

Appendix 2: Cabinet Member Priorities and Forthcoming Decisions

Cllr. John Cotton, Leader of the Council

- Continuation of the focus on localisation as per the “Working Together in Birmingham’s Neighbourhoods” Policy statement - including the development of Neighbourhood Planning, Neighbourhood Councils, Pioneer Places etc.
- Work with communities and partners to deliver the year 2 programme of work and associated outputs for the Community & Place aspect of the Shared Prosperity Fund.
- Invest in neighbourhoods and communities with a focus on place based grant programmes including Shared Prosperity Fund, Community Chest, Be Bold Crowdfunder, Enterprise Zone Funding (Cultural Action Zones), CWG’s Legacy Funding for Cultural Engagement, & Beyond Birmingham 2022- Celebrating Communities.

Cllr. Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment

- Create a collaborative forum to discuss and identify measures and mitigations to assist the Council in reaching its net zero commitment.
- Seek opportunities to invest in new infrastructure in our local parks.
- Seek opportunities to generate income from our local parks other than through car park charging.
- Work in collaboration with Public Health to utilise and increase the usage of our parks to reduce health inequalities across the City.
- Work in conjunction with elected members in seeking to assist in their local priorities around cleanliness and reduction of fly-tipping.
- Work with enforcements agencies to reduce flyposting, abandoned vehicles and neglected skips on highways.
- Further develop the LoveYourStreets and LoveYourEnvironment teams to help meet the ongoing demand for clean neighbourhoods utilising LAMS data.
- Develop a waste reduction strategy and increase recycling opportunities across the city working with stakeholders such as the ReUsers Centre, schools and interest groups to raise the level of recycling.
- Enhance the Mobile Household Recycling Collection service by seeking to introduce a free bulky waste collection for those receiving an assisted collection and develop it into a more agile service by working with elected members.

Cllr. Nicky Brennan, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities

- Community Safety:
 - Implement the requirements of the Serious Violence Duty and develop a Birmingham reducing serious violence strategy (including knife crime and youth violence) working alongside the Violence Reduction Partnership.
 - Develop and implement a Birmingham Serious Violence Strategy, including a serious violence profile and needs assessment for Birmingham.
 - Continue to develop and embed a public health and early intervention and prevention approaches to violence reduction, including gangs and domestic abuse.
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Disorder:
 - Continue to assess and review the number of re-deployable CCTV cameras available to target crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots.
 - Continue to work with partners to create a new integrated approach to neighbourhood ASB, that can help target local environmental problems and work with WM Police to address anti-social behaviour and safety concerns.
 - Monitor the implementation of the new Anti-social Behaviour Case Review process.
- Violence Against Women and Girls:
 - Tackle violence against women and girls through the “Everyone Should Feel Safe” campaign.
 - Work with partners to develop and embed a violence against women and girls Birmingham strategy.
 - Continue to work in partnership to increase safety in and around the night-time economy.
- Domestic Abuse:
 - Continue to implement the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Part 4 new statutory duty, relating to the provision of support to victims of domestic abuse and their children residing within safe accommodation. Approval of receipt of funding from DLUHC to fulfil this duty for 2023/2024, and the approach for utilising this funding as outlined in Cabinet report June 2023.
 - Develop a whole system approach to tackling domestic abuse with the aim of ensuring victims safety, across key areas, police and criminal justice service, Children’s services and Housing.
 - Work towards achieving the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance Accreditation.
 - Work across the Council to implement the Employers Domestic Abuse Covenant, a pledge taken by organisations to support women subjected to domestic abuse, back into sustainable employment.
 - Approval of the new Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy (Submit draft to DA Board in August, carry out public consultation until October, make amendments and submit to Cabinet by April 2024).

- Work with partners to explore interventions for perpetrators of domestic abuse in Birmingham following Ofsted recommendations.
- Ensure the city councils modern slavery statement is renewed and honoured:
 - Continue to raise awareness of modern slavery and work in partnership to disrupt the associated activities.
 - Ensure modern slavery champions are supported and training is refreshed. Increase the number of champions.
- Criminal Exploitation of Young People:
 - Working with Birmingham Children's Trust to ensure that exploitation of young people is disrupted.
 - Working in partnership to identify all opportunities to disrupt county lines.
- Tackling and Reducing Hate Crime:
 - Ensure the effective implementation of the Hate Crime strategy through continued partnership working and engagement with communities to improve safety for all people with protected characteristics.
 - Make it easier to report hate crimes and hold agencies to account for their responses through our Tackling Hate, Taking Action Partnership.
- Local and Neighbourhood Working Around Community Safety:
 - Work with Police and Crime Commissioner to get extra police officers onto our streets.
 - Build on the locality-based pilots in Lozells and Sparkbrook to strengthen partnership tasking in localities to tackle issues such as ASB.
 - Review the Community Safety Local Partnership Delivery Groups and align to the new neighbourhood policing model.
- Bereavement Services and Register Office:
 - Improving Cemeteries and Crematoria:
 - Commence project to extend Kings Norton Cemetery (complete Sept.2024)
 - Conclude rebuild the crematorium at Yardley, including installation of better gas emission technology and better energy efficiency measures (complete Summer 2023).
 - Improving the City Council's Mortuary Provision:
 - Prepare plans to provide a fit for the future Mortuary in the longer term, including provision of CTPM technology and more freezer space.
 - Continue to provide an interim solution for the provision of a CTPM Scanner for use by the Coroner of Birmingham and Solihull prior to the construction of a new mortuary.
 - Improving Customer satisfaction with the services:
 - Review and improve the existing rules and regulations for cemeteries and crematorium.
 - Explore the introduction of a six-day working at crematoria.
 - Explore the introduction of a seven-day working at more than one cemetery.

- Introduce a customer satisfaction index for all services.
- Engaging community groups:
 - Continue to engage community groups with activities across the city's cemeteries and crematoria.
- Extend the partnership working with the Bereavement Roundtable:
 - Work in partnership with others to improve the bereavement process for all sectors of the community.
- Ensuring there are better long-term plans in place for the Bereavement Services:
 - Prepare a medium to long term Bereavement Services Strategy.
 - Prepare a Future Capital agenda for service areas to be included in the 25-year property/asset strategy.

Councillor Saima Suleman, Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage & Tourism

- CWG Legacy: monitor/deliver CWG Legacy Framework to ensure that Birmingham can achieve best value and secure further investment.