



Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Time and Date

10.00 am on Thursday, 23rd October, 2025

Place

Diamond Rooms 1 and 2 - Council House

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 8)
 - a) To agree the Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17th of July 2025.
 - b) Matters arising.
4. **Fly-tipping Performance 2024-25** (Pages 9 - 30)

Report of the Director of Law and Governance and the Director of City Services.
5. **Street Lighting** (Pages 31 - 34)

Briefing Note of the Director of City Services.
6. **Severe Weather Emergency Protocol** (Pages 35 - 48)

Report of the Director of Adults and Housing.
7. **Work Programme 2025/2026** (Pages 49 - 54)

Report of the Director of Law and Governance.
8. **Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved**

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

Wednesday, 15 October 2025

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Asher Veness Email: asher.veness@coventry.gov.uk

Membership: Councillors S Agboola (By Invitation), M Ali (Chair), R Bailey, B Christopher, G Hayre, P Hetherton (By Invitation), T Khan, G Lewis, E Ruane, T Sawdon and R Thay

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)
held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 17 July 2025

Present:

Members:

Councillor M Ali (Chair)
Councillor R Bailey
Councillor B Christopher
Councillor G Lewis
Councillor K Maton
Councillor M Mutton
Councillor E Ruane
Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor R Thay

Other Members (by invitation)

Councillor P Hetherton
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor S Agboola

Employees (by Directorate):

Law and Governance: G Holmes, A Veness

Housing and Communities: R Back, P Fahy, D Nuttall

Apologies:

Councillor T Khan Sub Councillor M Mutton
Councillor G Hayre Sub Councillor K Maton
Councillor S Nazir

Public Business

36. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ali indicated that as a result of a perceived disclosable pecuniary interest, she will not participate in the Task and Finish Group referred to in item 5 below.

37. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2025 were agreed and signed as a true record.

There were no matters arising.

38. Cabinet Member Portfolio Priorities 2025/26

The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) received and noted two briefings, the first from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities and the

second from the Cabinet Member for City Services. The briefings outline the priorities for their portfolios for 2025/26.

The Cabinet Member (and Deputy Cabinet Member) for Housing and Communities highlighted the following areas:

Housing and Homelessness – Two new temporary accommodations have been built including New Leaf House. The council will need to continue to work with Citizen to improve housing stock.

New National Planning Legislation – Changes in planning legislation will create challenges that the Planning Committee, the Cabinet Member and the Board will need to work together to overcome.

Cultural Gateway Building – Work is well on the way at transforming the old IKEA building into the Cultural Gateway Centre and is on track to be completed on time.

Community Resilience Team – Obtaining further funding for breakfast clubs and working to continue settlement schemes from Ukraine and Afghanistan. Working particularly with Sharon Thompson to increase grant funding and building an inclusive and diverse city.

Culture and Creative Economy – Focus on the Creative Economy and Creative Industries Strategy, including the Heritage Strategy and the City Centre Cultural Gateway Project and the new lease for the Priory Visitor Centre.

The Cabinet Member for City Services highlighted the following areas:

Switching Lights Back On – The lights will be switched back on little by little, the process will be funded partially through PFIs and will be made more efficient and cheaper in the long term through the move to LED lighting with attached smart meters.

Potholes – With four extra teams and increased funding, for the first time the team can be proactive instead of reactive. They are improving the roads, cleaning the gutters and preparing for the more and more frequent extreme weather events that have come about due to climate change.

Litter Picking – The Council is working closer and closer with volunteer litter pickers to increase their efficiency, increased organisation and cooperation has had it more disciplined and better at targeting at risk areas.

Road Safety – Through the effective use of resources and targeting particular dangerous areas the council aims to cut fatalities and make the city safer. This is being done through the use of 20mph speed limit areas and installations such as puffin crossings.

Extreme Weather and Climate Change Mitigation – Targeted flood risk prevention in areas such as Orsley and Eastern Green will be implemented alongside broader emissions reduction and mitigation measures.

Waste Management – Combined efforts with Solihull have addressed numerous waste issues including gas canisters damaging chimney stacks. There is also work to ensure waste no longer goes to landfills and materials are always properly recycled when possible.

Members discussed the priorities highlighted by both Cabinet Members and made comments, asked questions and received answers in respect of topics raised above. This included:

- Requesting written information to be circulated before these priority meetings so councillors can better prepare questions and understand performance indicators.
- Information regarding the cabinet member priorities be circulated.
- A presentation on the Councils Flooding strategy given to the RSCC be circulated to members.
- Made numerous suggestions for additions to the work programme listed in minute 41.

39. **CCTV in Taxis Task and Finish Group**

The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) considered a briefing note of the Director of City Services on the establishment of a Task and Finish Group to investigate whether the Council should require taxis to have CCTV as part of licensing requirements.

Mandatory CCTV has been considered previously by way of a Cabinet Member report in 2022, where a 12-week consultation was undertaken, where 67.9% of respondents did not support the proposal.

Voluntary CCTV is currently a policy requirement. There are strict requirements in terms of data protection, and drivers that voluntarily install CCTV have to register with the ICO (Information Commissioners Office) as they are the 'data controller'. In January 2025 a taxi driver from Coventry was jailed for sexually assaulting a woman in the back of his cab in December 2022.

The task and finish group will consider several factors regarding the mandatory use of CCTV in licensed taxis, including national legislation, guidance, current policy, crime data, local comparators, costs and anything else which would come within the scope of the investigation.

The T&F will report back to the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4), including recommendations to the Cabinet Member this municipal year. It was planned that any findings and recommendations would also be shared with Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

In considering the Briefing Note, the Scrutiny Board asked questions, received responses and discussed a number of matters as summarised below.

- That the board disagrees with potential centralisation of power in the national devolution bill and has concerns it will prevent the council conducting vital work.
- The board should consider solely audio or video instead of full CCTV.

- That there are difficulties in establishing exact numbers when it comes to sexual assault and harassment numbers particularly when it comes to the overlapping policies and jurisdictions of Uber, private hire taxis, the council and the police.
- That although 67% of those surveyed were opposed to the CCTV that survey was conducted amongst taxi drivers and therefore may not be representative of the general population.
- That as councillor Ali has a disclosable pecuniary interest she will not participate in the Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED that the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

- 1) Established a task and finish group on CCTV in Taxis.**
- 2) Invited the Chair of Licensing and Regulatory Committee to be part of the task and finish group.**

40. Work Programme 2025/2026

The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) received a Briefing note of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator that provided a schedule of items for meetings of the Board over the coming Municipal Year. The draft Work Programme for 2025-26 was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Scrutiny Work Programmes were working documents that would adapt and change over the year to react to Members' requirements. Any items agreed at this meeting did not preclude any future amendments to the Work Programme.

Councillors also requested that future work programmes should list which Cabinet Members/Lead Officers are in charge of each item.

RESOLVED that the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4):

- 1) Notes the schedule of items for meetings of the Board over the Municipal Year 2025/26, that already included a number of items relating to the Cabinet Member's key priorities.**
- 2) Agrees that the Work Programme be updated to include the following changes:**
 - **Move street lighting item from the 23rd of October meeting to the 4th of September meeting.**
 - **The Electric Bikes, Road Safety and Parking Enforcement item will now explicitly include e-scooters.**
 - **The Electric Bikes, Road Safety and Parking Enforcement be moved to an earlier meeting date.**
 - **The Housing Strategy item should include invitees from outside housing provider bodies including Citizen and others.**
 - **The governments new Planning and Infrastructure Bill be linked to Planning performance and preparations for changes to regulations.**
 - **An item be included on the governments new Renters Reform Bill.**

- **An item be included on the Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 agreements – focussing specifically on developers.**

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.

(Meeting closed at 11.25 am)

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To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Date: 23 October 2025

Subject: Fly-tipping Performance 2024-25

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To update the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) on Fly-tipping Performance 2024-25.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) is recommended to:
- 1) To consider the performance data provided in Appendix 1
 - 2) To consider the steps taken to address Fly-tipping provided in Appendix 1
 - 3) Identify any further recommendations for the relevant Cabinet Member

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 Following an item at their meeting on 24th of October 2024, the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) requested a further progress item on Fly-tipping performance.
- 3.2 The presentation attached at Appendix 1 covers the following information:
- Workload
 - Performance 2024/25
 - Additional Resources
 - Partnership Working
 - Projects
 - Impact of increased fines
 - Future plans for Street Enforcement
 - Ball Hill Pilot
 - Suburban Shopping Sites

Appendix 1: Fly-tipping slides

Adrian Chowns
Head of Safer Housing & Communities
Regulatory Services

Sam Morris
Strategic Manager – Streetpride
Environmental Services

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Fly Tipping Performance

24/25

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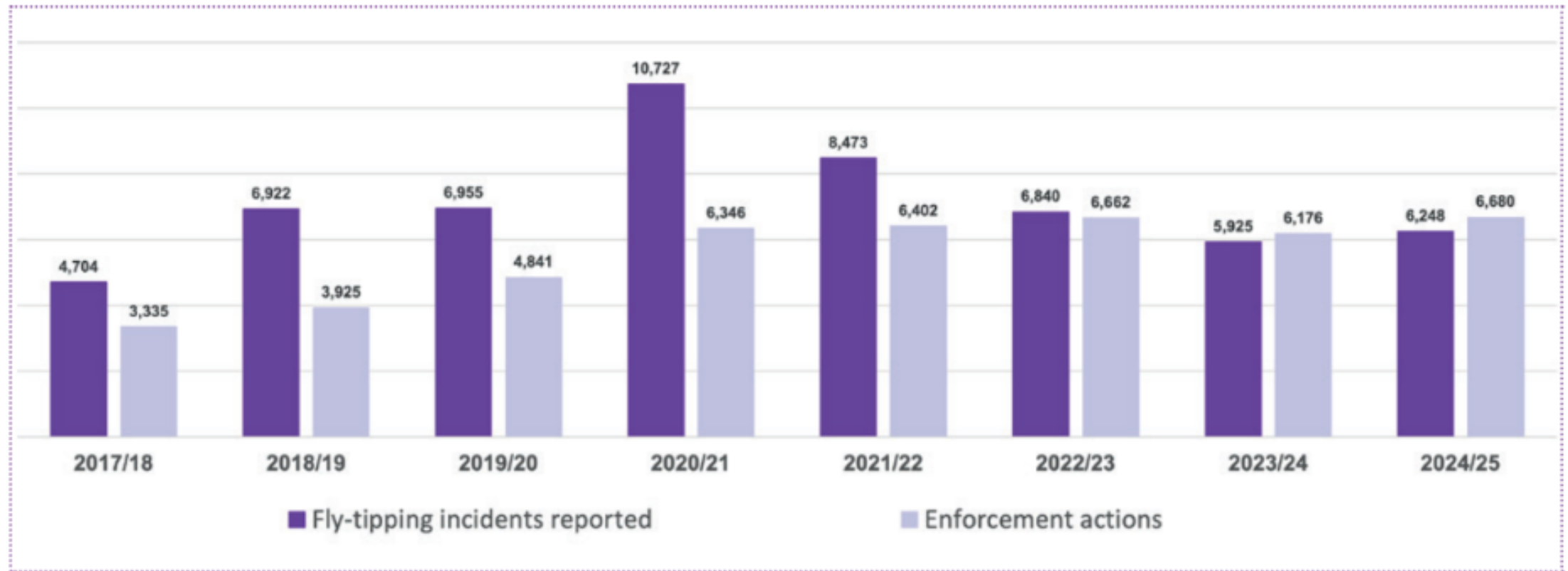
Adrian Chowns - Head of Safer Housing and Communities
Samantha Morris – Strategic Manager Streetpride

Workload

- In the past 12 months the team have:
 - Reacted to over 11000 referrals
 - Investigated over 3000 fly tipping incidents
 - Investigated over 1400 refuse complaints
 - Served over 900 notices forcing landowners to clear waste or eradicate vermin
- Its not just fly tipping and vermin....
 - Dog fouling
 - Flyposting
 - Drainage issues
 - Unauthorised encampments
 - Empty property issues
 - Neglected Properties
 - Unsightly land and or property
 - Filthy & verminous properties
 - Invasive weed complaints



Performance 24/25



Additional resources

- CCTV Budget = £80k
- 6 additional cameras for next 4 years
 - Airtime
 - Maintenance and monitoring
- 30 in total
- Locations
- Review process
 - Costly process to relocate



Partnership Working

Internal


- HMO Licensing and Enforcement
- Empty dwellings
- Planning
- Building Control
- Pest Control
- Streetpride
- Highways

External

- WM Police
- WM Fire & Rescue
- Citizen
- Other RSL's
- Probation – Community Payback

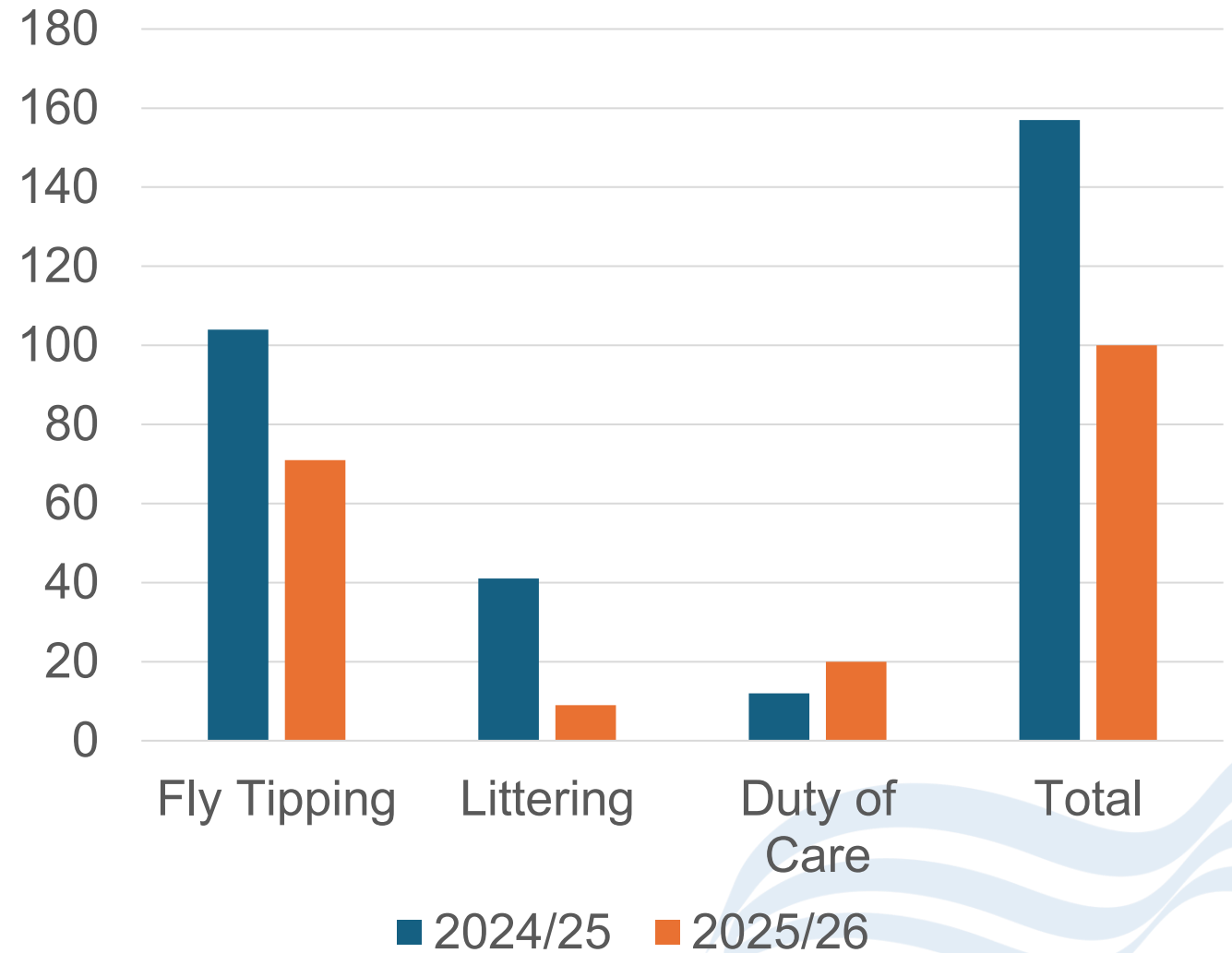


Projects

- Domestic Hot Streets
 - Foleshill and St Michaels predominantly
 - Wall of shame
 - Working For You Campaign
 - Cleaner and More Connected City
 - Case Studies
 - Day in the life, perception
 - Commercial Hot Streets
 - Palmer Lane
 - Ball Hill – mixed
 - The Butts/Upper York Street
 - Waste on Land
 - Unadopted Land – signage
 - Signage
 - Bins
 - Refuse Vehicles
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Impact of increased fines

- Went up in November
 - Fly tipping £200 to £1,000
 - Littering £100 to £500
- Duty of Care
- Fines increased from £200 to £600



Future plans for Street Enforcement

- Review of service
- Ward based approach
- Waste Education Officers
- Balance education and enforcement
- Waste Awareness Course
- Litter picking
- Community Liaison
- Business Accreditation Scheme
- Covert surveillance



Streetpride

Additional Funding 2025/26 (£420k)

- Resource Distribution:
 - X 8 Streetpride Operatives
 - X 1 Skilled Driver
 - X 3 Caged Vehicles
 - X 1 Mechanical Sweeper
 - X 1 Walking Sweeper
- Allocated Teams:
 - Ball Hill Pilot – Dedicated Team
 - X 1 Mobile Team (3 operatives + vehicle)
 - X 1 Sweeper (1 operative + vehicle)
 - Suburban Shopping Site Trial
 - X 1 Mobile Team (2 operatives + vehicle)
 - X 1 Mini-crusher Vehicle (existing Fleet)
 - Additional Site Clearance Team
 - X 1 Team (2 operatives + vehicle)
 - Additional Mechanical Midi Sweeper
 - X 1 City-wide (1 skilled driver + vehicle)

Ball Hill Pilot

- Installation of Big Belly Bins - installed July 2025
- Dedicated Team
 - Remove fly-tipping daily in the Pilot area
 - Empty litter bins
 - General Litter Picking
 - Continuation of Deep Cleanse – removal of built-up litter and detritus
 - Walsgrave Road
 - Side Streets
- Deep cleansing of side streets in conjunction with Highways
- Walker Sweeper Monday to Friday
- Launch of Pride in Ball Hill Campaign/Business Charter
- Engagement with Community Group - Destination Ball Hill
- Environmental Enforcement Team undertake minimum of 3 visits per week

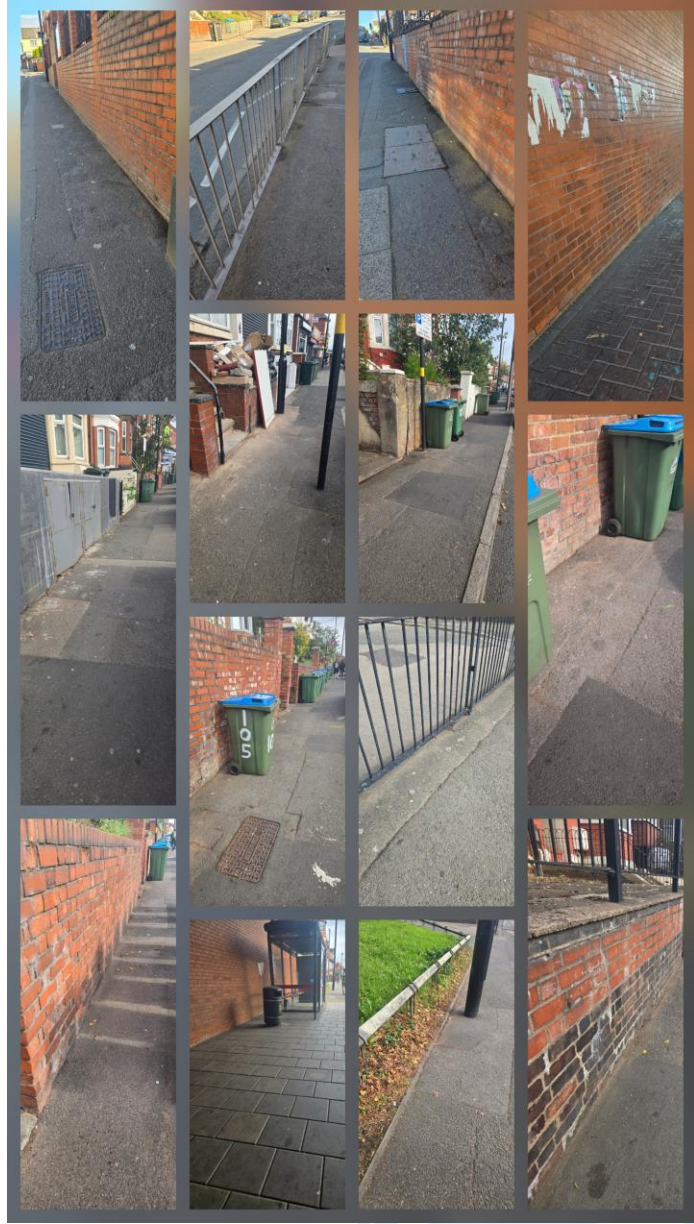
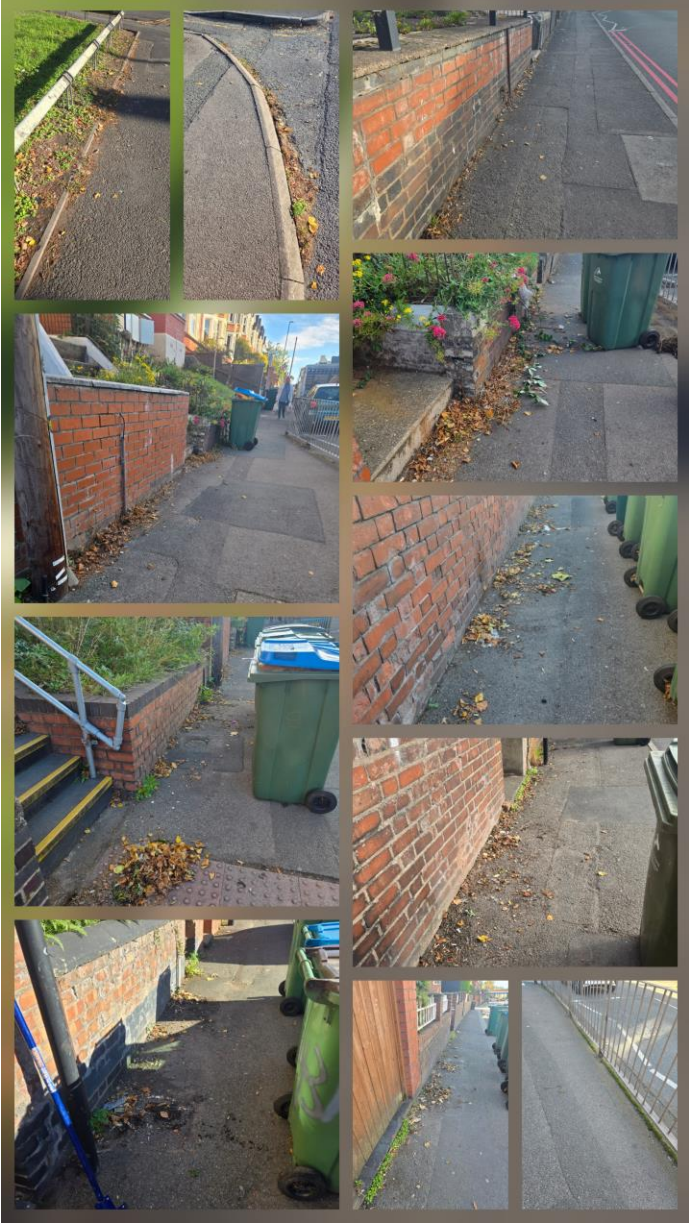
Appendix A



Ball Hill Streetpride Pilot



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Suburban Shopping Sites

- Litter Bin emptying and removal of fly-tipping in identified problematic areas, including:
 - Jubilee Crescent
 - Upper York Street
 - Daventry Road
 - Gosford Street/Far Gosford Street
- A45 Layby (inbound/outbound)
 - Installation of 1100 bins – initially weekly emptying



Additional Site Clearance Team/Sweeper

- Increase from x 2 Teams to 3
 - North Team – 2 Operatives + Vehicle
 - South Team – 2 Operatives + Vehicle
 - City-wide (Additional) – 2 Operatives + Vehicle
 - Concentrated Works, such as Mattresses and White Goods
- Mechanical Sweeper
 - Increase in frequency from 6 weekly to 4 weekly

Partnership Working

- Clean-up Projects with Citizen Housing
 - '6' Closes – Hillfields
 - '4' Closes – Binley
 - Wood End – Milverton Road area
- Design out of Clements/Villiers Street
- Partnership with Community Payback Team
 - Autumn/Winter – 3 days per week
 - Spring/Summer – 1 day per week



Questions?



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To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Date: 23rd October 2025

Subject: Street Lighting

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide an update on the LED upgrading of PFI Streetlights – citywide

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Community and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

- 1) Support the progress with the LED upgrade roll out in the order shared with members
- 2) Support the progress with the dimming of LED streetlights overnight but keep them in light overnight
- 3) Identify any further recommendations to the Cabinet Member

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 In January 2025 Council approved the upgrading of up to 29,500 streetlights to LED at a cost of £10.2m. The timeline presented in the report was:

Cabinet Approval	December 2024
Design Work	January to April 2025
Legal Framework Agreement	February to July 2025
Finalise Commercial Agreement	April to July 2025
Council Sign & Seal	July 2025
Material Order	July to November 2025
Installation	November 2025 to November 2027

- 3.2 The following delivery programme has been agreed by ward:

Ward	No. of Streetlights	Indicative Start
St Michaels*	1582	November 2025

Sherbourne	1144	December 2025
Radford	1263	January 2026
Foleshill	1541	February 2026
Lower Stoke	1071	April 2026
Upper Stoke	1132	May 2026
Henley	2451	June 2026
Whoberley	1247	August 2026
Holbrooks	1341	September 2026
Longford	1746	October 2026
Wyken	1706	November 2026
Bablake	1540	January 2027
Earlsdon	1476	February 2027
Cheylesmore	1705	March 2027
Woodlands	1745	April 2027
Wainbody	1748	May 2027
Westwood	2181	June 2027
Binley Willenhall	2228	August 2027

- 3.3 The programme sees the inner urban wards upgraded first and because they have lower number of streetlights it allows the upgrade of approximately 5 wards by the end of May 2026.
- 3.4 The rollout is based on reversing the order the part-night switch off was implemented but also taking into consideration maintenance schedules, mixture of traffic & residential routes and impact of weather. For example, Kenilworth Road that can only be done in the summer as the ground needs to be hard due to the wide grass verge, therefore this has been brought forward to Summer 2026.
- 3.5 There are also several streets that have been removed from the ward sequence due to planned scheme works. These streets have been moved to the end of the programme to allow for changes in the highway to be accommodated.
- 3.6 The final number of streetlights being upgraded as part of the LED upgrade is 28,847. The remaining 653 (of the original 29,500) will be picked up as part of on-going scheme works.
- 3.7 * In St Michaels ward, the streetlights outside the ring road will be started in November. The streetlights inside the ring road currently stay on, a high proportion are already LED and the complexity of working inside the ring road means these will be done through the first year of the upgrade.
- 3.8 Once the streetlights are upgraded to LED the proposal is that they will operate on the following profiles:
- Residential: On at 60% and dim to 30% at 10pm until switch-off

- Traffic: On at 70%, dim to 50% at 10pm and dim further to 30% at 12am until switch-off
- 3.9 The dimming of the streetlights allows the Council to regain the £700k savings lost from reversing the part night switch off but still keeping the lights on overnight.
- 3.10 The reversal of the part night streetlight has been achieved due to a decrease in the energy price from approx. 38p kwh down to 24p kwh. The decrease in energy price allows the Council to still achieve the targeted financial savings whilst being able to switch the lights back on overnight.
- 3.11 The Council have negotiated that the maintenance savings; from not needing to change lamps in the LED streetlights for the remainder of the contract, will be paid upfront which reduces the Council's capital expenditure by £1.7m.

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To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Date: 23 October 2025

Subject: Severe Weather Emergency Protocol

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To introduce an item on the Council's Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) and proposed changes to the process.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board is recommended to:
 - 1) To note the focussing of SWEP provision for 2025/26 on people known to be at risk of harm through the 2-tier model
 - 2) To invite officers to report back to the Board this municipal year to provide information on the SWEP usage and the impact of the changes made

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 Local authorities are required to implement SWEP in line with national guidance at times of severe weather.
- 3.2 In Coventry SWEP is triggered when
 - 1) Temperatures are at a 'feels like' 0c' or
 - 2) A yellow weather warning
- 3.3 Currently SWEP is used by lots of people unknown to the rough sleeping service, people who haven't been found rough sleeping either before or after SWEP
- 3.4 SWEP is used by lots of people unknown to the rough sleeping service, people who haven't been found rough sleeping either before or after SWEP
- 3.5 Therefore, there will be changes as to how SWEP will operate in 2025/26. These can be found in Appendix 1

Appendix 1: SWEP slides

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SWEP


2025-2026

Scrutiny Board 4

23rd October 2025

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SWEP

- SWEP = Severe Weather Emergency Protocol
 - Local authorities are required to implement SWEP in line with national guidance at times of severe weather
 - In Coventry SWEP is triggered when
 - Temperatures are at a 'feels like' 0c' or
 - A yellow weather warning
 - The Salvation Army, following discussions with CCC send email to inform them SWEP has been triggered & website updated
 - The Rough Sleepers Outreach Team (RSOT) inform all rough sleepers on the morning outreach and revisit everyone during the day
 - Rough Sleeper Team rarely find anyone who's used SWEP rough sleeping in between periods of SWEP
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2024/25 Overview

- SWEPP was on for 60 nights – longer than last year (42 nights)
- 342 people used SWEPP (increase of 148 people from last year)
- 101 people (30%) who were referred for SWEPP did not turn up
- 4 people stayed 30+ nights- same as last year but different people
- 34% of people stayed just one night- increase from 27%
- People who stayed for 1-5 Nights = approximately 50%
- Post SWEPP review lots of people have UNKNOWN whereabouts or outcome

So..... in Coventry

- SWEP is used by lots of people unknown to the rough sleeping service, people who haven't been found rough sleeping either before or after SWEP
- MHCLG state we see significantly more people accessing SWEP compared to statistical neighbours and for shorter periods
- Most take up the offer of shelter but not the support
- For a third it's a one night only stay
- Creates a situation of a high number of unknown people utilising SWEP and resources taken up by non rough sleepers
- Those known by the Rough Sleeping Outreach Team (RSOT) who attend for support are automatically accommodated, unless extremely complicated circumstance



Other Areas

- There is no 'one way to do SWEP'
- Areas like Wolverhampton and Walsall have significantly lower numbers
- Statutory guidance exists (0 degrees for 3 consecutive nights)
- Coventry has operated a '*feels like 0*' approach
- Coventry has activated on the first night (not the statutory 'third night')
- Some areas operating a two-tiered model

How we are going to operate SWEP in 2025/26



Westminster Approach

Tier 1 (0°C)

– focus on pre-identified list of known individuals

Tier 2 (0°C for 3 nights or more)

- Referrals extended

Conditions

SWEP Protocol/ Provision

What you can do

Tier 2

Below 0°C temperatures anywhere in London for a minimum of three consecutive days or where the Met Office issues an Amber Alert.

Referral rights extended to a broader range of delivery partners.
Westminster scale up to a total of **218** single occupancy hotel spaces with additional bed spaces in the Rough Sleeping & Mental Health pathways and with our charity partners. Further resources to be accessed via the GLA SWEP overflow when local capacity is met.

Submit a Street Link referral and if necessary contact emergency services **as below**. In addition, please contact ReferralsCW@stmungos.org if you need to refer in a client into the service
In addition resource Centres

Tier 1


Below 0°C temperatures anywhere in London.

Initial focus on a Pre-identified list of clients who are especially vulnerable to the cold, as agreed in partnership with health services or those presenting as at higher risk prioritised.
Provision of up to **183** beds delivered via hotels, supported housing and shared occupancy models dependent on circumstances of the individual referred.

Submit a Street Link for any rough sleeper seen bedded down at streetlink.org.uk. Include as much information as possible and the individual will be targeted at that location by the Street Outreach Service who will assess them for SWEP access or alternative accommodation and make referrals where appropriate. If you are immediately concerned about an individual, contact the emergency services.

Tier One

0c or 'feels like' 0c

- First night for those known to be at risk of harm i.e. known rough sleepers, either currently rough sleeping or have been known to sleep rough
 - These are **pre-identified** by the outreach team – visits undertaken to everyone currently out
 - Liaise with Hospital Discharge Nurse at UHCW re any imminent **hospital discharges**
 - Consider any imminent **prison releases**
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Tier Two

- 0 or below for three consecutive nights or when met office issues an Amber Alert
- **widens eligibility** and **referrals are invited** in for a SWEP assessment
- The outreach team operates a 5pm-9pm weekdays and 9am – 8pm Weekends and bank holidays all year round
- Outside of this **people call EDT** and are offered a place and need to present to services the next
- EDT advise to seek support the next day and if SWEP is continuing and they need it to present to the RSOT by 3pm (provision is available and accessible beyond this time)

Additional Provision

- EDT phoneline operates 24/7
- RSOT on-call operates until 9pm (8pm at weekends)



Recommendations for SB4

1. To note the focussing of SWEPP provision for 2025/26 on people known to be at risk of harm through the 2-tier model
2. To invite officers to report back to the Board later this municipal year to provide information on the SWEPP usage and the impact of the changes made

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Agenda Item 7

Communities and Neighbourhoods Work Programme 2025-26

Last updated 26 September 2025

Please see page 2 onwards for background to items

17 July 2025
Cabinet Member Portfolio Priorities CCTV in Taxis Task and Finish Group Draft Work Programme 2025-26
4 September 2025 - cancelled
23 October 2025
Street Lighting Fly-tipping performance 2024-25 Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)
4 December 2025
Renters Reform Bill
29 January 2026
Food Waste
12 March 2026
Litter picking
2025-26
Housing Strategy Pot-Holes and Road Surface Quality Gully Cleaning Programme Alternative Accommodation Garden Waste Design Guides Road Safety and Parking Enforcement Supported Exempt Accommodation Heritage Strategy Planning Performance – Planning and Infrastructure Bill Collections Management Process
2026/27
Empty Property Strategy Additional Licensing Scheme progress report

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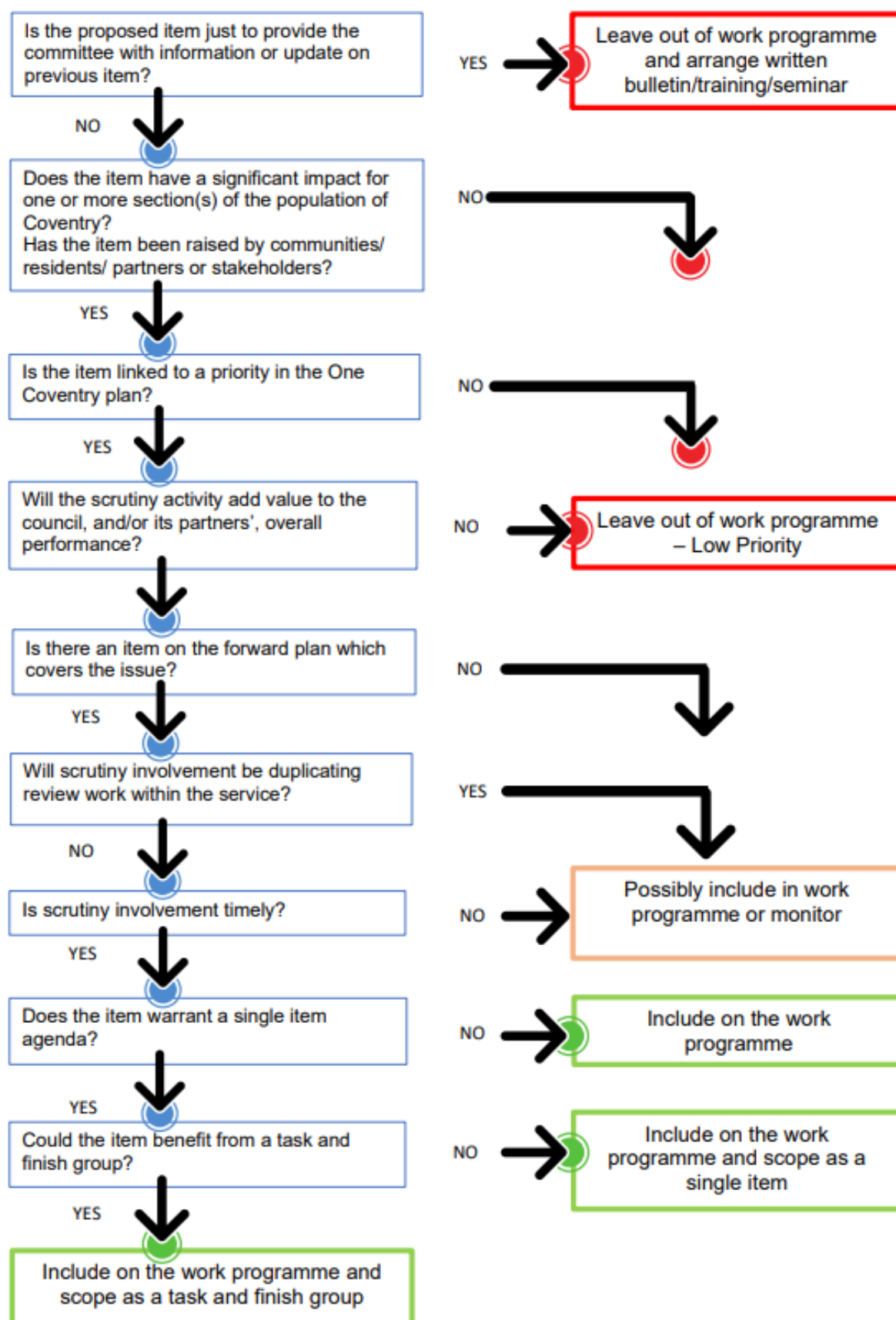
Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
17 July 2025	Cabinet Member Portfolio Priorities	To invite Cllr P Akhtar and Cllr Hetherton to identify their priorities for the coming year, for Scruco to be able to identify future items and hold Cabinet Members to account	Cllr N Akhtar Cllr Hetherton
	CCTV in Taxis Task and Finish Group	To establish a task and finish group to look at CCTV in taxis	Cllr Hetherton Gennie Holmes
	Draft Work Programme 2025-26	To agree an initial work programme	Gennie Holmes
4 September 2025 - cancelled			
23 October 2025	Street Lighting	Following an item on 30 th January, the Board requested an item on the roll-out of LED lighting and part night lighting. Including Recommendations and actions from 30 Jan	Cllr Hetherton Rav Sekhon Mark Adams
	Fly-tipping performance 2024-25	To include fly tipping data covering the past 12 months to as well as 1) Public reporting figures 2) Allocation of additional resource in 25-26 budget 3) Partnerships with housing associations like Citizen to combat fly tipping on their premises 4) Impact of increased fines for fly-tipping	Davina Blackburn Adrian Chowns Sarah Elliott Cllr AS Khan Cllr Hetherton
	Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)	Refocus to ensure resources associated with SWEP are reaching those who it is intended for	Pete Fahy Cllr N Akhtar
4 December 2025	Renters Reform Bill	To consider the implications of the Renters Reform Bill on the Council and any changes to services required as a result. Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy	Cllr N Akhtar Adrian Chowns
29 January 2026	Food Waste	Further update on implementation and progress on recommendations from item March 25	Sarah Elliot Cllr Hetherton

Communities and Neighbourhoods Work Programme 2025-26

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
12 March 2026	Litter picking	Update following the item considered April 2025 – to include suggestions from member of the public: Suggestions: - Target areas that are notorious, so they don't become "dumping grounds" causing possible greater expenditure to clean them up. - Ascertain whether street bins are effectively and efficiently dealt with. - Investigate whether the tip could be promoted more. - Work with Probation A city-wide campaign to make littering unacceptable.	Cllr Hetherton Martin McHugh/ Sam Morris
2025-26			
	Housing Strategy	To look at local housing provision, including social housing number, as part of the Local Plan. To include social housing providers	Jim Crawshaw Cllr N Akhtar
	Pot-Holes and Road Surface Quality	To include the National Highways Satisfaction Survey satisfaction survey data (5% below average)	Mark Adams Cllr Hetherton
	Gully Cleaning Programme	Requested following an item on Water Quality on 17/7/24. To be considered 25/26	Mark Adams Cllr Hetherton
	Alternative Accommodation	Cost of accommodation placements – Possibly referred to SB4	Jim Crawshaw Cllr N Akhtar
	Garden Waste		Sarah Elliot Cllr Hetherton
	Design Guides	To feedback on the draft designs guides referred from Scrucro December 24 – to invite SB3	Chris Styles Cllr N Akhtar
	Road Safety and Parking Enforcement	Referred from Scrucro 5 th June 2025 – to include use of digital technology. To follow up on progress April 2024	Paul Bowman Cllr Hetherton

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		Scruco actions and recommendations. Use of e-bikes and scooters will be considered by Scruco.	
	Supported Exempt Accommodation	Progress including recommendations from December 24 and January 25/	Cllr N Akhtar Jim Crawshaw Pete Fahy
	Heritage Strategy	Following an item on Conservation Areas the Board requested that the Cabinet Member consider funding prioritisation and allocation, for heritage assets as part of the new Heritage Strategy.	Cllr N Akhtar David Nuttall
	Planning Performance – Planning and Infrastructure Bill	Looking at the content of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill and the implications for local government. To include overall performance against Government targets. Annual monitoring report (AMR).	Cllr N Akhtar Rob Back
	Collections Management Process	To review the process for managing the Councils assets held by Culture Coventry.	Cllr N Akhtar David Nuttall
2026/27	Empty Property Strategy	To provide an update on Empty Property Strategy as due for renewal next year. To involve scrutiny as part of the consultation process. 26/27	Davina Blackburn Adrian Chowns
	Additional Licensing Scheme progress report	At their meeting on 21 st August, Scruco requested that SB4 receive regular progress reports on numbers of HMO's licensed and enforcement – scheme review 2028.	Adrian Chowns, Davina Blackburn

Work Programme Decision Flow Chart



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