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

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**Time and Date**

2.00 pm on Wednesday, 23rd September, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026
  - (b) Matters arising
4. **Cabinet Member Priorities** (Pages 7 - 14)

Briefing Note, appended to which is:-

Appendix a) Priorities of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change and the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Equalities
5. **Community Growing Sites in Coventry** (Pages 15 - 20)

Briefing Note of the Director of Economic Development
6. **Work Programme 2026/27** (Pages 21 - 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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Tuesday, 15 September 2026

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Membership: Councillors S Gray (Chair), J Jones, C Phillips, K Sandhu, D Stainton, and E Ruane

By invitation: Councillors AS Khan (Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Equalities) and L Kelly (Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change)

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During the officers' presentation, they highlighted that City Centre South was the biggest re-development of the City since the second world war. They provided a background to the project - its initial development from a retail to a residential scheme and the impact on re-design following the Grenfell fire disaster. Lastly, officers noted the work done to tackle the challenging conditions for traders at Coventry Market and future hopes for an internal and external refresh of the building to protect and uplift its listed status. A spokesperson from Coventry Market reiterated his support for the development but did recognise the initial challenges and the impact of the City Centre South development on businesses.

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

- The development meeting current housing demand in the city – targeting and attracting new graduates to stay in the city whilst also providing 20% affordable, socially rented housing for Coventry people.
  - Marketing campaigns from the Hill Group targeting large, regional graduate employers.
- Fire exit re-designs for the development following the Grenfell fire disaster.
- The high environmental standards of the buildings to ensure residents are warm in the winter and cool in the summer.
- The move-in date for phase 1 of the development being around 2028.
- Refurbishment of Coventry Market working in conjunction with the larger development and the associated timescales – plans to work with market curators to best improve the internal and external features of the market.
  - The involvement of Pride in Place and store holders in future refurbishment plans.
- Parking provision for the scheme and the focus on public transportation.
- Solar gains calculations for the buildings.
- Leasing options for new shops and restaurants – trying to encourage local businesses into the new premises.
- The recoupment of a temporary loss in rental income through West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and private investor funding.
- Whether Coventry Market being listed poses problems for refurbishment.
- Green space provision.
- Remaining risk factors and stakeholder confidence in delivering the project.
- The 2025 rent deal to stabilise the loss of traders at Coventry Market.
- The Vienna housing scheme providing a valuable framework for generating a sense of community.
- Efforts to support businesses outside the scheme who may have been impacted by the development.
- Average house prices compared to average income and ensuring that the 20% affordable social housing is contractually delivered.

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

- 1) Notes the current program of support provided to Coventry Market traders.**

**With the following additional recommendations that the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change:**

- 1) Investigates the Vienna housing case study to inform how to develop a sense of community for City Centre South.
- 2) Explores potential options to improve the internal and external features of Coventry Market in keeping with the rest of the City Centre South development.

4. **Work Programme**

The Business, Economy, and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) received a report 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 2026-27 was attached as an Appendix 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.

**RESOLVED** that the Business, Economy, and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) agrees that the Work Programme be updated to include the following items:

- The High Street – jobs and economy
- Climate Change being an aspect of every item presented to the Board
- Tourism – developing an image of the city alongside programs like Destination Coventry
- An update on Very Light Rail (VLR)
- The Lime Bike Scheme and its impact on transport
- Refer an item on High Street enforcement to the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for further consideration
- The Growth Hub as part of the Economic Development Strategy

5. **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 3.50 pm)

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

**Date: 23 September 2026**

**Cabinet Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change**

**Subject: Cabinet Member Priorities 2026-27**

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

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the Cabinet Member priorities which sit with the remit of Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board to identify potential work programme items.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board is recommended to:
  - 1) Consider the information that is presented by the Cabinet Member at the meeting and the presentation slides in Appendix 1.
  - 2) Identify any items for the work programme 2026-27

### **3 Information and Background**

- 3.1 One of Scrutiny's roles is to hold the Executive to account by reviewing decisions made by the Cabinet before they are implemented (pre-scrutiny) or after they are enacted.
- 3.2 Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board has the responsibility of scrutinising the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change.
- 3.3 Each scrutiny committee/board has a work programme which is determined by that committee/board, where items for scrutiny are identified for the municipal year.

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# Cabinet Member Jobs, Regeneration Climate Change Areas of focus 2026-27

# Jobs, Regeneration Climate Change Priorities for 2026/27

| Priority                                                | Objective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Greenpower Park / Coventry and Warwick Investment Zone. | <p>Deliver the WMIZ funded £23m capital project to install a 30MVA (rising to 50MVA) power supply to GreenPower Park;</p> <p>Promote CWIZ to global battery manufacturing / advanced manufacturing companies to secure investment;</p> <p>Submit a site planning application designed to broaden permission across advanced manufacturing and associated industries to maximise the site potential.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Business Support                                        | <p>Deliver regionally the Business Energy Advice Service providing energy audits for businesses to save costs as they invest in energy efficient measures.</p> <p>Supporting businesses through the Local Enterprise Support programme, to help them grow and sustain their businesses, creating employment opportunities for local people.</p> <p>Attracting visitor and business tourism through Destination Coventry.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Implementation of Climate Change Strategy & Action Plan | <p>Increase the resilience of the city's energy infrastructure, delivering more clean energy and making energy more affordable through solutions such as battery and solar, using the SEP as a delivery vehicle.</p> <p>Improve the energy efficiency of the public estate, including major schools retrofit programme, alongside upgrading 220 homes through the delivery of Warm Homes Local Grant programme in Hillfields, Upper and Lower Stoke.</p> <p>Improve access to green and blue spaces to benefit people and wildlife. Includes development of new City Nature Plan, alongside targeted greening of neighbourhoods, rollout of community growing programme, launch of new training for staff and communities and delivery of Brandon Woods Nature Reserve.</p> <p>Delivering key priorities in the Council's Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan, to increase preparedness and reduce the impact of increasing extreme weather events.</p> |

# Jobs, Regeneration Climate Change

## Priorities for 2026/27

| Priority                               | Objective                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Property and Regeneration Priorities   | <p>Secure investment to deliver improvements to Coventry Market and its operating environment</p> <p>Ongoing partnership working with The Hill Group to bring forward the delivery of the City Centre South scheme and the wider regeneration benefits it brings</p> <p>Secure funding to enable the demolition of the Former Swimming Baths on Fairfax St</p> <p>Continue to secure high quality jobs and occupiers in Two Friargate</p> |
| VLR                                    | <p>Completion of next section of city centre demonstrator track on Mile Lane.</p> <p>Continued promotion of CVLR track and system including hosting Time for Trams</p> <p>Conference and developing further pilot installations</p> <p>Network and Route Development for Coventry – commence business case</p>                                                                                                                            |
| Transport Funding / Transport Strategy | <p>Complete CRSTS programme delivery with Coventry South (London Road), Foleshill</p> <p>Transport Package, and Tile Hill Station Interchange improvements</p> <p>Secure five-year funding commitment from WMCA for Coventry transport programme</p> <p>Review and update Coventry Transport Strategy, and adopt the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan</p>                                                                    |

# Cabinet Member Education, Skills and Equalities

## Areas of focus 2026-27

# Employment and Skills Priorities 2026-27

- To reduce the number of young people who are NEET/unemployed (16-24), through earlier identification, extended tracking and Key Worker targeted support into work or learning
- To deliver additional support to tackle inactivity through the Pilot 100 approach; by strengthening access to targeted support, embedding partnership-led case reviews and applying flexible and collaborative interventions that help prevent crisis and support residents towards sustainable employment
- To further develop an inclusive neighbourhood skills, employment and learning offer that uses libraries and community venues to bring Job Shop outreach, Coventry Learns provision and Connect to Skills support closer to residents, with six planned Coventry Job Fest Events helping to connect residents with live vacancies in all 18 wards across the city
- Build on Coventry Learns' previous strong Ofsted outcomes by delivering consistently high-quality provision and continuous improvement, achieving a "Secure Fit - Expected Standard" grading and showcasing practice that reflects the "Strong Standard"
- To strengthen Coventry's vocational skills offer by co-producing a Skills & Employment Board Coventry Skills Investment Plan that shapes provision around resident and business needs, supports clearer pathways into the city's growth sectors, and informs commissioning from January to April following Board sign-off by the end of November

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

**Date: 23 September 2026**

**Cabinet Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change**

**Subject: Community Growing Sites in Coventry**

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

- 1.1 Further to a Council motion in December 2025 and Cabinet Member approval in March 2026, this note provides an update on the Council's plans to enable Coventry residents and community groups to access Council-owned land that is underutilised for food growing and wildlife gardening. Note this programme was discussed at Scrutiny Board in February 2026, and the note is intended to provide an update on activity.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
- a) Provide feedback to help assist in finalising the policy and guidance.
  - b) Support with engaging communities at a ward level to encourage uptake.
  - c) Identify any other relevant recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change.

### **3 Information and Background**

#### **Overview**

- 3.1 Coventry's Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan set out an ambitious vision for the city which will help to improve the lives of people that live and work here, alongside supporting nature's recovery.
- 3.2 One of the initiatives within the Strategy is focused on the development of a network of community growing sites across the city for residents to help create and enjoy. The scheme supports residents and community groups to take ownership of their local environment through maintaining and improving the open areas for the benefit of the local community. This report focuses on bringing forward opportunities for residents to utilise Council-owned land which is disused or

underutilised for community growing sites, to support food growing and wildlife. This will deliver significant benefits including:

- Health and wellbeing: encouraging physical activity in fresh air, improved wellbeing by spending more time in green space, increasing locally grown fruit and vegetable consumption;
- Social cohesion and community: fostering stronger relationships within communities;
- Environmental: increasing and enhancing local green spaces and biodiversity, improving climate resilience and producing locally grown food for communities to help increase food security;
- Education and skills: providing an opportunity for residents to learn new skills about creating sustainable growing spaces, horticulture, composting and caring for wildlife;
- Pride: this will help to engender local pride by creating spaces in neighbourhoods that are accessed and maintained by the local community.

- 3.3 Nationally, there is a campaign for government to adopt the principle of a 'Right to Grow' across the UK due to the benefits for people and wildlife. In Coventry we have already started doing this through piloting 'Coventry Grows', a project which started in 2024 through the city's Climate Change Board to develop a number of pilot community growing sites in some of the city's most green-deprived areas, backed by funding from E.ON through the city's Strategic Energy Partnership.
- 3.4 'Coventry Grows' has seen sites developed in Stoke Heath, Foleshill and Tile Hill, and we are working with a group in Hillfields to develop a further site. The projects have been led by the Council, with support from Grapevine to bring new community growing groups together and Garden Organic to provide training to residents – with gardening novices very much encouraged to get involved. The pilot projects have benefitted from funding to support site set up, tools, equipment and seeds.
- 3.5 The Council are now extending this opportunity to people and communities across the city who are interested in setting up community growing areas in their neighbourhood, through offering Council-owned underused land which will be done through the launch of the Community Growing sites policy and guidance.
- 3.6 Proposed planting could be food, wildflowers, native plants or fruit trees. This could include planting areas of mown grass on streets, taking on plots of land for food growing and nature gardens, using Council-owned planters, as well as potentially planting orchards and hedgerows in some of our parks and open spaces, subject to restrictions and covenants. A policy and process will be in place to provide guidance and support communities to ensure what is planted is appropriate for the location, which will include consultation with nearby residents.
- 3.7 The Council has worked with the Coventry Food Network in securing the national recognition to obtain the status as a 'Sustainable Food Place'. This recognises the City's partnership making healthy and sustainable food a defining characteristic of where people live, which includes building public awareness, active food citizenship

and local good food movement, with healthy food for all. Expanding community growing sites across the city will help to support this and help benefit communities if produce can be distributed via the Food Network and local networks where there is a surplus.

- 3.8 The Council's Green Skills Strategy identifies nature conservation, and land-based skills including horticulture as areas that need to be strengthened. This initiative will help support this, helping to provide more practical opportunities for residents to develop and maintain growing spaces. Programmes such as Coventry's Nature Towns and Cities Green for All will provide resources to support residents with training and skills from organisations including Garden Organic and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, alongside the opportunity for groups to learn from more experienced gardeners in their areas.
- 3.9 Since this item was last brought to Scrutiny, it has received formal Cabinet Member approval and recruitment has been underway for resources to deliver the programme, alongside work to develop the policy and guidance. An apprenticeship has also been created as part of the Green for All programme, hosted by the Food Union and will gain new skills to help support community growing in Coventry.

### **The Coventry Growing Sites Policy**

- 3.10 This policy will enable the Council to extend the opportunity to all communities across the city to access disused or underused Council land for community growing and nature gardening. This builds on the Coventry Grows pilot and existing allotment network and creates a significant opportunity to improve the quality and extent of green space across the city for the benefit of people and nature.
- 3.11 In order to facilitate community growing across the city, a new policy will be introduced where residents will be able to apply to use Council-owned land for community growing sites. The Council will provide guidance in terms of available sites through an online map, alongside growing advice and any requirements to support site set up such as surveys. Community growing sites will be regulated, with a legal agreement between the Council and residents to enable them to use the land for growing. It is proposed that the land will be available for use on a rolling annual basis, this allows for the agreement to be terminated should the land be required for other purposes in the future or if the project comes to an end.
- 3.12 Whilst plans at this stage will focus on Council-owned land, there is an opportunity to work with other landowners across the city as part of the initiative. This could include partners such as social housing provider Citizen who have expressed an interest, alongside the Canal and River Trust where there is potential land that could be used adjacent to the canal.
- 3.13 As part of the programme and 26/27 budget proposals, the Council has made funding available for recruitment of a Community Growing Programme Coordinator. This post has now been filled, and the role will oversee implementation of the policy and guidance along with coordination for the community growing sites. They will help simplify the process for communities by coordinating with Council services that will need to be consulted on sites, which includes Parks and Open Spaces, Sustainability, Sports, Education, Ecology, Drainage, Highways, Streetpride, Legal, Property, Insurance and Finance amongst others.

## **4 Delivery Plan**

- 4.1 The Citywide Community Growing policy is now planned to launch in Autumn 2026. The policy has been drafted and is in consultation with teams across the Council to ensure full endorsement, address any barriers and simplify the process. The Sustainability Team will oversee delivery, within input from other service areas as appropriate. The team will put in place monitoring arrangements for sites to ensure they are being used as intended. There will be guidance in place for site holders, which will include advice on growing, pesticides and signposting for any issues that may occur on site.
- 4.2 £100k has been committed per year for 3 years to support the delivery of the programme, which includes staffing and recharge costs to other service areas for their time to support applications, which includes developing legal agreements, checking land ownership documents and undertaking surveys (depending on the number of sites and the uptake from the community). It is envisaged that successful applicants for community growing sites will pay a small fee to support some of these costs – this is in line with other local authorities who are already doing this. There is the potential to waive fees for GoCV+ members to help make the scheme accessible to all.
- 4.3 It is recognised that the Coventry Grows pilot has also provided funding to cover some of the practical elements of setting up community gardens, including tools, storage, seeds etc, alongside training. It is not proposed that the citywide Community Growing initiative would receive any additional funding for these activities as we don't have budget to support all groups at this time. However, the Council is working to try and secure more sponsorship from the private sector alongside public sector grants and working with organisations including the Food Union to look at how we can create a tool library that participants can access.
- 4.4 The Community Growing Programme Coordinator will help provide support to individuals and groups that have successfully set up a community growing sites to secure further funding. The Community Resilience Team have also offered additional support to communities to help raise funds to support site activities.
- 4.5 The Nature Towns and Cities Green for All programme, which the Council is leading and secured just under £1m to deliver, will help to support with community engagement, mapping sites and training. Work is already underway engaging communities in some of the most green-deprived parts of the city, with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Grapevine undertaking community organising in Hillfields and Radford to build community relationships and help identify ways to better connect people with nature. A training programme is also being developed, with input from a range of organisations including Garden Organic, the Wildlife Trust, Coventry University, National Trust and Coventry Outdoors to provide residents and groups with the skills needed at whatever level they are at.
- 4.6 Finally, the impact of the programme will be closely monitored and evaluated, capturing not only the quantitative outcomes in terms of area enhanced, produce grown etc but also the qualitative impacts on participants.

## **5 Climate Change Impact**

- 5.1 The potential impact of increasing the number of community growing sites across has been identified as a priority project in the Council's Climate Change Action Plan. The benefits include improving underused green spaces in the city, which will be managed to support wildlife and increase climate resilience. The programme will also contribute to an increase in local sustainable food production, helping to make communities more resilient in the face of rising food prices. The programme will also provide an opportunity to increase awareness and education around conservation management and growing within communities and encourage groups to network and learn from each other.

## **6 Health Inequalities Impact**

- 6.1 The Coventry Grows pilot project sites were selected from a long list of potential sites to target green deprived neighbourhoods in Coventry- providing opportunities for residents who have minimal access to green space to adopt green spaces and manage them for their communities. The new policy would also look to encourage and prioritise applications from green deprived areas of Coventry where possible.
- 6.2 Community growing has many health and wellbeing benefits, increasing time spent doing physical activity in green space, as well as increasing access to fresh locally grown fruit and vegetables. Increasing the number and quality of green spaces in urban areas of the city will help to improve air quality for communities as well as working to reduce the urban heat island effect and its impacts, which will disproportionately impact Coventry's more deprived communities.
- 6.3 Participating in a community growing site also helps to foster stronger relationships and cohesion within communities and support residents to learn new skills and knowledge in growing and caring for spaces for wildlife. This can help improve well being and quality of life as well as provide key skills that could help as a route to employment.
- 6.4 There are opportunities to help increase green social prescribing as part of the programme, with links made with the NHS who are keen to support. This is part of a national NHS drive to increase support for patients to engage in nature-based interventions to improve mental health and reduce health inequalities.

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# Agenda Item 6

Business, Economy and Enterprise (3) Work Programme 2026-27

Last updated on 14/09/2026

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

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| <b>22 July 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| City Centre South Development                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>23 September 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                   |
| Cabinet Member Priorities<br>Community Growing Sites in Coventry                                                                                                           |
| <b>21 October 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Cabinet Report)<br>Lime Bike Scheme                                                                                         |
| <b>2 December 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| VLR – progress update                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>3 February 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>17 March 2027</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| One Coventry Approach to Apprenticeships<br>Economic Development Strategy/Skills Strategy 25/26 / CW Economic Development Strategy                                         |
| <b>2026/27</b>                                                                                                                                                             |
| Bus Franchising<br>Destination Coventry<br>Labour Market - assessing number of skills and identify gaps<br>Domestic Retrofit Programme<br>Supporting the Local High Street |

| <b>Date</b>              | <b>Title</b>                                                   | <b>Detail</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Cabinet Member</b>                                              | <b>Lead Officer</b>          |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>22 July 2026</b>      | City Centre South Development                                  | Update on progress – Requested at the last meeting of the Municipal year 2024. To include the impact on the market (and other businesses that are just outside the redevelopment zone), and what is being done to address those issues. | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                | Adam Hunt                    |
| <b>23 September 2026</b> | Cabinet Member Priorities                                      | Written Briefing Note of priorities to be circulated to the Board ahead of the meeting                                                                                                                                                  | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                |                              |
|                          | Community Growing Sites in Coventry                            | To provide progress on implementation a year into the programme following an item at Scrucu in February 2026                                                                                                                            | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                |                              |
| <b>21 October 2026</b>   | Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Cabinet Report) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change City Services                  | Andrew Saffrey / John Seddon |
|                          | Lime Bike Scheme                                               | To look at the impact of the Lime Bike Scheme and any data available                                                                                                                                                                    | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                | TfWM                         |
| <b>2 December 2026</b>   | VLR – progress update                                          | To receive a progress update on VLR, including the current test site as well as potential routes                                                                                                                                        | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                | Nicola Small                 |
| <b>3 February 2027</b>   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |                              |
| <b>17 March 2027</b>     | 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                                           | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change Education, Skills & Equalities | Kim Mawby/ Glenn Smails      |

Business, Economy and Enterprise (3) Work Programme 2026-27

| Date           | Title                                                                                  | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Cabinet Member                                                     | Lead Officer     |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
|                |                                                                                        | Shop? Possibly March 2026. Including partners – private sector and HE.                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                    |                  |
|                | 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.                                             | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change Education, Skills & Equalities | K Mawby / S Weir |
| <b>2026/27</b> |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                    |                  |
|                | Bus Franchising                                                                        | Progress on the implementation of bus franchising across West Midlands                                                                                                                                                                                  | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                | John Seddon      |
|                | 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. | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                | Paula Deas       |
|                | 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                                                                                                                   | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                |                  |
|                | 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.                                                 | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                |                  |
|                | Supporting the Local High Street                                                       | What the Council is doing to support local high streets in Coventry                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jobs, Regeneration & Climate Change                                |                  |

## Work Programme Decision Flow Chart

