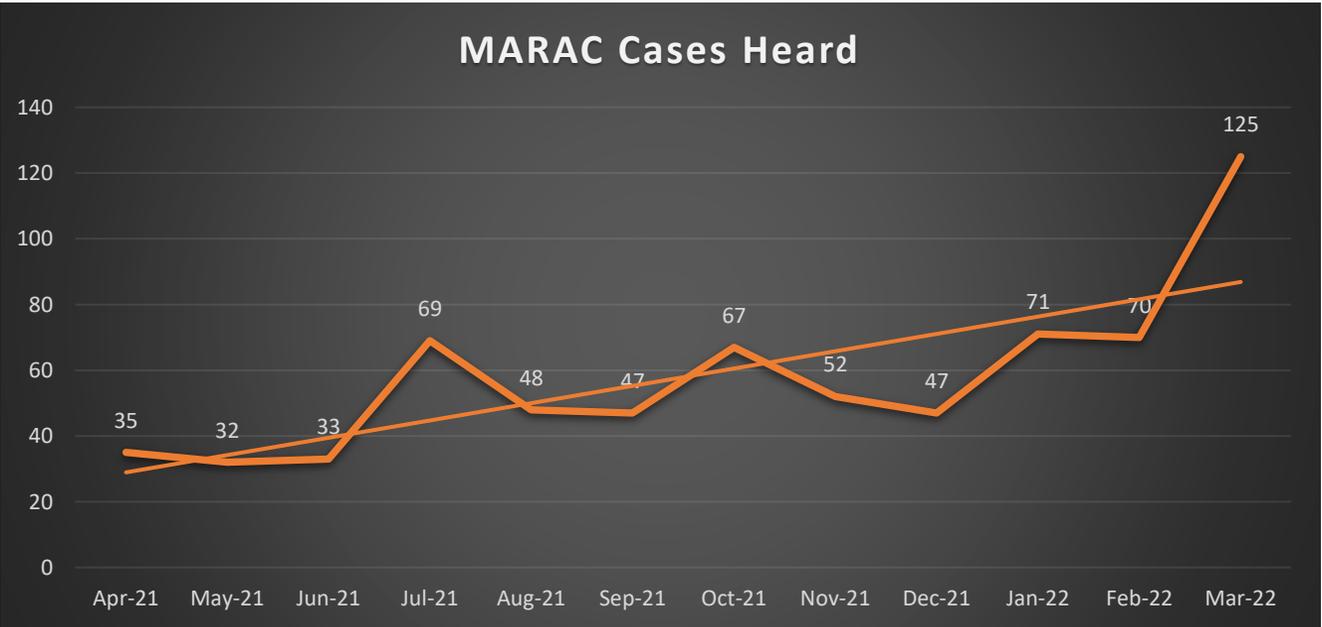
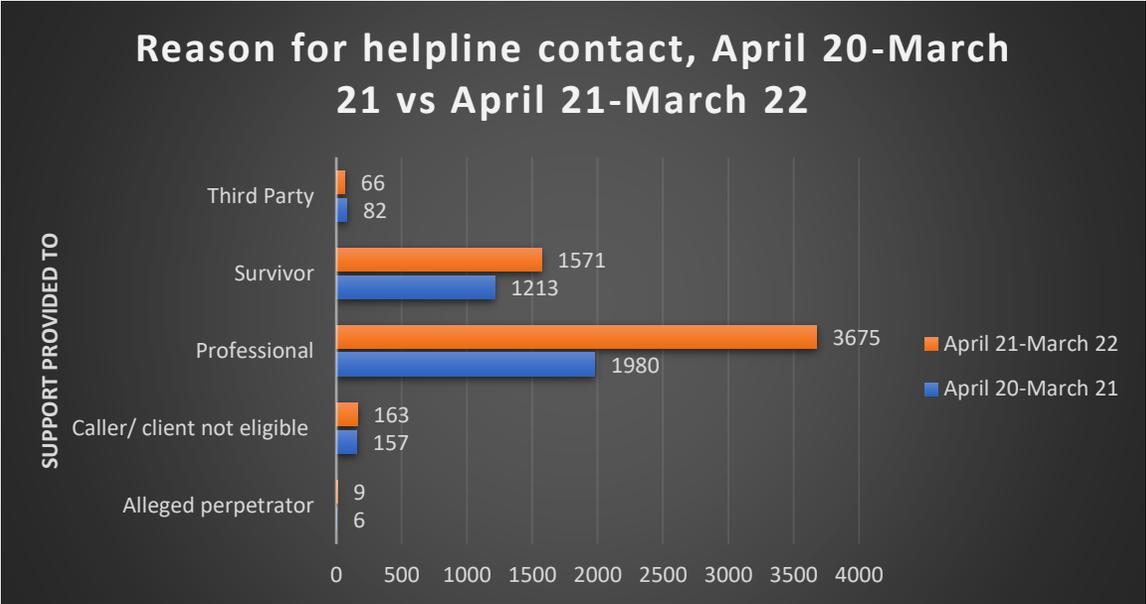
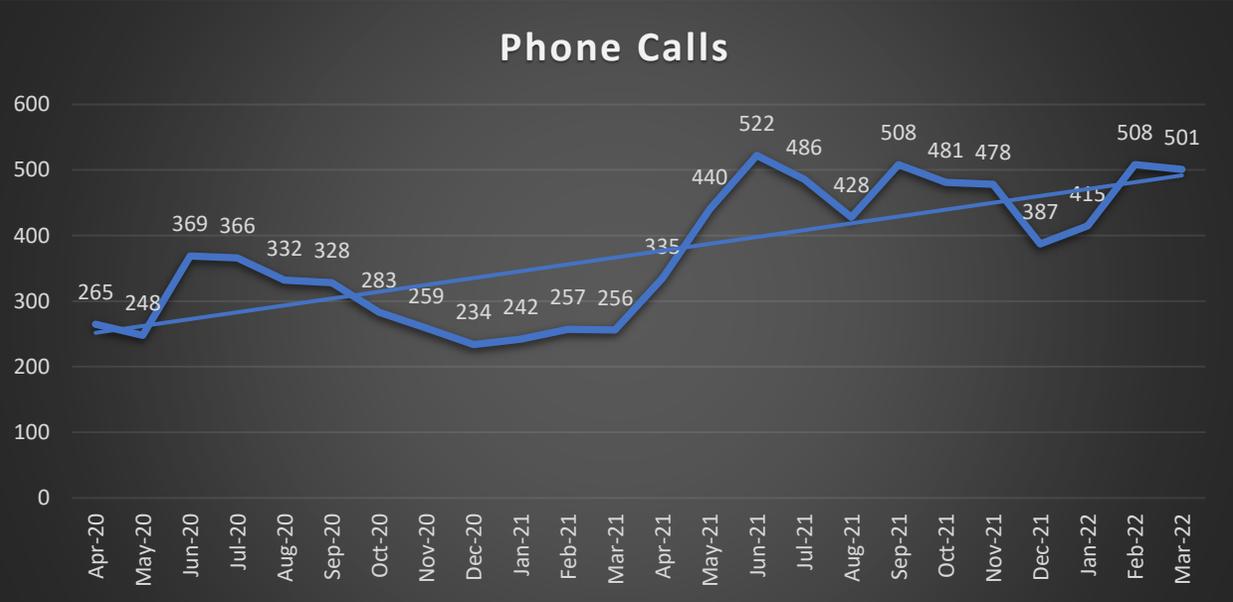
- Established May 2021
- Quarterly meeting
- Chaired by Cllr P Akhtar
- Terms of Reference
- Oversees the DA Strategy and action plan drawn up in response to the needs assessment
- Also oversee the Sexual Violence and Abuse strategy and work streams

- Established Oct 2021
- Review membership
- Terms of Reference
- Report to the Board
- Coordinate action plan to deliver strategy
- Support statutory responsibilities

| Section   | Provision  | Commencement Date                |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Part 1: Definition of Domestic Abuse                          | New Definition of domestic abuse and 'personally connected'  | 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021     |
|   | Children recognised as 'victims'                             | 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2022    |
| Part 2: The role of the Domestic Abuse Commissioner           | Domestic Abuse Commissioner – Nicole Jacobs                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021    |
| Part 3: Powers for dealing with domestic abuse                | Domestic Abuse Prevention Notices and Orders                 | Early 2023 – pending pilot areas |
| Part 4: Local Authority support                               | Statutory duties for Local Authorities                       | October 2021                     |
| Part 5: Protection for victims/witnesses in legal proceedings | Special Measures in family proceedings                       | October 2021                     |
|   | Prohibition of cross examination in family/civil proceedings | June 2022                        |
|   | Orders under Section 91(14) of the Children Act 1989         | May/June 2022                    |
|   | Special measures in criminal/civil proceedings               | June 2022                        |

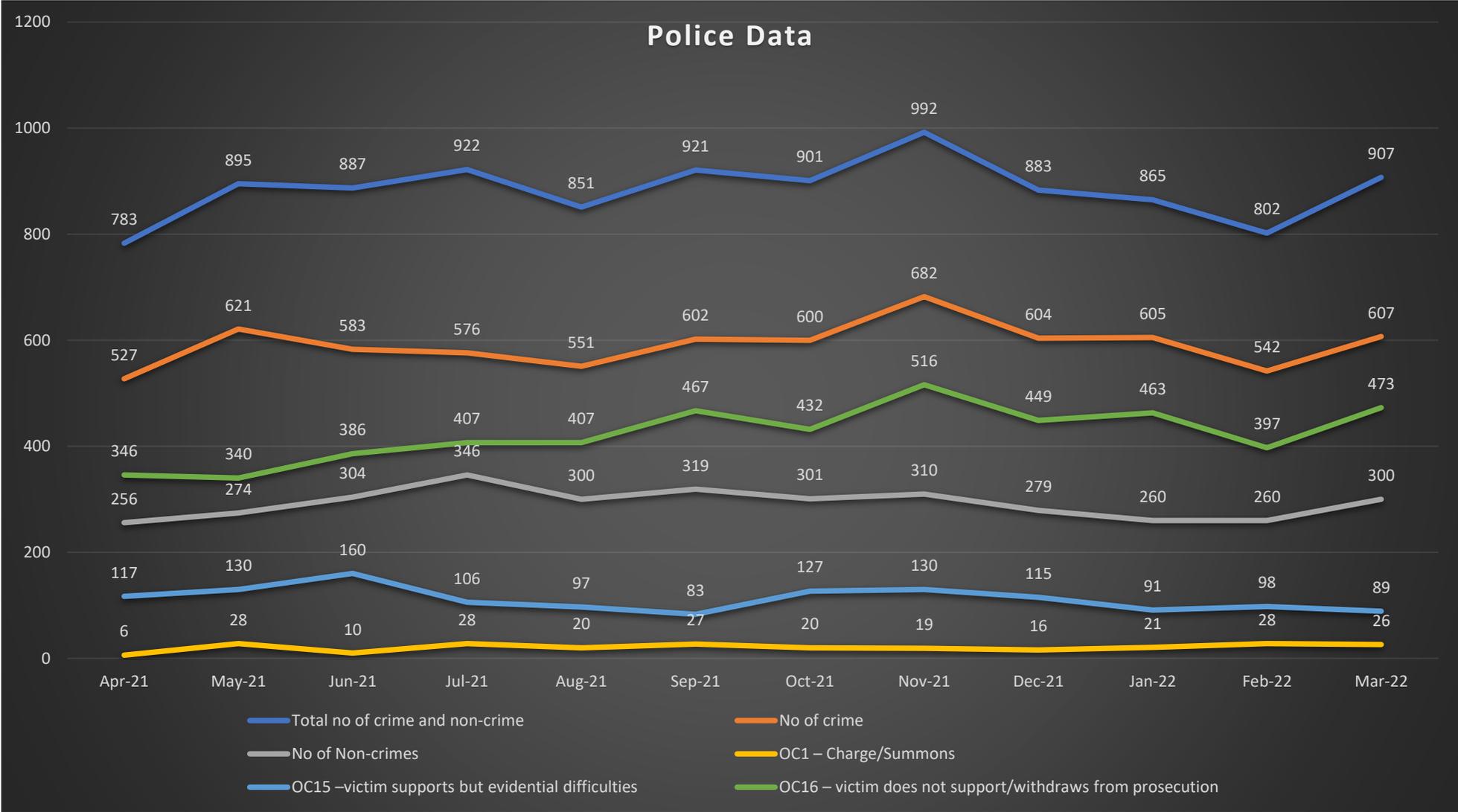
| Section  | Provision  | Commencement Date   |
|--|--|---|
| Page 14<br>Part 6: Offences involving abusive or violent behaviour | Threats to disclose private sexual photographs or films with intent to cause distress<br>Consent to serious harm for sexual gratification not a defence<br>Offences against the person committed outside the UK: England and Wales<br>Non Fatal strangulation<br>Controlling and coercive behaviour in an intimate or family type relationship | June 2021<br><br>April 2021<br><br>June 2021<br><br>June 2022<br>Summer 2022                  |
| Part 7 : Miscellaneous   | Polygraph conditions for offenders<br>Homelessness: victims of domestic abuse<br>Prohibition on charging for the provision of medical evidence<br>Grant of secure tenancies<br>DVDS (Clare's law)  | July 2021 – pilot<br>July 2021<br><br>October 2021<br><br>November 2021<br>Summer/Autumn 2022 |

# Demand - Helpline calls and MARAC cases heard



Weekly MARAC meetings held in March 2022 to clear a waiting list due to increased demand

# Police Data



# Coventry's Response to the DA Act

Strategic Needs Assessment – Published Oct 2021

Strategy Update and Addendum – Published Oct 2021

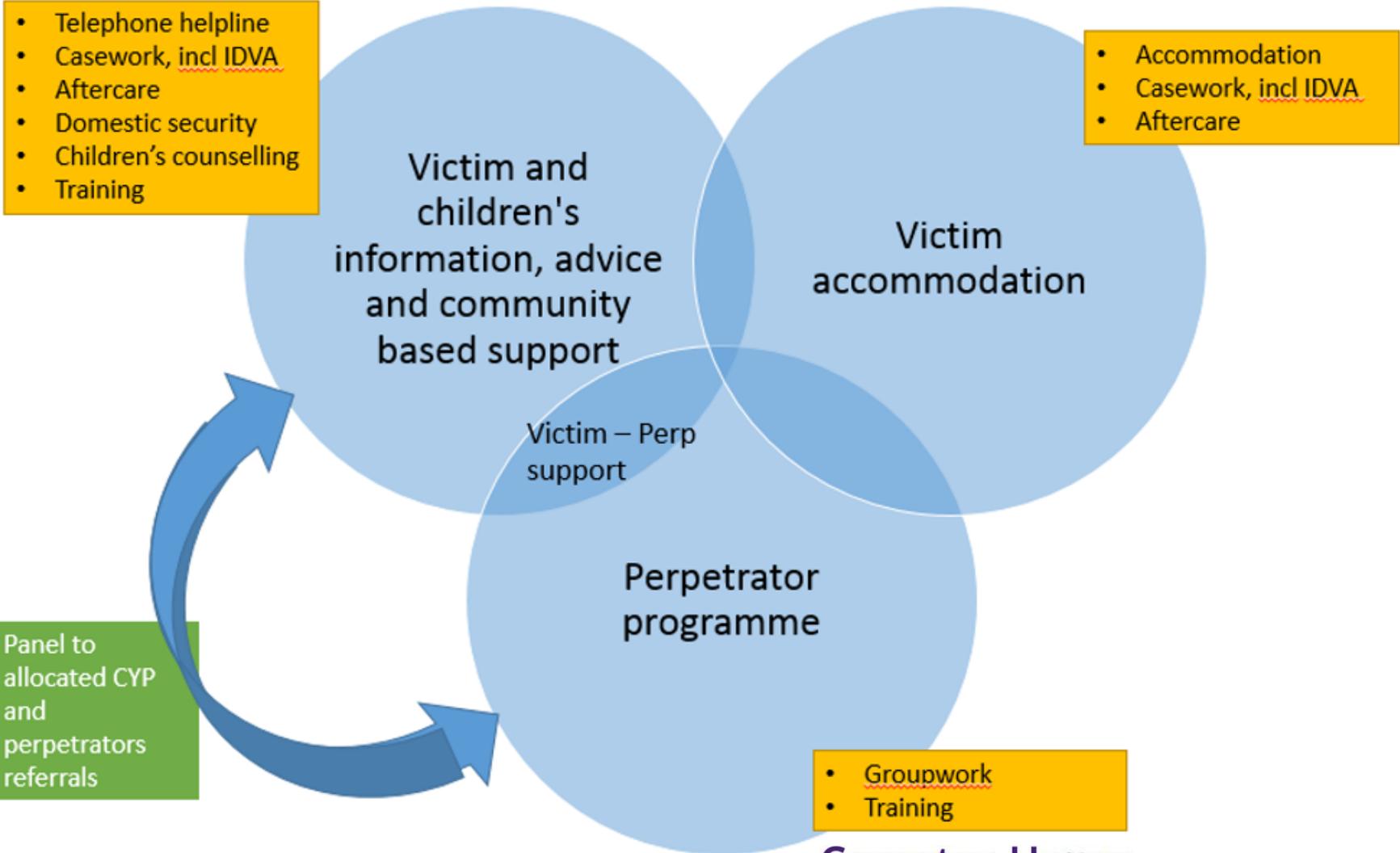
Refreshed Action plan – Updated Oct 2021

Training Needs Assessment - ongoing

Training Delivery - ongoing



| SURVEYS  | FOCUS GROUPS   |              |             |        |         |             |        |         |      |                     |              |         |            |           |     |             |   |
|--|--|--------------|-------------|--------|---------|-------------|--------|---------|------|---------------------|--------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----|-------------|---|
| <p><b>71</b> SURVIVOR SURVEYS COMPLETED</p> <p><b>51</b> PRACTITIONER SURVEYS COMPLETED</p> <p>SUPPORT SERVICES    PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS    COMPLEX NEEDS    CRIMINAL JUSTICE</p> <p>HOUSING    CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE    HEALTH</p>  | <p><b>Multiple Groups Completed</b></p> <p>SURVIVORS    YOUNG PEOPLE    STAFF</p> <p>VALLEY HOUSE    PANAHGAR</p> <p>POSITIVE YOUTH FOUNDATION    COVENTRY HAVEN</p> |              |             |        |         |             |        |         |      |                     |              |         |            |           |     |             |   |
| DATA ANALYSIS  | 1-2-1 INTERVIEWS   |              |             |        |         |             |        |         |      |                     |              |         |            |           |     |             |   |
| <p><b>Multiple Data Sources Analysed</b></p> <table border="1"><tr><td>MARAC</td><td>IRIS</td><td>IDVA</td><td>REFUGE</td></tr><tr><td>HOUSING</td><td>SOCIAL CARE</td><td>POLICE</td><td>SUICIDE</td></tr><tr><td>MASH</td><td>SUPPORTING FAMILIES</td><td>FOCUS GROUPS</td><td>SURVEYS</td></tr><tr><td>INTERVIEWS</td><td>PUBLISHED</td><td>CPS</td><td>DEMOGRAPHIC</td></tr></table> | MARAC  | IRIS         | IDVA        | REFUGE | HOUSING | SOCIAL CARE | POLICE | SUICIDE | MASH | SUPPORTING FAMILIES | FOCUS GROUPS | SURVEYS | INTERVIEWS | PUBLISHED | CPS | DEMOGRAPHIC | <p><b>30+</b></p> <p>1-2-1 INTERVIEWS COMPLETED WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS</p> |
| MARAC  | IRIS   | IDVA         | REFUGE      |        |         |             |        |         |      |                     |              |         |            |           |     |             |   |
| HOUSING  | SOCIAL CARE  | POLICE       | SUICIDE     |        |         |             |        |         |      |                     |              |         |            |           |     |             |   |
| MASH   | SUPPORTING FAMILIES  | FOCUS GROUPS | SURVEYS     |        |         |             |        |         |      |                     |              |         |            |           |     |             |   |
| INTERVIEWS   | PUBLISHED  | CPS          | DEMOGRAPHIC |        |         |             |        |         |      |                     |              |         |            |           |     |             |   |



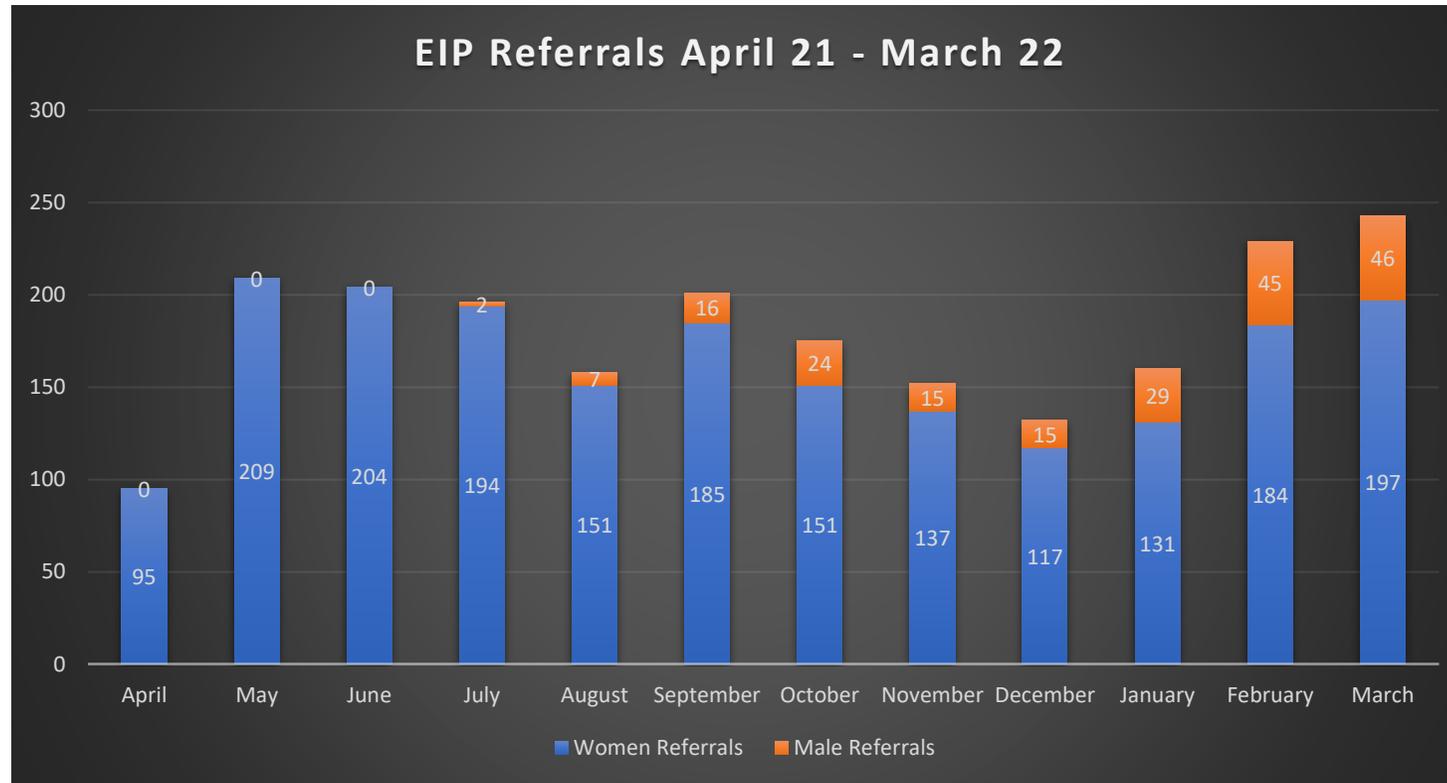
## New provisions for Victims and children in safe accommodation (Refuge, Valley House, Sanctuary)

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>Family support worker (FSW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5 x FSW at Valley House and project costs</li> <li>• 2 x FSW at Haven and Panahghar</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting 150 parents (and 250 children) in specialist accommodation</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Counselling / emotional support for children and young people in safe accommodation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x 0.8WTE (2x30 hrs) WISH Practitioners</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting 100+ children and young people in safe accommodation with counselling and emotional support</li> <li>• Facilitate access for other specialist counselling</li> </ul>                             |
| <p>Mental health support and counselling for adult victims, specialist provision from Coventry and Warwickshire Mind</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting victims with a range of health and well being needs from confidence building to therapeutic interventions</li> </ul>   |
| <p>1 x Immigration Specialist Practitioner</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting victims and partner agencies with Destitution Domestic Violence concessions applied within 24 hrs</li> <li>• Direct immigration advice across various visa forms, plus divorce advice</li> </ul> |

| Services continued   |   |
|--|---|
| Extend capacity for additional 100 clients pa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x specific support workers</li> </ul> | Increase sanctuary scheme capacity from 100 to 200 premises secured per year enabling 100 additional households to access the additional support provided by the WISH service and Coventry and Warwickshire Mind.                               |
| Discretionary fund held by LA and dispersed via commissioned services from individual applications                             | Supporting clients in various ways e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting legal fees for immigration cases which where pro-bono / legal aid work cannot be sourced</li> <li>• Potential to support interpreting costs</li> </ul> |

The grant also funds a domestic abuse programme manager to co-ordinate delivery of the strategy and action plan across the partnership.

Early Intervention Pilot  
Evaluation currently  
Ongoing



75 DA champions recruited from a wide range of agencies including child minders, Housing, Childrens Services, Adults Services, Education, Police and other services.

# Implementation of the Action Plan

## Safe/Supported Accommodation

- Whole housing approach
- Training
- Increase available housing stock
- Ensure Referrals made to appropriate support
- Support move on accommodation
- Improve tenancy sustainment
- Support victims remaining in their own home
- Perpetrators

## Voices of Victims/Survivors

- Responds to the statutory guidance
- Adults and CYP
- Changing the approach to CYP in safe accommodation
- Improved approach to victims
- Inform Service Development

## Other Groups

- Children and Young People
- Training
- Communications
- FGM Steering group
- DA Champions Steering group
- Perpetrators
- Underrepresented groups/Protected Characteristics



# Perpetrators - Challenges

Criminal Justice system still in recovery

National Perpetrator Strategy still awaited

WMP OPCC decommissioned Perpetrator programmes

What actually works?

Cost

Parallel victim support

Volume needed

Training

Mandatory vs voluntary

One size doesn't fit all

Coventry commissions a perpetrator programme

WMP OPCC fund Mentoring West Midlands

Early help Pilot

## Panahghar's support in Coventry

Panahghar provides free dedicated BME multi lingual support, advice and advocacy and access to safe refuge for of domestic abuse in Coventry. Here are the services we provide:





Ask Me is designed to engage the community to talk about domestic abuse and to create a network of **Community Ambassadors**

Coventry  
Haven  
Women's Aid

women's aid  
until women & children are safe

The Change That Lasts Ask Me project was developed in partnership between Women's Aid Federation of England and Welsh Women's Aid.



Coventry City Council

## Briefing note

---

**To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

**Subject: Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22**

---

### **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To present the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021/22 to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee and recommend that it be submitted to Council.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:
- 1) Accept the content of the draft report at Appendix 1
  - 2) Recommend that Council consider the Scrutiny Annual Report at its next available meeting

### **3 Background and Information**

- 3.1 The Constitution requires that Scrutiny report annually to inform Council of its work. The draft report for 2021/22 can be found at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 If approved, the content of the report will be sent to Design ahead of the report being submitted to Council.

Gennie Holmes  
Scrutiny Co-ordinator  
[gennie.holmes@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:gennie.holmes@coventry.gov.uk)  
024 7697 1857

This page is intentionally left blank

# SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

## Introduction by Cllr Naeem Akhtar, Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

2021/22 was a successful year for scrutiny with the delivery of some excellent task and finish groups alongside the regular programme of meetings.

Scrutiny returned to face to face scrutiny meetings in the Council House as the UK began to adapt to living with Covid. However, Scrutiny Chairs and Scrutiny Members embraced learning from the pandemic and used technology and virtually meetings to undertake task and finish group work with partners and experts by experience. Scrutiny will continue to use technology to increase participation with scrutiny.

I would like to thank Councillors Miks, Clifford and Rupinder Singh for chairing the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board, the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board and the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board during 2021/22 and know that the recommendations made by the Boards under their direction will make a real difference to the people of Coventry. Councillor Rupinder Singh will take on a new portfolio this year and will Chair the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board. Welcome to Councillors Ali and Auluck who will be chairing the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board and Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board respectively this year.

Looking forward to 2022/23, the Scrutiny Boards will focus on prioritising items where scrutiny can influence change and improve outcomes for Coventry people including the cost of living crisis and health inequalities.

Scrutiny is a part of the Council's democratic structure led by non-executive Councillors. It works to the common aim of improving services for the local community and is involved in the following:

- Policy review and development: Helping to shape the way public services are delivered.
- Scrutinising decisions: Is the right action being taken? Are services working effectively?
- External scrutiny: Examining services that impact upon the local community.

Scrutiny does not make decisions; it uses evidence to make recommendations to the Cabinet to request change.

### Get involved:

Suggests topics for scrutiny here:

Email the Scrutiny Chairs and Team via [scrutiny@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@coventry.gov.uk)

Follow us on twitter @covscrutiny

Find meeting dates and agendas here:

[Coventry City Council Meeting Papers](#)

**Scrutiny during 2021/22**

The Municipal year 2021-22 saw the return to meetings held face to face in the Council House from August 2021, with full a full programme of meetings throughout the year. Covid restrictions were maintained to keep Members, officers, and the public safe, whilst continuing the scrutiny function.



**Scrutiny  
Co-ordination  
Committee**



**Chair: Cllr N Akhtar**

**Deputy: Cllr Ali**

Scrutiny Coordination and cross cutting items  
Policy and Leadership  
Policing and Equalities  
Designated Crime and Disorder Board  
City of Culture 2021



**Chair: Cllr R Singh**

**Chair: Cllr Innes**

**Chair: Cllr Miks**

**Chair: Cllr Bigham**

**Chair: Cllr Clifford**

Strategic Finance  
Council Resources  
Procurement & Social Value  
Workforce

Children & Young People's Social Care  
Schools  
Adult, Higher & Further Ed.  
Libraries  
Skills & Employability

Business, Enterprise & Employment  
Inward Investment  
Transportation  
Sustainability & Climate Change  
Digital Strategy

City Services  
Social Enterprise Strategy  
Community and Third Sector  
Housing and Homelessness

Health  
Adult Social Care  
Health Inequalities  
Sustainability and Transformation Plans  
Sport & Physical Activity



## Key Scrutiny Activity 2021/2022



### COVID-19: Living with COVID

Scrutiny Co-ordination and the five Boards continued to consider the impact of COVID-19 on the city's people, the organisation and partners throughout the year. This included looking at what was being done to restore them, what positive lessons had been learned, what was working due to the pandemic and how services were going to recover and improve in the future with COVID.

The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board considered an item on support to businesses throughout the pandemic and how the grants available were being distributed to ensure anyone eligible was able to access the support they were entitled to. Members were confident the Council were maximizing the benefits to but raised concerns about the longer-term impacts on businesses as well as other organisations in the city such as the universities.

The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board looked at the impact of the pandemic on school readiness and what actions were being taken to address the gap in children being ready for school compared to before the pandemic. It was recognised that the true impact would not be felt until those children born during the pandemic reach school-age. The Board recommended that more peer-to-peer work was supported where there was good practice identified and requested further updates on progress.

The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board also looked at the impact of Covid on Homelessness noting that reports of anti-social behaviour had increased during lockdown, delays in minor repairs and although rent arrears with social landlords were low there had been some increase.

The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board consider the impact of COVID on health services throughout the year. This included a specific item on NHS Restoration in July 2021. Members asked robust questions of health partners about issues facing Coventry citizens including access to GP appointments, mental health support and wait times for operations.

The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board considered the impact of COVID on the Council's finances. The Board also scrutinised the learning and opportunities from the new ways of working brought about by the pandemic and the impact this had on customers and staff.

### City of Culture 2021

City of Culture has been an exciting opportunity for Coventry. The pandemic delayed the start until May 2021. Scrutiny have heard from the City of Culture Trust throughout the year about the plans for the year and the impact and benefits of Coventry being the City of Culture. Members wanted to ensure that City of Culture provided opportunities for all our communities to participate in the events. The enduring legacy from the City's title year was the subject of much scrutiny. The Performance Measurement and Evaluation Interim Report was discussed in depth.

### Autism Task and Finish Group

Members of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board and the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board established a task and finish group to look at autism, which was promoted by the unacceptably long waits for assessment and diagnosis experienced by children and young people in the City. Although the task and finish group was set up with a narrow remit, it became clear as the group spoke to stakeholders, that to improve the lives of, and outcomes, for, autistic people a number of cross cutting recommendations would need to be made to Cabinet and Partners. It was also recognised that it would be beneficial to do a follow up piece of work with an education focus in 2022/23 to look at how children, young people, their families and education provider can best manage the period between referral and diagnosis.

### Fly-tipping Task and Finish Group

At the start of the year there were a lot of concerns raised from Members about the levels of fly-tipping across the city and there was an appetite to look at identifying solutions to the issue. The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board established a task and finish group to look at the issues around fly-tipping, including some of the main causes, and potential ways to improve the situation. The group met 6 times and received presentations and information from a range of service areas including enforcement, waste management, Streetpride and ICT. Members were also able to bring their own experiences through casework.

The group identified 28 recommendations in all covering Enforcement, Domestic Waste, Communication, Education and Technology, Commercial Waste as well as further work for scrutiny to continue.

The recommendations were agreed by the Board at their meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March and will be presented

Scrutiny Topics covered



DRY

This page is intentionally left blank



Coventry City Council

## Briefing note

---

**To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022**

**Subject: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2022-23**

---

### **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To provide committee members an opportunity to discuss potential items for the work programme 2022-23

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:
- 1) Consider the draft work programme attached at Appendix 1
  - 2) Identify and agree any additional items for the work programme 2022-23

### **3 Background and Information**

- 3.1 The work programme provides a schedule of items for meetings over the coming municipal year. The draft work programme for Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for 2022-23 is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Scrutiny work programmes are working documents and will adapt and change over the year to react to Members' requirements. Any item agreed at this meeting does not preclude any future amendments to the work programme.

### **4 Health Inequalities Impact**

- 4.1 There is no impact on health inequalities for these recommendations, but Members may want to consider how identified work programme items may impact on health inequalities.

Appendix 1: SCRUCO Work Programme 2022-23

Gennie Holmes  
Scrutiny Co-ordinator  
[gennie.holmes@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:gennie.holmes@coventry.gov.uk)

This page is intentionally left blank

Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

|   |
|---|
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022</b>  |
| Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board<br>Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22  |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>  |
| One Coventry Annual Performance Report  |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>   |
| Skills Resilience (referred from SB1,2&3) – September 2022  |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>   |
| PSPO's<br>Community Safety Strategic Assessment   |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>  |
| Coventry City of Culture Legacy   |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>   |
| Rough Sleeper Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>  |
| HoldCo Annual Report<br>Coventry and Warwickshire Health Inequalities Strategic Plan  |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>   |
| <b>Suggested items for 2022-23 – date to be agreed</b>  |
| One Coventry Plan Refresh<br>The cost of living crisis – including food banks and the energy crisis<br>CCC Transformation Programme<br>Economic Impact of Brexit<br>Climate Change Action Plan<br>Health Inequalities and Marmot<br>Spon End Regeneration Project |

| <b>Date</b>                           | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Detail</b>   | <b>Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer</b>               |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022</b>      | Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board                     | A report on progress on the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership progress including benchmarking data and duties under the Domestic Abuse Act   | Cllr AS Khan/ Cllr P Akhtar<br>Public Health reps |
|                                       | Scrutiny Annual Report 2021-22                             | To consider the 2021-22 Annual Report   | Cllr N Akhtar                                     |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>      | One Coventry Annual Performance Report                     |   |   |
|                                       |  |   |   |
| <b>28<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b> | Skills Resilience (referred from SB1,2&3) – September 2022 | An item referred from SB1,2 & 3 to look at how the Council is working with businesses, training providers and schools including apprenticeships to ensure the city has the skills needed for employment and economic development. Also looking at how to address barriers to employment for specific groups including SEND young people | Kim Mawby/ Steve Weir                             |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>   | PSPO's   | To consider all of the PSPO's across the city to look at the data to evaluate their effectiveness, to include Police reps.  | Liam Nagle<br>Cllr AS Khan                        |
|                                       | Community Safety Strategic Assessment                      | To scrutinise the data within the Community Safety Strategic Assessment.  | Cllr AS Khan/ Craig Hickin                        |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b>  | Coventry City of Culture Legacy                            |   |   |
|                                       |  |   |   |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>   | Rough Sleeper Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant             | The Council have received a grant to deliver enhanced drug and alcohol treatment services to Rough Sleepers and those at risk of Rough sleeping. The grant was issued in December 2021 and runs until March 2023. SCRUCO have asked to know how effective the measures within the grant have been.                                      | Cllr Caan<br>Jim Crawshaw/ Rachel Chapman         |
|                                       |  |   |   |

SCRUCO Work Programme 2022-23

| Date   | Title  | Detail   | Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer                     |
|--|--|--|--|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>                       | HoldCo Annual Report   | To receive the HoldCo Annual Report at an appropriate time as agreed at the meeting on 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2021.   | Cllr Duggins<br>Barry Hastie                     |
|  | Coventry and Warwickshire Health Inequalities Strategic Plan           | To look at the monitoring framework to monitor progress against targets and KPI's. Representation from NHS partners to be invited.   | Allison Duggal<br>Cllr Caan                      |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>                      |  |  |  |
| <b>Suggested items for 2022-23 – date to be agreed</b> | One Coventry Plan Refresh (June 2022)                                  | To consider a draft of the refreshed One Coventry Plan presented to Cabinet. The committee will be able to make recommendations to Council. To also consider the community engagement and public consultation plans. Also, to consider how the Anchor Alliance will support delivery of the Plan | Cllr Duggins<br>Kirston Nelson<br>Vanessa Millar |
|  | The cost of living crisis – including food banks and the energy crisis | Identified at SCRUCO 16.02.22. To scrutinise the impact of the energy crisis and what support is available to support local residents. Council Tax rebate. Revs and Bens. Include case studies. Use of credit unions and loan sharks.  | Cllr O'Boyle/ Cllr Caan<br>/Bret Willers         |
|  | CCC Transformation Programme   |  |  |
|  | Economic Impact of Brexit  | An update report on the impact of Brexit on the local economy, including information on sector-by-sector feedback, be submitted to a future meeting of the Board in twelve months and the Board's work programme be updated accordingly. Follow up to meeting in Nov 2021                        | Cllr O'Boyle<br>Steve Weir                       |
|  | Climate Change Action Plan   | Identified at SCRUCO 16.02.22. What consultation has been undertaken for this item? Invite in key stakeholders.  | Cllr O'Boyle<br>Bret Willers                     |
|  | Health Inequalities and Marmot   | To look at what the Council is doing to address health inequalities and to monitor progress  | Allison Duggal<br>Cllr Caan                      |

| Date | Title                         | Detail  | Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer |
|------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|      | Spon End Regeneration Project | How is it funded? How have people have been relocated? What are the plans? How are plans communicated with the community? |                              |