

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Council held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 21 May 2026

Present:

Members: Councillor R Bailey (Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar	Councillor J Innes
Councillor P Akhtar	Councillor T Jewell
Councillor S Akhter	Councillor S Jobbar
Councillor A Albert	Councillor J Jones
Councillor F Beechey	Councillor A Kaur
Councillor L Bigham	Councillor L Kelly
Councillor J Blundell	Councillor S Keough
Councillor L Boyle	Councillor AS Khan
Councillor R Brown	Councillor M Lapsa
Councillor A Bryant	Councillor J Lepoidevin
Councillor A Bullock	Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor K Caan	Councillor B Mosterman
Councillor D Clark	Councillor M Mutton
Councillor A Cole	Councillor S Nazir
Councillor P Cowley	Councillor J Odje
Councillor G Duggins	Councillor C Phillips
Councillor J Fearn	Councillor P Reddy
Councillor M Fogden	Councillor E M Reeves
Councillor J Gardiner	Councillor H Rehman
Councillor S Gray	Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor M Greenhalgh	Councillor R Singh
Councillor M Gregory	Councillor D Stainton
Councillor G Hayre	Councillor A Tucker
Councillor M Heaven	Councillor J Wells
Councillor P Hetherton	
Councillor A Hopkins	

Honorary Alderman: T Skipper

Apologies: Councillors W Davies and E Ruane

Public Business

PART 1

1. Correspondence and Announcements of the Lord Mayor

There were no announcements of the Lord Mayor.

2. Election of the Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City)

It was moved by Councillor J Blundell, seconded by Councillor B Mosterman and supported by Councillors G Duggins, J Gardiner and E Reeves, that Councillor Roger Bailey be elected as Chair of the Council (being the Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Roger Bailey be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2026/27 Municipal Year, having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Lord Mayor's Chain of Office.

3. **Vote of thanks to the retiring Lord Mayor**

A vote of thanks for the retiring Lord Mayor, Rachel Lancaster, was moved by Councillor L Kelly, seconded by Councillor J McNicholas and supported by Councillors J Gardiner, Blundell and Reeves.

Rachel Lancaster responded to the vote of thanks.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the warmest thanks of the Council are due and are thereby given to Rachel Lancaster for the zeal and impartiality with which she has discharged the arduous duties of the office of Lord Mayor during the year 2025/26; and

(2) That a copy of this resolution, under the Common Seal, be presented to Rachel Lancaster and consorts Lawrie Womble-Lancaster and Meredith Womble-Lancaster.

4. **Election of the Vice-Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City)**

It was moved by Councillor J Blundell, seconded by Councillor M Heaven and supported by Councillors G Duggins, J Gardiner and E Reeves that Councillor Julia Lepoidevin be elected as Vice Chair of the Council (being the Deputy Lord Mayor of the City) for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Councillor Julia Lepoidevin be elected as Vice Chair of the Council for the 2026/27 Municipal Year, having made the declaration of office prescribed by the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having been invested with the Deputy Lord Mayor's Badge.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rul 1.4, (Part 3A of the Constitution, Part 1 of the Annual Meeting adjourned at 12 noon)

(Meeting reconvened at 3:00 pm)

PART 2

5. **Election of the Leader of the Council**

A nomination was moved by Councillor A Tucker and seconded by Councillor M Mutton that Councillor George Duggins be elected as the Leader of the Council.

A nomination was moved by Councillor M Lapsa and seconded by Councillor F Beechey that Councillor Jackie Gardiner be elected as the Leader of the Council.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15.5 (Part 3A of the Constitution), it was moved by Councillor S Gray and seconded by Councillor A Hopkins that the question “now be put” and following this it was moved by Councillor J Gardiner and seconded by Councillor F Beechey that a named vote be taken on this Motion as indicated below. Following a named vote that the question “now be put”, the Motion was carried.

As two nominations had been received for the election of Leader of the Council, a named vote was taken as indicated below. Councillor Duggins received the highest number of votes.

RESOLVED that Councillor George Duggins be duly elected as Leader of the Council.

Note 1): In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.2, a named vote being required by Councillors J Gardiner and F Beechey the Councillors voting for or against the Motion in relation to Council Procedure Rule 15.5 “that the question now be put”, were as follows:

For		Against	Abstain
Councillors:		Councillors:	
N Akhtar	J Lepoidevin	A Albert	
P Akhtar	J McNicholas	F Beechey	
S Akhter	B Mosterman	L Boyle	
L Bigham	M Mutton	A Bryant	
J Blundell	S Nazir	A Bullock	
R Brown	P Reddy	D Clark	
K Caan	E Reeves	A Cole	
G Duggins	H Rehman	P Cowley	
S Gray	K Sandhu	J Fearn	
M Greenhalgh	R Singh	M Fogden	
G Hayre	A Tucker	J Gardiner	
M Heaven	Lord Mayor	M Gregory	
P Hetherton		S Keough	
A Hopkins		M Lapsa	
J Innes		D McCann	
S Jobbar		J Odje	
J Jones		C Phillips	
A Kaur		D Stainton	
L Kelly		J Wells	
A Khan			

For: 32

Against: 19

Abstain: 0

Note: Councillor T Jewell was absent for this vote

2) Voting for the nominated Councillors for election of the Leader was as follows:

Nominated Councillor:		Nominated Councillor:		Abstained
G Duggins		J Gardiner		-
Councillors voting for:		Councillors voting for:		Councillors:
N Akhtar	J Jones	A Albert	D McCann	J Blundell
P Akhtar	S Kaur	F Beechey	J Odje	M Heaven
S Akhter	L Kelly	L Boyle	C Phillips	J Lepoidevin
L Bigham	A Khan	A Bryant	D Stainton	B Mosterman
R Brown	J McNicholas	A Bullock	J Wells	P Reddy
K Caan	M Mutton	D Clark		Lord Mayor
G Duggins	S Nazir	A Cole		
S Gray	E Reeves	P Cowley		
M Greenhalgh	H Rehman	J Fearn		
G Hayre	K Sandhu	M Fogden		
P Hetherton	R Singh	J Gardiner		
A Hopkins	A Tucker	M Gregory		
J Innes		S Keough		
S Jobbar		M Lapsa		

Totals

For Councillor G Duggins: 26

For Councillor J Gardiner: 19

Abstained: 6

(Note: Councillor T Jewell was absent for this vote)

6. **To receive a report of the Leader of the Council on the composition of the Cabinet, the allocation of Executive Function within the Cabinet and the membership of the Coventry Shareholder Committee**

The City Council received a report of the Leader, Councillor G Duggins, on the composition of the Cabinet, the allocation of executive functions within the Cabinet and the membership of the Coventry Shareholder Committee as set out below.

Member	Portfolio
The Leader, Cabinet Member Policy and Leadership Councillor G Duggins	One Coventry Council Plan Scrutiny External relations / public relations Chair of Cabinet / Management Board meetings Emergency Planning Regional Matters West Midlands Combined Authority Corporate Governance Information Management and Governance Risk Management Political Management Job Shop
The Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member Jobs,	Economic Development City Centre (Regeneration) International Trade and Inward Investment

<p>Regeneration and Climate Change</p> <p>Councillor L Kelly</p>	<p>Commercial and Operational Property Growth Company Urban Regeneration Transportation Tourism and Marketing Sustainability and climate change Social Enterprise Strategy Local and Regional Policing Deputising on Leader Items Lord Mayor's International Liaison and Diplomacy Peace, Reconciliation and Twinning</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Community Safety and Cohesion</p> <p>Councillor J McNicholas</p>	<p>Community Safety Community Cohesion Public Protection and Licensing Prosecution and Enforcement Democratic Services Electoral Services Legal Services Training (Members) Constitutional Matters Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation Media Strategy Events</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Strategic Finance and Resources</p> <p>Councillor R Brown</p>	<p>Strategic Finance Medium Term Financial Strategy Budget Setting / Transformation External Resources Operational Finance incl. Revenues and Benefits Service Transformation and value for money Procurement Human Resources Organisational Development Key Staff Recruitment and Retention Customer Services Health and Safety Pensions Digital Strategy Information Technology</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Children and Young People</p> <p>Councillor M Mutton</p>	<p>Children and Families (Early Help) Children and Young People's Social Care Child Exploitation Young People Youth Offending Service Safeguarding *S19 Children Act 2004 Lead Member Fostering, Adoption, Special Guardianship Orders and</p>

	<p>Kinship Care Corporate Parenting</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Education, Skills and Equalities</p> <p>Councillor AS Khan</p>	<p>Post 16 Education and Training Schools Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disability Libraries Adult Education Higher and Further Education (incl. Universities) Skills and Employability Equalities</p>
<p>Cabinet Member City Services</p> <p>Councillor P Hetherton</p>	<p>Highways, Drainage and Lighting Licensing Policy (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire) Public Realm Street Services (Ground Maintenance, Refuse (domestic and commercial), Street Cleaning) Waste Management Flood Management Environment Bereavement Services Traffic Management and Road Safety Average Speed Cameras Parking Policy and Operations</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Adult Services</p> <p>Councillor L Bigham</p>	<p>Social Care for Adults and Older People Better Care Fund Transforming Care Carers Adult Safeguarding Adult social care integration with health Loneliness and Isolation Digital Exclusion Armed Forces Champion</p>
<p>Cabinet Member Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing</p> <p>Councillor K Caan</p>	<p>Health Strategy and Policy Integrated Care Systems Health Inequalities and Marmot Air Quality Local Health Economy Public Health Sexual Health Teenage Pregnancies Mental Health Poverty Fuel Poverty Sport, Physical Activity and Parks</p>

Cabinet Member Housing and Communities Councillor N Akhtar	Archives Arts Heritage Museums Conservation Mutuals Community and Voluntary Sector Relations Community Centres Refugees and Asylum Seekers Welfare Advice Services Housing and Homelessness Planning Policy
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*Cabinet Member Children and Young People is designated as the Lead Member for Children’s Services as required by Section 19 of the Children’s Act 2004

Coventry Shareholders Committee 2026/27

Chair: Councillor G Duggins
Deputy Chair: Councillor L Kelly
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor R Brown
Councillor K Caan
Councillor P Hetherington
Councillor AS Khan
Councillor J McNicholas
Councillor M Mutton

7. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2026 were agreed and signed as a true record.

8. Return of Persons Elected as Councillors for the City on 7 May 2026

The Return of Persons elected for the following Wards of the City on 7 May 2026 was noted as follows:

Ward	Name	Political Party	Year of Retirement
Bablake	Lisa Boyle	Reform UK	2030
Bablake	Jamie Fearn	Reform UK	2028
Bablake	Jennifer Wells	Reform UK	2027
Binley and Willenhall	Paul Cowley	Reform UK	2030
Binley and Willenhall	Marcus Fogden	Reform UK	2028
Binley and Willenhall	Jennifer Odje	Reform UK	2027
Cheylesmore	Roger Bailey	Conservative	2030

Cheylesmore	Barbara Mosterman	Conservative	2028
Cheylesmore	Richard Brown	Labour	2027
Earlsdon	Kindy Sandhu	Labour	2030
Earlsdon	Lynnette Kelly	Labour	2028
Earlsdon	Antony Tucker	Labour	2027
Foleshill	Abdul Khan	Labour	2030
Foleshill	Shakila Nazir	Labour	2028
Foleshill	Habib Rehman	Labour	2027
Henley	Mel Gregory	Reform UK	2030
Henley	Alaistair Cole	Reform UK	2028
Henley	Ed Ruane	Labour	2027
Holbrooks	Stephen Gray	Green	2030
Holbrooks	Esther Reeves	Green	2028
Holbrooks	Tom Jewell	Green	2027
Longford	Amor Albert	Reform UK	2030
Longford	Linda Bigham	Labour	2028
Longford	George Duggins	Labour	2027
Lower Stoke	Shahnaz Akhter	Labour	2030
Lower Stoke	Rupinder Singh	Labour	2028
Lower Stoke	John McNicholas	Labour	2027
Radford	Angela Hopkins	Labour	2030
Radford	Patrica Hetherton	Labour	2028
Radford	Mal Mutton	Labour	2027
Sherbourne	Jackie Gardiner	Reform UK	2030
Sherbourne	Charles Phillips	Reform UK	2028
Sherbourne	Daniel Stainton	Reform UK	2027
St Michael's	Naeem Akhtar	Labour	2030
St Michael's	Matt Greenhalgh	Green	2028
St Michael's	Sanjida Jobbar	Labour	2027
Tile Hill & Canley	Marcus Lapsa	Reform UK	2030
Tile Hill & Canley	William Davies	Reform UK	2028
Tile Hill & Canley	Steve Keough	Reform UK	2027
Upper Stoke	Kamran Caan	Labour	2030
Upper Stoke	Amirjit Kaur	Labour	2028
Upper Stoke	Gurdev Hayre	Labour	2027
Wainbody	John Blundell	Conservative	2030
Wainbody	Mattie Heaven	Conservative	2028
Wainbody	Pratibha Reddy	Conservative	2027
Whoberley	Jayne Innes	Labour	2030
Whoberley	Pervez Akhtar	Labour	2028
Whoberley	Judith Jones	Labour	2027
Woodlands	Adrian Bryant	Reform UK	2030
Woodlands	Julia Lepoidevin	Conservative	2028
Woodlands	Duncan Clark	Reform UK	2027

Wyken	Frank Beechey	Reform UK	2030
Wyken	Dawn McCann	Reform UK	2028
Wyken	Andrew Bullock	Reform UK	2027

9. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

10. **Matters Left for Determination by the City Council**

The City Council considered the following documents which were tabled at the meeting:

- (i) Political Proportionality 2026/27
- (ii) Amendments to the Constitution in relation to quorums for Scrutiny Boards
- (iii) Appointment of Council Bodies and Outside Bodies
- (iv) Approval of the Scheme of Delegation as set out in the Constitution
- (v) A programme of meetings for Council and Cabinet

Arising from discussion and concerns raised on the proposal to reduce the size of the Scrutiny Boards from 9 Members to 6 Members and consequently, the size of quorums for those Scrutiny Boards to 3 Members, the Leader indicated that the position would be reviewed in October 2026. In addition, it was noted that Scrutiny Members can attend all meetings of Scrutiny.

RESOLVED that the City Council:

1. **Approve the allocation of seats on Council bodies in accordance with the requirements of political proportionality as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, the establishment of those Council bodies and the terms of reference for those bodies as set out in the Constitution.**
2. **Approve that the quorum of the Scrutiny Boards now be amended to three Members, following a change to the size of Scrutiny Boards in line with the requirements of political proportionality, and that authority to amend the Constitution accordingly be delegated to the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities.**
3. **Approve that in respect of 1 and 2 above, the size of Scrutiny Boards, together with the amended quorum, be reviewed in October 2026.**
4. **Approve that the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities be delegated authority to appoint to those Council bodies, referred to in Recommendations 1 above, including the appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair (where appropriate), and Outside Bodies in accordance with the proportionality as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, following consultation with the Leader and the Group Leaders and that all of the appointments to Council Bodies and Outside Bodies be submitted to the next meeting of the City Council.**

(Note: the following appendices are attached to these Minutes:

**Appendix 1 – Appointment to Council Bodies
Appendix 2 – Appointment to Outside Bodies)**

5. **Approve the Scheme of Delegation as set out in the Constitution.**
6. **Approve the dates for Council meetings 2026/27, including the date of the Annual General Meeting, 2027/28, and dates for Cabinet meetings 2026/27 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report submitted.**
7. **Delegate authority to the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities to set the dates for all other meetings for the municipal year, following consultation with the relevant Chairs of the relevant bodies.**

Note: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 18.2, a named vote being required by Councillors J Gardiner and F Beechey, the Councillors voting For and Against the Recommendations were as follows:

For		Against	Abstain
Councillors:		Councillors:	
N Akhtar	J Lepoidevin	A Albert	
P Akhtar	J McNicholas	F Beechey	
S Akhter	B Mosterman	L Boyle	
L Bigham	M Mutton	A Bryant	
J Blundell	S Nazir	A Bullock	
R Brown	P Reddy	D Clark	
K Caan	E Reeves	A Cole	
G Duggins	H Rehman	P Cowley	
S Gray	K Sandhu	J Fearn	
M Greenhalgh	R Singh	M Fogden	
G Hayre	A Tucker	J Gardiner	
M Heaven	Lord Mayor	M Gregory	
P Hetherton		S Keough	
A Hopkins		M Lapsa	
T Jewell		D McCann	
S Jobbar		J Odje	
J Jones		C Phillips	
A Kaur		D Stainton	
L Kelly		J Wells	
A Khan			

For: 32

Against: 19

Abstain: 0

(Note: Councillor J Innes was absent for this vote)

11. **If required, to consider any further amendments to the Constitution or any other matters arising from the Annual Meeting decisions and appointments**

This item was not required.

(Meeting closed at 5.00 pm)

APPENDIX 1

**APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL BODIES 2026/27
(DELEGATED APPROVAL)**

CABINET

(Appointed by the Leader)

Councillor G Duggins (Chair)

Councillor L Kelly (Deputy Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar

Councillor L Bigham

Councillor R Brown

Councillor K Caan

Councillor P Hetherington

Councillor AS Khan

Councillor J McNicholas

Councillor M Mutton

Non-Voting Representatives on Cabinet

Councillor F Beechey

Councillor J Blundell

Councillor J Gardiner

Councillor E Reeves

(2 Reform UK , 1 Conservative , 1 Green)

Note: The non-voting representatives can nominate substitutes.

COVENTRY SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE (SUB-COMMITTEE OF CABINET)

Appointed by the Leader

Councillor G Duggins (Chair)

Councillor L Kelly (Deputy Chair)

Councillor N Akhtar

Councillor L Bigham

Councillor R Brown

Councillor K Caan

Councillor P Hetherton

Councillor AS Khan

Councillor J McNicholas

Councillor M Mutton

Non-Voting Representatives on Coventry Shareholders Committee

Councillor F Beechey

Councillor J Blundell

Councillor J Gardiner

Councillor E Reeves

(2 Reform UK, 1 Conservative, 1 Green)

NOTE: 1) The Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee (Councillor R Singh) is invited to attend meetings of the Committee

2) The non-voting representatives can nominate a substitute

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

CHAIR	DEPUTY CHAIR
Councillor J Innes	Councillor S Akhter

Councillor L Boyle

Councillor A Bullock

Councillor M Gregory

Councillor M Greenhalgh

Councillor S Keough

Councillor J Odje

Councillor B Mosterman

Councillor P Reddy

Councillor H Rehman

Councillor K Sandhu

Councillor R Singh

Councillor A Tucker

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	2
Green	1
Labour	6
Reform UK	5

LICENSING AND REGULATORY SUB COMMITTEES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES & PRIVATE HIRE (TAXIS)

SUB-COMMITTEE (1)

SUB-COMMITTEE (2)

CHAIR: Councillor J Innes	CHAIR: Councillor J Innes
DEPUTY CHAIR: Councillor S Akhter	DEPUTY CHAIR: Councillor S Akhter

Councillor L Boyle

Councillor A Bullock

Councillor M Greenhalgh

Councillor B Mosterman

Councillor K Sandhu

Councillor M Gregory

Councillor S Keough

Councillor J Odje

Councillor P Reddy

Councillor R Singh

2 Labour Group Subs: Cllrs H Rehman and A Tucker

Political Balance for Sub-Committee (2026/27)	Sub-Committee 1	Sub-Committee 2
Conservative	1	1
Green	1	0
Labour	3	3
Reform UK	2	3

Note: The members of each Sub-Committee can nominate substitute Members from the membership of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIR	DEPUTY CHAIR
Councillor A Hopkins	Councillor A Tucker

Councillor S Akhter

Councillor J Blundell

Councillor M Fogden

Councillor S Gray

Councillor J Jones

Councillor D Stainton

Councillor J Wells

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	1
Green	1
Labour	4
Reform UK	3

Note: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities (Councillor N Akhtar) is invited to attend meetings of this Committee.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

CHAIR:	Councillor A Hopkins
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Councillor L Bigham

Councillor W Davies

Councillor M Heaven

Councillor P Hetherton

Councillor T Jewell

Councillor D McCann

Labour Group named substitutes – Councillor L Kelly
Councillor M Mutton
Councillor S Nazir

Reform UK named substitutes – Councillor F Beechey
Councillor J Odje

Conservative named substitute – Councillor J Blundell

Green Group named substitute – Councillor S Gray

Independent Persons

Steve Atkinson, Ruth Wills, Peter Wiseman

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	1
Green	1
Labour	3
Reform UK	2

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

5 Independent Members

(Up to 5 to be appointed by the Director of Law, Governance and Safer Communities after consultation with the Group Leaders)

SCRUTINY

Note: All Members of Scrutiny can nominate a substitute Member for Scrutiny meetings.

Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Designated as the Crime and Disorder Committee

CHAIR	DEPUTY CHAIR
Councillor R Singh	Councillor A Kaur

Councillor F Beechey

Councillor J Blundell

Councillor J Gardiner

Councillor M Lapsa

Councillor E Reeves

Councillor H Rehman

Councillor E Ruane

Note: the Chair of the Education and Childrens Services Scrutiny Board 2, Councillor S Jobbar and the Chair of the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board 3, Councillor S Gray are invited to attend as non-voting members of the Committee.

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	1
Green	1
Labour	4
Reform UK	3

Co-opted Members for Education Matters

1 Vacancy (Nomination of the Roman Catholic Church)
Ghulam Vohra (Nominated from other faith groups in the city)
Sybil Hanson (Nominated by the Church of England)
2 Vacancies (Parent Governor Representative)
David Jackson

Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1)

CHAIR:	Councillor H Rehman
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Councillor A Albert

Councillor A Bryant

Councillor A Kaur

Councillor J Lepoidevin

Councillor S Nazir

Political Balance (2026/27)	
Conservative	1
Green	0
Labour	3
Reform UK	2

Note: The Chair of the Audit and Procurement Committee (Councillor S Nazir) has been appointed as a Member of this Board.

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

CHAIR:	Councillor S Jobbar
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Councillor A Bullock

Councillor A Cole

Councillor J Fearn

Councillor G Hayre

Councillor J Innes

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	0
Green	0
Labour	3
Reform UK	3

Co-opted Members for Education Matters

Nomination of the Roman Catholic Church

Ghulam Vohra (Nominated from other faith groups in the city)

Sybil Hanson (Nominated by the Church of England)

2 Vacancies (Parent Governor Representative)

David Jackson

Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

CHAIR:	Councillor S Gray
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Councillor J Jones

Councillor C Phillips

Councillor E Ruane

Councillor K Sandhu

Councillor D Stainton

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	0
Green	1
Labour	3
Reform UK	2

Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

CHAIR:	Councillor E Reeves
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Councillor M Fogden

Councillor A Hopkins

Councillor M Lapsa

Councillor D McCann

Councillor S Nazir

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	0
Green	1
Labour	2
Reform UK	3

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

Designated as the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

CHAIR:	Councillor E Ruane
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Councillor S Akhter

Councillor L Boyle

Councillor P Cowley

Councillor J Jones

Councillor P Reddy

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	1
Green	0
Labour	3
Reform UK	2

Co-opted Member

1 Representative from Coventry Healthwatch

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

JOINT CHAIR: (With Warwickshire County Council)	Councillor E Ruane (Chair of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5))
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Councillor L Boyle

Councillor P Cowley

Councillor J Jones

Councillor P Reddy

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	1
Labour	2
Reform UK	2

Note; The Members of this Committee are also Members of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

AUDIT AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

CHAIR	DEPUTY CHAIR
Councillor S Nazir	Councillor K Sandhu

Councillor A Bryant

Councillor D Clark

Councillor M Heaven

Councillor C Phillips

Councillor H Rehman

Labour named substitutes –

Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor J Jones
Councillor R Singh

Reform UK named substitutes –

Councillor A Albert
Councillor F Beechey
Councillor A Bullock

Conservative named substitute -

Councillor J Lepoidevin

Political Balance 2026/27	
Conservative	1
Green	0
Labour	3
Reform UK	3

COVENTRY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Councillor K Caan Cabinet Member for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing
(Chair)

Councillor G Duggins Leader of the Council

Councillor M Mutton Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Councillor L Bigham Cabinet Member for Adult Services

Councillor J Gardiner Reform UK Representative

Director of Care, Health and Housing Services (Statutory Appointment)

Director of Children’s and Education Services (Statutory Appointment)

Director of Public Health and Wellbeing (Statutory Appointment)

Coventry Healthwatch – 2 representatives (Statutory Appointment)

Coventry, Warwickshire, Hereford and Worcestershire
Integrated Care Board – 2 representatives

Coventry University – Vice-Chancellor (or representative)

Warwick University – Vice-Chancellor (or representative)

NHS England – 1 representative

West Midlands Police – 1 representative

West Midlands Fire Service – Operations Commander Coventry

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust – 1 representative

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire – Chief Executive or representative

A representative of one of the partner organisations to be appointed as Deputy Chair

Note: The Board may amend the non-statutory and non-Elected Member appointments to the Board as it thinks appropriate.

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/2027**

DELEGATED APPROVAL

Forums

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Adoption Central England (ACE) (formerly Adoption Panel)	Councillor J Jones	N	Considers the placement of children for adoption having regard to background information given to the Panel on the child/proposed placement	6 meetings per year
Fostering Panel	Councillor A Tucker	N	Considers the placement of children for fostering bearing in mind background information on the child/proposed placement given to the panel	25 meetings per year

Partnerships

ORGANISATION	2026/2027 (Lead Member for Council reporting purposes in bold)	DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD	PURPOSE	FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS and AGM
Coventry Canal Advisory Board	Councillor J McNicholas	N	Advises on the transformation of canals and rivers into spaces local people want to visit	Approx. twice per year
Children and Young People's Partnership Board	<p>Councillor M Mutton - CM for Children and Young People</p> <p>Councillor A Khan – CM for Education, Skills and Equalities</p> <p>Councillor A Cole – Shadow CM for Education, Skills and Equalities</p> <p>Councillor J Fearn – Shadow CM for Children and Young People</p>	N	Ensures that within the context of the Children Act 2004 services are jointly and efficiently commissioned	Meets monthly – Board currently suspended
Integrated Care System Partnership for Coventry and Warwickshire	Councillor K Caan CM for Public Health, Sport, and Wellbeing	N	A statutory committee, bringing together the NHS and local authorities as equal partners to focus more widely on health, public health and social care	TBC

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West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership	Councillor N Akhtar	N	LA-led partnership which provides structure and forums of engagement for effectively dealing with migration, including economic migration and the benefits, at a local, regional, and national level.	Meets quarterly

Outside Bodies

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Belgrade Theatre Trust (Coventry) Limited	Councillor S Akhter Hon Alderman T Skipper	Y	The promotion, maintenance, improvement, and advancement of arts education or for the encouragement of the arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meetings: 4 times per year. • Board Away Days: 2 times per year. • Committee Meetings: 4 times per year. • Optional adhoc sessions: 2 times per year. • Total: 12 meetings per year, approx. 30 hours. <p>AGM held in September.</p>
Birmingham Airport - Consultative Committee	Councillor J Innes	N	To enable aerodrome operators, communities in the vicinity of the aerodrome, local authorities, local business representatives, aerodrome users and other interested parties to exchange information/ideas; to allow the concerns of interested parties to be raised and taken into account by the aerodrome operators; and to complement the legal framework within which the aerodrome operates	Meets monthly. AGM held in June

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Birmingham International Airport Holdings Limited - Board of Directors	<p>Councillor J McNicholas (Authorised to exercise the Council's vote at General Meetings. Substitutes not permitted)</p> <p>(Appointment expires June 2027)</p>	Y	Airport Company Board of Directors	6 meetings per year. AGM held in July.
Coventry Ambassadors Social Enterprise Board	Councillor L Kelly	N	To continue the development of Coventry Ambassadors to enable them to play a key role in future events for the City	Meetings as required
Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited - Advisory Forum	<p>Councillor L Kelly</p> <p>Councillor A Hopkins</p> <p>Councillor F Beechey</p> <p>Councillor J Gardiner</p>	N	Consider the waste disposal activities and financial results of the joint account for the two Authorities	Meets once per year

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Coventry and Solihull Waste Disposal Company Limited - Shareholders' Panel	<p>Councillor P Hetherton (Authorised to exercise the Council's vote at General Meetings)</p> <p>Councillor S Nazir (from 04/09/24) (Substitute for exercising Council's vote at General Meetings)</p> <p>Councillor M Lapsa</p>	N	The Panel oversees the operation of the Waste Disposal Company	Meets twice per year and informal meetings as and when required
Central England Law Centre – Coventry	<p>Councillor A Tucker</p> <p>Councillor L Bigham</p>	N	Employs Solicitors and paralegals to offer free legal advice and representation in the areas of housing, immigration, employment and discrimination, education, mental health, community care and welfare benefits to the people of Coventry	Meets monthly

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Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre - Board	Councillor R Singh Councillor J Wells Councillor M Greenhalgh	N	Oversees the work of the Centre which covers the main categories of: 1) Help for asylum seekers with subsistence, housing, health, and racial harassment 2) Help set up home for those given leave to remain	Meets monthly except for August and December. AGM held in September
Historic Coventry Trust - Board of Trustees	Councillor A Kaur	N	To protect city heritage assets	4 meetings per year.
Local Government Association - General Assembly	3 Labour Appointments – nominees of the Leader Cllr J Gardiner	N	Acts as the "parliament" for local government	Meets once per year in July (Annual Conference held in July)
Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLJC)	Councillor J McNicholas (CM Community Safety and Cohesion)	N	Puts in place adjudication arrangements for parking Penalty Charge Notice appeals	Meetings held approx. every 3 months

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Police and Crime Panel	<p>Councillor J McNicholas</p> <p>Councillor P Akhtar – Substitute Member</p> <p>Councillor J Gardiner</p> <p>Councillor C Phillips – Substitute Member</p>	N	The Police and Crime Commissioners are held to account on an on-going basis by the Panel	Meets 7 times per year. AGM held in June
Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (Severn and Wye)	Councillor P Hetherton	N	Considers matters relating to the flood risk programme for the midlands region, capital schemes, maintenance policy, strategy and funding.	Meets quarterly
Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education (SACRE)	<p>Councillor A Khan - Cabinet Member for Education and Skills (appointment expires May 2028)</p> <p>Councillor S Jobbar (appointment expires May 2030)</p>	N	To advise Coventry City Council on matters connected with religious worship in community schools and religious education given in accordance with the local Agreed Syllabus.	3 meetings per year - October, January and June. Additional meeting 'Agreed Syllabus Conference' once every 5 years to formally approve Agreed Syllabus.

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SIGOMA (Special Interest Groups of Municipal Authorities)	Councillor R Singh Councillor S Nazir (Substitute Member)	N	Represents most large towns and cities in North, Mids, and South coast regions as the collective voice of urban areas across regions, working to release the opportunities and potential of the communities represented	Meets monthly. AGM held in July.
University of Warwick Science Park Business Innovation Centre Board	Councillor L Kelly	Y – Non-Executive	Management Board for the body.	Approx. Quarterly
West Midlands Combined Authority (Board)	Councillor G Duggins Councillor L Kelly Councillor A Khan (Substitute) Councillor N Akhtar (substitute)	Y	Management Board for the combined authority to improve economic growth and transport for local authorities in the economic area	Monthly

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West Midlands Combined Authority Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee	Councillor S Nazir Councillor K Sandhu (Substitute Member)	N	Responsible for matters concerning internal audit, including risk management, and the promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct and ethical governance.	Bi-monthly
West Midlands Combined Authority Employment Committee	Councillor G Duggins	N	The committee discharges the functions of the WMCA in respect of the appointment, dismissal or other disciplinary action relating to the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer, s151 Officer or other director-level posts within the WMCA in accordance with the constitution and relevant employment policies and procedures.	Ad-hoc
West Midlands Combined Authority Investment Board	Councillor L Kelly	N	To make investment decisions on behalf of the WMCA relating to applications made in accordance with the Investment Programme that underpinned the devolution agreement, along with any other investment proposals	Monthly

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West Midlands Combined Authority Investment Zone Board	Councillor L Kelly (Voting Member)	N	Overall responsibility for developing and delivering the West Midlands Investment Zone and ensuring accountability to Government for its successful and compliant implementation	Meets 3-4 times a year (March, July, September/October, and December) on Wednesday or Thursday at 10am
West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor R Singh Councillor J Gardiner	N	To review and/or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the West Midlands Combined Authority	Bi-monthly
West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Delivery Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor P Akhtar Councillor F Beechey	N	To review and/or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of any functions related to transport which are the responsibility of the West Midlands Combined Authority	To be scheduled in line with work programme (Approx 7 times per year)

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West Midlands Employers (WME) Shareholder Board	Councillor H Rehman	N	West Midlands Employers (WME) acts as an expert advisor, partner, and enabler for Elected Members, senior management, and staff at all levels to help the region create a resilient public sector workforce.	Quarterly
West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillor E Ruane Councillor J Jones	N	Statutory responsibilities to the community of the West Midlands	Meets 5 times per year (Policy Planning Forum, comprising all members, meets 8 times per year)
West Midlands Pensions Committee	Councillor R Singh	N	To oversee the pensions administration and investment expenses relating to the West Midlands Metropolitan Authorities Pensions Fund	Meets every four months

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West Midlands Rail Ltd – Board	Councillor P Akhtar (Principal Director) Councillor L Kelly	Y	The Board provides West Midlands Rail with strategic and policy guidance towards developing a new, local passenger rail franchise for the West Midlands, as well as gaining influence over other key routes across the region	Meets quarterly
West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee	Councillor G Duggins (Voting Member) Councillor L Kelly Councillor C Phillips	N	Appoints officers to advise the Districts and Airport Committee on Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited and exercises the powers and rights of the Districts as shareholders of the Company	6 meetings per year

Charities

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Bond's Hospital Estate Charity Trustees	<p>Mrs F Abbott (Appointment expires 31st May 2027)</p> <p>Mr J Clifford – (Appointment confirmed until 31st May 2028)</p> <p>Councillor W Davies</p>	N	Charitable organisation that manages property for the benefit of the elderly	Three times per year in February, May and November
Coventry Association for International Friendship	Mr Ram Lakha	N	Brings together organisations and individuals to promote International friendship and create closer ties between citizens of Coventry and its twinned towns	Monthly meetings except August and December (AGM held in May).

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*Coventry Church (Municipal) Charities Trustees	1 Vacancy Mr J Clifford Mr D Kershaw	N	Charitable body for the relief of poverty for elderly people	Quarterly in March, June, September and December – Cllrs expected to attend 1 per annum.
*Bond's and Ford's Almshouse Charity Trustees	1 Vacancy Mr J Clifford Mr D Kershaw	N	Charitable body to provide sheltered accommodation to the poor and needy citizens of Coventry	Four times per year once the charity is operational
Coventry Citizens' Advice Bureau Board of Trustees	Councillor K Sandhu (Appointment expires May 2029)	N	Manages the business of the bureau	Bi-monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 5.45pm - 7.30pm

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Coventry General Charities Trustees	Mr Ram Lakha Councillor W Davies	N	Yearly payment to vicar/church wardens of ecclesiastical parish of St Michael for the poor; yearly payment to Governors of Monks Kirby exhib foundation; relief for persons in conditions of need, hardship, or distress; payment of pensions to poor people, preference given to Freemen of the City; general advancement of education to under 25's, preference given to sons/daughters of the City	Monthly and 3 monthly sub-committee meetings on a rota basis (AGM held in January).
Daimler Green Recreational Trust	Cllr M Mutton (Term of office expires May 2028)	N	Established to take responsibility for the community facilities being provided at Daimler Green.	Monthly
Sir Charles Barratt Memorial Foundation	Councillor G Hayre Councillor A Bullock	N	Charitable body that gives grants for musical instruments	Twice per year (AGM held in January).
Soothern and Craner Educational Foundation	Mrs Faye Abbott Mrs Catherine Miks Mrs Christine Thomas Councillor D McCann	N	To assist girls of Friends (Quakers) in Coventry and other girls in the City by means of monetary grants	Once per year. AGM held in July/August

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Swillington's Charity Trustees	Councillor K Caan Councillor R Singh	N	Charity for the general benefit of the poor in the City of Coventry	Bi-monthly
Tom Mann Centre Trust Management Committee	Councillor M Mutton (Trustee) Councillor J McNicholas (Management Committee Member) Councillor R Singh (Management Committee Member) (All appointments expire May 2029)	N	Charity fund to promote the life of Tom Mann and his involvement with Trade Unions	Once per year

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William Proffitt's Charity	Councillor S Nazir Mrs F Abbott Councillor A Khan	N	Education of the poor - money distributed to Charities and Schools in the parish of Foleshill	Twice per year in March and December