

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme March – April 2024

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
March	<p>Delays in Births and Deaths Registrations</p> <p>CfGS Governance Review Criteria : The safe and effective delivery of key services supporting vulnerable people.</p>	<p>Provide an overview of, and demonstrate the impact of, the engagement and work undertaken with the Coroner, partners and communities on steps to eliminate delays within the service.</p> <p>Outline progress towards developing a new mortuary facility for the city, including a permanent digital autopsy scanner.</p> <p>Provide statutory requirements and performance information for the service.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting standing item: 6 March 2024</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 20 February 2024</p>	Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement	Bev Nash, Head of Bereavement and Registration Services	<p>Following Council Resolution on 14 June 2022, a report responding to the Motion was presented to Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on 26 September 2022. A summary of the discussion is here.</p> <p>The Committee requested a further update in 4-6 months' time.</p>
March	<p>Customer Services Programme: Bereavement Services</p> <p>CfGS Governance Review Criteria : The safe and effective delivery of key</p>	<p>Monitor the progress and impact of the 18 outstanding recommendations from the Customers Services programme scrutiny inquiry undertaken by Co-ordinating O&S Committee</p>	<p>Committee Meeting standing item: 6 March 2024</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p>	Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement	Bev Nash, Head of Bereavement and Registration Services	<p>Co-ordinating OSC convened Task and Finish groups to identify and monitor progress of recommendations to improve customer services in 4 areas including Bereavement Services.</p> <p>A final Task and Finish group report was presented to Co-</p>

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	services supporting vulnerable people.	Provide statutory requirements and performance information for the service.	Deadline: 20 February 2024			ordinating O&S on 14 July 2023. here minutes are available here . It was agreed that Neighbourhoods OSC takes forward this work for Bereavement Services in the future.
April	Budget Challenge and Financial Recovery CGFS Governance Review Criteria 5: Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 budget; the Emergency budget (to be identified by exception) and other priority scrutiny activity relating to the budget.	Track the progress on savings made to date. Consider the impact of savings on policy and service delivery. Consider how relevant services are mobilising to delivery budget savings for 24-25 and agree how the Committee will monitor these savings.	Committee Meeting single item: 10 April 2024 / 17 April (TBC) Deadline: 27 March 2024 Venue: Council House, Committee Room 6	TBC	TBC	This will be specific to the remit of this Committee. This will be a standard agenda across all Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

*Outcome: This will be populated once the item/topic has been completed. It will highlight the added value and impact.

Menu of Options for Future Consideration

The following items have been identified as potential topics for future consideration. This approach enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to remain flexible and respond in a timely manner to emerging issues.

This is a live work programme work programme. New items may be added, or items removed during the course of the year. Proposed aims and objectives as well as scrutiny methodology may also be subject to change.

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All items below had been identified by the Neighbourhoods O&S Committee and will need to meet the CfGS Independent Governance Review Criteria if placed on the agenda.			
Street Scene	A progress report on the direction of travel for street scene improvement (Cabinet Member for the Environment to be invited).	To be confirmed.	
Customer Services – Waste	Monitor the progress and impact of the recommendations from the Customers Services O&S programme.	This was discussed at the workshop on 10 January 2024	Co-ordinating OSC convened Task and Finish groups to identify, and monitor progress of, recommendations to improve customer services in four areas including Waste. The Task and Finish report was presented to Co-ordinating OSC 14 July 2023. The papers are available here and the minutes are available here . It was agreed that Neighbourhoods OSC takes forward the work.
Bee Friendly Brum Initiative – Ban Use of Pesticides	Update on the progress of the Petition.	A subsequent petition was submitted in November 2023 and a written update was circulated on 21 February 2024.	The petition was discussed at the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on 26 September 2023 and the papers are available here and the minutes are available here .

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The perceived rise in incursions onto parks and green spaces. Enforcement and security of green spaces to be included.	To be confirmed.	The Licensing and Public Protection Committee will receive a further update on this.	November Licensing and Public Protection Committee report on work to manage unauthorised encampments, including data trends on number of incursions in the city was forwarded to Committee members. Birmingham City Council and West Midland Police have a Joint Protocol on the Management of Unauthorised Encampments.
Localisation Corporate Priorities: 6, 7, 9, 17 and 21	To ascertain how the Leader proposes to take forward the localisation agenda.	To be confirmed.	The Housing and Neighbourhoods OSC discussed this item in April 2023. Related strategies, policies and plans can be found here .
Draft Litter Prevention Strategy and Fly Tipping Prevention Plan Corporate Priorities: 17	To inform the draft litter prevention strategy and fly tipping prevention plan.	To be confirmed.	The fly tipping prevention plan is an outcome from the fly tipping enforcement item discussed at the October 2023 committee meeting.

Scrutiny Method Options:

Committee meeting - single item, Committee meeting - single theme, Task and Finish Group (outline number of meetings), On location, Other - (describe)

Corporate Priorities, Performance and Outcomes

Corporate Priorities 2022 – 26:

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| 1 Support inclusive economic growth | 11 Increase affordable, safe, green housing |
| 2 Tackle unemployment | 12 Tackle homelessness |
| 3 Attract inward investment and infrastructure | 13 Tackle health inequalities |
| 4 Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games | 14 Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living |
| 5 Tackle poverty and inequalities | 15 Champion mental health |
| 6 Empower citizens and enable citizen voice | 16 Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people |
| 7 Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture | 17 Improve street cleanliness |

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| 8 Support and enable all children and young people to thrive | 18 Improve air quality |
| 9 Make the city safer | 19 Continue on the Route to Zero |
| 10 Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens | 20 Be a City of Nature |
| | 21 Delivering a Bold Best in Class Council |

Information on the Corporate Priorities, Performance and City Outcomes was reported to the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee in June 2023 and available [here](#).