

Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2020
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Virtual Meeting

Membership

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Chair)
Councillor Dave Shilton (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Jenny Fradgley
Councillor Seb Gran
Councillor John Holland
Councillor Andy Jenns
Councillor Keith Kondakor
Councillor Bhagwant Singh Pandher
Councillor Caroline Phillips
Councillor Andrew Wright

Items on the agenda: -

1. General

(1) Apologies

(2) Member's Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

(3) Chair's Announcements

(4) Minutes of Previous Meeting

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2. Public Speaking

3. Questions to Portfolio Holder

4. West Midlands Railway Executive and West Midlands Trains

15 - 26

External speakers will give a briefing on the changes and updates to West Midlands Railway:
Malcolm Holmes (Executive Director, WMRE)

Jonny Wiseman (Customer Experience Director, West Midlands Trains) and Francis Thomas (head of Corporate Affairs, West Midlands Trains).

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| 5. WCC Covid Recovery Approach | 27 - 42 |
| (1) Economic Development Update | 43 - 46 |
| This briefing note update will focus on developments made during the Covid-19 period. | |
| 6. School Safety Zones and Routes Concluding Report | 47 - 56 |
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| 8. Urgent Items | |
| 9. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information | |
| “That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the items below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended” | |
| 10. Exempt Minutes for 12 February 2020 | 61 - 62 |
| To approve the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2020 | |

Monica Fogarty
Chief Executive
Warwickshire County Council
Shire Hall, Warwick

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Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 12 February 2020

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Councillor Alan Cockburn (Chair)
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Councillor Jenny Fradgley
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Councillor Andrew Wright

Portfolio Holders

Councillor Peter Butlin (Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property)
Councillor Jeff Clarke (Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning)
Councillor Andy Crump (Portfolio Holder for Fire and Community Safety)
Councillor Heather Timms (Portfolio Holder for Environment, Heritage and Culture)

Officers

David Ayton-Hill (Assistant Director – Communities)
Nicholas Dauncey (Principal Transport Planner)
Isabelle Moorhouse (Trainee Democratic Services Officer)
Janet Neale (Infrastructure Delivery Manager)
Andrew Pau (Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Waste & Environment))
Mark Ryder (Strategic Director for Communities)
Margaret Smith (Team Leader Transport Planning)
Paul Taylor (Traffic and Safety Manager)
Scott Tompkins (Assistant Director for Environment Services)

Public Speaker

Ms Linda Bromley

1. General

(1) Apologies

None

(2) Member's Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary Interests

None

(3) Chair's Announcements

The Chair thanked Tom McColgan, for his help with supporting the committee and wished him luck in his new job.

(4) Minutes of Previous Meeting

(I) Minutes of the meeting on 27 November 2019

The minutes were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendments; Councillor Keith Kondakor stated that on page 2 it should state Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and not Bedworth Town Council.

(II) Minutes of the special meeting on 9 January 2020

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

2. Public Speaking

Linda Bromley spoke on "What has happened to our Trading Standards service". She stated that in October 2019 she went to register a complaint with Trading Standards and discovered that the Citizens Advice Bureau now answer Trading Standards calls. Ms Bromley consulted with 'Which?' legal services and was advised that her complaint involved mis-selling which was covered by Consumer Acts and Regulations. Ms Bromley went through the Trading Standards complaints procedure, but her complaint was not addressed and there was no recourse to appeal and no other authority to complain to. She stated that her issue was within the remit of Trading Standards and she had not received any contact since 10th October 2019. Ms Bromley contacted them on the 31st January 2020 for an update on her complaint. She was advised that although all complaints are referred to Trading Standards, they may not all be investigated. The Citizen Advice advisor did not possess the relevant knowledge and she received incorrect advice for her complaint.

In response to Linda Bromley, Councillor Andy Crump (Portfolio Holder for Fire & Rescue and Community Safety), commended Warwickshire's Trading Standards for protecting the public. They investigated cases involving counterfeit goods and preventing commodities being sold to underage consumers. Councillor Crump concluded that for Ms Bromley's complaint to be acted upon, there would have to be a pattern of complaints. Councillor Crump stated that Trading Standards had a press release regarding rogue traders, and they are working hard on cyber fraud to protect vulnerable people.

Jonathon Toy, Service Manager (Trading Standards & Community Safety), confirmed that complaints for Trading Standards go through Citizens Advice and there are several resolution options that the service can pass on. He stated there is a resolution body which would take on and resolve a complaint. He continued that Warwickshire is not reducing its Trading Standards, but Ms Bromley's circumstances was not an issue that Trading Standards would take on.

3. Questions to Portfolio Holders

Following the briefing paper circulated to members on housing developments, Councillor John Holland requested the local plans and government population forecasts are put together for the June Communities OSC meeting. It was agreed this will go to the June Communities Chair and Spokes meeting instead.

In response to Councillor Caroline Phillips, Councillor Jeff Clarke (Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning), stated that delegated budgets are being put through a new format to resolve ongoing delays. He agreed to investigate Councillor Philips' schemes after the meeting.

In response to the Chair, Scott Tompkins (Assistant Director for Environmental Services), informed the committee that a draft paper for the delivery on delegated budget schemes will go to Corporate Board and Cabinet in the spring. The new format will include officers having ownership for schemes so there will be one contact.

In response to Councillor Kondakor, Councillor Clarke stated that streetlights were only left on when requested by the Police and highways officers in windy weather conditions. Councillor Clarke agreed to have this reviewed for future adverse weather conditions.

In response to Councillor Dave Shilton, Councillor Clarke agreed to pursue an ongoing query with Stagecoach regarding bus timetables.

(1) Economic Development Update

David Ayton-Hill (Assistant Director of Communities) responded to a question from Councillor Kondakor, confirming that the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre (UKBIC) is a mixture of research and development (R&D) and small-scale manufacturing but this may increase in the future.

In response to the Chair, David Ayton-Hill confirmed that the Nuneaton town board is the governance arrangement that Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council will use to apply for a bid to the government for the towns' fund; the board needed to be set up to apply for the town fund. Councillor Peter Butlin, Councillor Bill Olnor and Councillor Clarke are on the town board.

David Ayton-Hill noted that there have been more cars on the road despite the council promoting the opposite. He continued that Warwickshire's economy is benefitting from research and development into electric vehicles.

David Ayton-Hill agreed to circulate a briefing note on the sources of the components from the battery centre and the carbon footprint they produce. Councillor Peter Butlin (Portfolio Holder for Finance and Property) stated that there remains a question mark over the ethical basis of some of the sources of battery components. Councillor Kondakor stated that Warwickshire should recycle batteries as the unethical materials would already be in the UK.

In response to Councillor Shilton, David Ayton-Hill stated an electric charging vehicle strategy is being developed and a grant has been received from the government to implement electric charging points in Warwickshire. He continued that they are working on a concession contract with a company where revenues would be shared with charging points and this will be rolled out.

4. Road Safety

Paul Taylor (Traffic and Safety Manager) presented the report. He advised the committee that the statistics show KSI's (killed or seriously injured) trended downwards in 2019 but this will not be confirmed until mid-2020.

Paul Taylor stated that there are reduced resources with safety initiatives, and they are left with difficult engineering work to carry out. Sites with a high collision rates have been identified; six sites have received funding to improve engineering amendments and four sites belong to Highways England who are being consulted with.

The engineering schemes undertaken are the council's responsibility and these are being worked on with its partners and investors.

The meeting was informed that Warwickshire has a successful education scheme which is delivered by the Police and Fire and Rescue service. A new governance structure for the Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has been implemented; the Strategic Board meet twice annually, and the Operational Board will convene in the next few weeks. The Operational Board will be looking at gaps and overlaps across all partners and they are primarily focused on intervention schemes.

Paul Taylor stated they are allocated £350,000 for smaller casualty reduction schemes and CIF (Capital Investment Fund) allocated £5 million between 2018-2024; this funding is used for speed cameras and major schemes.

Paul Taylor stated officers can raise concerns with hard shoulders, smart motorways and recent serious accidents with Highways England who are in the Road Safety Partnership. He confirmed that the education strategies promote wearing bicycle helmets and encourage safe cycling.

Councillor Crump added that motor users and pedestrians need education on road safety. He added that the Fire and Rescue Service have problems with motorway congestion when attending traffic accidents; Councillor Crump is speaking with the Chief Fire Officer and will raise this issue with him.

Mark Ryder (Strategic Director for Communities) raised that the Department for Transport (DfT) have paused rolling out smart motorways, therefore speculation should be avoided until the DfT have completed their review of smart motorways.

Paul Taylor stated accidents tended to be worse in North Warwickshire due to the large concentration of people and traffic in the area, but this is being resolved with the funding for the high collision areas.

Councillor Kondakor noted that the committee have not had the data broken down and it is useful to look at the different road users and look at fatalities on all roads.

The Chair asked for a breakdown of road casualties and KSIs.

In response to the Chair, Paul Taylor stated a design has been prepared to improve the Warwick to Harbury Road and it is parallel running with a large-scale development. The development may be funded by the council until the development funding is available.

Janet Neale (Infrastructure Development Manager) clarified that this junction is linked to the development of 3000 homes at Gaydon so it will be delivered through a S278 scheme. The scheme was approved before houses started development and it needs to be implemented when 120 houses are occupied. The scheme is on S278 rather than S106 because the risks of financial overspend are removed and fall on the developer rather than the council.

In response to the Chair, Paul Taylor stated there is a maintenance issue with vehicle activated road signs and there is a low budget for them. It was agreed that funding can be looked at for these signs.

Resolved

That the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the report on road safety and requests that officers provide further details of the extent of serious (KSI) accidents on Warwickshire's roads.

5. Warwickshire Major Road Network (MRN) Proposed Programme and Priorities

Nicholas Dauncey (Principal Transport Planner) presented the report. He stated that the MRN are government designated strategic roads and it is the Council's role is to connect with the Strategic Road Network. Nicholas Dauncey stated the MRN is essential to maintain for economic growth and the DfT have set out objectives, including supporting housing delivery, supporting resilience on the strategic road network and supporting all road users. Special measures for cyclists, pedestrians and bus permeability are also expected in the scheme delivery.

The committee was informed that Midlands Connect is the responsible body for the MRN in Coventry and Warwickshire. Midlands Connect has stated that between 2020-2025, schemes with a good business case would be prioritised. Nicholas Dauncey stated they are currently prioritising the 2025-2030 funding so the council is in a position to put schemes forward that will receive funding. He added that they are also looking at other sources of funding to ensure the road schemes go ahead. Nicholas Dauncey stated that the report is to evaluate emerging schemes against National and Local Transport Plan objectives and Midlands Connect deliverability criteria.

He added that in view of the climate emergency declaration in Warwickshire, developers' schemes need to provide incentives for non-motorised road users to take advantage of the funding provided. Nicholas Dauncey concluded that the County Council is looking at purchasing new air quality software to monitor this across Warwickshire.

In response to Councillor Shilton, Nicholas Dauncey stated that a construction management plan will be implemented in Kenilworth. He added they are looking at a review of the Local Transport Plan so aviation and air quality will be looked at.

In response to Councillor Kondakor, Nicholas Dauncey responded that as part of the Nuneaton transformation they are looking at developing a sustainable transport strategy and improve connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians; proposals would be brought to committee when they are made. He added that he will contact environmental officers at the district and borough councils regarding monitoring air quality effectively.

In response to Councillor Holland, Nicholas Dauncey stated that the requirements for the MRN will shift depending who uses the network. He concluded that they could segregate part of the road for vulnerable road users.

In response to Councillor Fradgley, Nicholas Dauncey stated that the schemes developed to date have dedicated foot and cycle bridges and he confirmed that the DfT expect cycle lanes as part of the MRN schemes.

Resolved

That the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the contents of the report.

6. S106 Developer Contributions Update

Janet Neale summarised the published report. The last report predicted that the community infrastructure levy (CIL) funding would be implemented across the county by 2018 but it has only been implemented in Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District. Janet Neale stated that the total amount of obligations contained within live S106 agreements as at 2019/20 is £304m which shows rapid development. She concluded that there are many different developments and they need to ensure they met the requirements for the S106; there will be a report for them by the end of the year.

In response to the Chair, Janet Neale stated that developers are rarely asked to contribute funding upfront as the developer needs to make money and the land is worth more after development.

In response to Councillor Andy Jenns, Janet Neale stated that it is up to the district and borough councils if they wish to roll out S106. She continued that boroughs usually wait until their local plan is developed as they cannot assess infrastructure cost. If the local council has adopted a Neighbourhood Plan, 25% of any CIL income collected in that area goes directly to them. If a local council does not have plan, they can get 15% on any CIL income which is capped at £100 per dwelling.

Janet Neale stated they have been working with the council's debt recovery regarding developers who do not pay S106 contributions on time; they contact developers 10 days before they are invoiced, and this cuts out some of the deadline.

Janet Neale agreed to circulate the breakdown spreadsheet for any councillors who wish to see it.

In response to Councillor Kondakor, Janet Neale replied that one reason for the differences in funding from education contributions across the county was the amount of school capacity in different parts of Warwickshire. Funding could only be secured if additional capacity was needed, which was now the case in the north of Warwickshire.

Resolved

That the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the contents of the report and the current position relating to Section 106 and Developer Contributions.

7. Waste Management Review

Andrew Pau (Strategy and Commissioning Manager (Waste & Environment)) presented the item. The review started a year ago, but for a series of reasons the production of the final report was delayed, however, an action plan was provided. Andrew Pau stated that the government have had the first round of consultation on a new Resources and Waste Strategy for England, but this will not be published until the summer of 2020. He continued that the government's final strategy should be published in 2021. The action plan focused on household recycling and recycle centres which are managed by council. Some of these actions have already been completed and they intend to focus on the other actions by improving plans, reviewing the joint waste strategy and developing a new household Waste Recycling Centre Strategy. Andrew Pau concluded that a major part of the business is heavily dependent on the government's new Resources and Waste Strategy for England, therefore it is important to wait until this has been finalised.

In response to Councillor Shilton, Andrew Pau stated that recycling and composting are one of the core objectives of Warwickshire's Joint Waste Strategy which has been agreed by all districts and boroughs and the county. He continued that every household in the county have the maximum opportunity to recycle and waste is now prioritised due to the climate change agenda. Andrew Pau agreed more could be done with educating the disposal of electronic goods. Councillor Kondakor observed that minimising waste needed to be looked at and there needs to be a data consistency with regards to other reports received by the committee.

Andrew Pau stated that they are focusing on minimising waste first and then maximising recycling and composting. Regarding maximising energy recovery with residual waste, the main methods of energy recovery are burning or landfilling; however, this is constrained by environmental and cost reasons. Andrew Pau continued that several authorities charge for green waste, but this increases home composting. He concluded this is manageable in the council.

Resolved

That the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Notes the report including the recommendations and actions in the action plan attached.
- 2) Agrees the service area response and timetables as set out in the report.

Requests that a further report be presented to the committee after the government strategy has been published.

8. One Organisational Plan Quarterly Progress Report - Q3

David Ayton-Hill introduced the item and reminded the committee that the report provides an overview of key indicators and can be accessed through the new Power BI system.

In response to Councillor Kondakor, David Ayton-Hill stated that they will look at where it is possible to accelerate and bring forward capital spend but it is not always possible.

David Ayton-Hill stated there are some key targets that have not been met, for example KSI's are higher and the GVA (Gross Value Added) is slightly lower than preferred but performance indicators have been met. David Ayton-Hill continued that savings in the communities' sector have been met, excluding the permit parking schemes due to this being delayed.

Resolved

The report was noted.

9. Communities OSC Work Programme

Members noted the work programme. With regards to the Local Transport Plan, the Chair stated the council is halfway through the 10-year plan and there have been huge changes within four years. The Chair continued that there will be a five-year review, and this will come back to the council. Mark Ryder added that they need to see when this can be fitted in for the committee and when they have enough information, this paper will be brought into programme. With regards to air quality, results need to be collated and scrutinised before this comes to committee.

The Chair recommended that slippage comes back to scrutiny after the new monitoring process has been implemented for a few months. Mark Ryder concurred with this stating they are looking at how to report it. It was agreed this could come to the June committee meeting. The committee was informed that the Chief Executive of the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) agreed to come back to Communities OSC to answer questions. The Chair suggested that officers of the Air Quality Task and Finish Group come back to committee at the same time as the Air Quality Monitors.

Resolved

That the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Notes the work programme
- 2) Requests that the LEP be invite to a future meeting of the committee.
- 3) That Officers of the Air Quality Task and Finish Group come back to committee to provide an update of their progress

10. Urgent Items

None.

11. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

The meeting went into a closed session for the Nuckle report item.

Councillor Kondakor expressed his disapproval of the Nuckle report being exempt due to public interest.

Resolved

That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the items below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

12.Nuckle 1.2. Bay platform at Coventry station

Margaret Smith (Team Leader Transport Planning) presented the report.

Resolved

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations as set out in the exempt minutes.

The meeting rose at 16:38.

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Chair

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Warwickshire County Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee

17 June 2020



West
Midlands
Trains

Kenilworth Update

- Pre- Covid (start 2020)
- Footfall up 16% y/y
- Ticket sales up 26% y/y
- Despite poor performance in 2nd half of 2019 and industrial action
- New stations take time to bed in



Kenilworth Update



- May 2019 saw longer & newer trains on the route running through Leamington- Nuneaton
- Innovative approach to station building use
- Our Head of Communities is providing business coaching & support to station tenant

Covid 19 & West Midlands Railway

- Since lockdown passenger numbers down 95%
- Reduced timetable from 1 April
- Timetable reduced as fewer people travelling and Covid Virus was reducing the amount of rail staff available to work.
- 1 in 4 WMT workers have been affected – that number has now fallen to around 1 in 70
- Safety of customers & colleagues our priority

Safe Travels.

These are unprecedented times for the country, and for the railway. COVID-19 has impacted every aspect of our day-to-day lives, including the way we travel.

At West Midlands Railway, we have been doing all we can to keep your railway running as normally as possible, but these are not normal times. As you travel through our stations and on our trains, you will begin to notice some changes to your travelling environment, not least the greatly reduced number of passengers.

Following the government advice that people should avoid non-essential travel, we have built a plan to keep everyone moving who needs to. Under this plan, we have made some important changes to the way we run our trains:

- Some of our ticket offices and other station retail outlets may close or operate to shortened hours
- We have relaxed our policies on refunds so customers can cancel or change their travel plans more easily
- We have stepped up our cleaning regime, focusing on high-touch areas such as hand rails and hard surfaces
- We are limiting close personal contact between our staff and the travelling public. For this reason you may not see the conductor on your train but be assured they are there if needed in an emergency
- Our frontline staff, such as those on trains, at stations and in depots, cannot work from home. Many are coming to work while dealing with difficult personal circumstances relating to COVID-19. We ask you to understand the environment they are working in and support them as we all deal with these unprecedented circumstances

Thank you for your support



First Steps



- Stepped up our cleaning & focus on high touch areas
- Emphasis on electronic or contactless payments
- Easier on-line purchase & refunds
- Changed work methods to protect colleagues & customers
- Communicate, communicate, Communicate

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exposure

- wmr.uk/coronavirus (views) – 64,483 (+2,048 vs last week)
- [Timetable page](#) (views) – 42,030 (+1,626 vs last week)
- [Downloaded TT](#) (downloads) – 24,852 (+794 vs last week)
- [Key worker online form](#) (submissions) = 67/124 (+4 vs last wk)
- [Station posters](#)
- [Facebook](#) (followers) - 6,228 (+7 vs last week)
- [Twitter](#) (followers) - 27,429 (+0 vs last week)
- [Instagram](#) (followers) - 989 (+8 vs last week)
- [Email](#) (sent) - 19

West Midlands Railway advice

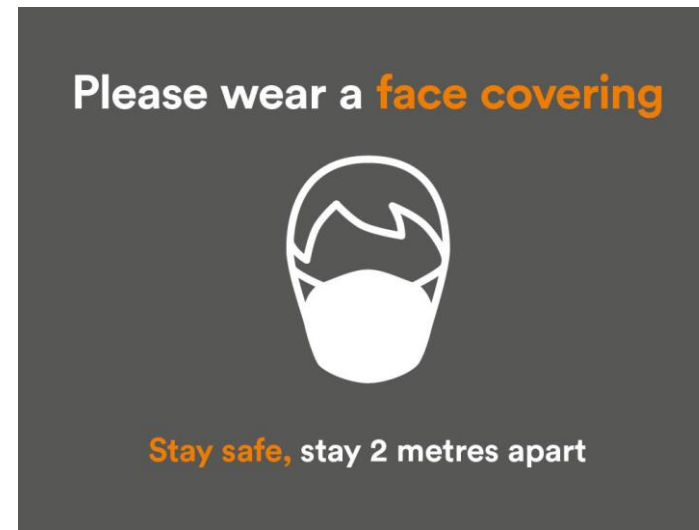
As the country slowly changes its lockdown measures, West Midlands Railway are asking you to only travel by train if your journey is necessary to help keep services for essential workers.

They will be running the longest trains and the most frequent service they possibly can, but the current social distancing rules mean there are far fewer places for passengers than normal.

If you have no alternative, then please read their travel guidelines which will help you understand how you need to prepare before you set off including: wear a face covering, carry hand sanitiser and wash your hands before/after your travel.

Please remember – all train times and service frequency have changed, we need you to plan ahead and buy online and avoid busier times if you can.

[Read their helpful travel guidelines here](#)

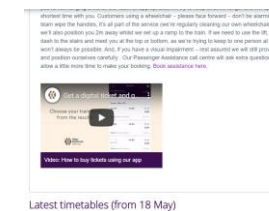


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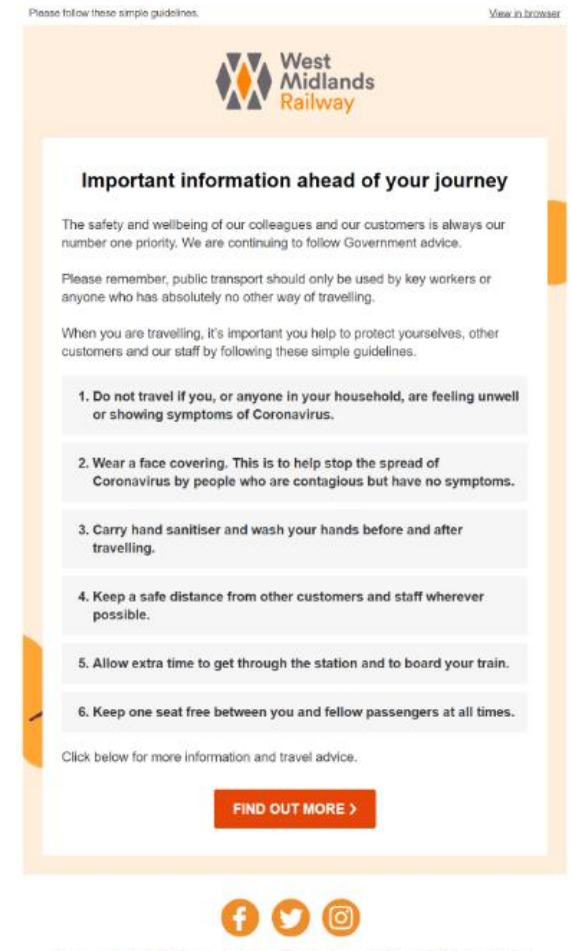
Please read these statements in relation to your planned journey and tick to confirm. If any of these statements remain unticked, please do not travel and click 'Go back'.

- ☐ Neither myself or anyone in my household are showing symptoms of Covid-19.
- ☐ My travel is essential because I'm a key worker, or a worker not able to work from home.
- ☐ I have considered other ways to travel and travelling at less busy times.
- ☐ I will adhere to social distancing at stations/on train wherever possible and acknowledge government advice about using face coverings on public transport.

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Frequently asked questions	
Should I be travelling on the trains?	+
Is it safe to travel on the train?	+
Can I use the train if I have cold or flu-like symptoms?	+
Should I wear a face-covering when using the train?	+
Will there be a one-way system at the station?	+
How can I maintain social distancing on my journey?	+
What can I do if I want to cancel or change my travel plans due to coronavirus?	+
I am concerned about carriages being too full to practice social distancing?	+



Easing Restrictions – New Challenges

- Risk assessed all our for Social Distancing
- New wayfinding & one -way systems
- Extra announcements and posters on trains and stations
- Queueing systems to be introduced as patronage rises
- Practical advice on use of lifts and keeping a four steps gap on stairs and escalators
- Floor markers to re-enforce the 2 metre message
- Applied SD principles to everything from ticket barriers and station benches to toilets and Ticket Vending Machines



Public Information Campaign



- Raise awareness of SD on rail
- Work with WMCA, TfWM, WMGRC and the Metro-Mayor
- DfT & RDG
- Drive public policy and common communications approach
- Around 200 national, regional and local TV & Radio pieces

Stakeholders

- Two stakeholder newsletters
- O&S presentations
- MP briefings
- Rail User Groups.
- Stakeholder Equality Groups
- CBI, BID & CBD briefings
- Partner VLOGs and Podcasts



Customers



Please wear a **face covering**



Stay safe, stay 2 metres apart

**Necessary
journeys
only.**



West Midlands Railway

Published by Jess White [?] · May 22 at 10:14 AM ·

Here is a message from our sister company.



Lawrence Bowman
Deputy Managing Director



Quieter times
10am-3pm / after 6pm



Chat (50)



West Midlands Railway

Published by Jess White [?] · May 24 at 10:00 AM ·

Need help keeping the kids entertained this bank holiday? Don't forget to check out our Brain Trainer zone online where you will find plenty of activities to keep your little ones busy!

Check it out here >> wmr.uk/braintrainer



West Midlands Railway

Published by Jess White [?] · May 22 at 3:00 PM ·

Mental Health Awareness Week is an annual campaign aimed at raising awareness of mental health and to inspire action to promote the message of good mental health for all. We spoke to our IT apprentice, Mia, who has kindly shared her story on her own experiences with mental health and wants to share her message to the world.

Read Mia's story >> <https://bit.ly/2TrHMDf>

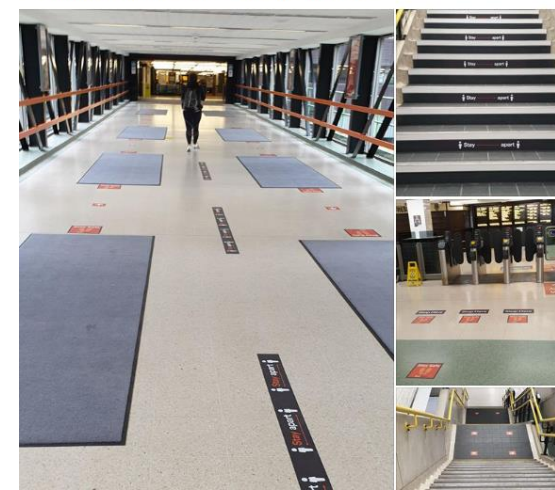


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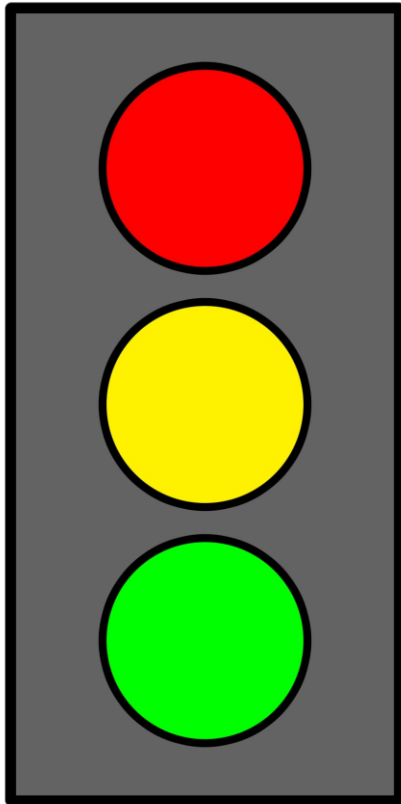
Published by Jess White [?] · May 23 at 10:00 AM ·

We are taking extra measures to ensure that those who do need to travel are travelling as safely and easily as possible. Over the upcoming weeks, we will be installing more signage at our stations like this. So, if you are travelling with us, please keep an eye out for our extra safety signage and please remember, we are only operating for necessary journeys.

For more information visit >> wmr.uk/coronavirus



Next Steps



- Developing a RAG system to inform passengers about SD levels
- 15 June non-essential shops re-open
- 5 July ramp-up services
- SD will be with us for the foreseeable future
- Keep communicating



Quieter times

10am-3pm / after 6pm



Allow
**extra
time**



Buy
tickets
online



Avoid
busier
times



Wear a
face covering

Carry **hand sanitiser**
or **wash** your hands
before/after you travel



Necessary journeys only.

Responsible travel starts [here](#) >



Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Covid-19 Recovery

17 June 2020

Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. Receives and comments on the County Council's approach to Covid-19 Recovery, as set out in the attached Cabinet report.
2. Comments on the specific issues relevant to the remit of this Committee that should be considered in the development of the Recovery Plan which is due to be submitted to Cabinet in September.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This paper aims to provide an overview of the Council's approach to recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, as set out in the attached paper, considered by Cabinet on the 11 June.
- 1.2 Key to this work will be the development of a Recovery Plan that will be submitted to Cabinet for approval in September. This report seeks this Committee's comments on the approach to the development of the Recovery Plan as relevant to the remit of the Committee.
- 1.3 Following approval of the Recovery Plan, Overview and Scrutiny Committees will continue to have a role to play in recovery, particularly over the longer term as we move into the delivery phase. We will be building consideration of how we best achieve this into our review of scrutiny which we had planned pre-Covid and which we are preparing to restart in coming weeks.

2. Supporting Information

- 2.1 For the past three months the Council has focused on responding to the Covid-19 crisis, working closely with key partners, locally, regionally and nationally.
- 2.2 Attention is now focused on developing a longer-term plan to support recovery from the crisis. Our Recovery approach includes the following key elements, with further details in the Cabinet report:

- Principles and objectives to guide recovery
- Efforts at local, county, sub/regional and national levels
- Phasing of efforts over
 - Foundation: 0-3 months,
 - Consolidation: 3-9 months
 - Acceleration: over 10 months
- Four themes of the recovery approach, focused on:
 - Place, Economy & Climate
 - Community and Voluntary Sector
 - Health, wellbeing and social care
 - Organisation, including the reinstating of services
- Engaging Members, staff, partners, business and the public on our recovery planning.

2.3 We are now in the Foundation stage and focusing on:

- standing up and reinstating WCC services in line with the national guidance about Covid-secure spaces, including workplaces.
- seizing immediate opportunities to support communities/business.
- establishing recovery governance and approach; and
- engaging with the regional approach to setting recovery priorities including participating in the regional citizens' panel.

2.4 The key output from this phase will be a Recovery Plan that is presented to Cabinet for approval in September.

3. Focus of Response and Plans for Recovery

3.1 During the pandemic, the Council has worked flexibly and adapted in many ways to ensure that the residents, communities and businesses continued to receive key services and were supported to cope with the effects of Covid-19.

3.2 Examples of the responsiveness and actions taken by services within the remit of this Committee, include:

- Implementation of light touch parking enforcement and free parking for NHS staff.
- Working with partners to implement schemes in key town centres to support social distancing.
- Tailored revised road safety campaigns during lockdown and as restrictions are lifted and traffic volumes begin to increase.
- Rapid move to online provision of Diversionary Courses to maintain service delivery.

- Sign-posting and co-ordinating, with partners, Covid-19 specific support for businesses.
- Making accelerated payments to over 1,000 of our suppliers in order to support them with their cashflow.
- Agreeing a “no strings attached” rent free period from April to June, for over 200 businesses in our Business Centres to help reduce their costs.
- Working with Local Resilience Forum partners, Department of Health and Social Care and WCC volunteers to facilitate the provision of emergency PPE supplies.
- Coordinating and providing support to the regional COVID19 multi-agency response structures and sub-groups.
- Working with partners across Warwickshire & the West Midlands to provide a temporary mortuary facility and to ensure that the deceased have been treated with the utmost dignity and respect.
- Trading Standards guidance for Warwickshire businesses on operating during the pandemic such as operating a click and collect service, food industry, landlords, housing and trade industry businesses.
- Supplying teachers in the classroom with remote access and free door-step deliveries of Museums & Heritage loans boxes with real and replica objects, enabling access to resources in place of visiting the museum.
- Created a series of guides to support those groups and individuals who are documenting Warwickshire's experience of Covid-19:
(<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaTrUbnJFkye3w1e4ycGqSIGyrZ-VI8pg>)
- Heritage and Culture weekly posts for families with themed activity suggestions for the under 5s and primary-school aged children.
- Re-opening of household recycling centres with appointment system to ensure safety and wellbeing of our residents.
- Safe re-opening of car parking at country parks to enable greater access and contribute to residents' physical and mental well-being.

3.3 Further detail about the response to the Covid pandemic in relation to economic development activities and the approach to the economic recovery work is considered in more detail in a separate report for this Committee meeting.

3.4 As we emerge from the immediate response phase and move into the delivery phase of our Recovery Plan, there will be a role for the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider aspects of recovery as are relevant to the remit of the Committee. The theme of Place, Economy and Climate (further details of which are set out in the Cabinet paper attached) will be of particular relevance, as may be aspects of the Community and Voluntary Sector theme. It is intended that there will be further opportunities for input from Committee Members as we move into the delivery phase from October onwards and further reports will be brought to the Committee for consideration.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 Work on the change portfolio/Recovery planning will be funded through the Organisational Change fund; the investment funds created in the MTFS are available to support one-off investments which will support recovery effort. The refresh of the rolling five-year MTFS from 2021-22 onwards will be the key mechanism for incorporating longer-term financial impacts of Covid-19.

5. Environmental Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct environmental implications of the proposed recovery approach. Climate change is one of four recovery themes proposed - 'Place, Economy and Climate'.

Appendices

1. Appendix 1 -Cabinet Report, 11 June 2020, Covid-19 recovery and reform

Background Papers

None

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Cabinet

11 June 2020

Covid-19 Recovery and Reform

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- 1) approves the proposed recovery objectives and principles as set out in paragraph 2.2 of this report;
- 2) approves the revised Council Change Portfolio as set out in paragraph 2.6 of this report;
- 3) supports the approach to partnership working at regional, sub-regional and county level, and approves the joint recovery statement (Appendix A);
- 4) authorises the Chief Executive to commence the activity required to develop a recovery plan for presentation to Cabinet in September, with associated delivery plans; and
- 5) approves the establishment of four time-limited cross-party Member working groups aligned to the four recovery themes set out in paragraph 2.6.3 and chaired by the relevant Portfolio Holder, with nominations for membership to be sought from Group Leaders.

1.0 Background and context

- 1.1 The Covid-19 Pandemic is a global public health emergency which also creates unprecedented impacts on our communities and economy, both short- and long-term. As well as the significant challenges ahead, there are also opportunities from the lessons of the immediate response phase which are expected to change aspects of our way of life in the longer-term.
- 1.2 For the past three months the Council has focused on responding to the crisis, working closely with key partners, locally, regionally and nationally, including:
 - providing public health advice and guidance;
 - support to care providers;
 - ensuring effective delivery of adult and children's social care and public health services, supporting NHS capacity;
 - funding continuity of early years provision through a series of hubs;
 - establishing and operating the County's shielding Hubs and support to vulnerable residents including a dedicated, 7 day Covid-19 contact centre;
 - providing business support and advice;

- coordinating provision of PPE equipment;
- mortuary management;
- providing education and school planning and support;
- the Council's c4,500 staff moving to almost exclusive home working; and
- reassigning WCC staff to areas of need.

- 1.3 Whilst significant aspects of the response effort will continue, potentially into the medium-term, over the last month there has been a concerted focus on longer-term recovery from the crisis.
- 1.4 This paper provides Cabinet with an overview of the proposed approach to planning recovery and longer-term reform and seeks approval for the initial three month 'foundation' stage of recovery activity. Today's agenda also includes complementary reports setting out proposed strategic approaches to recovery in terms of place shaping and economic recovery.

2.0 Recovery framework

- 2.1 In line with our overall vision to ***make Warwickshire the best it can be, sustainable now and for future generations***, our proposed approach to recovery focuses on supporting delivery of Council Plan objectives.
- 2.2 The following principles and objectives have been developed with our partners to guide our approach to recovery:

WCC Recovery Principles:

1. positive – seek out the opportunities;
2. pace – move with speed and capitalise on existing momentum;
3. innovative – consider new ideas and thinking;
4. flexible – be responsive and flexible to changing conditions; and
5. embed – use existing structures where possible.

WCC Recovery Objectives:

1. to understand the short, medium and long-term impact of Covid-19 recovery for our communities, businesses and staff.
2. to coordinate the recovery protocol in line with the West Midlands and Warwickshire LRF procedures;
3. to inform future direction of the Organisation in terms of recovery and reform, ensuring the Council and wider county have the best opportunity to 'bounce forwards';
4. to align recovery activity with review and update of the Council Plan, MTFS, Change Portfolio, supporting strategies, risk and performance framework;
5. to co-ordinate effort and resource across all service areas and ensure a 'one Council' approach; and
6. to manage key stakeholder and partner relationships relevant to recovery, including line of sight on regional, sub-regional and national developments around recovery and reform and supporting translation of this for Warwickshire.

2.3 There are three key aspects of focus which will drive our recovery work:

- spatial levels;
- phasing; and
- change portfolio themes.

2.4 Spatial levels

2.4.1 Recovery will require coherent effort at various spatial levels:

- **National** – The pandemic is a national crisis. We continue to work closely with central government, the Local Government Association and other national bodies to remain in step with national policy and guidance.
- **Regional/Sub-regional** – Our recovery approach is aligned to the West Midlands-Warwickshire regional approach. The Chief Executive represents Warwickshire on the Regional Coordination Group.
- **County** – Locally, we have worked with colleagues from the District and Borough Councils, Police, Coventry and Warwickshire LEP and Growth Hub, and NHS partners to coordinate effort in both response and recovery phases. The Warwickshire Recovery Advisory Group, comprising Council Leaders and Chief Executives and key partners, has recently been established to co-ordinate recovery activity across the county.
- **Locally** – Voluntary and community sector groups, businesses, and town and parish councils are involved in the Covid-19 response. Elected Members will play a key role in mobilising this effort, working alongside the district and borough councils leading local place-shaping activity.

2.4.2 Regional governance arrangements are set out in Appendix B.

2.5 Phasing

2.5.1 Reflecting the scale of the challenge, our approach to recovery will need to be phased. Short-term reinstatement of services is connected to the longer-term 'reform' or 'reset' process, so our approach will involve different phases:

- **Foundations (0-3 months):**
 - standing up and reinstating WCC services in line with the national guidance about Covid-secure workplaces;
 - seizing immediate opportunities to support communities/business;
 - establishing recovery governance and approach; and
 - engaging with regional approach to setting recovery priorities including participating in the regional citizens' panel.
- **Consolidate (3-9 months):**
 - detailed regional impact assessment;
 - establish recovery programme at regional, county level; and
 - initiate priority change programmes/projects.

- **Accelerate (>10 months):**
 - longer term recovery for the Council, communities and economy;
 - delivery of key programmes to address future challenges; and
 - refreshing the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and Council Plan for 2021/22 onwards.

2.6 Change Portfolio Themes

- 2.6.1 The Council Plan, MTFS and Change Portfolio have been reviewed in the context of recovery. The Council Plan outcomes and objectives remain relevant to recovery, and it is proposed to update its foreword only at this time to reflect the changed context. To support delivery of the Council Plan objectives, a short recovery plan, covering 2020-21 and 2021-22, will be produced for Cabinet in September.
- 2.6.2 Based on current forecast financial Covid impacts, our intention is to manage in-year financial pressures during 2020-21 without re-setting the annual budget. The focus will be on the rolling refresh of the five-year MTFS from 2021-22 onwards for consideration at February's Council meeting.
- 2.6.3 Our assessment of the previous change portfolio suggests four themes should shape the future Council Change Portfolio to drive recovery (see Appendix C for indicative areas of focus):
- Place, Economy and Climate (including skills and education);
 - Community and Voluntary sector;
 - Health Wellbeing and Social Care; and
 - Organisation (including the reinstatement of services).
- 2.6.2 These themes reflect both regional and county recovery activity. We will also consider how existing programmes and projects fit within the change portfolio. The themes will be shaped into detailed programmes during the Foundation phase of recovery. Immediate actions will also be progressed as proposed in separate reports on place shaping priorities and our support to business.
- 2.6.3 Given our accelerated progress in developing the Council's Change Programme, there is no longer a requirement for a Change Programme Director. Instead, we will engage a strategic partner to support the strategic development of the final change portfolio, bring in best practice from elsewhere and provide assurance that the change portfolio is fully aligned to the Council's ambitions; the challenges recovery will present; and opportunities to build on the previous transformation programme.

2.7 Approach to reinstating Council services and settings

2.7.1 The National Recovery Strategy was published in May 2020, accompanied by a range of guidance, *“Working Safely during Coronavirus”*. Officers are applying this advice to consider how to stand services back up.

2.7.2 Many services have continued to operate within the physical and technical constraints of central government and Public Health guidelines throughout lockdown. Reinstatement will require a "new normal" operating environment for at least 12 months, based on impact and risk assessment, physical adaptations and staff engagement. Changes will be implemented in 2 phases:

- 3 month "foundation" phase - re-introduction of priority services; and
- 6-9 months in the “consolidation” phase to implement redesigned services based on service impact and risk assessments.

2.7.3 This process has been informed by learning from the response phase, particularly the results of a staff check-in survey on well-being and new ways of working, and analysis of the financial impact of Covid.

3.0 Timescale and next steps

3.1 In the three-month foundation phase, we will engage Members, staff, partners, business and the public on our recovery plan and change portfolio, including a citizen’s panel convened by the West Midlands Combined Authority, and further staff engagement through a second check-in survey focusing on recovery.

3.2 Engagement with Members to help shape the approach to recovery will take place via four, time-limited cross-party Member working groups aligned to the four recovery themes set out in Section 2.6.3 and chaired by the relevant Portfolio Holder. It is intended that these working groups should have maximum flexibility in the way that they operate. They are not intended to operate as formal committees and the access to information framework will not be applicable. Officers will develop proposals for these working groups, including terms of reference, and nominations for membership will be sought from Group Leaders. Overview and Scrutiny Committees will also play a role in considering aspects of the Council’s approach to recovery, as relevant to their remit, as our plans develop and are implemented. The next steps are highlighted in the timeline in Appendix D.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Work on the Change Portfolio will be funded through the Transformation reserve; the investment funds created in the MTFS are available to support one-off investments which will support recovery effort. The refresh of the rolling five-year MTFS from 2021-22 onwards will be the key mechanism for incorporating longer-term financial impacts of Covid.

5.0 Environmental Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct environmental implications of the proposed recovery approach. Climate change is one of four recovery themes proposed - 'Place, Economy and Climate' – as part of the refreshed change portfolio.

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Appendix A - Warwickshire Councils' joint statement of intent on Covid recovery

The global Covid-19 pandemic has had profound impacts on all aspects of life: healthcare, the economy, our communities, our way of life and individuals' well-being.

The pandemic has shown our communities and local public services at their best: innovating to work in new ways; making better use of data and digital service delivery; collaborating more strongly; and unleashing the creativity, passion and common purpose of our people.

The pandemic has created immediate issues and risks which need careful management, but we have an opportunity to build back stronger and better. Recovery must support long-term action to address climate change, while ensuring a growing and sustainable economy can fund investment in public services and a more sustainable future.

As we begin our recovery from the pandemic, we will not return to how things were; together, we commit to ensure Warwickshire emerges stronger and to protect future generations by applying positive lessons from the pandemic.

Recovery will neither be a straightforward nor a linear process; we may move back into a 'response' mode if there are further peaks in the virus. We know the economic impacts will be profound and long-term. We will help individuals rebuild, and reinforce confident, resilient and sustainable communities. We will focus our joint work around the following objectives:

1. to drive economic recovery, business growth and regeneration, supporting sectors with the highest growth potential and also those most negatively impacted such as tourism; working with the education and training sectors, we will build skills to get people into work, training or new careers;
2. to recover in a way which helps address the climate change emergency, and sets Warwickshire up for a more sustainable, low carbon future;
3. to improve health, well-being and care in Warwickshire, supporting those most vulnerable and ensuring long-term improvement in population health;
4. to harness, and build upon our thriving voluntary and community sectors as a central part of making Warwickshire a great place to live;
5. to restore services and school provision safely, protecting staff, service users and the public; and
6. to ensure our organisations and services are strong, sustainable and fit for the future.

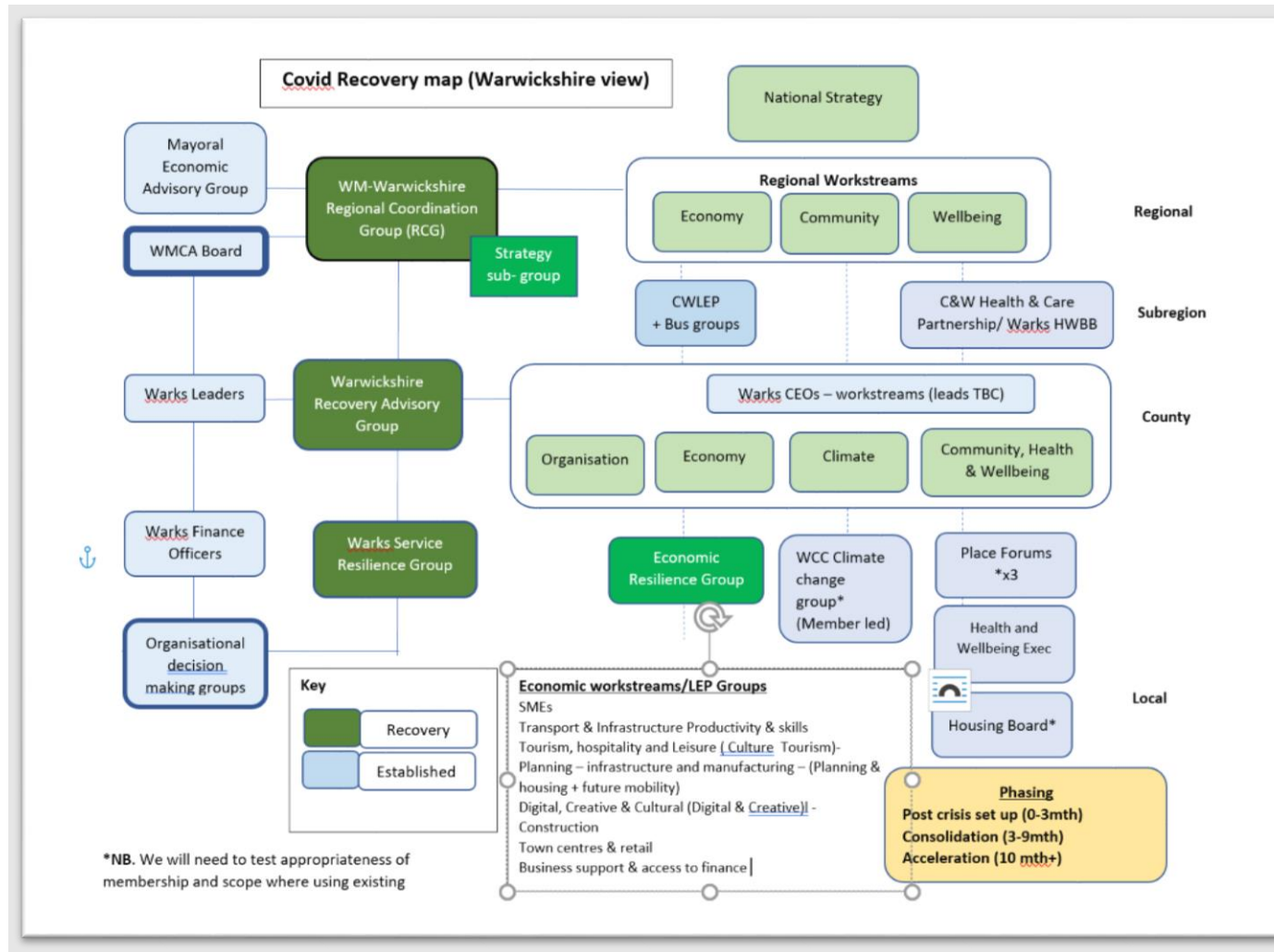
We are committed to working with our public, private and voluntary sector partners along with individual citizens to develop a stronger county after Covid-19, working at various levels:

- we will be engaged at national level in shaping the UK's recovery;
- our work will be part of regional efforts across the West Midlands and Warwickshire, and will align our work to the Combined Authority's recovery principles;
- sub-regionally, we will work with our partners in the natural economic geography of Coventry and Warwickshire;
- we will address strategic issues across the County through close collaboration between the County, District and Borough Councils, our NHS and Police partners, businesses and the voluntary and community sector; and
- our district, borough, town and parish councils will play a critical role shaping local places, high streets, public spaces and business estates.

Our joint work on recovery will be:

- flexible, dynamic and responsive as circumstances evolve;
- positive and innovative;
- rooted in our communities, engaging with them to develop our thinking;
- aligned with existing structures wherever possible, enhancing the strong relationships that characterise Warwickshire;
- collaborative, co-ordinated, and enabling progress at pace; and
- maximising our collective skills and resources.

Appendix B - Map of Regional, County and local Recovery groups

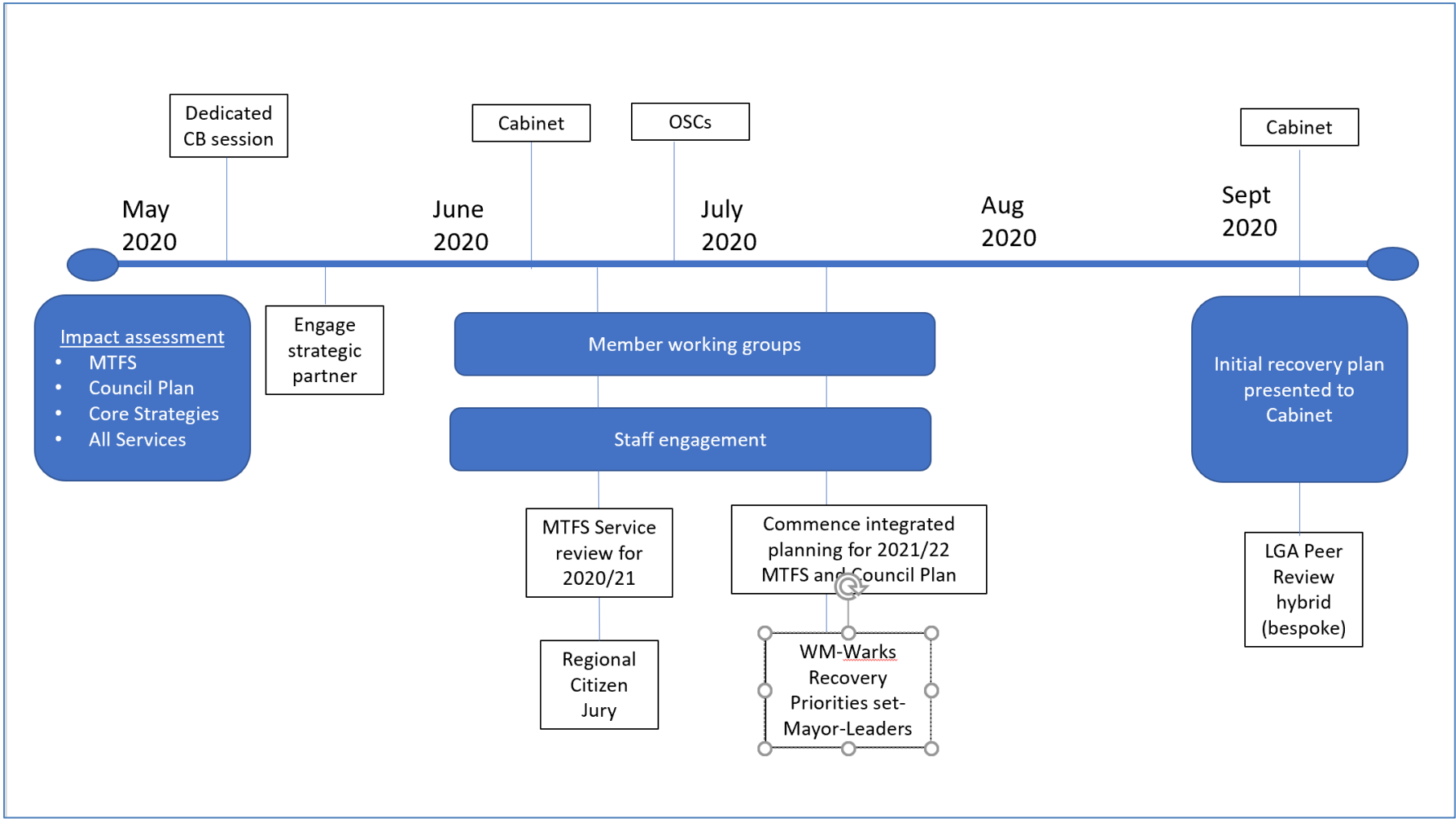


Appendix C - Key change portfolio themes

Programmes	Key considerations for Recovery (informed by desktop policy & impact assessment)	Related core strategies	Change portfolio elements
Place, Economy, and Climate	<p>Economy (see separate paper on today's agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural economy • Key sectors e.g. Tourism, automotive • Access to funding for businesses • Employment rates • Skills requirements and access to training, re-skilling <p>Place shaping (see separate paper on today's agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact for Town centres and high streets • Cultural sector impact including City of Culture • Reduced income for Universities • Use of public transport -accessibility <p>Climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing the Climate Change action group's plans • Bouncing back greener • Reduced car journeys/re-designation of road space • Improving air quality 	<p>Economic growth</p> <p>Property</p> <p>Commercial</p> <p>Local Transport Plan</p> <p>Place plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change • Place shaping • Transportation • Business and economic recovery
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future role of the Voluntary sector /volunteer networks • Capturing Community action • Digitising volunteering and support for the vulnerable • New vulnerability, inequality and differential impacts of Covid • Financial vulnerability/increased unemployment • Impact of reduced/home school access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary & Community Sector Strategy • Education Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary & community • Education Strategy • Fire Transformation

Heath & Wellbeing and Social Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health • Homelessness • Delayed access to health care for non-Covid conditions • Delayed demand surge • Market sustainability for care homes • Assurance of social care providers • Increase in domestic abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Well-Being Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults • Children's Transformation Programme • Warwickshire Cares Better Together
Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff wellbeing – DSE and mental health • Remote working • Importance of Data and digital • Financial impact – council tax/business rate income base • Investment base 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Plan • MTFS • Our People • Digital and Technology • Property • Data • Customer Experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service redesigns • Data & Digital • Commercial strategy implementation • How We Work (including innovation strategy) • Customer Experience • Devolution • Marketing and Communications

Appendix D – Recovery timetable



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Communities O&S – June 2020

Economic Development Update

The following note provides an update to the Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee on recent economic development activity in Warwickshire. It usually covers work undertaken by County Council officers and partners across a range of services and areas as well as other key pieces of relevant news/information.

This update focuses on the County Council's response to the COVID-19 crisis and our work with partners to support Warwickshire businesses and our town centres.

- WCC is working closely with the CWLEP Growth Hub, Chamber of Commerce, the FSB, our District & Borough Councils and other partners to **co-ordinate and provide support to local businesses**. It is estimated that the partnership has supported over 2,500 businesses since 1st March 2020. This high level of co-operation is a unique feature of Coventry & Warwickshire, and feedback from organisations who operate nationally (such as the FSB) has recognised this very positive approach locally.
- WCC has been working with the District and Borough Councils as the billing rate authorities to deliver the Government's **Small Business and Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant** schemes, helping co-ordinate activity, sharing good practice and helping promote the grants and advising businesses on how to access the funds. Over £105 million has now been allocated to over 8,500 small businesses across the county. This is over 86% of the available funding which is well above the national average and testament to the work of the local authorities in the area.
- WCC officers are now working with the Districts and Boroughs to look at how the Government's **new Discretionary Grant scheme** is delivered, bringing together the local authorities and other partners to ensure that this is being targeted at businesses most in need, and to help establish a consistent programme across the county. The new scheme – which is worth a further £6m to Warwickshire – is aimed at micro and small businesses with fixed property costs that were not eligible for the Small Business and Retail, Hospitality & Leisure Grant schemes. Demand is expected to be very high. Some of the local schemes have now been launched and the remainder are expected to open to applications shortly.
- For more information about the three grant schemes including how eligible businesses can apply, visit WCC's Coronavirus pages for businesses: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/information-coronavirus/coronavirus-local-authority-business-rate-schemes>
- WCC has approved a **loan of £1 million to support small businesses as part of the Government backed (CBILS) Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan**

scheme. Coventry and Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust – a not-for-profit, FCA accredited finance provider – are among the approved lenders (as well as all the major banks). However, the temporary closure of many businesses means that local demand is expected to exceed available lending. WCC, therefore, moved quickly to approve a loan to support small businesses in Warwickshire unable to secure loans from the mainstream lenders. This has provided a vital source of finance to businesses who are having cash flow problems and demand for the loans is strong. For more information, see: <https://www.cwrt.uk.com/cbils>

- WCC quickly put over a **1,000 of our suppliers on accelerated payment terms** in order to support them with cashflow. Over 200 businesses in our Business Centres have also been given a **“no strings attached” rent free period** from April to June, to help reduce their costs during this difficult time.
- WCC has worked with **partners to adapt how our range of business support programmes are delivered**. Both the Chamber – who deliver the Warwickshire start-up support service on behalf of WCC and the Districts & Boroughs – and University of Warwick Science Park (UWSP) – who deliver the Business Ready programme for tech-based and other innovation-led businesses – have increased the number of online workshops. Demand for both programmes remains strong despite the lockdown. WCC’s own Business Growth Advisors are continuing to support businesses via Microsoft Teams and phone as well as handling a number of enquiries about the Government’s support programmes and the local authority grant schemes.
- WCC has been working with partners such as WMCA, West Midlands Medilink, University of Warwick, the Midlands Institute of Engineering and Technology/ Manufacturing Network to support businesses to diversify **manufacture into PPE**. The Midlands Institute of Engineering and Technology also helped WCC identify more than 10 new local suppliers.
- Covid Secure in the Workplace: WCC and its local authority partners are advising businesses on how they can **re-open and operate safely**. This includes practical guidance and webinars where businesses can hear from a panel of experts from Public Health, Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Community Safety, Fire and Rescue and Warwickshire Police. The guidance and a recording of the first webinar are available on dedicated pages on WCC’s web site (see link below) and further sector based webinars will be held over the coming weeks, with the next one focussing on the retail sector
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusbacktoworkguidance>
- We are also looking at how we make our **town centres safe** as more businesses re-open and working to promote local shops and food outlets. As part of this, WCC has launched a new **“Buy and Eat Local” campaign** with the aim of making sure local businesses are supported with promoting their offers to the local community. One click on a dedicated page on WCC’s web site will take visitors straight to a directory of all businesses involved in the campaign in that town. Like all directories, this will grow as residents and visitors realise that they can play their part in boosting the local economy if they *Buy and Eat Local*.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/234/buy-eat-local>

- WCC has also set up a **loan fund to support the Business Improvement Districts** across the county. Loans of up to £40,000 are available to each BID in order to keep them supporting their towns whilst the levy payers are less able to pay their bills. We are currently reviewing an application that has been submitted by Stratford.
- We are also exploring opportunities to **re-allocate road space within our Town Centres** to provide more space for walking, cycling and social distancing. WCC has been allocated up to £1.3m as part of a new DfT emergency active travel fund to support this work. We are also working with the District & Borough Councils, who have been awarded collectively some £500,000 through the “Re-opening High Streets Safely Fund”, to support this work on reallocation of road space through funding signage, complementary activity, and improvements to the street scene through artwork, planters, banners, etc.
- WCC is working proactively with the District and Borough Councils, Business Improvement Districts (in Rugby, Leamington and Stratford) and key partners (Chamber of Commerce, FSB and Growth Hub) to explore how we further help our town centres. We have established a **Warwickshire Town Centre Taskforce** to co-ordinate this work at the county level.

Economic Recovery

- WCC has been developing its approach to economic recovery as part of the wider Place, Economy & Climate theme of the Change Portfolio. This is the subject of a paper to **Cabinet on 11th June 2020** and the work will be taken forward with members and partners. The paper recommends a set of short-term measures to support businesses and the economy in the immediate recovery foundation and early consolidation stages (subject to the availability of funding) and then proposes the approach to developing a comprehensive recovery plan over the medium and longer-term.
- WCC has been working closely with our District & Borough partners to align our approach to economic recovery, and also pro-actively supporting the Coventry & Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership to the lead on wider strategic economic reset and recovery. The CWLEP are working through their various Business Groups to engage with the private sector, co-ordinate with the public sector, and identify a range of measures that would help support the rapid recovery of the C&W economy, and to review and refocus our future growth plans.
- The County Council, alongside the CWLEP, are also actively engaged at the regional level with the WMCA to align with their work and approach to economic recovery, and to work to lobby government on the needs, issues and opportunities that exist within the region.

Business News

- Large numbers of businesses are obviously struggling in this current climate, and the inevitable recession will undoubtedly lead to business closures and unemployment increasing. Latest intelligence from the CWLEP Growth Hub found that 60% of businesses across Coventry and Warwickshire have cash reserves of 1-2 months or less and 42% have had to furlough staff. However, there are also many examples of Warwickshire businesses **adapting to help the communities around them through this difficult time**. These include:
 - JLR manufacturing visors at Gaydon;
 - Aston Martin Lagonda manufacturing AML labelled gowns for NHS staff at Gaydon (following a call for help from CW NHS Trust);
 - Ricardo manufacturing visors in Leamington;
 - Pet Shop Bowl growing to meet demand for online sales (Stratford);
 - Shakespeare Gin Distillery making hand sanitiser;
 - BMW (Coleshill) and Shire Foods (Leamington) generously donating gloves;
 - Ellisons in Exhall donating PPE equipment;
 - PSW Paper & Print manufacturing PPE equipment, using machine purchased with funding support from WCC;
 - Parker Masters at Centenary Business Centre in Nuneaton have moved into the manufacture of products to support social distancing.
- We have also been working with a local PR and marketing agency to identify and promote a range of good news stories (including some of those identified above) to push into the media as way of seeking to encourage some level of confidence within the economy. See the links below:
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/stratford-business-triples-its-workforce>
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/support-social-enterprise-helping-local-communities>
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/leamington-gin-distiller-turns-expertise-hand-sanitiser-production>
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/grant-helps-business-diversify-provide-ppe-equipment>
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/warwickshire-garden-centres-blooming>
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/warwickshire-care-homes-ppe-boost>
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/coach-firms-bid-restart-warwickshire-economy>
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/warwickshire-manufacturer-set-double-turnover-and-take-new-staff>
 - <https://www.cwlep.com/news/stratford-tutor-transforms-business-chamber-help>

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

School Safety Zones and Routes Update and Proposal for Future Task and Finish Work

17 June 2020

Recommendations

That the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Notes the developments carried out by officers as part of the School Safety Zones Task Force since April 2015
- 2) Agrees that a Task and Finish Group be established to explore education-based ways of encouraging more children to walk / scooter / cycle in safety to their schools and report on costed options to inform the refreshed MTFS (Medium Term Finance Strategy).

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 As part of the Council's budget setting meeting on 5th February 2015, members agreed to establish a cross party member task force to consider safety in the vicinity of schools and to allocate £3m in total spread across the financial years 2015/16 – 2016/17 to support this initiative.
- 1.2 At its subsequent meeting in April 2015, Cabinet gave the Strategic Director for Communities delegated authority to approve schemes using the funding subject to prior consultation with the Chair of the Task Force, the Chair of the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Portfolio Holder.
- 1.3 The Task Force was initially due to finish in 2017 but continued when additional money was added to the programme by Council.
- 1.4 Approximately 150 schools in Warwickshire have benefitted from a school safety scheme (a full list can be found in the Appendix). Several schemes are in development and will be delivered shortly. The types of measures which have been provided include signs, road markings, bollards, 20mph speed limits, interactive signs, traffic calming, pedestrian crossings, informal crossings and footpaths.

2. Supporting Information

- 2.1 The previous Task Force (2015-2017) decided to canvass local members to establish what issues and problems there were outside schools, or on the school journey that might be resolved by the introduction of engineering measures. All head teachers at schools in Warwickshire received a letter inviting them to get involved in this programme of works.
- 2.2 A meeting with members was held in the Summer of 2015, to establish the basis of the three-year programme of works. These included measures to address parking around the school gates (except double yellow lines), signing, zigzags, crossings and other engineering works that could assist with the safety of children.
- 2.3 Any crossing requests were evaluated using the standard WCC policy criteria of identifying the PV2 for each location (pedestrians x vehicles x vehicles). Any crossing that did not meet the criteria was not taken forward. Other measures were investigated at these sites to establish other methods of assisting crossing the road, such as refuges or road narrowing's).
- 2.4 At the budget setting meeting in February 2017, additional funding (£0.5m per year) was provided to extend the programme by a further two years.
- 2.5 A new Task Force of members was established to decide how to proceed with allocating the additional money. It was decided to adopt a similar rationale, and meetings were arranged with local members to gather information relating to any school where engineering measures could benefit the safety of children. A new programme of works was established for the two financial years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.
- 2.6 The Road Safety Education Team continue to deliver key road safety messages to schools and have worked effectively with the Engineering Team.
- 2.7 Overall, this project has proven to be successful in terms of improving road safety within close proximity to schools. Several positive comments have been received from school communities, where the benefits of the new measures provided have been realised.
- 2.8 Since the establishment of the School Safety Zones Task Force, many good working relationships have been established between officers and members. Officers have additionally formed good relationships with schools and external bodies. The members of the Task Force would like these good relationships and the experience that has been built up to continue and be used to good effect.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 The proposal is that a new task and finish group be established to explore education-based options for encouraging pupils to travel to school by means

other than private cars (e.g. walking, cycling and scooters). The group will submit a report to Communities OSC which will be submitted to Cabinet on the options, with an investigation of the cost implications, before February 2021 so that its findings can inform the refreshing of the MTFP in 2021/22. The membership of the group will be decided by the OSC but members of the School Safety Zones TFG are prepared to carry on this work.

- 3.2 The 2020/21 capital programme approved by Council in February 2020 includes an allocation of £792,000 for home to school routes and a further £127,000 for school safety zones. These allocations are the remaining amounts of the specific allocations made in previous years which will fund engineering schemes. By virtue of the budget resolutions and the Financial Rules, the Strategic Director for Communities has authority to approve individual schemes with a value up to £250,000. The task and finish group would not have a role in delivering the programme of engineering schemes.
- 3.3 Before the TFG begins its deliberations it will, as is usual practice undertake a scoping exercise to clarify its aims and objectives, set its parameters agree the form of evidence it would wish to draw on and establish its method of reporting.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 If the requested TFG is established, there may be costs involved in preparation of options to inform the refreshed MTFS, the time of any officers involved with the TFG and then the cost of delivering any options approved.
- 4.2 Currently the Council is operating in a period of significant financial uncertainty. Members will be aware the costs of Covid-19 are in excess of the Government funding provided and funding these will need to be a priority for the refreshed MTFS. There are also material financial risks around the strength of the economy in terms of businesses resilience and the pace of housing growth, both of which will impact on our future resource levels, and the activity needed to support local communities and businesses in recovery. Central to the refreshed MTFS and decisions about future investment will be the financial context in which the Authority is now operating

5. Environmental Implications

- 5.1 If a TFG is established and successful in encouraging more children to walk / scooter / cycle in safety to their schools; then this will benefit the Warwickshire environment.
- 5.2 There would be less pollution generated by cars where the sole journey is to take children to school. Road accidents may also be likely to decrease on Warwickshire roads. This could also have positive impact in road safety.

6. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 6.1 Establish the requested TFG following to meet as soon as is practical either virtually or in person.

Appendices

1. Appendix 1

Background Papers

None

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Safer Routes to Schools		
Warwick		
School	Location	Description of Works
Barford St Peter`s C of E Primary School,Church Street, Barford	Barford	Walking to School Route- Parking issues. Carriageway markings /Signs
Radford Semele C of E Primary School,School Lane	Radford Semele	Parking issues on surrounding roads
Warwick Nursery School,Coventry Road	Warwick	Look at routes to school, parent parking issues St John`s
St Patricks Catholic Primary School,Cashmore Avenue	Leamington	Cashmore Avenue congestion at school times,parent parking issues (Advisory 20mph)
Sydenham Primary School, Calder Walk	Leamington	Look at routes to school, parent parking issues
Telford Junior & Infants School,Telford Avenue	Leamington	Parking issues,crossing to school needs improving,parking issues. (Advisory 20mph)
St Augustine`s Catholic Primary School	Kenilworth	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School (Advisory 20mph)
Aylesford School and Sixth Form College	Warwick	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School (Advisory 20mph)
Kingsway Community Primary School	Leamington	Upgrade Zebra to Puffin
Whitnash Primary School	Whitnash	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Priors Field Primary School	Kenilworth	Puffin Crossing
Milverton Primary School	Leamington	Advisory 20mph
Our Lady & St Teresa`s Catholic Primary School	Cubbington	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Lilington Primary School	Lillington	Kerb Realignment/Build Out, signing ,lining
Myton School	Warwick	Pedestrian Guardrailing
St Nicholas	Kenilworth	Kerb Build out, realigned footpath, drop crossings
Crackley Hall School	Kenilworth	Signing,Lining, Vas Sign
Brookhurst Trinity School	Leamington	Signing,Lining, Bollards
Budbrooke Primary School	Budbrooke	Drop Crossings,Lining,Signing
Ferncumbe School	Hatton	Bollards,Lining,Signing
Woodloes Primary School/Ridgeway School	Woodloes	Signing,lining Bollards
St Mary`s Catholic School	Warwick	Installed a Zebra Crossing
St Anthony`s School	Leamington	Guard railing, lining,bollards
Clapham Terrace	Leamington	Removal Planting, Bollards, signing, lining
St John`s School	Kenilworth	20mph Advisory Vas,Signing,Lining ,Bollards
North Leamington School	Leamington	Signing,Lining
Lapworth Primary School	Lapworth	Tarmacadam Footway, lining,signing
All Saints Emscote School	Leamington	20mph Speed Limit,lining,signing
St Paul`s Cof E Primary School	Leamington	Drop Crossings,Guardrailing, lining,signing
Thorns School	Kenilworth	Pencil Bollards,Lining.Signing,Guardrailing
St Joseph`s Catholic Primary School	Whitnash	Lining,Guardrailing,signing

Park Hill Junior School	Kenilworth	Signing,Lining
Clinton Primary School	Kenilworth	Drop Crossing,signing,lining
Kenilworth School	Kenilworth	Road Humps/20mph Speed Limit
Campion Secondary School	Leamington	Improved access,shared cycle lane

Stratford		
School	Location	Description of Works
Claverdon Primary School	Claverdon	Parking /Speeding concerns
Welford on Avon Primary School	Welford	Look for additional crossing points on Bartyon Road by Maypole Sign, clutter, traffic speed,traffic volume increase
Kineton High School	Kineton	Parking issues,school buses,shool signs advisory at school times
Long Itchington Primary School	Long Itchington	School Children crossing Stockton Road/Leigh Crescent (Advisory 20mph)
The Willows Cof E Primary School	Stratford	Ped guardrailing already installed.Parking issues around school/college
Thomas Jolyffe Primary School/Welcombe Hills School	Stratford	School parking on residential roads
Mappleborough Green Primary School	Mappleborough Green	A435 Proposed Puffin Crossing
Mappleborough Green Primary School	Mappleborough Green	A4189 Proposed Puffin Crossings
Welsh Road West,Southam	Southam	Proposed Zebra Crossing
A435 Alcester Road near Needle Close	Studley	Puffin Crossing
Loxley C of E School	Loxley	Improved pedestrian access,parking issues
Quinton Primary School	Lower Quinton	Improved pedestrian access,signing & lining
Stockton Primary School	Stockton	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Newbold & Tredington C of E Primary School	Tredington	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Shipston High School	Shipston	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Shipston Primary School	Shipston	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Tudor Grange Primary Academy	Alcester	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Wootton Wawen Primary	Wootton Wawen	Signing and Lining
Studley St Mary's C of E Academy	Studley	Improved signing,lining, guard railing
Moreton Morrall Primary School	Moreton Morrell	School Flashing sign
St Gregory`s School	Stratford	Signing,lining, Drop Kerbs
Snitterfield Priomary School	Snitterfield	Vaz Signs, Drop Crossing, signing,lining
St Mary`s Primary School	Henley In Arden	Signing and Lining
Wellesbourne C of E School	Wellesbourne	Signing,lining,drop kerbs
Henley High School	Henley In Arden	Puffin Crossing
Temple Grafton Cof E Primary School	Temple Grafton	Improved Footpath access,Lining,Signing,Guard railing

Acorns Primary School	Long Compton	Signing,Lining,Vas Signs
St Marys Catholic Primary School	Studley	20mph Zone,lining,signing.
Wolverton School	Norton Lyndsey	20mph Advisory Sign,lining,signs
Hampton Lucy Coe E School	Hampton Lucy	Lining,Signing
Alveston Cof E Primary School	Tiddington	Lining,Signing Vas
Alcester Academy	Alcester	Vas signing, lining, drop kerbing
St Lawrence Cof E School	Napton	Vas signing, lining, drop kerbing

Nuneaton & Bedworth		
School	Location	Description of Works
St Nicholas C of E Academy, Windermere Avenue	Nuneaton	Parking, Nursery near by, parking on corners Windermere Avenue.Speeding at St Nicholas Park Drive on Windermere Avenue
Donnithorne Avenue	Nuneaton	Proposed Puffin Crossing on Donnithorne Avenue to serve several schools in area.
St Micheals School	Bedworth	Give & Take,signing,lining
St Paul`s C of E Primary School	Nuneaton	Proposed Puffin Crossing on Church Road near Wicliffe Way St Paul`s Cof E School
Croft Junior School, Northumberland Avenue	Nuneaton	Proposed Puffin Crossing on Croft Road near Tesco`s
The George Eliot School	Attleborough	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Wembroke Primary School	Attleborough	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Whitestone Infant School	Attleborough	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Middlemarch School	Arbury	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School (Advisory 20mph)
A444 Wedington Road	Nuneaton	2 x Toucan & 1 x Puffin Crossing
The Nuneaton Academy	Arbury	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Arden Forest School	Bulkington	Signing,lining, trip rail and guard railing
Nicholas Chamberlain School	Bedworth	Extend Guardrailing/New drop crossing SCP
Weddington Primary School	Nuneaton	Guardrailing,Lining,Signing
St Nicholas Junior School	Nuneaton	Proposed Puffing Crossing on Higham Lane
Cannon Maggs School	Bedworth	Bollards, Drop Crossings,lining,signing
Wheelwright Lane,Primary School	Ash Green	Proposed Puffin Crossing on Wheelwright Lane
Oak Wood Primary School	Attleborough	Drop crossings,signing,lining
Glendale Infant School	Heath End	Drop Crossings,lining,signing
Goodyers End Primary School	Exhall	Lining,Signing, removal of parking bay.
All Saints C of E	Bedworth	Improved Pedestrian access,signing,lining, guardrailing
St Giles Junior School	Bedworth	Build out,improved parking,signing,lining
Galley Common Infant School	Galley Common	New Parking Area,Bollards,Guardrailing,lining,Puffin Crossing
St Francis RC School	Bedworth	Proposed Puffin Crossing on Rye Piece Ringway

Chetwynd School	Bulkington	Proposed Puffin Crossing Gipsy Lane
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Rugby		
School	Location	Description of Works
St Andrews Benn School	Rugby	Proposed Puffin Crossing
Provost Williams Primary School	Ryton	Parkind issues/traffic near entrance,residents buungalows.Sodens Avenue car parking, Laemington Road bus boarding & secondary pick up point.
Binley Woods Primary School	Binley Woods	Parking issues
Rugby Free Primary School,Bailey Road	Rugby	No signage for school on an Industrial Estate.Walking route from Coton Park - School Keep Clear markings
Eastlands Primary School	Rugby	Lower Hillmorton Road by Park, Boundary Road, walking route to school
Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior School	Dunchurch	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Harris C of E Academy	New Bilton	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
St Oswald`s C of E Primary School	Rugby	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Murray Road	Rugby	Puffin Crossing
Hill Primary School	Leamington Hastings	Advisory 20mph
Bilton Infants School	Rugby	Improved Guard railing.signing.lining
Wolvey School	Shilton	New Hardstanding
Paddox School	Hill Morton	Replace Zebra with Puffin Crossing on Hillmorton Road
Paddox Primary School	Hill Morton	Lining,drop kerbing
Northlands Primary School	Rugby	Zebra Crossing installed
Clifton upon Dunsmore Cof E Primary School	Clifton upon Dunsmore	Proposed Puffin Crossing
Our Lady`s Catholic Primary School	Princethorpe	Kerb Realignment,Refuges, lining, and signing
Henry Hinde Infant & Junior School	Bilton	Lining,Signing,Guradrailing
Avon Valley School	Rugby	Lining to improve vehicular access
Long Lawford Primary School	Long Lawford	Lining,Signing, Guardrailing,Build Out
Dunchurch School	Dunchurch	Improved Pedestrian walkway
Abbotts Farm Junior/Infant School	Lower Hillmorton	Road narrowing, lining,signing
English Martyrs Primary	Lower Hillmorton	Pedestrian Refuge
Knightlow School	The Fosseway	Improved Drop Crossing,signing,lining
Oakfield Primary School	Rugby	Bollards,Lining

North Warwickshire		
School	Location	Description of Works
High Meadow Infant School	Coleshill	Access to school limited, new development. Safer walking routes to school.
Shustoke C of E Primary School	Shustoke	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School

The Coleshill School	Coleshill	Improved Signing/Lining,walking route to School
Church Close Micheal Drayton School	Hartshill	TRO/ "H" markings
Warton Primary School	Warton	Safe Parking Area outside school lines, signing
Dordon Primary School	Dordon	School Warning Signs,lining
Hurley Primary School	Hurley	Improved Signing/Lining
Nethersole School	Polesworth	Vaz Sign,lining,signing
Curdworth Primary School	Curdworth	Signing,lining,Drop Kerbs
Kingsbury Junior School	Kingsbury	Signing,lining,Drop Kerbs
St Benedicts Catholic Primary School	Atherstone	Signing,lining,Drop Kerbs
Woodside C of E School	Baddesley Ensor	Signing,lining,speed humps
Hartshill & Nathaniel Newton Schools	Hartshill	Drop Kerbs, TRO,lining,signing
Birchwood Primary School	Dordon	Drop Kerbs,signing,lining,Trip Rail
Wood End Primary School	Wood End	Drop Kerbs,signing,lining.
Nursery Hill School	Ansley Common	Improved Footpath,Guard railing, signing,Vaz

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Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme

Date of next report	Item	Report detail
Standing items	Questions to Cabinet Portfolio Holders	The Committee may put questions to the Cabinet Portfolio Holders on issues within their remit. The report will set out the forthcoming items listed in the Council's published Forward Plan relevant to the Committee.
	Economic Development Update	To receive an update on economic development in Warwickshire. This has expanded from the previous Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP) update at the request of the Chair and Spokespersons. To be a briefing note to be sent to the Committee Members rather than an agenda item (allowing members to raise any issue/ ask questions at the Committee should they wish).
17 June 2020	West Midlands Railway	To review the new system West Midlands Railway have implemented in Warwickshire
17 June 2020	West Midlands Rail Executive	To review the new system West Midlands Railway have implemented in Warwickshire
17 June 2020	Covid-19 Recovery Paper	Report setting out the Council's approach to Recovery to the Covid crisis, focusing on the areas of work and activities underway and planned over the short and medium term.
17 June 2020	School Safety Zones follow up	Communities OSC will receive a report of an investigation of the cost implications on a Task and Finish Group be established to explore education-based ways of encouraging more children to walk / scooter / cycle in safety to their schools and report on costed options to inform the refreshed MTFS (Medium Term Finance Strategy), by December 2020 so that its findings can inform the refreshing of the MTFP in 2021/22.
23 September 2020	Improvement of Bus Provision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarifies and prioritises the Authority's powers and key objectives in relation to bus provision to enable more consistent and effective negotiations with bus operators. This should include investigating multi-operator ticketing, bus priority measures and improved bus information. 2. Analyses the success of s.106 contributions which have been used to pump prime new bus routes over the last 10 years in Warwickshire and investigates

		<p>alternative frameworks to incentivise long term successful routes around new developments if necessary.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Fully scopes the use of Advanced Quality and Enhanced Partnership schemes as set out in the Transport Act 2000 and Bus Services Act 2017, including engagement with operators and sets a date no later than December 2020 to assess whether 3 of 4 implementation of the AQ or EP schemes are necessary to achieve the Authority's key objectives. 4. Considers and assesses the resources required to successfully deliver the Council's key objectives recognising that any strategy or objectives that emerge from this process must be fully costed before they can be presented to Cabinet and all sources of funding identified. 5. Considers the call by the "Campaign for Better Transport" report called "The Future of the Bus" 6. Communities OSC to discuss the findings of the report and to bring forward recommendations to Cabinet.
23 September 2020	Air Quality Monitor Report	To provide the findings of the air quality monitors worn around Warwickshire
23 September 2020	Air Quality Monitoring	To provide and update on air quality monitoring since the TFG recommendations in 2018
18 November 2020	Local Enterprise Partnerships Update	How effective are LEPs in delivering a geographically balanced level of investment across Warwickshire? Members suggested that there was scope for improved monitoring of the CWLEP and a request was made for projected completion dates and project targets to be included in future Economic Development Updates.
TBD	Road Space Allocation review	A review of the 'Road Space Allocation' including what has been done and lessons learnt/improvements that could be made. This will include the discussions regarding the 20mph zones in Warwickshire.

Items for future work programming and review	
Item	Description
Planning	
HS2 grants	To monitor the level of income from HS2 to seek reassurance that WCC is being fully reimbursed.
Capital programme	How managed/ overall picture of schemes (Note Resources & Fire and Rescue are also getting regular update on capital slippage).
West Midland Railway	To review the new system West Midlands Railway have implemented in Warwickshire
Economy	
Local Enterprise Partnerships	How effective are LEPs in delivering a geographically balanced level of investment across Warwickshire? Members suggested that there was scope for improved monitoring of the CWLEP and a request was made for projected completion dates and project targets to be included in future Economic Development Updates.
Strategic Investment	To monitor WCCs investment in priority road safety schemes across Warwickshire targeted at reducing the numbers killed or seriously injured on our roads. This includes monitoring investment in local highways priorities, spending on LED streetlights and investment in safer routes to schools.
Sub National Transport Body	Update when appropriate
Community Cohesion	
Impact of OOP 2020	To consider the impact of OOP 2020 on first responder response times, specifically in relation to road traffic collisions.
KSIs and Speed Limits	To review the Council's speed limit and speed camera policies.
Waste Management Review	For when the Government's Resources and Waste Strategy for England is published in 2021
Population statistics	To review to population growth in Warwickshire in relation to housing developments (briefing note)
School Safety Zones follow up	Needs to be approved by Cabinet first
Sustainable Transport	
Air Quality Progress on Recommendations	To consider progress on those recommendations agreed by Cabinet that require further action/outcomes (including information from personal monitors and progress on Supplementary Planning Guidance).
The Clean Air Act	To consider the policy and implications of the new Government proposals.

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