

Birmingham City Council

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6 December 2023



Subject:	Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme
Report of:	Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services
Report author:	Sarah Fradgley, Overview and Scrutiny Manager Sarah.fradgley@birmingham.gov.uk 07927 665 829

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed work programme for the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) for 2023-24, based on the Committee's meetings to date. Appendix 1 outlines the topics identified, aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny to achieve these objectives.
- 1.2 At Co-ordinating OSC on 15 September 2023, it was acknowledged that Overview and Scrutiny work programmes will need to refocus, giving priority on issues around the Section 114 Notice, the Council's financial situation and recovery.
- 1.3 A Finance and Resources OSC Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group has been set up to consider proposals to close the 2023/24 budget gap and contribute to the development of the 2024/25 Budget proposals and the Council's future financial plans.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee:
 - Notes the information set out in Appendix 1 and identifies if any further topics need to be added to the menu of topics for the Committee to explore over the coming year.
 - Agrees, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair, the issues that the Committee will consider during January 2024 – March 2024, the proposed aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny.
 - Notes, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair outside of the meeting, its proposed work programme will be submitted to Co-ordinating OSC to enable work to be planned and co-ordinated throughout the year.
 - Notes the update on the Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

3 Background

- 3.1 The [statutory guidance for local government overview and scrutiny](#) sets out the role it can play in holding an authority's decision makers to account. This makes it fundamentally important to the successful functioning of local democracy.
- 3.2 Effective Overview and Scrutiny should:
- Provide constructive 'critical friend' challenge.
 - Amplify the voices and concerns of the public.
 - Be led by independent people who take responsibility for their role.
 - Drive improvements in public services.
- 3.3 The role and functions of Overview and Scrutiny Committees are outlined in [The City Council's Constitution | Birmingham City Council](#) They will:
- Make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council, the Executive and/or other organisations in connection with the discharge of the functions specified in their terms of reference.
 - Consider any matter covered in their terms of reference that may affect or be likely to have an effect on the citizens of Birmingham; relevant to the Council's strategic objectives; relevant to major issues faced by officers in managing a function of the Council; and likely to make contribution to moving the Council forward and achieving key performance targets.
- 3.4 Effective scrutiny needs to add value. A well planned and timely work programme enables Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be involved at the right time and in the right way, and ensure their involvement is meaningful and can influence the outcome.
- 3.5 Members often have a number of topics suggested to them and are therefore required to **prioritise** matters for consideration. The Scrutiny Framework sets out the following factors to be considered:
- Public interest: concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen.
 - Ability to change: priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically influence.
 - Performance: priority should be given to areas in which the Council and Partners are not performing well.
 - Extent: priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or a large part of the city.
 - Replication: work programme must take account of what else is happening to avoid duplication.

Budget Task and Finish Group

- 3.6 In October 2023, a cross-party Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group was established by Co-ordinating OSC to examine the follow key issues:

- How the Council will close the in-year budget gap during 2023/24.
- How Scrutiny can contribute to the development of the Budget proposals for 2024/25 and financial plans for the following years
- Comments and recommendations the Task and Finish Group will report to Cabinet when the 2024/25 budget proposals are considered.

3.7 The membership of the Group comprises all Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Cllr Robert Alden, Cllr Alex Yip and Cllr Paul Tilsley.

3.8 At the Task and Finish Group meeting on 20 November 2023, the Chair raised the Neighbourhoods OSC request for an audit trail into the decision-making process relating to the establishment of cross-directorate projects. It was noted that reassurance was given by the S151 Officer that this issue had been captured in lessons learnt for establishing clear accountabilities for savings in future cross directorate projects and that the Task and Finish Group would consider this during the meetings in December and January.

Looking Ahead

3.9 Overview and Scrutiny Committees will identify a 'menu' of issues (including policy development, policy review, issues of accountability and statutory functions) at the start of the year. Each Committee should then regularly review their 'menu' and decide which issues need to be examined further, and how that work would be undertaken. Scrutiny activities should be thorough and undertaken in a timely manner.

Scrutiny Methods

3.10 There are a range of ways to undertake scrutiny. The approach for 2023-24 enables flexible scrutiny and outlines a shift from monthly formal meetings to a combination of approaches. The Committee will choose the most effective scrutiny method to achieve the desired aims and objectives for each topic.

3.11 Based on Statutory Guidance published in 2019, different scrutiny methods include (but are not limited to):

- A single item, or items, on a committee agenda – this method fits more closely with the “overview” aspect of the Scrutiny function and provides limited opportunity for effective scrutiny. It is most appropriate for specific issues where the committee wants to maintain a watching brief.
- A single item meeting, either as the committee or a more limited number of Members. It has the capacity to enhance the previous option by taking evidence from a number of witnesses.
- A task and finish day - provided that these are properly focused, they ensure Councillors can swiftly reach conclusions and make recommendations and are effective even for complex topics.
- A task and finish review – this is an enhancement of the previous option being held over four or six meetings spread over a limited number of months.

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

3.12 The Committee's Terms of Reference is to fulfil its functions as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:

- The collection and removal of waste from residential and other properties within the city.
- Pest control.
- Street cleansing, litter prevention, fly tipping/placarding removal and enforcement, graffiti removal, scrap yard and motor salvage operator enforcement.
- Parks and allotments.
- Local events held in parks.
- Cemeteries and crematoria, mortuary and Coroners Court services, Register Office services.
- Local Development Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, Development briefs, localisation.
- Commonwealth Games Legacy framework.

3.13 This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee (Police and Justice Act 2006) as referred to in the [Council Constitution](#). The [Crime and Disorder \(Overview and Scrutiny\) Regulations 2009](#) provides information to Local Authorities about how this function should be carried out. In fulfilling this function, the Committee will fulfil its functions as it relates to:

- Community safety, anti-social behaviour, fear of crime, support for victims of crime.
- Relationships with the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Police.
- Youth offending.
- Domestic abuse.

3.14 The Committee is chaired by Cllr Shabrana Hussain, and its membership comprises Cllrs. Gurdial Singh Atwal, Marcus Bernasconi, Kerry Brewer, Marje Bridle, Ray Goodwin, Izzy Knowles, and Darius Sandhu.

4 Work Programme 2023-24

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the topics the Committee will consider over the next few months, and also outlines future items for consideration.

4.2 The Committee may decide to add further items to the work programme during the course of the year. When considering this, the Committee is advised to consider

where it can best add value through scrutiny, and how it can prioritise topics for consideration based on the Scrutiny Framework referred to in 3.5.

- 4.3 The Council's latest [Forward Plan](#) may assist Members in identifying future topics. The following reports are of particular relevance to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision
	None at present.	

- 4.4 Overview and Scrutiny Chairs are advised to maintain regular engagement with Cabinet Members to enable flexibility to be built into the Overview and Scrutiny work programme, so as to respond to the Council's policy priorities in a timely way.
- 4.5 The work programme, as set out in Appendix 1, also cross references the work of the Committee with the Council's Corporate Priorities 2022-26. During the period June – December 2023 the work of this Committee will contribute to 7 Corporate Priorities.

5 Any Finance Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

6 Any Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

7 Any Equalities Implications

- 7.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 7.2 The protected characteristics and groups outlined in the Equality Act are Age; Disability; Gender Reassignment; Marriage and Civil Partnership; Pregnancy and Maternity; Race; Religion and Belief; Sex, and Sexual Orientation.
- 7.3 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering how policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant

protected characteristic; whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; and whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

- 7.4 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

8 Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Work Programme 2023-24 – December

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 [Birmingham City Council Constitution](#)
- 9.2 Birmingham City Council Overview and Scrutiny Framework April 2021

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
July	Fly Tipping Enforcement Corporate Priorities: 17	<p>To outline the current position in relation to fly-tipping with specific regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying dedicated resources and which wards they are deployed; Enforcement approach and how this is developing; and How cameras are being used, and the specific impact of Grime Watch. <p>Understand if/ how this approach is making a difference to reduce fly tipping.</p> <p>Outline progress towards Cleaner Streets recommendations.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 5 July 2023 at 2pm</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline for Papers: 22 June 2023</p>	Darren Share, Director, Street Scene		<p>The Committee will review this information and consider whether to undertake a more detailed inquiry.</p> <p>Related work from 2022-23: Reducing Fly tipping (April 2023) Cleaner Streets (April 2023) Performance Information (presented to Neighbourhoods OSC, June 2023 by Programmes, Performance and Improvement) Co-ordinating O&S Customer Services (waste)</p> <p>Outcome: Following meeting committee members prepared two recommendations Recommendation 1: The Street Scene Service undertakes an analysis of Locality based hotspot data and ‘intelligence’ – what’s being dumped, who’s likely to have dumped it and what’s being done to try and stop them. Specifically, we also request the map data by Ward of waste items collected by</p>

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
						<p>locality during Love Your Environment Days. The report to the Committee should include a map of fly tipping hot spots across the city at ward level, the number of fly tipping incidents reported to or otherwise known to the Council, and the number of fines and prosecutions. Based on this analysis of this information the Street Scene Service should develop a fly tipping prevention plan in consultation with the Neighbourhoods OSC that will aim to change behaviour and stop fly tipping occurring.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: Ward level information from the Land Audit Management System (LAMS) is shared with all relevant ward members. In the first instance, information on the snapshot of ranked wards and also the trend across wards for the previous 12 months will be shared with the members of the Neighbourhoods OSC at the October 2023 meeting to agree</p>

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
						the level on detail that should be provided. Further work should then be undertaken to make this information available on the City Observatory and that this is circulated to elected members.
July	Community Safety Localities Approach Corporate Priorities: 9	To inform the committee on the development of a new localities approach and how ward councillors can contribute towards identifying local priorities, problem solving and reviewing impact	Committee Meeting single item: 5 July 2023 at 2pm Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline for Papers: 22 June 2023	Pamela Powis, Acting Head of Partnership, Community Safety Team		Six Local Partnership Delivery Groups operate across the city. An all-day partnership event took place on 22 May 2023 to inform this new approach. Members were invited to attend. The Neighbourhoods OSC is the designated Crime and Disorder Committee for Birmingham. This will contribute towards discharging its duties. The statutory requirements, as Crime and Disorder Committee, are outlined here . Outcome: The Committee discussed the development of the new localities approach and the engagement with Councillors. The Committee were reassured that Annual

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
						Delivery Plans and contacts for local managers would be shared with Ward Councillors. It requested contact details of all local managers and their areas.
August	Youth Justice Corporate Priorities: 8 and 9	To inform the annual Youth Justice Plan	Other - Briefing: 9 August 2023 at 2pm Venue: Committee Room 2 and on-line (hybrid)	Janine Saleh, Head of Birmingham Youth Offending Service, Birmingham Children's Trust	Dionne McAndrew, Assistant Director Vulnerable Young People, Birmingham Children's Trust	This is an annual report previous approved by Council in October 2022. Report The draft report went to pre-decision Scrutiny a hybrid briefing with Members of the Education, Children and Young People OSC was held. Outcome: The Neighbourhoods and Education Children and Young People OSC Members contributed to the development of the Annual Youth Justice Plan.
September	Scrutiny Contribution to Budget Savings and Recovery	To consider the Medium-Term Financial Plan, and the Q1 2023-24 budget saving position relating to services within the remit of the Neighbourhoods OSC	Committee Meeting standing item: Agenda at Neighbourhoods OSC Committee Meeting on 6 September 2023	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods	Chris Jordan, AD, Neighbourhoods Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services & Business Support	In July Co-ordinating OCS agreed that Scrutiny Committees would consider the implications of the Medium-Term Financial Plan at the September Committee meetings.

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
		Provide Committee members with training materials relating to financial scrutiny.	Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 25 August 2023		Richard Lloyd-Bithell, AD, Financial Strategy Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head of Financial Strategy	The Committee received a verbal update on the S114 notice issued on 5 September 2023 Outcome: Members examined that Q1 2023/24 budget savings position for the areas relating to the Committee remit. Sought clarification on criteria for determining the 'RAG' status of savings and gave consideration as to how scrutiny might contribute to budget savings and recovery work. Members made suggestions for additional savings.
October	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings and Update on the Council's Response to S114 Notice and Financial Recovery Plan	To examine the current and future budget savings and the Recovery Plan Provide information on Quarter 1 and 2 2023/24 budget savings position to enable the committee to examine progress of delivery of the 2023/24 savings within the remit of the Committee's terms of reference.	Committee Meeting standing item: 4 October 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 26 September 2023 Committee Meeting single	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience Darren Share, Director, Street Scene Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement	Outcome: The Committee requested attendance of relevant officers to provide further clarification and reassurance on the classification of savings identified as potential write-offs. The Committee noted findings of research into role of scrutiny in other local authorities that had been subject to S114

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
		To consider implications of Council's response to the Section 114 Notice and Financial Recovery Plan, Secretary of State DLUHC statement to House of Commons, Section 5 Notice and supplementary Section 114 Notice on the scrutiny work programme.	<p>item: 4 October 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 26 September 2023</p>		<p>Ekbal Hussain, Interim Business Partner</p> <p>Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head, Financial Strategy</p> <p>Carl Thomlinson, Interim Finance Business Partner, City Operations</p>	Notices and Government intervention
October	<p>Cleaner Streets</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 17</p>	<p>To consider the progress made towards implementation of the Cleaner Streets recommendations and impact to date.</p> <p>To understand the impact of the S114 Notice on any activities relating to the recommendations.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 4 October 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 26 September 2023</p>	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	Darren Share, Director, Street Scene	<p>In February 2023, the Housing and Neighbourhoods OSC agreed recommendations for Cleaner Streets. This had followed informal best practice sessions with Derby, Rochdale and Wigan Local Authorities.</p> <p>In April 2023, Cabinet Member for Environment provided a formal response to the recommendations, and agreed to report progress to future committees.</p> <p>Outcome: The Committee examined the progress made on the recommendations and Members called for improved</p>

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
						<p>communications with ward councillors, including access to street cleaning schedules, ward contacts for street cleaning and waste collection, and point of contact to report business and trade waste on the public highway and fly tipping on private land.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member invited the Committee to comment on draft litter prevention strategy when available.</p>
October	Fly Tipping Enforcement Corporate Priorities: 17	Provide further information in fly tipping initiatives and their impact, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grime Watch • Legal interventions and enforcement activity • Analysis of locality-based data and intelligence for fly tipping (as per recommendation 1 arising from the July O&S Committee) • Land Audit Management System (LAMS) ward information (as per 	Committee Meeting single item: 4 October 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 26 September 2023 <i>Other: Workshop demonstration of LAMS and Slab in</i>	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	Darren Share, Director, Street Scene	Outcome: Information relating to fly tipping was reported and a further request for information relating to analysis of data and impact of activities to fully respond to the two committee recommendations developed in July 2023. A separate demonstration to be held to build member knowledge of the Land Audit Management System and the capabilities and reliability of the in-cab tablet.

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
		<p>recommendation 2 arising from the July O&S Committee)</p> <p>To understand the impact of S114 Notice on any activities.</p>	<p><i>the Cab technology on 10 January 2024</i></p>			
November	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings	To examine the current position on 2023/34 Budget Savings relating to the remit of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	<p>Committee Meeting standing item: 1 November 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 16 October 2023</p>	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods	<p>Carl Thomlinson, Interim Finance Business Partner, City Operations</p> <p>Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services & Business Support</p> <p>Nic Reid, Principal Operations Manager</p> <p>Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement</p>	<p>Outcome: The committee noted the establishment of the Finance and Resources Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>Following reports on high levels of missed waste collections, the Committee sought assurances that spend controls were not impacting on waste collections.</p> <p>Further examination by the committee with officers into the four non-deliverable savings associated with the customer services programme in bereavement, garden waste, markets and pest control found that whilst projects delivered improved customer service outcomes and an enhanced customer experience, savings</p>

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
						<p>had been duplicated in service areas by other cross cutting proposals.</p> <p>Members suggested an audit trail of the decision-making processes for cross-departmental projects. The issue has been captured in lessons learnt for establishing clear accountabilities for savings in future cross directorate projects and that the Budget Task and Finish Group will consider this during the meetings in December and January.</p>
November	Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy Corporate Priorities: 10	Contribute to the draft Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy as part of the consultation process. Understand implications of the Council's financial situation on delivery of the Strategy.	Committee Meeting single item: 1 November 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 16 October 2023	Kalvinder Kohli, Assistant Director	Shirin Marashi, Senior Commissioning Officer, Adults Social Care Revinder Johal, Commissioning Manager, Adults Social Care	A new Domestic Abuse Strategy is scheduled for Cabinet approval in January-February 2024. Co-ordinating O&S Committee held a single theme meeting in February 2023 to review the previous strategy and input in the early stages of this strategy's development. A summary is provided here .

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
						<p>Outcome: The Committee commented on the draft strategy and requested a written update when finalised for Cabinet approval. The Committee agreed to review implementation of the strategy on an annual basis. To assist with the consultation exercise, members agreed to disseminate the consultation weblink.</p> <p>The Committee asked officers to explore whether additional domestic abuse training sessions could be provided to all Councillors.</p>
December	Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report Corporate Priorities: 8, 9 and 10	<p>To review the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership annual report.</p> <p>The Committee may identify specific areas they wish to consider at future meetings</p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 6 December 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 20 November 2023</p>	Cllr Nicky Brennan, Chair, Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	Chief Superintendent Richard North, Vice Chair Pamela Powis, Senior Service Manager, Safer Places	<p>The Neighbourhoods OSC is the designated Crime and Disorder Committee for Birmingham.</p> <p>The Housing and Neighbourhoods OSC discussed this on 15 December 2022. The report is available here and the action notes are available here.</p>

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
				Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience (TBC)		In November, Members requested additional information on measures to tackle cuckooing, and an update on the operation and impact of the introduction of localised community safety officers.
December	Examining any impact of S114 Spend Control on Services	<p>To provide information as to whether S114 spend controls have impacted on the level of missed waste collections.</p> <p>Members have asked for statistics on missed collections before and after spending controls measures and statistics on missed green waste collections.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting standing item: 6 December 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 20 November 2023</p>	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member, Environment	Les Williams	<p>This item was requested at the November 2023 committee following reports of missed collections in several areas of the City.</p> <p>The Committee sought assurances about any impact of S114 spend controls on the essential services.</p>
January 2024	Waste Workshop	<p>To build Members' understanding of the technology used within the department.</p> <p>Demonstration of Land Audit Management Survey and 'Slab in the Cab' technology</p>	<p>Other - Workshop: 10 January 2024 at 2pm</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p>	<p>Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member, Environment TBC</p> <p>Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods TBC</p>	<p>Neil Griffiths, Director, Neighbourhoods TBC</p> <p>Paul Pritchett, Acting Operations Manager (Environmental Crime) TBC</p> <p>Mohammed Qudeer</p>	This informal workshop will provide members with the opportunity to view the operation of the LAMS and the capabilities and reliability of the in-cab tablet to understand what data is collected and how it is used.

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
					Senior Waste Prevention/Inspection officer TBC Nick Massey, ICT Project Development Manager TBC	
February 2024	Delays in Births and Deaths Registrations	Provide an overview of, and demonstrate the impact of, the current engagement and work undertaken with the Coroner, partners and communities on steps to eliminate delays within the service. Outline the current progress towards developing a new mortuary facility for the city, including a permanent digital autopsy scanner.	Committee Meeting single item: 7 February 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 22 January 2024	Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement TBC	Bev Nash, Head of Service will be attending on behalf of Sajeela Naseer TBC	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 . The Committee requested a further update in 4-6 months' time.
February 2024	Customer Services – Bereavement Services	Monitor the progress and impact of the recommendations from the Customers Services programme (as previously undertaken by Co-ordinating O&S Committee)	Committee Meeting single item: 7 February 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House	Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement TBC	Bev Nash, Head of Service TBC	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. A final Task and Finish group report was presented to Co-

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
			Deadline: 22 January 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.
March 2024	Localisation Corporate Priorities: 6, 7, 9, 17 and 21	To ascertain how the Leader proposes to take forward the localisation agenda (TBC)	Committee Meeting single item: 6 March 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 19 February 2024	Cllr John Cotton, Leader (TBC)		The Housing and Neighbourhoods OSC discussed this item in April 2023. Related strategies, policies and plans can be found here .
March 2024	Draft Litter Prevention Strategy and Fly Tipping Prevention Plan TBC	To inform the draft litter prevention strategy and fly tipping prevention plan.	Committee Meeting single item: 6 March 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House	TBC	Selena Ellis, Engagement & Performance Officer, Neighbourhoods	To inform the draft litter prevention strategy is an outcome from the Cleaner Streets item discussed at the October 2023 committee meeting. The fly tipping prevention plan is an outcome from the Fly Tipping Enforcement item

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
	Corporate Priorities: 17		Deadline: 19 February 2024			discussed at the October 2023 committee meeting.

*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 had 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.

Item/ Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
Customer Services – Waste	Monitor the progress and impact of the recommendations from the Customers Services O&S programme	TBC	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	To be confirmed.	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 .
The perceived rise in incursions onto parks and green spaces. Enforcement and security of green spaces to be included.	To be confirmed.	To be confirmed.	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

Item/ Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
			City Council and West Midlands Police have a Joint Protocol on the Management of Unauthorised Encampments.
Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy	To review the implementation of the new strategy on an annual basis.		This was agreed at the committee meeting on 1 November 2023.

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:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 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 |
| 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](#).