

# Birmingham City Council

## Report to City Council

9 July 2024



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<b>Title:</b>	<b>MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS</b>
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<b>Is this a Key Decision?</b>	Not Applicable
<b>If this is a Key Decision, is this decision listed on the Forward Plan?</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Reason(s) why not included on the Forward Plan:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Is this a Late Report?</b>	No
<b>Reason(s) why Late:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Is this decision eligible for 'call in?'</b>	Not Applicable
<b>If not eligible, please provide reason(s):</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Wards:</b>	Not Applicable

**Does this report contain exempt or confidential information?**

No

**Has this decision been included on the Notification of Intention to consider Matters in Private?**

Not Applicable

**Reasons why not included on the Notification:**

Not Applicable

## **1 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules (section B4.4 G of the Constitution).

## **2 NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **A. Councillors Deirdre Alden and Robert Alden have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-**

“The commissioners recently told the Executive “Commissioners have made the point previously that the path to financial stability is very tight, with no room for missteps and delay.

Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) is financed by capital receipts and potentially borrowing. It is certainly not a solution to the critical financial position the Council is in.”

Going on to add “Commissioners are very concerned that within the four months after Cabinet approved the budget, only £7m of new savings have been identified to address the residual gap in 2025/26 of £67m, and none to address what will be a significant gap in 2026/27.

If the Council does not increase the pace and focus on this task we are concerned that BCC will be in a real financial crisis in the autumn, similar to 2023. There is scope to transform services and make significant efficiencies, but only if work is undertaken now. The Council must use the time over the summer to identify credible savings.”

This Council agrees that the path to financial stability is very tight, with no room for missteps and delays.

Council, therefore, calls on the Executive to bring forward, by no later than 1<sup>st</sup> September, proposals covering efficiency savings covering at least the following areas:

- Commissioning and Procurement
- Energy and Heat – use and generation
- Agile Workforce
- Shared Services
- Use of Consultants
- Use of Agency

Council further calls on the Executive to review and publish its contracts register to ensure it covers all contracts in place across the council, and in addition to ensuring this meets the minimum standards set out in the Local Government

Transparency Code, also adds a field specifying the lead in time for contract reviews and renewals and a named cabinet member responsible for ensuring this happens.”

**B. Councillors Paul Tilsley and Mumtaz Hussain have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-**

“This Council calls upon University Hospitals Birmingham to prioritise the upgrading of the A&E (Emergency Unit) at Heartlands Hospital, which serves the communities of East Birmingham and Solihull.

The Council recognises that it requires joint action by the UHB Foundation Trust Board, the Integrated Care Board and the City Council to press the Department of Health and Treasury to provide the capital allocation for investment in much needed provision which currently is not "fit for purpose", where staff work in antiquated conditions and provide dedicated medical support.”

**3 IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS**

**Finance**

3.1 There are none arising from this report.

**Legal**

3.2 There are none arising from this report.

**Equalities**

3.3 There are none arising from this report.

**APPENDICES**

None.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.