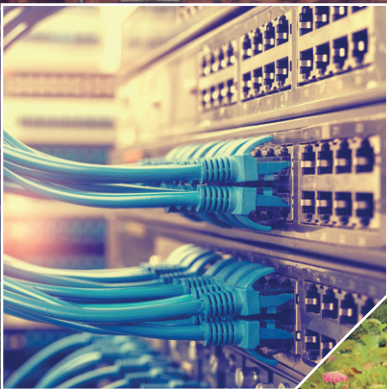


Scrutiny

Annual Report to Council 2017/2018



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Introduction by Cllr Brown – outgoing Chair of SCRUCO

Scrutiny Committees perform a vital function in Local Government in challenging decisions and holding to account Cabinet Members, council officers and partner organisations.

This year, Scrutiny has done all this and has also endeavoured to adopt a more proactive approach to its workload in tackling issues that have a real and significant impact on the everyday lives of Coventry citizens (eg school parking)

Scrutiny is also more aware that it is accountable to the public and has made great efforts to better engage with residents.

With the development of the West Midlands Combined Authority, the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

has had a much greater involvement in the overview and scrutiny of this evolving organisation to ensure the governance and activity of the new authority are better accountable to the public.



Foreword by Cllr T Khan

As incoming Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, I am looking to build on the work undertaken last year to ensure we are scrutinising topics which are key priorities for the Council.

Key focuses for this year will be looking at the opportunities City of Culture 2021 will provide for the City, the impact of Brexit on our citizens and challenges associated with housing and homelessness. The work programme is a

live document and it will evolve to respond to the issues which are important to us and our residents. I look forward to working with my colleagues over the coming year to undertake rigorous, focused, outcome based scrutiny.

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Remit

In 2017-18 the Committee was responsible for overseeing the Scrutiny function (including call-ins), considering cross-cutting issues and for the portfolios of the Cabinet Member - Policy and Leadership and the Cabinet Member - Policing and Equalities. It was also designated the Board for oversight of crime and community safety.

Membership

Councillors N Akhtar, Andrews, Brown (Chair), Clifford (Deputy Chair), Gannon, McNicholas, M Mutton Ridley and R Singh

Activities and outcomes

At the start of the year, Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee reviewed the priority issues that had been identified at initial meetings of the boards to ensure a balanced scrutiny work programme.

The Board scrutinised and sought assurance on a range of issues under its remit including the examples below. Papers from their meetings are available via the weblink below.

Increasing Public Participation in Scrutiny

At the beginning of the year, the Chair identified the increase in participation by members of the public as one of the themes for the municipal year. Part of this process was to focus on subject areas that were a priority for the public. Some of the issues where there was public engagement in Committee meetings were Homelessness, Taxi Licensing and School Parking. At all of the meetings where these were considered, members of the public contributed at the meeting.

The issue on taxi licensing had been picked up as an enquiry from a taxi driver concerned about the increase in the number of Uber taxis operating in Coventry, but that were licensed in Wolverhampton. This concern was also felt by members of the Board. They considered the item at their meeting on 20th December 2017. Representatives from Central Taxis and the Unite Union were at the meeting and contributed to the discussion.

Members made several recommendations to address what they considered to be, out of date taxi licensing legislation and requested that public safety is given the highest priority when looking at any licensing review.

Members of the public were also invited to contribute to an item on homelessness. The issue had been identified as a matter of concern by Members. The meeting was advertised via community Facebook groups and Scrutiny Twitter.

Two members of the public made valuable contributions to the meeting, as well as Council officers and a representative from the Salvation Army.

Members were able to question those who had given evidence and identify recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Community Development to better co-ordinate services for homeless people across the city as well as consider innovative ways of funding more affordable housing.

Another item where members of the public identified the subject and were able to contribute to discussions at the meeting was on the issue of school parking. Safety concerns caused by inconsiderate parking near schools had been identified via several residents meeting and social media groups.

At their meeting on 28th March 2018 members heard from Council officers on the powers that the Council has to enforce and address issues of parking. Members also heard the personal experience of a resident in Wyken Ward who had experienced issues with inconsiderate parking.

Members of the Board made several recommendations in support of action by the Cabinet Member for City Services including: the possibility of having a "pilot" school where a number of initiatives can be trialled, including encouraging courteous behaviour; the distribution of "parking cards" which can be

placed on the windscreens of cars parked inappropriately; ensuring that all zig zag lines are covered by a traffic regulation order and enforced; and reviewing the outcome of the exclusion zone currently being trialled in Solihull.

Fire Safety in High Rise Buildings

In response to the Grenfell tower block fire, Members wanted the opportunity to ask questions about the safety of high-rise buildings in the City. The Committee wanted to seek reassurance on behalf of members of the public that safety concerns were being considered. Representatives from the West Midlands Fire Authority, Coventry University and Whitefriars Housing attended the meeting to give evidence. The Committee asked officers and partner representatives to present a number of questions and the key areas the Committee focused on were;

- Information on the Public Inquiry that was taking place into the tragedy
- The safety of high rise buildings in Coventry
- The advantages and disadvantages of using of sprinkler systems in high rise buildings
- The use of the "stay put" policy in event of fire
- How often tenants in high rise buildings receive fire safety information and training, particularly in relation to short term tenants (such as students),

- The response of the Local Authority to the Grenfell Tower tragedy, lessons learnt from this and the roles and responsibilities of elected Members in the event of a local incident occurring.

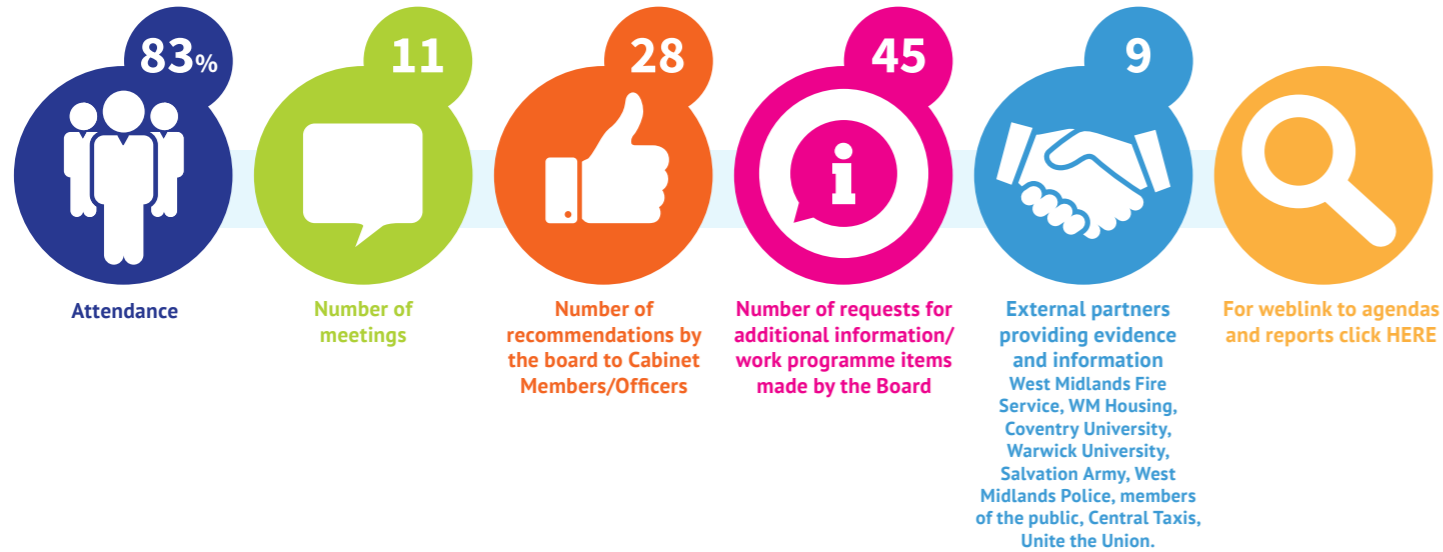
The Committee were reassured in relation to the responses given to questions and concerns regarding the safety of high-rise buildings in Coventry and by the work being undertaken by the organisations present at the meeting.

Student Accommodation

■ The Board considered this agenda item in response to increased public concern about the levels of purpose built student accommodation being built in the City.

Coventry University and Warwick University attended the meeting and set out their plans for student number growth and for accommodation. They also discussed work undertaken by the universities to encourage students to be 'good neighbours' through the information provided to students and codes of conduct.

It was also reported that building purpose built student accommodation was starting to result in empty bedspaces in shared houses across the City. It is hoped that this will subsequently result in more homes being brought back into use for families. responses, specifically on begging, skateboarding and cycling.



Finance and Corporate Services

Remit

In 2017-18, the Scrutiny Board was responsible for the scrutiny of the portfolio of the Cabinet Member - Strategic Finance and Resources.

Membership

Councillors Auluck, Bains, Blundell, Brown, Harvard, Sawdon, R. Singh (Chair), Taylor and Thay

Activities and outcomes

The Board scrutinised and sought assurance on a range of issues under its remit including the examples below. Papers from their meetings are available via the weblink below.

Finance

The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board has considered a number of items on finance throughout the year. Some have addressed strategic financial issues, such as the 2017/18 Capital Programme and the 2018-2021 Medium Term Financial Strategy, whilst others have been on more specific areas including looking at the impact of changes to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme.

The Board recognised that it was working in a time of unprecedented financial pressure, and uncertainty, leading to further

significant reductions in spending levels. Throughout the year it robustly questioned officers to seek assurance that the Council

was using its revenue and capital funding in a way which provided the financial foundations required to ensure that Council services are fit for purpose to protect the most vulnerable as well as providing the appropriate level and quality of core services for every citizen in the city.

ICT and Digital Strategy

The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board has taken a detailed look into ICT and Digital this year. They have discussed a number of topics to seek assurance that our IT is as resilient and fit for purpose as possible. The Board have also scrutinised the recruitment and retention of staff, including apprentices and graduates, as employees are key to improving technology and maintaining existing systems.

Questions have also been asked about working in partnership across the region to share ideas and economy of scales, as well as linking up with existing apps, to avoid reinventing the wheel. The Board also questioned how feedback was sought on the service and how this feedback then informed future practices.

The Board also received a detail briefing on cyber security following a number of attacks on public sector organisations. They received assurance that appropriate measures are in place to protect the organisation.

It was also noted that next steps for the short to medium term future included the review of the target operating model and a refresh of the Corporate ICT strategy, which will focus on new themes around Technology Consolidation, Artificial Intelligence/Automation, Big Data/Machine Learning and Cyber security. The strategy will also look to support the delivery of the City of Culture Programme. The Board has requested that it is involved with the development of this strategy during 2018/19.

Leadership Development Investment, Apprenticeships and Apprenticeship Levy

The Board received an update on the investment being made to develop existing and aspiring leaders across the organisation as part of the Council's wider Leadership Development Framework that was launched in 2017. The aim is to create a culture whereby leaders and managers at all levels across the organisation are able to deliver the outcomes within the Council Plan and Workforce Strategy and perform their existing roles as highly capable individuals and team members.

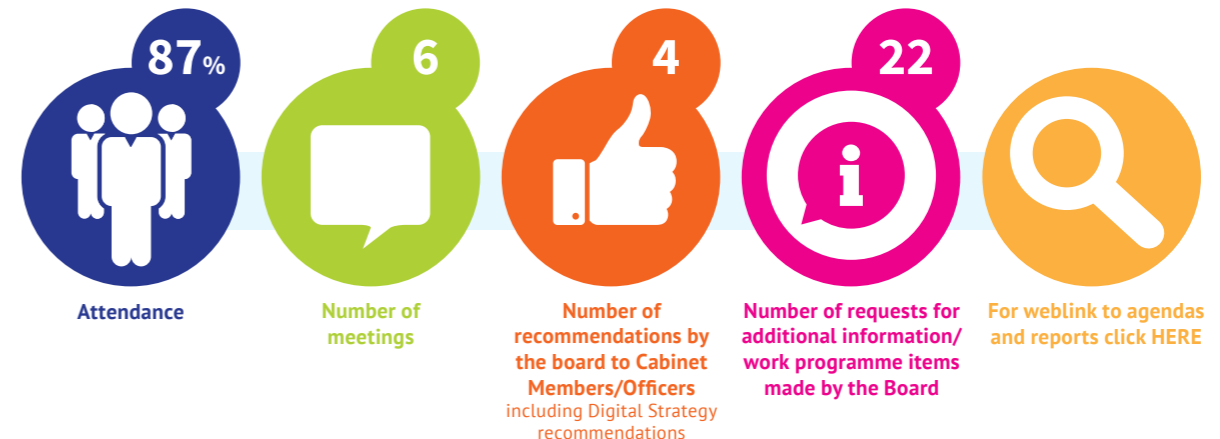
The framework was designed to reflect the different levels of leaders and managers - referred to as 'emerging', 'aspiring', 'future' and 'senior' leaders - and would offer various development opportunities across four development pathways. The Board also recommended and received assurance that an understanding of the work of Members will be included in the workforce programmes where appropriate. The Board will receive an evaluation of how effective the training was to the individual and the organisation at a future meeting.

The Board also scrutinised the work being done on the Apprenticeship Levy, which is money that can only be spent on accredited training, and if it is not spent within time limits,

remaining funds have to go to Central Government. It became clear during the session that Coventry is ahead of the game in finding suitable providers and courses and is being contacted by other local organisations for advice. Questions were asked about how maintained schools can tap into the pot too as they have contributed.

The Apprenticeship Team was also making good progress with the implementation of actions set out within the Apprenticeship Strategy. Further work was currently being undertaken to ensure that the Council widened participation by targeting under-represented groups such as young people with a disability, young people not in education, employment or training, young refugees, Black, Asian and

Minority Ethnic, young people and looked after young people. Members emphasised that they were keen to see further work undertaken to ensure that effective workforce planning takes place across all service areas so that the City Council was able to provide permanent employment for our Apprentices as part of the Council's 'Grow Our Own' and succession planning model.



Education and Children's Services

Remit

In 2017-18, the Scrutiny Board was responsible for the scrutiny of the portfolios of the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People) and the Cabinet Member, (Education).

Membership

Councillors **Bains, Kershaw, Lepoidevin, Lucas, Male, Miks, Mulhall, M Mutton (Chair) and Seaman.**

Co-opted members for education matters: **Mrs. S. Hanson (Church of England), Ms. Kelly Jones (Primary Parent Governor)** and 3 vacancies (Secondary Parent Governors, Roman Catholic Church and Other Faiths).

Activities and outcomes

The Board scrutinised and sought assurance on a range of issues under its remit including the examples below. Papers from their meetings are available via the weblink below. The Board continued to receive regular progress reports from the Children's Improvement Board.

Improving Children's Services

The Board continued to receive regular updates from the Improvement Board.

The Board went through each of the nine recommendations from the Ofsted report in March 2017, to monitor and recognise progress. This progress was supported by the outcome of the focused inspection in January 2018, which was also considered.

Members recognised and welcomed the progress made in the service and that the Ofsted

letter, following the inspection in January 2018, demonstrated a movement towards "Good".

Members have also considered the Children's Service redesign. The fundamental aim of the children's transformation changes are to ensure that Coventry City Councils Children's Services were fit for purpose.

The Scrutiny Board discussed timescales for implementation of the changes, partners' involvement in the new structures, job losses, changes to services provided across the City with the new hub and spoke model and support from partners for the new model. The Members have requested an update on this in the new municipal year.

Children's Services - our vision

<p>Children are at the heart of everything we do</p> <p>1</p> <p>They are involved as key partners in planning and decision-making.</p>	<p>High quality, child-centred and effective services</p> <p>2</p> <p>We deliver high quality, child-centred, effective help and support to children and young people, their parents/carers and family. Providing the right intervention at the right time and in the right way. We provide integrated services and seamless clear pathways from early help to specialist support.</p>	<p>Reflective and responsive to change</p> <p>3</p> <p>Our services reflect and respond to the changing needs of Coventry's diverse population of children and young people.</p>	<p>Working with families</p> <p>4</p> <p>We work with families to equip them with the understanding and skills they need to raise their children in a loving, happy, healthy and safe environment, which enables them to become confident and responsible adults.</p>	<p>Outcome-driven and impactful:</p> <p>5</p> <p>Services are outcome-driven and we are clear about the impact that we are having on children.</p>
<p>Services around children and families</p> <p>6</p> <p>Children are supported to live at home whenever possible. When they cannot remain with their families, they are able to live in or near Coventry in the most appropriate caring home. Services wrap around the child so as to minimise any disruption to children's lives.</p>	<p>Top class, early help</p> <p>7</p> <p>We deliver top class services for early help and early years, to optimise prospects of the best start in life for all children.</p>	<p>Mature partnerships</p> <p>8</p> <p>Our partnerships are mature, trusting and effective at both strategic and operational level. In our partnership work, the focus remains on the child. Partners actively contribute to enhance the local authority offer.</p>	<p>Committed workforce</p> <p>9</p> <p>Our workforce is stable, skilled, motivated and committed to delivering excellent services to children and young people in Coventry. They feel supported to make decisions, assess and hold risk and to develop creative and innovative solutions.</p>	<p>High performing</p> <p>10</p> <p>The outcomes we achieve for children and young people compare favourably with high performing local authorities.</p>

Exclusions and the Extended Learning Centre

At their meeting on 14th February 2018, members of the board considered the work being done to reduce permanent exclusions and the Extended Learning Centre.

Members of the board considered information on:

- The number of permanent exclusions that had been implemented by Coventry schools over the current academic year and the last two full academic years;
- The post exclusion process, leading to either an alternative school offer or alternative

- provision. This included recent service developments which were implemented in September 2017, as an outcome of the Education re-design process.
- The number of pupils that were not accessing full time education as a result of permanent exclusion.

The Scrutiny Board questioned officers on managing the rising numbers of exclusions in primary and secondary schools in the city, home schooling, the voice of the child, time managed exclusions, identifying Special Educational Needs early, managing exclusions and the effect of exclusions on results. Members requested a progress report in six months' time on the managed transfer system, as well as further information on the One Strategic Plan.

Retention of Social Workers Task and Finish Group

At their meeting on the 29th July, the Board agreed to set up a task and finish group to look at retention of social workers following an item on the outcomes of the Ofsted report. The task and finish group met four times, as well as holding two focus groups with social workers.

Members considered the implementation of an Advanced Practitioner role, as well as the removal of the market subsidy for specific groups of social workers. They also received information about the training and support provided to social workers.

Members also considered the findings of research from Birmingham University into what works to retain social workers with their local authority. The key findings were that money is not the primary factor for social workers staying with a local

authority. Other more important factors are being valued by the organisation, case load level and career progression.

Members heard from 14 social workers from across all areas of the service with different levels of experience, both new to the authority and established with Coventry. Members questioned the social workers on areas that were working well as well as areas that could be improved.

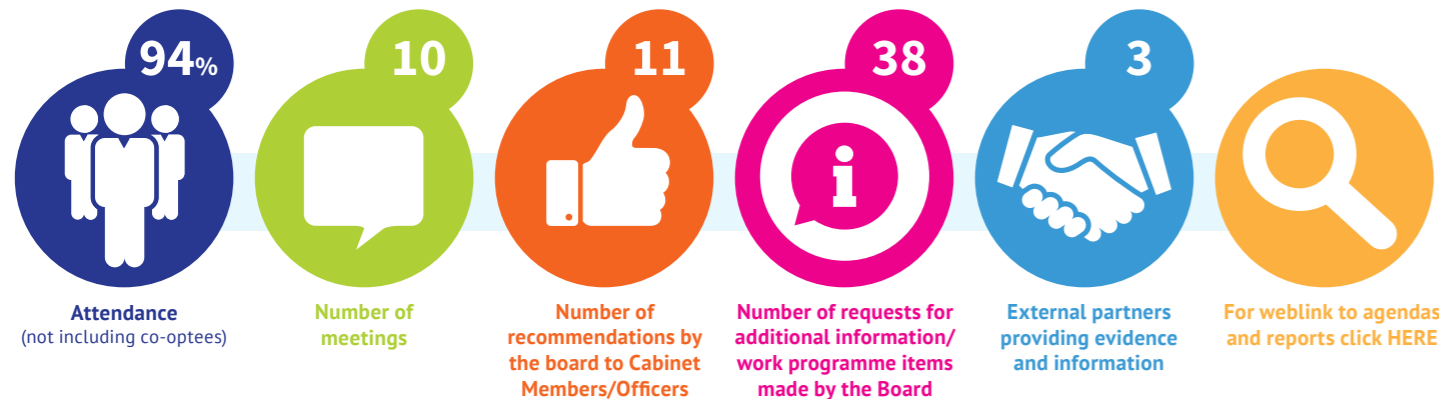
Members presented their recommendations to the Board at the meeting on 29th March 2018 and were presented to the Cabinet Member at his meeting on 16th April



Visit to Central Family Hub

Members visited the Central Family Hub for their meeting on 29th March 2018, and had a tour of the facility. The Board had been updated on the Children's Services redesign and how the eight family hubs in the city were integrating early help services across a 0-19 age range with multi-agency, multi-disciplinary teams and were keen to see this in action.

The Board discussed with officers working together including schools, partners and the community, future plans, opportunities for providing placement experiences, volunteers, and communication with communities.



Business, Economy and Enterprise

Remit

In 2017-18, the Scrutiny Board was responsible for the scrutiny of the portfolio of the Cabinet Member - Jobs and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member - Public Health and Sport.

Membership

Councillors **Dr Auluck, Crookes, Hammon, Harvard, Lancaster, McNicholas (Chair) B Singh, Sweet and Taylor.**

Activities and outcomes

The Board scrutinised and sought assurance on a range of issues under its remit including the examples below. Papers from their meetings are available via the weblink below.

St Mary's Guildhall

At their meeting on 15th November, Members received a presentation on the plans for St. Mary's Guildhall including refurbishing the Undercroft and proposals for the newly cleared Muniment Room to lease out at office space.

It was intended that a feasibility study be commissioned to review the current situation, explore available options and establish a vision for the Guildhall that delivered a strong cultural asset and visitor experience, together with a business plan that captured capital and revenue investment and the likely income returns that may be achieved from this in the longer term.

Members identified several recommendations, which included amending the scope of the feasibility study to include

the whole of the Council House as well as maximising the heritage and business potential of the Guildhall. They also recommended that an alternative location be identified for leased out office space.

Officers brought a progress report to their meeting on the 15th May which updated the Board on progress made. The café in the Undercroft had been relaunched, as well as informing Members that the Muniment Room would be considered as part of the Guildhall offer and that unused

office space elsewhere in the Council House had been identified as office space. This is being managed by the Wheelhouse and it was reported that the launch had been well received and their occupancy rates were on target.

Officers also reported that, as requested by the Board, they had been working closely with Coombe Abbey to improve the commercial aspects of a heritage offer. Members requested a further report in the next municipal year to enable more detail on the review of Council House space, feedback from a review of the Undercroft café and progress on the Wheelhouse.

Coventry Innovation

The Scrutiny Board considered a briefing note and presentation which detailed the various innovative projects that were happening in Coventry including:

- The national battery development facility
- Developments in autonomous vehicles
- Progress on light rail and track
- Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Ultra Low Emission Taxi Scheme

The Board wanted to bring various strands of innovation together to consider the progress that Coventry was making in being at the forefront of technological innovation across several areas of innovation.

Members heard how Coventry was leading the way and bringing

much welcomed funding into the city and sub-region, which will support economic growth.

Members supported the steps being taken by the Cabinet Member and officers to promote the city in this area and requested further progress reports next municipal year.

Digital Strategy Task and Finish Group

The Digital Strategy Task and Finish Group was originally established during 2016/17 as a joint task and finish group between this Board and the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board. Recommendations from the Digital Strategy Task and Finish Group were considered by Cabinet on 6th March 2018 following a select committee style meeting with the three major digital suppliers in the city.

All three suppliers were asked to prepare a 10 to 15-minute presentation covering:

- Their existing infrastructure within the City – how many connections they had, average speeds etc., sectors covered (i.e. business, residential), where these connections are
- Their future plans for the City and where they had committed

plans for investment within Coventry.

- As a company how would they be able to support the aspirations of the Digital Coventry strategy

The key themes identified from the sessions were as follows:

- Coventry has the potential to be at the forefront of digital

connectivity and innovation, and could be a desirable destination for businesses and residents

- At an operational level, there are barriers to connectivity due to issues with adoption of the highway

- All partners are working together to achieve close to 100% coverage for the city.

Canal and Canal Basin

Following a referral from Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board wanted to look in more detail at the issues affecting the canal and canal basin in the city.



At their meeting on 20th September 2017, the Board welcomed Robert Nash, a representative from Coventry Canal Society, Alan Dyer, a representative from the Canal Basin Trust and Elaine Tierney a representative from 'The Tin' an Art and Music Company who are currently located at the Canal Basin.

The Board discussed the Canal Basin with the interested parties present and noted the activities and concerns of the Canal Society and in particular the problems of litter and the need for dredging. The Board noted the history of

the Trust and how the Charity used warehouses as a place for University design students and how they were supported to host events and fairs in the past. The Board were also keen to support the ambitions represented by 'The Tin' to develop transferable skills in students by investing in music and arts and encouraging students to stay in the city by improving the offer of opportunities.

The Board discussed issues including: responsibilities, partners using the canal basin, promoting the asset to the city, visiting the location, connections to the city centre and encouraging use of the site, facilitating funding, signage, safety concerns regarding the breach of the canal walls, section 106 funding and legal advice.

Members felt that a visit and further discussion would be beneficial in order to facilitate improvements at the Canal Basin, in particular to clarify responsibilities and to consider funding opportunities. At the Canal Basin, Members heard

contributions from the Canals and Rivers Trust, The Tin, the Coventry Canal Society, the Canal Basin Trust, Valley Cruises and the Ludic Rooms.

As a result of this visit it was agreed to set up a task and finish group to look at how the canal can contribute to the cultural and heritage aspect of the city and to increase footfall at the basin.

The task and finish group held several meetings, including one with The Tin and Coventry University to discuss the CAN project which involves plans for the empty building at the Basin. They also made a journey up the canal to look at some of the issues with the 5½ miles of the canal in Coventry.

The Chair also met on several occasions with representatives of the Canal and Rivers Trust including the Chairman of the West Midlands Board, as well as Cabinet Members and senior Council officers.

The recommendations from the task and finish group were accepted by the Board at their meeting on 15th May and will go to Cabinet in the next municipal year.



Communities and Neighbourhoods

Remit

In 2017-18, the Scrutiny Board was responsible for the scrutiny of the portfolios of the Cabinet Member - Community Development and the Cabinet Member – City Services including issues relating to energy, the environment, street services, waste management, highways and lighting. This Board is also the designated Flood Risk Management Board under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010

Membership

Councillors N Akhtar (Chair), Bailey, Kelly, T Khan, Mulhall, Sawdon, B Singh, Thay and Walsh.

Activities and outcomes

The Board scrutinised and sought assurance on a range of issues under its remit including the examples below. Papers from their meetings are available via the weblink below.

The Board have been taking a keen interest in the development of the City of Culture, firstly with the bid submission and now with the evolving programme following the announcement that Coventry will become City of Culture 2021.

Members had the opportunity to find out about the rapid evolving plans and scrutinised how, as a City Council, we are supporting the programme by ensuring plans are place to get the infrastructure and public realm ready to welcome visitors in 2021. Members also found out how they can help the team delivering the programme by disseminating information to their residents.

Fly tipping and Street Cleansing Review

At their meeting on 6 September 2018, the Scrutiny Board considered the work being undertaken to address the increase in fly-tipping, which was highlighted as an area of under performance in the Council Plan Annual Performance Report 2016/17.

Members heard that changes in legislation, the increased cost of waste disposal, the restructuring of the Enforcement Team and the introduction of an on line reporting tool, which has made it much easier for members of the public to report fly tipping, had exacerbated the increase in fly tipping incidents and the reporting of those incidents.

Members heard about the measures that had been put in place to address the increase. These included the continuing training programme for the

Street Enforcement Team, which will increase the ability to deal with fly tipping and other issues; mapping the instances of fly tipping to better determine and understand where problems are occurring; projects such as “hot streets” which use early intervention and education initiatives in specific areas; the deployment of surveillance equipment; engagement with community members in relation to reporting incidents using social media and promoting good practice; targeting offenders;

highlighting prosecutions; and the introduction of selective licensing.

The Scrutiny Board questioned officers on issues including how surveillance cameras can be most effectively used, the anticipated impact of the new changes to the refuse collection service on levels of fly tipping, the type of waste that is being fly tipped in Coventry, the impact of the austerity cuts on fly tipping, work undertaken in partnership with the Universities and social landlords such as Whitefriars Housing Group to tackle the issue, the bulky waste service offered by the Council, issues associated with the increase in Houses in Multiple Occupation (HIMOs) and the circumstances in which prosecutions are instigated.

Increasing Affordable Housing Stock

The Board were concerned about the lack of affordable housing in the City and as well as inviting representatives from the Place Directorate to talk about how the planning framework can help to address this, they also invited representatives from Whitefriars Housing Group and Stonewater Housing Association on Housing Supply and Delivery in Coventry. They also received written evidence from Midland Heart Housing Association.

Following presentations, a number of issues were discussed. These included: the use of new innovations and materials in the building of new houses, particularly in light of the national shortage of bricks and gaps in the skills market; bringing family homes back into use by building more purpose built student accommodation; housing

schemes to encourage more City Centre living; the ratio of affordable/social housing being delivered as part of major development schemes; new ways of funding housing development and developing improved liaison between the City Council and Housing Associations with a view to a more co-ordinated approach to the delivery of new homes.

This final point was sent to the Cabinet Member to explore options for improving links between the Council and Housing Associations, along with looking at ways to innovatively fund affordable homes.

Social Media – as a result of tweeting the papers, a question was received from a resident about an item on Average Speed Enforcement. The Chair agreed to put the question to officers, enabling the resident to receive a response to their queries promptly and without attending the meeting.

Coventry City of Culture

The Scrutiny Board have considered the City of Culture this year. They received information on the progress of the Bid in September, following a successful shortlisting, and then progress on plans for 2021 following the successful award of the title for the City in December.

Representatives from Coventry City of Culture Trust have been at the meetings to present information and let Members know how they can engage with the developing programme.

The Board asked a number of questions about the title including the positive impacts of the bid on businesses, the opportunities for involvement and engagement with Faith Groups in the City and

how the current development plans for the City Centre will maximise opportunities for Coventry during our year as City of Culture year. The Board will also look into City Council preparations to ensure the City looks its best in terms of cleanliness and ensuring the correct signage is provided.

They have also received updates from the City of Culture Trust on the developing funding and

relationships with organisations including the BBC, British Council, Arts Council England and the Heritage Lottery Fund. They also found out the successful recruitment into key posts at the Trust.



Health and Social Care

Remit

In 2017-18, the Scrutiny Board was responsible for the scrutiny of health, adult social care and health inequalities, including the portfolio of the Cabinet Member - Adult Services and a significant part of Cabinet Member – Public Health and Sport’s portfolio. The Board is also the designated committee under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 for scrutiny of local NHS services.

Membership

Councillors **Clifford, Gannon (Chair), Kelly, Kershaw, Lancaster, Lapsa, Mayer, Miks, and Walsh.**
Co-opted Member: **Mr. D Spurgeon (Healthwatch)**

Activities and outcomes

The Board scrutinised and sought assurance on a range of issues under its remit including the examples below. Papers from their meetings are available via the weblink below.

Sustainability and Transformation Plan/ Integrated Care System

The Board have made the Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan, which is now known as an Integrated Care System, a priority once again during 2017/18 and it is extremely likely it will remain a key priority for 2018/19 as well, as the work streams are constantly evolving and developing. Representatives from University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW), Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust and NHS England have all attended meetings to discuss the plan and workstreams.

The Board system is made up of a number of workstreams and the Board have received detailed reports on a number of these including;

Maternity and Paediatrics, which aims to implement the national Better Births proposals by 2021. This will remain on the agenda for 18/19 due to delays in the programme experienced this year.

Proactive and Preventative workstream, which is a programme with the vision ‘to galvanise effort, expertise and resource to stimulate a step change commitment to prevention across the Health and Wellbeing system’. Two strands of this workstream, Out of Hospital and Upscaling Prevention, which aims to help people to live healthier lifestyles and fulfil their potential so that they avoid or

reduce the need for medical and social care’ have been discussed in detail and are due to report back next year.

Urgent and Emergency Care, which is still under development. The Board requires further information on this as it develops, given the challenges around Accident and Emergency 4 hour wait performance at UHCW.

Improving the Quality of Housing and the Health and Wellbeing of Coventry Residents Task and Finish Group

The Task and Finish Group wanted to investigate and draw attention to the link between health and housing; to look at the existing work being undertaken by organisations across the City to support people in developing and maintaining healthy homes; and to consider how the Council could improve the quality of private rented sector housing. The Group were joined by representatives from Coventry Citizens Advice who were able to provide an insight into the housing challenges faced by Coventry residents. Members also heard evidence from West Midlands Fire Service, Whitefriars Housing, the Council’s Housing Enforcement Team and Public Health.

The task and finish group made a number of recommendations to Cabinet which were discussed and approved at Cabinet in April. The Board have asked that the Transformation Board be asked to consider how better access to the CAMHS service could be provided for Looked After Children, children on child protection plans and children in need, including looking at the issue of data sharing between partners. They will also be given the opportunity to see the new website/app being developed to provide information to children, young people and their carers including self-help and online counselling.

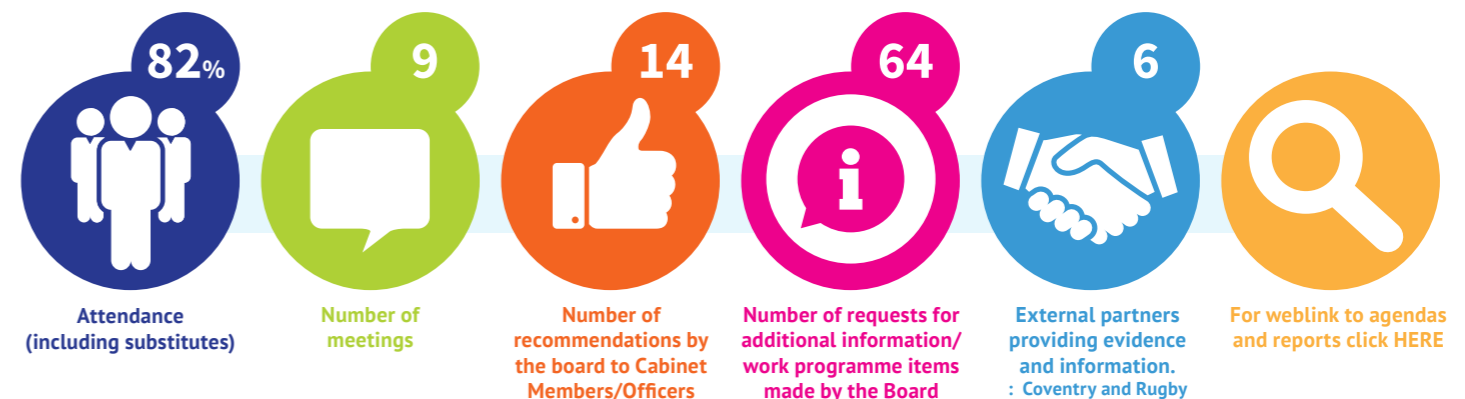
Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Foundations have been laid for Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny meetings with Warwickshire to consider substantial variations to changes in the health service across the two local authority areas. The Board has met informally twice and have received a detailed presentation on proposed changes to Stroke Services. The formal consultation will come to the Joint Committee early in 2018/19.



Visit to Coventry University Science and Health Building

The Board was invited to the new Science and Health Building at Coventry University in November 2017. The building provides state-of-the-art facilities for students, such as hospital simulation, rehabilitation, clinical skills training, sport and exercise environments. The building also includes a BioSciences super-lab, which the Board were taken round, alongside a range of life sciences research facilities.



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