

Time and Date

2.00 pm on Tuesday, 2nd September, 2025

Place

Council Chamber - Council House

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2025** (Pages 7 - 20)
3. **Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor**
4. **Petitions**
5. **Declarations of Interest**

Matters Left for Determination by the City Council/Recommendations for the City Council

6. **Annual Report of the Ethics Committee 2024-25** (Pages 21 - 30)
7. **Coventry Protocol for Addressing Adult Modern Slavery** (Pages 31 - 134)
From Cabinet, 8 July 2025
8. **Revenue and Capital Outturn Report 2024/25** (Pages 135 - 182)
From Cabinet, 8 July 2025
9. **From Audit and Procurement Committee, 21 July 2025** (Pages 183 - 192)
From Audit and Procurement Committee, 21 July 2025

It is anticipated that the following matters will be referred as recommendations. The reports are attached. The relevant recommendations will be circulated separately.

10. **Scrutiny Annual Report to Council 2024-2025** (Pages 193 - 218)
From the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, 21 August 2025
11. **Local Plan Review - Submission for Examination** (Pages 219 - 818)

From Cabinet, 26 August 2025

12. **Local Development Scheme (LDS) Update** (Pages 819 - 836)

From Cabinet, 26 August 2025

Item(s) for Consideration

13. **Political Proportionality and Amendments to Appointments to Council Bodies 2025/26** (Pages 837 - 844)

Report of the Director of Law and Governance

Other Matters

14. **Question Time** (Pages 845 - 848)

14.1 Written Question – Booklet 1

14.2 Oral Questions to Chairs of Scrutiny Boards/Chair of Scrutiny
Co-ordination Committee

14.3 Oral Questions to Chairs of other meetings

14.4 Oral Questions to Representatives on Outside Bodies

14.5 Oral Questions to Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members on
any matter

15. **Statements**

16. **Debates**

- (a) To be moved by Councillor J Blundell and seconded by Councillor M Heaven

"While welcoming the ongoing development of City Centre South, this council recognises the devastating effect disruption is having on traders in Coventry Market. Many of whom have suffered large reductions in turnover with a significant increase in overheads, including the increase in Employer's National Insurance, which has left many traders in a difficult financial position. We therefore call upon Coventry Council to continue/enter into a meaningful dialogue with the traders to come up with a solution which is fair and equitable to all parties."

- (b) To be moved by Councillor N Akhtar and seconded by Councillor M Mutton

This Council notes:

- The significant increase in road traffic accidents involving courier and food delivery vehicles within Coventry and across the UK.
- The growing number of delivery drivers and riders operating on our roads, including those using e-bikes, often without formal licensing or safety checks.

This Council believes:

- Public safety is paramount and must be protected through robust regulation of the delivery sector.
- Mandatory licensing for both drivers and vehicles will help ensure roadworthiness, accountability, and compliance with legal standards.
- Delivery work should not be an avenue for unsafe, uninsured, or unregulated road use.

This Council resolves to call on the Government to:

1. Introduce mandatory licensing for all drivers and vehicles used for delivery purposes, including e-bikes.
2. Require all goods and food delivery drivers to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check before commencing work.
3. Require all delivery drivers to register with HMRC before starting work with a delivery company.
4. Require that all vehicles used in delivery services — including cars, motorbikes, scooters, and e-bikes — obtain a license from their local authority confirming their roadworthiness.
5. Mandate that all e-bike riders wear helmets and prohibit any illegal modifications that increase speed beyond legal limits.

- (c) To be moved by Councillor E Reeves and seconded by Councillor S Gray

We live in one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world, and protecting nature and biodiversity is a key part of the fight against climate change. Access to nature is also extremely important for human well-being and brings a wide range of health benefits. It is, therefore, vital that the Planning and Infrastructure Bill that is currently going through Parliament includes strong measures to protect biodiversity and enhance the natural environment.

The current wording of the bill falls short in this area. It does not impose a strong enough duty to avoid harm to biodiversity, makes it too easy for developers to rely on impact offsetting, and does not require offsetting to produce a biodiversity gain.

For these reasons Coventry Council ask that the following revisions are made to the bill:

- 1.Introduction of the requirement of an Environmental Delivery Plan (EDP) to establish a timetable of ecological enhancements linked to any levy payment, this will ensure that harm caused by development will be quickly mitigated.
- 2.Introduction of a clause that any contribution to an Environmental Levy for delivery of an EDP can only be made or accepted if an on-site mitigation hierarchy has first been evidenced to have been applied and followed. We believe that all development should seek to avoid harm to the natural environment, and that offsetting harm through measures on the development site should only happen when harm has already been minimised. Contributions to an off-site levy should only be considered if these have been proven impossible.
- 3.The bill should promote access to and appreciation of our precious natural habitats. We propose that EDPs should be required to ensure that, where 'off site' mitigations are undertaken, residents in and around the development should be able to easily access the created natural habitats. The City Council strongly believe that protecting nature is not just about conservation but also about making sure everyone can enjoy it. and have equal access to it.

- (d) To be moved by Councillor M Lapsa and seconded by Councillor J Gardiner

Council notes:

1. Numerous inquiries and investigations over the past two decades have revealed the existence of grooming gangs operating across various towns and cities in the UK, including recent concerns raised in Coventry and surrounding areas.
2. Reports have identified numerous suspects, some of whom remain unprosecuted despite the availability of substantial evidence from inquiries and survivor testimonies.
3. Added concerns have also been raised all around the country where the influx of illegal male migrants, being housed in hotels and HMO's in residential areas has resulted in an increase in sexual assaults/crimes.

Council believes:

1. Justice must be delivered for survivors of rape/grooming and exploitation, regardless of how long ago the offences took place.
2. There should be no political hesitation, cultural sensitivity, or institutional fear that prevents the full prosecution of those identified in these inquiries.
3. Any new cases of rape/grooming, sexual assaults, must not be hidden because of race/ethnicity, as has been done previously.

Council resolves to

1. Write to the Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Justice urging them to:
 - Ensure that all those identified in previous and ongoing rape gang investigations, including those in Coventry, are thoroughly pursued and prosecuted where evidence permits.
 - Provide adequate resources to law enforcement agencies and the CPS to facilitate these prosecutions and support for survivors.
 - Commit to a clear and publicly accountable timeline for progress on outstanding investigations.
2. Request that the Leader of the Council issues a public statement reaffirming this council's commitment to supporting survivors and calling for justice for all affected by rape gangs and its commitment to support anyone new who comes forward with evidence relating to historic or current rape/grooming gangs.

Monday, 25 August 2025

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By invitation Councillors

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