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### **Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)**

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#### **Time and Date**

2.00 pm on Wednesday, 25th March, 2026

#### **Place**

Diamond Room 2 - Council House

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#### **Public Business**

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)
  - (a) To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026
  - (b) Matters arising
4. **Greenpower Park and West Midlands Investment Zone** (Pages 7 - 12)  
Report of the Director of Regeneration and Economy
5. **Progress Update - Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Task & Finish Group** (Pages 13 - 18)  
Briefing Note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator
6. **Work Programme 2025/26** (Pages 19 - 24)  
Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator
7. **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**

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

Tuesday, 17 March 2026

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Membership: Councillors P Akhtar, J Blundell, K Caan (By Invitation), G Hayre (By Invitation), P Hetheron (By Invitation), T Jandu, A Kaur, AS Khan (By Invitation), G Lewis, J McNicholas, S Nazir (By Invitation), J O'Boyle (By Invitation), B Singh, R Singh (Chair) and CE Thomas

By invitation: Councillors P Hetheron and J O'Boyle

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**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)**  
**held at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 4 February 2026**

Present:

Members:                   Councillor R Singh (Chair)  
                                  Councillor P Akhtar  
                                  Councillor J Blundell  
                                  Councillor T Jandu  
                                  Councillor A Kaur  
                                  Councillor G Lewis  
                                  Councillor J McNicholas  
                                  Councillor B Singh

Other Members:           Councillor J O'Boyle (Cabinet Member for Jobs,  
                                  Regeneration, and Climate Change)  
                                  Councillor A Tucker (Representing West Midlands Combined  
                                  Authority Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny  
                                  Committee)

Employees (by Service  
Area):

Innovation                   C Knight (Director)  
  
Law and Governance        G Holmes, T Robinson  
  
Regeneration and  
Economy                     J Seddon, N Small

Apologies:                 Councillor CE Thomas

## **Public Business**

### **27.     Declarations of Interest**

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **28.     Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

### **29.     Bus Franchising Update**

The Scrutiny Board considered a Briefing Note of the Director of Regeneration and Economy and presentation by Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) providing an update on Bus Franchising.

Previously, at their meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the Scrutiny Board contributed to the consultation on franchising with key updates being summarised one year on. The officer's presentation, attached at Appendix 1 to the note, covered the following areas:

- A bus service that prioritises people.
- Why franchising? – background behind decision and public support.
- A contracting model instead of the previous commercial model.
- Bus reform programme – status update.
- Bus reform governance overview.

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

- That there will be opportunities for members of the public and Members to feed into routes, fares and locations post-franchising, but to ensure a smooth transition the network would be kept consistent in the first instance.
- How the existing Mayoral Task Force on Journeys could be aligned to involve the customer voice in the work stream
- That TfWM have already identified and are currently working with partners who have experience of commissioning and legal processes required, from areas where franchising has already taken place, such as Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire
- That TfWM are confident that there will be companies to bid for routes and the smaller service providers will be encouraged to bid for contracts in order to avoid a monopoly of providers.
- That the contracts will be managed robustly to ensure that there are clear enforceable penalties for under performance, using learning from other areas.
- That franchising will mean there is greater control over routes and pricing, which meets the needs of the public not shareholders.
- Progress is being made on acquiring Pool Meadow depot.
- No decision has yet been made on branding, however TfWM has existing branding which other areas did not have before franchising.

Members supported the progress being made but wanted to ensure that the public were also aware of the timescales for delivery and for any positive changes to bus services to be realised.

**RESOLVED that the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board identifies the additional recommendation to Transport for West Midlands (TfWM):**

- 1) Make sure the public is updated and to manage expectations that initially the outcome will be a like for like service. Changes will come after the franchising process is finished.**

### 30. **Very Light Rail**

The Scrutiny Board considered a Briefing Note of the Director of Regeneration and Economy and a presentation by officers providing an update on the current status of the Coventry Very Light Rail (CVLR) programme, including the following key aspects:

- Project Timeline;
- Stakeholder Engagement; and
- Statutory Occupier Status.

The Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, Councillor J O'Boyle, began the discussion by providing a summary of progress and recognising how CVLR was more than just a transport scheme but an economic opportunity to export CVLR to interested groups in the UK and internationally. He also highlighted future innovations such as autonomous CVLR to reduce costs and improve service.

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

- Communication of any potential disruption along the route with business owners, mitigation factors, and opportunities for plan redesign to reduce disruption such as elevation.
  - Use of modelling to assess route design and managing disruption both during and after construction to ensure delays are contained to weeks and not years.
  - The opportunity the route can have at demonstrating the success of CVLR with shop frontages.
  - Building tracks at ground level (instead of elevated) to minimise costs.
- VLR as a UK, and regional, manufacturing project – with slabs currently being built in Spain but likely developed in the UK in the future.
- Previous metro contributions (pre-CVLR) offering few results for Coventry's transport infrastructure.
- The viability of the slab track for heavy vehicles, its durability testing, and its cost effectiveness in comparison to other West Midland metro infrastructure projects.
- The trialling of autonomous vehicles and its appliances to VLR.
- Joining up carriages and the infrastructure benefits of smaller vehicles.
- VLR being a predominantly central government funded project.
- The development of the universal slab product and creating a route map for eventual commercialisation.
- Transport infrastructure budgets compared to London.
- Governance arrangements and the Department of Transport's validation for the scheme.
- Confidence in delivery of the project despite potential political changes post May elections – contingency plans.
- The appointment of an independent overseer to ensure the scheme has an arbiter for safety.

The Scrutiny Board thanked officers for their presentation and continued work.

**RESOLVED that the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board considers the information within the Briefing Note and the Cabinet Report (attached at Appendix A).**

31. **Work Programme 2025/26**

The Scrutiny Board noted the Work Programme and informed Members of the visit to UK BIC (Battery Innovation Centre) planned for March 4<sup>th</sup> 2026.

32. **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 urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 4.00 pm)



Coventry City Council

## Briefing note

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**To: The Business Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Subject: Greenpower Park and West Midlands Investment Zone**

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

- 1.1 To provide the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) Members with a progress update on the Greenpower Park development and the wider Coventry & Warwick Investment Zone. This report is a further update to that provided to the Board on 12 March 2025.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) is recommended to:
- 1) Consider the content of the briefing note.
  - 2) Identify any recommendations for the Cabinet Member.

### **3 Background Recap**

- 3.1 Coventry City Council (CCC) owns the freehold of Coventry Airport, a 125 hectare (Ha) site in Warwick District. In 2021, the Council formed a joint venture with Coventry Airport Limited, which has a long leasehold over the site in-order to promote the site as the location for a battery gigafactory. The site is being marketed as Greenpower Park.
- 3.2 In January 2022, Warwick District Council gave outline planning approval for a total of 530,000m<sup>2</sup> of development on the site for battery manufacturing and associated uses such as battery recycling, Research & Development (R&D), supply chain and HQ functions. Economic modelling suggests that if the site is fully developed, up to 6,000 jobs could be supported in the local economy.
- 3.3 In the UK government budget in March 2023, it was announced that eight areas in England, including the West Midlands, would be invited to develop proposals for Investment Zones. The aim of Investment Zones is to use tax reliefs, planning mechanisms and innovation, skills and business support to create private sector growth and quality jobs.
- 3.4 Each Investment Zone must have a sector focus, and the West Midlands has selected Advanced Manufacturing, which is an excellent fit with Coventry's economic

ambitions, and specifically the plans for battery manufacturing and associated activity at Greenpower Park.

- 3.5 Locally, the land at Greenpower Park, together with adjacent sites at SEGRO Park Coventry, Whitley South and Whitley East was approved as a key strategic site within the West Midlands Investment Zone in 2024. The sites collectively are now known as the Coventry & Warwick Investment Zone (CWIZ). A site map is available in appendix 1 of the report.
- 3.6 The West Midlands Investment Zone (WMIZ) focuses on three such sites:
- **Coventry & Warwick Investment Zone.** Comprising Greenpower Park, SEGRO Park Coventry, Whitley South and Whitley East.
  - **Birmingham Knowledge Quarter.** This 55Ha site runs Northeast from Aston University through Duddeston and Nechells to Aston, the proposals are for universities, other public bodies and the private sectors to work together to stimulate R&D and innovation in digital applications that will service sectors including advanced manufacturing.
  - **Wolverhampton Green Innovation Corridor.** This 3.74Ha site will connect the University of Wolverhampton Springfield Campus to the East of the city centre with the University of Wolverhampton Science Park and will stimulate the growth of new green industries and skills, many of which will feed into Advanced Manufacturing supply chains and processes.
- 3.7 The following tax incentives are available for companies locating in the associated incentive area of the Coventry & Warwick Investment Zone sites:
- **Full Business Rate Relief:** (5 years) for newly occupied business premises, and certain existing businesses where they expand in tax sites
  - **Full Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) Relief:** for land and buildings bought for commercial use or development for commercial purposes
  - **Employer National Insurance Contributions (NIC):** Zero rated threshold raised from £5,000 to £25,000 in respect of new eligible employees for first 36 months of their employment
  - **Enhanced Structure and Buildings Allowances (SBAS):** 10% straight line deduction per annum
  - **100% First Year Capital Allowances (FYAs):** a 100% first year allowance for expenditure on plant and machinery
- 3.8 For illustration, a newly locating company investing in a 20,000m<sup>2</sup> building could expect to save in excess of £4.7m in tax costs in the first five years of operation.
- 3.9 Tax incentives are available to investing companies through to September 2034.
- 3.10 Realising delivery of the Investment Zone site is vital to achieving the objectives of both the One Coventry Plan (particularly “Enhancing the Economic Prosperity of the City and Region) and the Coventry Economic Development Strategy 2022-2027. The site has huge potential to secure inward investment into the city and also position Coventry as a leader in the green industrial revolution, given the site’s target focus of electric vehicle and battery production, recycling, R&D, and associated Advanced Manufacturing supply chain activities. Through the delivery of supply

chain support programmes, and skills support programmes, there will be major opportunities to facilitate the successful growth and diversification of local businesses operating with Advanced Manufacturing supply chains. These programmes have helped tackle inequalities by supporting local residents to upskill and secure new job opportunities.

#### **4 Capital works for power upgrades to Greenpower Park**

- 4.1 £23m of WMIZ capital funds have been secured principally to upgrade the power supply to the Greenpower Park site.
- 4.2 Battery manufacturing is more power intensive than other commercial uses, so it is critical that this funding is used to increase the capacity of the power connection to the site in order to create the conditions to attract the investment from global battery manufacturers and the supply chain.
- 4.3 Power infrastructure design and route proving works have been completed. The works require a cable installation route running from Coventry Central Bulk Supply Point (BSP) through to the Greenpower Park site.
- 4.4 Early works to install cable ducting commenced in November 2025 and are progressing well.
- 4.5 The early works focus on Humber Rd and London Rd; these works have been accelerated to co-ordinate with Coventry Highways and the installation of cycleways in order to minimise disruptions to residents and avoid unnecessary highway / cycleway re-works.
- 4.6 Affected residents have been informed of works through advanced letter drops and weekly website updates detailing progress and future works.
- 4.7 The bulk of the works on the remainder of the route, sub-station construction and power cable installation will commence in April 2026.
- 4.8 The project will deliver an initial 30MVA power supply to the site that will go live in August 2027. This supply will then be enhanced to a total 50MVA capacity in 2029.

#### **5 Cessation of runway activities at Coventry airport**

- 5.1 In November 2025 Coventry Airport Ltd submitted formal notice of the intention to cease runway operations at Coventry airport in June 2026.
- 5.2 This is a significant milestone in the development of the Greenpower Park site. The cessation of runway operations at the airport, combined with the power upgrade works will make the site more readily available for development and increase its attractiveness to investors.

#### **6 Supply Chain Transition Programme**

- 6.1 The WMIZ supply chain transition programme has now been established. The programme enables local manufacturing SMEs to access fully funded packages of support to help explore, develop, and supply the regions Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM's) and key customers across new and emerging clusters in:
  - Aerospace
  - Electric light vehicles & battery manufacturing

- Health tech and med tech
  - Modern and low carbon construction and other green industries
  - Smart energy systems
- 6.2 Through this programme, SME's will receive support to upskill and help solve current and future supply chain challenges whilst strengthening local, sustainable, and innovative manufacturing operations.
- 6.3 The programme is delivered by the 'Supply Smarter West Midlands' consortium consisting of C&W Business Solutions (part of the CW Growth Hub Group), the Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC), WMG (part of the University of Warwick), and the West Midlands Combined Universities (comprising Birmingham City University, Coventry University, and the University of Wolverhampton).

## **7 Site Promotion and Investor Engagement**

- 7.1 The Council are working closely with key partners to promote the site to investor occupiers in target markets. Both the West Midlands Growth Company and the UK Office for Investment are supporting site marketing through website promotion and through their specific overseas channels.
- 7.2 Lead generation and opportunity promotion is also being delivered through proactive attendance at key relevant trade shows and exhibitions. Those attended include:
- UK Real Estate, Infrastructure and Investment Forum, Leeds, May 2025
  - The Battery Show Europe, Stuttgart, June 2025
  - Battery Cells and Systems Expo, NEC Birmingham, July 2025
  - The Faraday Institution Battery Conference, University of Warwick, Sept 2025
  - Cenex Expo, Millbrook, Sept 2025
  - The Engineering Design Show, Coventry, Oct 2025
- 7.3 In September 2025, a delegation of Chinese energy storage companies visited the West Midlands. As part of the visit, they were hosted at the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre where they were informed of the CWIZ opportunity and received a tour of the site. One specific enquiry has emerged from this with a company looking at site opportunities to establish a UK facility.
- 7.4 In September 2025, a West Midlands delegation attended the China International Fair for Trade and Investment in Xiamen, China. Here, the Coventry & Warwick Investment Zone was prominent when promoting UK opportunities to fair attendees and at additional meetings with interested companies. This visit resulted in one of the world's largest battery manufacturing companies showing interest in the site. A UK and site visit followed with positive engagement now ongoing.
- 7.5 The promotion activity and investor engagement work continues and is generating interest. There are currently four battery manufacturing companies exploring opportunities at the site. Two of which have visited the site specifically in 2026, with a further company visit anticipated in April / May this year.
- 7.6 In the longlist pipeline we are working with over 80 opportunities where there is potential interest in a Greenpower Park / Investment Zone location. These opportunities range from the major battery manufacturers already mentioned,

through to battery supply chain, testing / R&D, recycling and other vehicle / advanced manufacturing businesses.

## **8 Coventry Very Light Rail**

- 8.1 As the Coventry & Warwick Investment Zone is delivered there will be a significant increase in employment numbers at the site. The site has therefore been identified as the preferred first route for Coventry Very Light Rail (CVLR).

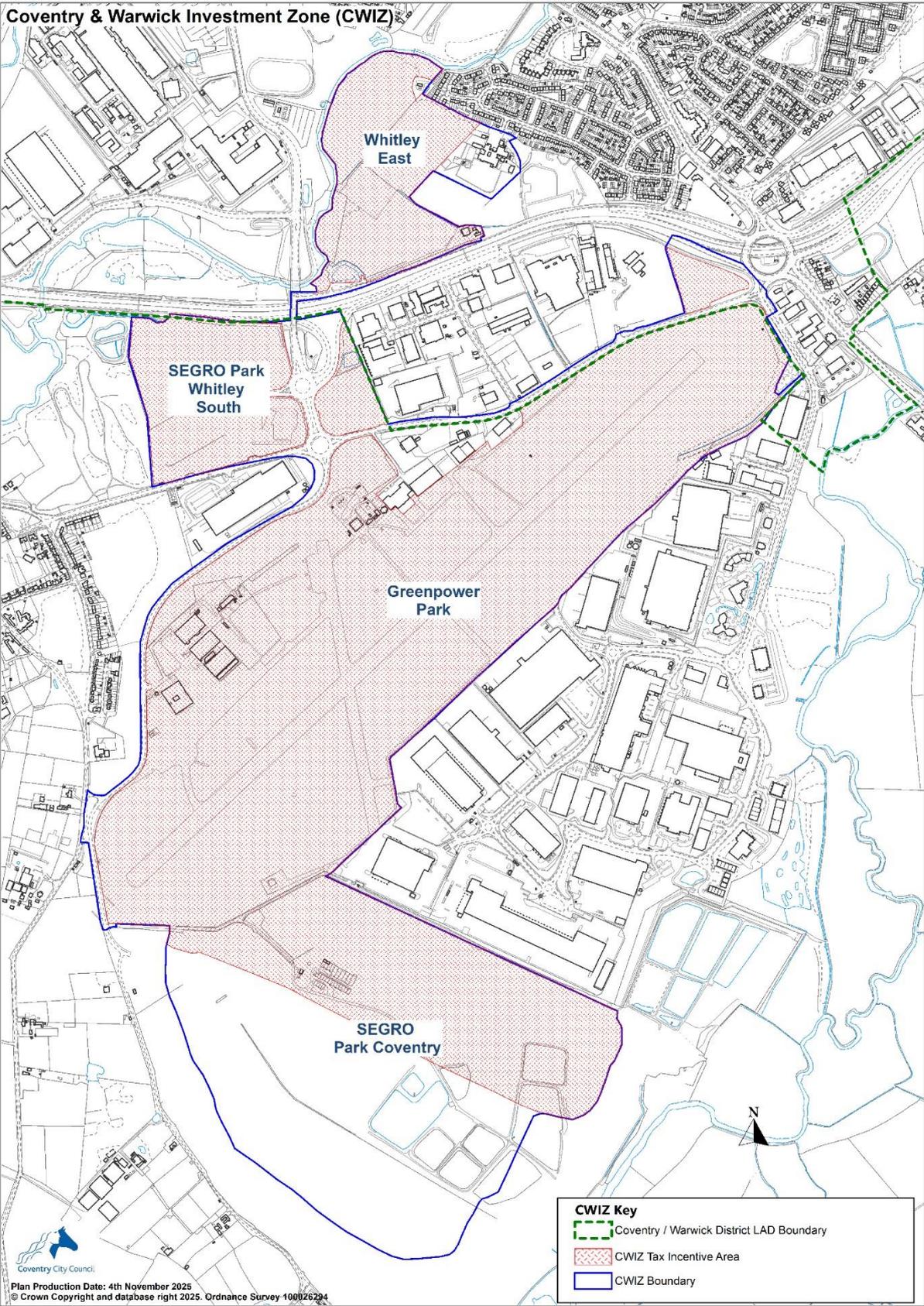
## **9 Health Inequalities Impact**

- 9.1 An equalities impact assessment has been prepared for the proposed Investment Zone and gigafactory development at Greenpower Park / Coventry Airport which was published alongside the Cabinet report approving CCC's involvement in WMIZ was approved in March 2024. Creating good quality new employment has the potential to address health inequalities through the well document link between good quality employment and better health.

### Appendix 1 – Coventry & Warwickshire Investment Zone – Site Plan

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# Appendix 1 – Coventry & Warwick Investment Zone - Site Plan





## Briefing note

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**To: Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Subject: Progress Update – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Task & Finish Group**

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

- 1.1 To inform Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board on the work undertaken by the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Task and Finish Group and to outline the recommendations based on its findings.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
  - 1) Recommend that the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change ensure that Members are engaged at each stage of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) development process, ensuring ongoing oversight and input throughout the programme.
  - 2) Ensure that a Task and Finish Group is established in the next municipal year to provide continued oversight and scrutiny of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan as it progresses.
  - 3) Ensure that the final Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is submitted to the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board for consideration prior to its submission to Cabinet for approval.

### **3 Information and Background**

- 3.1 Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board established a Task and Finish Group to support the development of Coventry's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), a key component of the Coventry Transport Strategy adopted in December 2022.
- 3.2 The purpose of the Group was to develop an understanding of the evidence, issues and options informing the LCWIP and provide constructive input to ensure that the emerging strategy is robust, accessible, and aligned with wider council priorities including health, climate change and inclusive mobility.
- 3.3 Membership of the task and finish group was:
  - Cllr R Singh (Chair)

- Cllr J Blundell
- Cllr R Reeves
- Cllr C Thomas

#### **4 Work Undertaken by the Task & Finish Group - Scoping and evidence review:**

- 4.1 Members received officer presentations on national standards, trip data, infrastructure assessments, barriers to active travel, and future mobility considerations. The scoping document can be found at **Appendix A**.
- 4.2 The group agreed its scope at the outset, focusing on:
- Understanding the evidence base underpinning the LCWIP
  - Reviewing emerging proposals and engagement plans
  - Considering opportunities and barriers for walking, cycling, and wheeling
  - Ensuring accessibility and equality considerations are embedded in the strategy
- 4.3 The group received a detailed briefing from officers on:
- National LCWIP standards and guidance
  - Analysis of short trips using mobile phone data
  - Assessment of current infrastructure quality
  - Key barriers and opportunities across the network
- 4.4 Members highlighted the importance of transparency in public consultation, and the need to clearly communicate what aspects of the LCWIP are open to influence. Officers also committed to:
- Consider future regulation of e-bikes and mobility devices
  - Incorporate findings from the Coventry Street Accessibility Project

#### **5 Consultation and engagement design:**

- 5.1 The Task and Finish Group provided detailed feedback on the consultation and engagement design offering several improvements to the questionnaire, including removing or rewording questions that presented unrealistic options, ensuring images were used to illustrate different types of cycling infrastructure, and clarifying expectations around shared spaces and city centre design.
- 5.2 Members also contributed to shaping the wider engagement approach by emphasising the need for broad and inclusive outreach to disability groups, NHS partners, educational settings, and community networks, as well as the use of the "Let's Talk Coventry" platform, consistent branding, flyers and partner organisations to promote the consultation. In addition, the group recommended targeted dissemination through networks such as DEAP.
- 5.3 The consultation will run from 26 January to 8 March 2026 via the "Let's Talk Coventry" platform.

## **6 Final Meeting of the Task and Finish Group:**

- 6.1 The group reviewed progress on the LCWIP survey and consultation, noting strong engagement driven partly by expanded social- media outreach and a recent spike in responses. Members discussed the survey's current role as an initial fact- finding exercise, with more meaningful, route- specific consultation expected later. Ensuring broad participation—particularly from schools, parents, disabled residents, and less frequently heard groups—was highlighted as essential. A total of 236 responses had been received so far, with a 64% engagement rate, and the 8 March closing date may be extended to support further engagement with education settings.

## **7 Conclusion**

- 7.1 The Task and Finish Group played a constructive role in shaping the development and engagement approach for Coventry's LCWIP. By reviewing evidence, advising on engagement design, and highlighting issues such as accessibility, public expectations, and future mobility trends, the group has ensured that the emerging LCWIP is robust and grounded in local insight.
- 7.2 To this end, the group requested that there is continued Member engagement throughout the process; that the work of the task and finish group continue into next municipal year and that the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board have opportunity to consider the final plan before Cabinet.

## **Appendix A: Scoping Document**

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# Scrutiny Scoping Document

<b>Title of Review topic</b>	
Development of Coventry's Local Cycling and Walking Innovation Plan	
<b>Objectives</b>	
What does the Board/Task and Finish Group hope to achieve by considering the topic?	The overarching purpose for the Task and Finish Group is to aid greater understanding of issues, options, and scheme development of the Coventry's Local Cycling & Walking Innovation Plan
What will be the indicators of success?	The T&F group will have input into the development of the LCWIP therefore the indicator of success will be a strategy supported by SB3, presented for agreement by the Cabinet Member
When will the review be evaluated?	6-12 months after the recommendations are made.
<b>What will be included in the scope of the review?</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desktop research</li> <li>• Local knowledge / information obtained by the Task and Finish Group members.</li> <li>• Data, evidence provided by Transport and Innovation Officers and Task and Finish Group members.</li> </ul>
<b>What will be excluded from the scope?</b>	
	General issues relating to cycling and walking.
<b>Does the review link with any existing strategies or policies? Is this currently being reviewed/refreshed?</b>	
	<p>LCWIP is a planning tool for local authorities to develop networks of walking and cycling routes, providing a policy framework for active travel that supports the implementation of the Coventry Transport Strategy, adopted by the Council in December 2022. National guidance exists to help local authorities write effective LCWIPs. It links with the following strategies and policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Wellbeing</li> <li>• Environmental Policies</li> <li>• Urban Development</li> </ul>
<b>Methodology</b>	
How will the review be carried out? e.g. surveys, site visits, select committees etc.	Briefings, presentations from Council officers and external partners.
<b>Barriers and Risks</b>	
What are the barriers and risks to the review?	Scope creep
How can these be managed/overcome?	Ensure that the T&F is focused on the timeline of the LCWIP. Other issues can be noted and potential referred for further investigation elsewhere.
<b>Equality and Diversity</b>	
Does the review have any potential implications for Equality and Diversity? (race, gender (including transgender), disability, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, poverty, looked after children)	Health inequalities are a significant challenge for many communities, and reducing the barriers to active travel can help more people make healthier life and travel choices.
<b>Timescales and reporting procedure</b>	
List any key dates/events which might impact on the timescales of the review	

Anticipated number of meetings	3-4
Scrutiny Board portfolio	Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)
Cabinet Member portfolio	Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change
Anticipated reporting date to Scrutiny Board	By end of municipal year 2026
Anticipated reporting route – Cabinet Member/Cabinet	Cabinet Member
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Comms involvement	
Task and Finish Group Members	Cllr Reeves from the Green Party has expressed an interest

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# Agenda Item 6

Business, Economy and Enterprise (3) Work Programme 2025-26

Last updated on 16 March 2026

**Please see page 2 onwards for background to items**

<b>9 July 2025</b>
Cabinet Member Portfolio Priorities Cycling and Walking Plan – Task & Finish Group
<b>17 September 2025</b>
EV charging point infrastructure Strategy roll-out Domestic Retrofit - Update
<b>22 October 2025</b>
Destination Coventry
<b>26 November 2025</b>
Economic Development Strategy/Skills Strategy 25/26 CW Economic Development Strategy Heatline
<b>4 February 2026</b>
Update on Bus Delivery Options Very Light Rail – route identification
<b>25 March 2026 (Moved from 18 March 2026)</b>
Greenpower Park - West Midlands Investment Zone Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Task and Finish Group Recommendations
<b>2026/27</b>
City Centre South Development One Coventry Approach to Apprenticeships City Centre North Rail Update Destination Coventry Economic Development Strategy/Skills Strategy 25/26 / CW Economic Development Strategy Labour Market - assessing number of skills and identify gaps Domestic Retrofit Programme

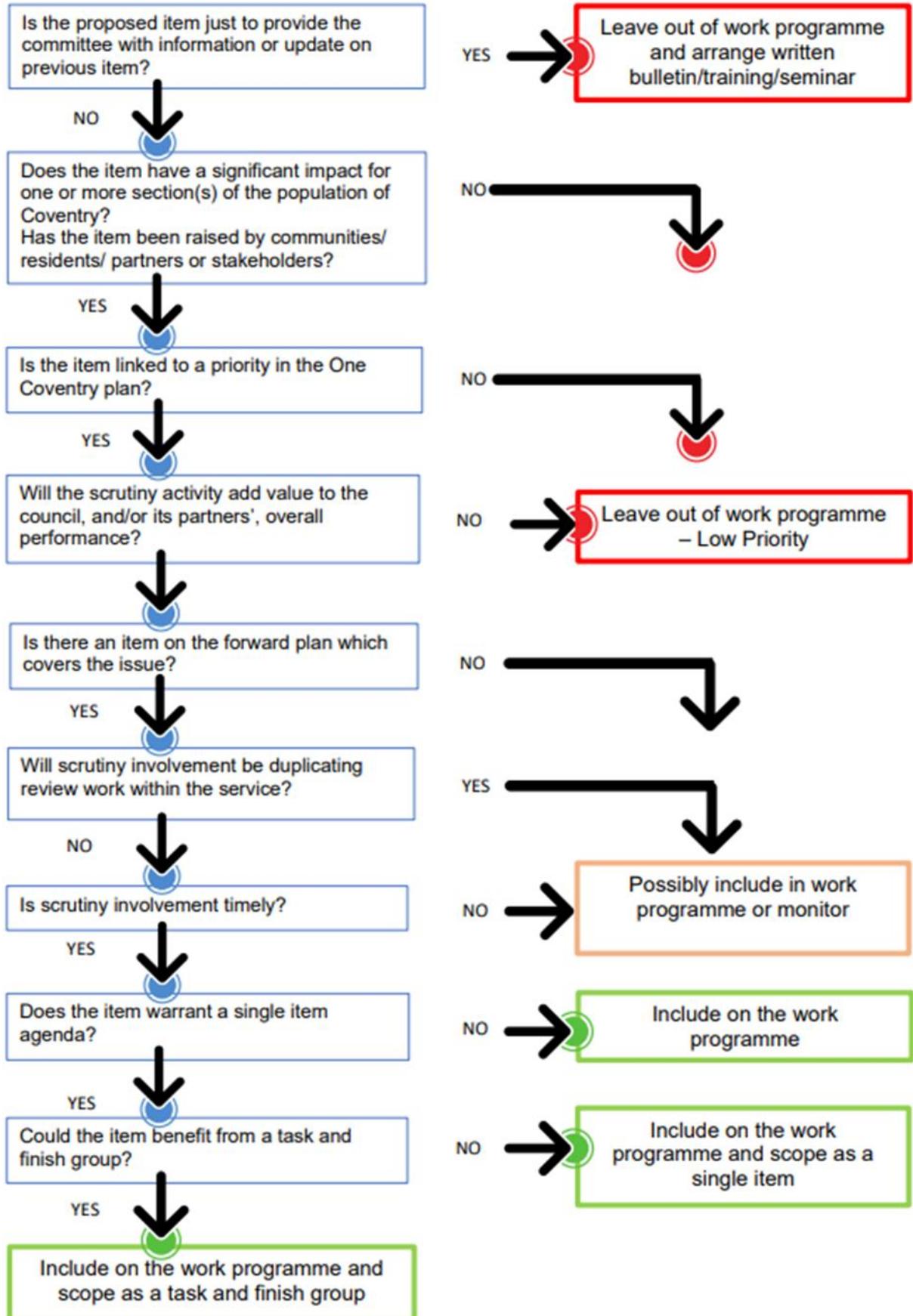
Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
9 July 2025	Cabinet Member Portfolio Priorities	To invite Cllr O’Boyle to identify their priorities for the coming year, for Scrucoco to be able to identify future items and hold Cabinet Members to account	Cllr O’Boyle
	Cycling and Walking Plan – Task & Finish Group	<p>A Local Cycling and Walking Innovation Plan Task and Finish Group be established - Progress on implementation of the Plan – Member contribution pre-consultation during summer 25.</p> <p>The T&amp;F be requested by SCRUCOCO to include consideration of the issues relating to the use of e-bikes and e-scooters and report the outcome of the Group’s work on this matter the Committee.</p>	John Seddon / Andrew Saffrey Cllr O’Boyle
17 September 2025	EV charging point infrastructure Strategy roll-out	This item will consider how the strategy is being delivered, as well as steps being taken to encourage EV vehicles by large commercial fleets. Including accessible parking charging points and rapid charging points. Information on usage, locations, car parks overnight e.g. Development of charging station in the north of the city.	Cllr O’Boyle John Seddon Shamala Evans-Gadgil
	Domestic Retrofit - Update	updates regarding the overall progress of the domestic retrofit programmes across the city.	Rhian Palmer Matthew Dillow Cllr O’Boyle
22 October 2025	Destination Coventry	Update on Destination Coventry including its performance. How we are supporting attractions across the city? How are we performing as DMO compared to other benchmarking including KPI’s? Income sources and funding.	Paula Deas / Cllr O’Boyle
26 November 2025	Economic Development Strategy/Skills Strategy 25/26	<p>Last came November 24. A further progress report in 25/26 which includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress against benchmark data</li> </ul>	K Mawby / S Weir

Business, Economy and Enterprise (3) Work Programme 2025-26

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
		Work to retain graduates in the city	
	CW Economic Development Strategy	Following Cabinet March 18 <sup>th</sup> 2025	S Weir Cllr O'Boyle
	Heatline	Update on the use of Heatline, income generated, efficiency and best use of the resource, how it is contributing to net zero – Update in Feb 2026 – To include a private item to be arranged by officers including Bring Energy to update Members of the board with the financial side of Heatline to include value of assets etc.	Lowell Lewis / Mark Anderson (Bring Energy) / Cllr O'Boyle
<b>4 February 2026</b>	Update on Bus Delivery Options	To include progress on bus franchising as well as whether the on-demand bus service could include a Birmingham drop off.	TfWM
	Very Light Rail – route identification	An item to include information about the feasibility of routes and how members of the public will be engaged in the process.	Cllr O'Boyle John Seddon
<b>25 March 2026 (Moved from 18 March 2026)</b>	Greenpower Park - West Midlands Investment Zone	To pick up progress, including promotion of the Green Power Park. Understanding the challenges and the timelines. Check planning status. Last came March 2025. Info on how many apprentices from Coventry are employed on the site to be included – Good Work clauses	S Weir Cllr O'Boyle
	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Task and Finish Group Recommendations	To agree the recommendations from the LCWIP T&F	Elan Jones Cllr R Singh
<b>2026/27</b>	City Centre South Development	Update on progress – Requested at the last meeting of the Municipal year 2024	Richard Moon Adam Hunt

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	One Coventry Approach to Apprenticeships	To be included as a follow on to Skills Strategy item. To consider how SME's are supported to deliver apprenticeships. What support is offered to people who come through the door of the Job Shop? Possibly March 2026. Including partners – private sector and HE.	Kim Mawby/ Cllr O'Boyle/Cllr Sandhu
	City Centre North	To consider potential development in the north of the city centre – 2026/27	
	Rail Update	Formation of Great British Railways and proposals be included on a future agenda for the Board, once the current rail contract expires. Dependant on national legislation. Possibly 2026/27	Rosie Coyle / Cllr O Boyle
	Destination Coventry	Update on Destination Coventry including its performance following on from 24/25. that there is clarification on the value for money of the Council's financial contribution to the DMO and that up to date data is provided from a variety of sources.	Paula Deas / Cllr O'Boyle
	Economic Development Strategy/Skills Strategy 25/26 / CW Economic Development Strategy	Last came November 25. A further progress report in 26/27 - that future reports on this matter provide comparative information to enable the Scrutiny Board to review the Strategies and Plans objectively.	K Mawby / S Weir
	Labour Market - assessing number of skills and identify gaps	That the Chamber of Commerce be invited to attend a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board and that this be added to the Work Programme	
	Domestic Retrofit Programme	An update to include information on able to pay households that are not eligible for retrofit grant funding, and comparative data on the national distribution of funding to support domestic retrofit.	

### Work Programme Decision Flow Chart



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