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**To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee**  
**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Subject: Suggestions for Scrutiny**

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**1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To inform Members of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee of two suggested topics from members of the public.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- 1) Consider the suggestions from members of the public and whether to add them to the appropriate scrutiny work programme.

**3 Information/Background**

- 3.1 Members of the public are able to suggest topics for scrutiny, via an on-line form on the Council website that members of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee could consider adding to the work programme. The guidance explains that while there are no hard and fast rules about what makes a good topic for Scrutiny to investigate, only issues that Coventry residents are concerned about will be considered, and particularly if the issue affects the whole city. It explains that local issues may be better discussed with ward councillors and that other processes are in place to deal with complaints about services.
- 3.2 In considering whether an issue should be included in the scrutiny work programme, factors for Members could include: whether the topic is appropriate for scrutiny to consider or whether it is better dealt with in another way; how important the issue is in comparison to other priorities on the scrutiny work programme; whether the issue relates to something already on the work programme and could be incorporated in this; at what point in the year the issue would be best considered; and which scrutiny board is best placed to consider the issue.
- 3.3 Two suggestions have been submitted:
- 1) *Scrutiny of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 bus lane removals in regard to the safety of road users including pedestrians and cyclists. In particular the safety of cyclists on Radford Road approaching the roundabout under Junction 9 of the ring road and the safety of pedestrians using the crossing adjacent. (Traffic lights have been removed both this week and from nearer the roundabout previously. I think the new layout will allow cars to speed dangerously, both towards the city and turning up the sliproad east.)*
  - 2) *Can you please let me know what you are doing to stop the über taxi coming from other town into our city of Coventry taking over our livelihood and 60% of our earnings. If it is not possible for you to do anything about this matter then why don't you let the Coventry taxi Drivers have the uber taxi License. We pay a lot of money to Coventry Taxi Licensing office*

*when it comes to licensing fee, badge renewal, MOT, DBS and additional charges. With all these fees and expenditure what are we supposed to do just sit on ranks and let the outside cabs ferry the passengers and we keep on paying licensing office. With introduction of new MOT policy some cabs may have to appear thrice a year for Checks at Whitley office and the argument presented is about driver and passenger safety. Majority of these Über plated cabs have yearly MOT so what happens to the customer safety here.*

- 3.4 The specific concern regarding bus lanes has been forwarded to the Director of Transportation and Highways. The Business, Enterprise and Economy Scrutiny Board has Bus Lane Review on the work programme at a date to be confirmed.

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