

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 22 JANUARY 2024 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

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- 3 **APOLOGIES**
- To receive any apologies.
- 5 - 12** 4 **MINUTES**
- To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2023.
- 13 - 14** 5 **COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON AGENDA**
- For the Committee to note the attached comments on the agenda.
- 15 - 32** 6 **PETITIONS UPDATE**
- Report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.
- 7 **BUDGET COUNCIL 2024 - VERBAL UPDATE**
- Discussion item.
- 8 **LORD MAYOR NOMINATION 2024/25 - VERBAL UPDATE**
- Discussion Item
- 33 - 38** 9 **DECISIONS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION**
- Report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.
- 39 - 44** 10 **COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING - 6 FEBRUARY 2024**
- To consider the Council agenda for the next meeting.
- 45 - 80** 11 **CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN**
- To consider the City Council and Council Business Management Committee Forward Plan.

12 **COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2024**

2024:

12 February

Tuesday 2 April

Tuesday 7 May

13 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chair are matters of urgency.

14 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

Chair to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

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**COUNCIL
BUSINESS
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COMMITTEE
18 DECEMBER
2023**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 18 DECEMBER
2023 AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL
HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor John Cotton in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Baber Baz, Sir Albert Bore,
Des Hughes, Brigid Jones, Gareth Moore, Sharon
Thompson and Chaman Lal.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

245 The Chair advised the meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

246 No declarations of interests were made.

APOLOGIES

247 Apologies were received from Councillor Miranda Perks.

MINUTES

248 The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

COMMISSIONER’S REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON AGENDA

249 The Committee noted the comments submitted by Commissioners in relation to agenda item 8 ‘Amendments to the Constitution’. The comments submitted by Commissioners were included in a document which was available for public view as part of the agenda pack for this meeting.

PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager made introductory comments relating to the report.

The Committee expressed a view that the number of outstanding petitions was unacceptable. Members noted that Councillors were held to account in terms of ensuring that petitions submitted by themselves on behalf of their residents were responded to and discharged in a timely fashion.

Because some petitions were not being responded to and subsequently discharged within the agreed timescales outlined in the report, the Committee agreed that the Strategic Director for City Operations be invited to the next meeting to provide assurance to Members in relation to how petitions would be responded to and discharged within the agreed timescales moving forwards.

It was-

250 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Committee:

- 1.) Noted the Petitions Update report.
 - 2.) Agreed that Committee Services contact the Strategic Director for City Operations to invite them to the next meeting in January 2024.
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INDEPENDENT MEMBERS (INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL) APPOINTMENT

The following report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Robert Connelly, Assistant Director (Governance), made introductory comments relating to the report.

Members noted that there was a proposal to be made at City Council to appoint the three named individuals to the Independent Remuneration Panel. There was currently one vacancy.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

1.) That the Council's Business Management Committee recommended to City Council the appointments as outlined in the report.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services made introductory comments relating to the report.

The Interim City Solicitor informed the Committee that there had been a great deal of activity in relation to reviewing the constitutional arrangements associated with the Audit Committee.

The Committee noted that the proposed amendments to the constitution relating to the Audit Committee would be submitted for Council consideration and approval at the 9 January 2024 meeting.

Members noted that the Audit Committee had been sighted on the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments looked at how the Audit Committee and Scrutiny would work better together moving forwards.

The Committee further noted that a cross-party group would be set up to oversee the work related to the amending of the constitution.

Members acknowledged the work that had been completed by Professor Colin Copus which related to meetings of the City Council. This work would be analysed as the review of the constitution took

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place to determine how improvements could be made in relation to meetings of the City Council.

Members noted that all Scrutiny Committees were currently working on their work programmes to align them to the current stabilisation plan. This work was taking place throughout January 2024.

The future composition of the Audit Committee in relation to the appointing of its Chair would be discussed moving forwards and then determined at the 2024 Annual City Council meeting in May. Conversations took place at the meeting in relation to which Group the Chair of the Committee might come from in the future.

A detailed discussion between Members took place in relation to which Members should sit on the Audit Committee in the future. Particularly, comments related to the suitability of a Member(s) of the Finance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee being appointed to the Audit Committee and how any conflicts of interest could be managed.

Members noted that at some local authorities, the Chair of the Audit Committee was not appointed from any political group – they were an independent person.

Further discussions took place in relation to exempt information shared with Members. A variety of viewpoints were expressed ranging from Members being provided with any information they requested or whether instead requests should be made by Members to view any exempt information which was submitted to a Committee(s) on which they were not appointed to.

The making available of exempt information via the committee management information system (cmis) could not be specific in terms of sharing exempt items with only a select group of Members. Any cmis user with exempt information access could view an exempt report(s)/appendices even though that information might not be related to the Committees on which they were appointed.

Following the conclusion of the above discussions. Members agreed that the working group would consider a report on this matter where the views of Councillors would be heard and recorded. The working group would also be considering the timing of Committee meetings due to some concerns which had been raised around Member availability to attend daytime meetings.

Members were assured that any historic exempt information would be collated and made available for viewing should it be requested.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

That Council Business Management Committee:

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- 1.) Noted the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for Audit Committee (Part B14 of the Constitution), set out in Appendix 1 and agreed that these be presented to Full Council on 9 January 2024 for approval.
- 2.) Noted the timeline for delivering a comprehensive review of the Council's Constitution, set out in Section 5.
- 3.) Agreed to re-establish a cross-party working group, consisting of 5 Members (3 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 Liberal Democrat) to support the Monitoring Officers review of the constitution.
- 4.) Agreed that Councillor John Cotton should Chair the Constitution Working Group.

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

The Committee agreed that an extraordinary meeting of the City Council would be convened at 1315 on 9 January 2024 in relation to the retention of Honorary Alderman status. The meeting would conclude at 1345 to allow for preparations for the 1400 meeting to be made.

During the ensuing discussion on the Council agenda the following was agreed/noted:-

Group Whips should ensure that Members remain seated for all agenda items wherever possible.

That the Scrutiny Business report be scheduled for consideration at the 6 February 2024 meeting. The remaining time gained from deferring this item was allocated to the 'Constitution Review' and 'Route to Zero Annual Report' respectively.

The Independent Remuneration Panel report would be considered under the 'City Council Appointments' agenda item so that a standalone agenda item was not required.

The Committee agreed to the following timings for the 9 January Council meeting:

Scrutiny Inquiry on Children and Young People's Mental Health: Is Birmingham meeting young people's mental health needs?: 35 minutes.

Route to Net Zero Annual Report 2023: 30 minutes.

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Lead Member Report: West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority: 15 minutes

Amendments to the Constitution: 20 minutes.

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RESOLVED:-

That the agenda for the meeting of the Council on 9 January 2024 be noted taking account of the timings as outlined above.

CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN

Because of the number of items scheduled for consideration at the 16 April 2024 meeting, the Committee agreed that there would be no Notices of Motion agenda item at this meeting.

Members agreed to discharge the Motions which had been actioned.

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The Committee noted the City Council and CBMC Forward Plan.

(See document No 5)

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2024

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The Committee noted the Council Business Management Committee dates for 2024:

To be held on Mondays at 1400 hours except where specified as follows:-

2024:

22 January

12 February

2 April

7 May

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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There was no urgent business.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

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RESOLVED:-

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That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 15:07

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Commissioner's Review:

Agenda item 6 'Petitions Update':

Significant improvement in the management of petitions is urgently required and must be closely monitored and managed. The current process should be kept under review to ensure it delivers the necessary improvement.

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Council Business Management Committee

22 January 2024



Subject: Petitions Update
Report of: Marie Rosenthal, Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Report author: Ben Patel Sadler
Senior Committee Manager
Ben.Patel-Sadler@birmingham.gov.uk

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential: N/A

1 Executive Summary

1.1 To update the Committee on progress made in responding to petitions presented to full Council and to provide an update in relation to the continuing management of petitions.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 That the Committee seeks an update from the Strategic Director, City Operations in relation to the number of petitions not yet discharged across the directorate.

2.2 That the Committee notes the progress made in relation to the responding to and discharging of other petitions.

2.3 That the Committee determines if any additional measures are required to ensure the continuing progress relating to the responding and discharging of petitions is maintained.

3 Background

3.1 During recent meetings of the Committee, Members have expressed concern with regards to the amount of time taken to respond to and subsequently discharge petitions submitted by Councillors.

3.2 The following protocol currently applies to all petitions submitted by Members:

1. Petition presented at City Council.
2. Petition referred to the appropriate directorate for response within 3 working days.
3. Directorate to write to the Councillor presenting the petition and the first named petitioner to acknowledge receipt within 14 days of the City Council.
4. Progress of investigation into petition to be notified by the relevant directorate to Committee Manger for inclusion in the monthly Petitions Update no later than 10 working days before the next City Council.
5. Final response to petition included in Petitions Update by Committee Manager.
6. Director to notify the Councillor who presented the petition and the first named petitioner of the outcome within 14 days of the relevant City Council meeting discharging the same.

3.3 It should be noted that the protocol applies only to petitions sent internally and not to those which are referred to outside bodies for action.

3.4 The Interim City Solicitor has continued to liaise with department Directors, via consultation with the Chief Executive, to emphasise the importance of responding to petitions submitted by Members in a timely manner.

3.5 Following these discussions, Committee Services initially reported a month on month increase of the number of petitions being responded to and subsequently discharged.

3.6 However, at the Council Business Management Committee held on 23 October 2023 the process for responding to petitions was again reviewed as it was highlighted a number of petitions had still not been responded to within a reasonable period of time. Members therefore agreed that a petitions update should be submitted to each meeting of the Committee until further notice due to the number of petitions which had not yet been discharged.

- 3.7 Following the Council Business Management Committee meeting held on 20 November 2023, Committee Services contacted all directorates to further emphasise that all petitions submitted at City Council meetings must be responded to and discharged within the agreed timescales set out at 3.2 of this report. If a petition(s) was not responded to and discharged within these timescales, then senior officers from those directorates would be invited to future meetings to outline the reasons behind any delays.
- 3.8 Appendix 1 to this report outlines the number of outstanding petitions as of the 9 January 2024 City Council meeting.
- 3.9 Between the 5 December 2023 and the 9 January 2024 City Council meetings, approximately 14 petitions have been responded to and subsequently discharged.
- 3.10 Given a number of petitions have still not been discharged, or acknowledged within a reasonable period of time, it is proposed that when a response is not provided within 28 days the matter is immediately referred to the relevant Strategic Director for action.
- 3.11 Where a response remains outstanding the Strategic Director will be invited to attend the next meeting. This action has already been progressed in relation to the outstanding petitions addressed to City Operations with the Strategic Director invited to attend Committee on 22 January 2024.
- 3.12 To improve the process, it is also proposed that Corporate Leadership Team be provided with an update on outstanding petitions on a monthly basis by the Interim City Solicitor. If improvements are not made by the end of February this will include a review of the petitions protocol to ensure processes and performance are improved.

4 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

5 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

6 Public Sector Equality Duty

- 7.1 There are no immediate equality implications arising from this report.

7 Other Implications

7.1 None.

8 Background Papers

9.1 None.

9 Appendices

10.1 Appendix 1: Outstanding petitions as of the 9 January 2024 City Council meeting.

PETITIONS RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL FUNCTIONS PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL – 9 JANUARY 2024

<u>DATE OF RECEIPT/ PRESENTED BY CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION/SENT TO</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
<p>2602 Councillor Shehla Moledina 06.12.2022 EXEC</p>	<p>From residents in the Balsall Heath West Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to take necessary measures to help reduce speeding cars on Hallam Street and Lincoln Street junction – <i>Director of City Operations.</i></p>	<p>21.02.23 – Petition forwarded to Inclusive Growth for a response to be provided.</p> <p>13.11.23 – Petition falls under the remit of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability.</p> <p>22.12.23 – Petition to be referred to City Operations for a response.</p> <p>03.01.24 – Transportation Projects are set to provide a response to this petition.</p>
<p>2637 Councillor Timothy Huxtable EXEC 23.05.2023</p>	<p>From residents of Hall Green South Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the pavements along Doveridge Road, Hall Green - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>26.05.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.</p> <p>26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area.</p> <p>03.07.23 – Follow up email sent to Service asking for an update on the response for this petition.</p> <p>05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p>

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<p>2638 23.05.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Hall Green South Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the carriageway along Smirrells Road, Hall Green – <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>26.05.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.</p> <p>26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area.</p> <p>03.07.23 – Follow up email sent to Service asking for an update on the response for this petition.</p> <p>05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>23.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>03.01.24 – Email sent asking for an update.</p>

2645 13.06.2023 Councillor Zafar Iqbal EXEC	From residents of Gladys Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to remove or reduce the number of trees in their road - <i>Director of City Operations</i>	Petition Received 16.06.23 19.06.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor. 19.06.23 - Petition sent to service area. 05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 23.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 03.01.24 – Email sent asking for an update.
2648 13.06.2023 Councillor Diane Donaldson EXEC	From residents of Brockhurst Road in Bromford and Hodge Hill Ward, calling upon Birmingham City Council to install new white LED streetlights in Brockhurst Road - <i>Director of City Operations</i>	Petition Received 16.06.23 19.06.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor. 19.06.23 - Petition sent to service area. 05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.

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<p>2652 13.06.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Hall Green Road South calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the pavements along Doveridge Road - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>Petition Received 16.06.23</p> <p>19.06.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.</p> <p>19.06.23 - Petition sent to service area.</p> <p>05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>23.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>03.01.24 - Email sent asking for an update</p>

<p>2653 13.06.2023 Councillor Roger Harmer EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Acocks Green Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface Marie Drive - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>Petition Received 16.06.23</p> <p>19.06.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.</p> <p>19.06.23 - Petition sent to service area.</p> <p>05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>23.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>29.11.23 - email sent requesting petitions be addressed as a matter of urgency</p>
<p>2658 11.07.2023 Councillor Rob Pocock EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Denholm Road calling upon Birmingham City Council’s Highways Directorate to improve the pavements on the odd-numbers side of their road and raised to a standard that is safe for walking - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>05.09.2023 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p>

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<p>2659 11.07.2023 Councillor Rob Pocock EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Falstone Road calling upon Birmingham City Council’s Highways Directorate to improve the pavements on the odd-numbers side of their road and raised to a standard that is safe for walking - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>05.09.2023 - Email sent asking for an update</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 – Service area is working hard to provide a response ASAP.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>13.11.23 – Email sent asking if the response has been issued.</p> <p>23.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>29.11.23 - email sent requesting petitions be addressed as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>08.12.2023 – Email sent asking for an update.</p>

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2662 11.07.2023 Councillor Tim Huxtable EXEC	From residents of Hall Green South calling upon Birmingham City Council’s Highway Department to resurface the pavements along both Primrose Lane and Primrose Croft - <i>Director of City Operations</i>	05.09.2023 - Email sent asking for an update. 15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update. 15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 13.11.23 – Email sent to ask if the response has been issued. 23.11.23 - email sent asking for an update. 29.11.23 - email sent requesting petitions be addressed as a matter of urgency. 08.12.2023 – Email sent asking for an update. 03.01.24– Email sent asking for an update.
2667 11.07.2023 Councillor Jon Hunt EXEC	From residents of Pendragon Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to prune/fell trees in their road due to them causing damage to properties and	05.09.2023 - Email sent asking for an update. 15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.

	blocking gutters and drains with leaves – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	<p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update. 15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update</p> <p>13.11.23 – Email sent asking if a response has been provided.</p> <p>23.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>29.11.23 - email sent requesting petitions be addressed as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>08.12.2023 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>03.01.24– Email sent asking for an update.</p>
2669 11.07.2023 Councillor Saima Ahmed EXEC	From residents of Balsall Heath West Ward objecting to the application to establish a Parish Council in the area - <i>City Solicitor</i>	
2680 12.09.2023 Councillor Robert Alden EXEC	From residents of Alum Rock Ward and the Alum Rock Traders Association calling upon Birmingham City Council to reconsider the selling of the surplus land on Adderley Road – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i>	<p>01.11.23 - Referred to Property Services for investigation and response.</p> <p>05.12.2023 - Email has been sent asking for an update.</p>

<p>2682 12.09.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Hall Green South calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the carriageway along Smirrals Road, Hall Green – <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>15.09.23 – Petition received. 19.09.23 - Petition sent to Service Area. 20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 13.11.23 – Email sent asking if a response has been provided. 23.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 29.11.23 - email sent requesting petitions be addressed as a matter of urgency. 08.12.2023 – Email sent asking for an update. 03.01.24– Email sent asking for an update.</p>
<p>2683 12.09.2023 Councillor Colin Green EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Whitecroft Road, Sheldon calling upon Birmingham City Council to prune the council managed trees on Whitecroft Road – <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>15.09.23 – Petition received. 19.09.23 - Petition sent to Service Area. 20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 13.11.23 – Email sent asking if a response has been provided.</p>

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<p>2684 12.09.2023 Councillor Katherine Iroh EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Glen Rise, Billesley calling upon Birmingham City Council to prune and lop trees on Glen Rise as they are blocking natural light and causing additional issues of footpaths being uneven and cracks in driveways – <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>15.09.23 – Petition received.</p> <p>19.09.23 - Petition sent to Service Area.</p> <p>20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>10.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>13.11.23 – Email sent asking if a response has been provided.</p> <p>23.11.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>29.11.23 - email sent requesting petitions be addressed as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>08.12.2023 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>03.01.24– Email sent asking for an update.</p>
<p>2687 12.09.2023 Councillor Sir Albert Bore EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Ladywood and Birmingham calling upon Birmingham City Council to have a proper consultation process to explain the large, phased regeneration – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i></p>	<p>07.11.23 - Referred to Project Delivery Manager for investigation and response.</p> <p>05.12.2023 - Email has been sent asking for an update.</p>

		09.01.2024 - Email has been sent asking for an update.
2690 07.11.2023 Councillor Adrian Delaney	From the residents of Hobbis House, Redditch Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to improve the heating in their flats as a priority – <i>Director of City Housing</i>	28.11.23 - Petition sent to Housing Management. 09.01.24 - A coffee morning was held with residents on the 15 November in response to the petition. A heating solution is being investigated to find the best solution.
2691 07.11.2023 Councillor Adrian Delaney	From residents of Frankley Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to give £580,000 compensation to Frankley Ward for building on Boleyn Road Playing Fields – <i>Interim Assistant Director Financial Performance & Insight</i>	28.11.23 – Awaiting a response from service area.
2694 07.11.2023 Councillor Majid Mahmood	From Friends of the Earth calling upon Birmingham City Council to produce and implement a no-pesticide strategy by 2025 and engage a strategy that applies equally across all Wards – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	Petition received 15.11.23. 21.11.23 - Petition sent to Service Area 21.11.23 – Advised by service area that Cllr Mahmood is aware of petition and understands the position (it is discussed weekly at his Cabinet Member Briefings). 03.01.24– Email sent asking for an update. 03.01.24 – Due to budget situation service area will not be able to respond until some point in mid-February,
2696 07.11.2023 Councillor Saddak Miah	From residents of Lea Hall Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to provide them with wheelie bins - <i>Director of City Operations</i>	Petition received 09.11.23. 10.11.23 - Petition sent to Service Area. 20.11.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor.

		10.11.23 - email sent to Les/Jo requesting a reply be produced for Darren to approve/sign please, as soon as you can within the deadline. 03.01.24– Email sent asking for an update.
2697 07.11.2023 Councillor Morriam Jan	From residents of 181 Aldridge Road, Perry Barr calling upon Birmingham City Council to remove the lamppost outside their property to enable the bus for their severely autistic child to be able to stop outside their house – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	Petition received 09.11.23. 10.11.23 - Petition sent to Service Area. 20.11.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 08.12.2023 – Email sent asking for an update. 03.01.24– Email sent asking for an update.
2698 07.11.2023 Councillor Morriam Jan	From residents of Wilnecote Road, Perry Barr, Calling upon Birmingham City Council to make the street lights brighter – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	Petition received 09.11.23. 10.11.23 - Petition sent to Service Area 20.11.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 08.12.23 – Email sent asking for an update. 03.01.24– Email sent asking for an update.
2703 07.11.2023 Councillor Alex Yip	From residents of Sutton Wylde Green Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to condemn terrorist organisation, Hamas and to urge the Council to restrict marches on this issue away from schools, transport hubs, religious or education establishments and urge the Council to lobby Government for opening of safe passages for Gazan refugees into Egypt, Saudi Arabia and others of the Arab League of Nations – <i>Director of Strategy, Equality and Partnerships</i>	

<p>2705 07.11.2023 Councillor Katherine Iroh</p>	<p>From residents of Chamberlain Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to fit a bike barrier gate restraint at the end of their road to stop speeding cars and motorbikes using this route as a short cut through to Hollybank Road – <i>To be redirected to City Operations</i></p>	<p>Petition received 09.11.23. 10.11.23 - Petition sent to Service area. 20.11.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 22.11.23 - Email to Cllr advising that petition sits with Transport Connectivity. 21.12.23 – E-mail received by Committee Services advising that petition sits with City Operations. 21.12.23 – Petition referred to Andy Vaughan, Director, Street Scene for response. 02.01.23 – Joe Hayden is liaising with Aoife O’Toole.</p>
<p>2708 07.11.2023 Councillor David Barker</p>	<p>From residents of Brandwood & Kings Heath Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to introduce a car free school Street for Kings Heath Primary School – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i></p>	<p>05.12.2023 - Referred to Head of Transport Planning.</p>
<p>2710 07.11.2023 Councillor Kath Scott</p>	<p>From residents of Sutton Vesey Ward and adjoining areas calling on National Express and Transport for West Midlands to provide additional buses for a more reliable service for children attending John Willmott and Fairfax Schools and further call upon Birmingham City Council to use its influence to administer safety and support measures to ensure children have a safe journey to and from school – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i></p>	<p>05.12.2023 - Referred to Head of Transport Planning.</p>

2714 07.11.2023 Councillor Nicky Brennan	From the residents of Evelyn Road, Sparkhill objecting to the re-opening of Exempt Accommodation that had previously shut down – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i> WAITING FOR CLLR BRENNAN TO EMAIL A COPY OF THE PETITION	05.12.2023 – Still awaiting petition.
2715 05.12.2023 Councillor Hendrina Quinnen	From residents of Handsworth Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to stop No 62 Headingley Road, Handsworth, B21, operating as a HMO and to be shut down –	09.01.2024 Referred to Enforcement Team for investigation and response.
2718 05.12.2023 Councillor Miranda Perks	From residents of Weoley & Selly Oak Ward, objecting to the erection of one or more BRSK telegraph poles at Middle Park Close, Birmingham - <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i>	09.01.2024 - Referred to Planning for investigation and response.

CATEGORIES: **COMM** = Petitions relating to Committees functions **EXEC** = Petitions relating to the Executive functions

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

22 January 2024



Subject: Decisions Not on the Forward Plan and Those Authorised for Immediate Implementation

Report of: Marie Rosenthal, Interim City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer)

Report author: Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services, 07517 550013, christian.scade@birmingham.gov.uk

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential : N/A

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report, which is required under Part B6.2 of the Constitution, sets out key decisions not included on the Forward Plan and any decisions which were authorised for immediate implementation.
- 1.2 Following amendments to the Constitution in 2022 this is the fifth report to be submitted, covering the period 11 November 2023 to 9 January 2024.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the report and agrees it should be included on the agenda for consideration by Full Council on 6 February 2024.

3 Background

- 3.1 Key decisions should be included on the Forward Plan not less than 28 clear calendar days in advance of the proposed decision. If a matter, which is likely to be a key decision has not been included on the Forward Plan, but it is impracticable to defer the decision, the decision may still be taken provided it meets the requirements set out in the Constitution (Part B6.2).
- 3.2 Where there is an intention for Cabinet to consider matters in private, i.e. information that is confidential or exempt, 28 days' notice must also be given. This is done through inclusion on the "Notification of intention for Cabinet to consider matters in private" form. Any report containing confidential or exempt information that is not included requires agreement from the Chair of the relevant

Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the report is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

- 3.3 There is also a requirement for the Leader of the Council to provide details on any reports authorised for immediate implementation: i.e. where the interests of the Council are jeopardised unless an executive decision is implemented immediately and when its implementation cannot wait until the expiry of the call-in period.
- 3.4 In an emergency, as set out under Part B6.6 of the Constitution, an executive decision may be agreed by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Group Leaders, as long as the requirements set out in Part E4.2 are met.
- 3.5 There were no emergency or urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive for the period in question.

4 Key Decisions Not on the Forward Plan

- 4.1 For the period in question, 1 key decision was not included on the Forward Plan. This was for Cabinet Committee Property, held on 20 December 2023, concerning the Proposed Sale of Surplus Freehold Property Assets by Public Auction. Further information is provided at Appendix 1.

5 Decisions Authorised for Immediate Implementation

- 5.1 The same decision was authorised for immediate implementation by the Cabinet Committee for Property on 20 December 2023. Further information is provided at Appendix 1.

6 Exempt Information

- 6.1 The same report also contained some exempt information which was not notified 28 days in advance of the proposed decision.

7 Late Reports

- 7.1 For completeness, for the period 11 November 2023 to 9 January 2024, there were 3 Cabinet reports listed on the agenda but due to special circumstances were not available until after the agenda had been published. These key decision reports, listed below, were all included on the Forward Plan but were published via a second agenda despatch:

- Section 151 Officer Update on the Financial Position of the Council (Cabinet, 14 November 2023);
- Additional Grant Funding for the Typhoo Building Redevelopment (Cabinet, 14 November 2023);
- Section 151 Officer Update on the Financial Position of the Council (Cabinet, 12 December 2023).

8 Legal Implications

- 8.1 This report, for consideration by Full Council, is required under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

9 Financial Implications

- 9.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

10 Appendices

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Decisions Not on the Forward Plan

11 Background Papers

- 11.1 None.

APPENDIX 1

LATE REPORTS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION¹

11 NOVEMBER 2023 – 9 JANUARY 2024

Table 1 of 4 – Key Decision Reports Not on the Forward Plan²

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Reason for Lateness – set out via the report
20 December 2023	Proposed Sale of Surplus Freehold Property Assets by Public Auction	Cabinet Committee Property	To expedite the delivery of an initial sale programme of surplus council owned land and property assets to generate capital receipts as part of the Council’s proposed Financial Recovery Plan.

*Further information on each of these decisions can be found on CMIS via: [CMIS > Meetings](#)

Table 2 of 4 – Reports Authorised for Immediate Implementation

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Key Decision	Authorised for Immediate Implementation
20 December 2023	Proposed Sale of Surplus Freehold Property Assets by Public Auction	Cabinet Committee Property	Yes	Yes. To enable the assets to be offered for sale at the Bond Wolfe public auction to be held on 8th February 2024.

¹ Further information on all decisions can be found on CMIS via: [CMIS > Meetings](#)

² For clarity, there were no Emergency or Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive across the period in question.

Table 3 of 4 – Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information (Not Notified)

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Key Decision	Reasons for Non Notification
20 December 2023	Proposed Sale of Surplus Freehold Property Assets by Public Auction	Cabinet Committee Property	Yes	To expedite the delivery of an initial sale programme of surplus council owned land and property assets to generate capital receipts as part of the Council’s proposed Financial Recovery Plan. Approval to the report’s recommendations will enable the assets to be offered for sale at the Bond Wolfe public auction to be held on 8th February 2024.

Table 4 of 4 – Late Reports

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Reason for Lateness – set out via the report
14 November 2023	Section 151 Officer Update on Financial Position of the Council (Nov)	Cabinet	Due to the unprecedented financial position the Council is currently in, and at the request of Commissioner for Finance, an urgent late report is required to present a baseline financial position to Cabinet in November 2023.
14 November 2023	Additional Grant Funding for Typhoo Building Redevelopment	Cabinet	The report is late because of the extended time to give additional scrutiny to this material report. The Cabinet meeting on 12 December, together with the call-in period before the decision is cleared, doesn’t allow sufficient time for all legals to be signed and executed before the Funder’s Committee approval to the Investment under the development agreement expires on 22 December. Therefore, we need Cabinet approval to the additional grant so that all legals can be signed and contracted before this date in December otherwise the scheme will not proceed.
12 December 2023	Section 151 Officer Update on Financial Position of the Council (Dec)	Cabinet	Due to the unprecedented financial position the Council is currently in, and at the request of Commissioner for Finance, an urgent late report is required to present an update on the latest savings figures, developed to Friday 1st December 2023.

Birmingham City Council
Council Business Management Committee

22 January 2024



Subject: City Council Agenda for the Next Meeting – 6 February 2024

Report of: Marie Rosenthal, Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Report author: Ben Patel Sadler
Senior Committee Manager
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential :

1 Executive Summary

1.1 As per the latest version of the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for the planning and preparation of the agenda, papers and other arrangements for meetings of the Council.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 That the Committee discusses and agrees the agenda items for consideration at the 6 February 2024 City Council meeting.

2.2 The Committee is also asked to discuss and agree the time allocated to each agenda item.

3 Legal Implications

3.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

5 Public Sector Equality Duty

5.1 There are no immediate equality implications arising from this report.

6 Other Implications

6.1 None.

7 Background Papers

7.1 None.

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1: Draft agenda for the 6 February 2024 City Council meeting.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 1400 HOURS
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING

Lord Mayor to advise that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-I microsite (please click this link) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct is set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>. This includes, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provides a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

3 MINUTES

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2024.

4 LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10 minutes allocated) (1400-1410)

To receive the Lord Mayor's announcements and such communications as the Lord Mayor may wish to place before the Council.

5 PETITIONS

(10 minutes allocated) (1410-1420)

To receive and deal with petitions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 E of the Constitution).

As agreed by Council Business Management Committee a schedule of outstanding petitions is available electronically with the published papers for the meeting and can be viewed or downloaded.

6 QUESTION TIME

(70 minutes allocated) (1420-1530)

To deal with oral questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

- A. Questions from Members of the Public to any Cabinet Member or Ward Forum Chair (20 minutes)
- B. Questions from any Councillor to a Committee Chair, Lead Member of a Joint Board or Ward Forum Chair (10 minutes)
- C. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to a Cabinet Member (20 minutes)
- D. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to the Leader or Deputy Leader (20 minutes)

7 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

(5 minutes allocated) (1530-1535)

To make appointments to, or removals from, committees, outside bodies or other offices which fall to be determined by the Council.

8 SCRUTINY BUSINESS REPORT

(25 minutes allocated) (1535-1600)

Councillor X to move the following recommendation:

9 ANNUAL REPORT – STANDARDS COMMITTEE (DEBATE NOT HATE)

(20 minutes allocated) (1600-1620)

Councillor X to move the following recommendation:

(break 1620– 1650)

10 ANNUAL REPORT – AUDIT COMMITTEE

(30 minutes allocated) (1650-1720)

Councillor X to move the following recommendation:

11 MEMBER ALLOWANCES

(10 minutes allocated) (1720-1730)

Councillor X to move the following recommendation:

12 REPORTS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN

(5 minutes allocated) (1730-1735)

Councillor X to move the following recommendation:

13 SACRE CONSTITUTION

(10 minutes allocated) (1735-1745)

Councillor X to move the following recommendation:

14 MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

(90 minutes allocated) (1745-1915)

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

Birmingham City Council
Council Business Management Committee

22 January 2024



Subject: City Council and Council Business Management Committee Forward Plan

Report of: Marie Rosenthal, Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Report author: Ben Patel Sadler
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential :

1 Executive Summary

1.1 At each Committee meeting, Members are presented with the latest version of the forward plan of agenda items for both meetings of the Council Business Management Committee and the City Council. The document also provides the Committee with a progress update in relation to City Council Resolutions.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 That the Committee discusses and notes the forward plan of agenda items related to meetings of the Council Business Management Committee and the City Council.

2.2 The Committee is also asked to agree any changes (if required) to the forward plan of agenda items related to meetings of the Council Business Management Committee and the City Council.

2.3 The Committee is asked to note the updates provided in relation to City Council Resolutions.

3 Legal Implications

3.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

5 Public Sector Equality Duty

5.1 There are no immediate equality implications arising from this report.

6 Other Implications

6.1 None.

7 Background Papers

7.1 None.

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1: Latest version of the forward plan of agenda items related to meetings of the Council Business Management Committee and the City Council.



CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2023/24 – JAN 2024

CBM	Item	City Council	Item
9 May 2023	Education and Children’s Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Co-Optees and Voting Rights (verbal update) Proportionality City Council Appointments Review of the City Council’s Constitution Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Petitions Update	23 May 2023	ANNUAL MEETING Annual Report of the Lord Mayor 2022/23 Presentation to Honorary Alderman Updated Pay Policy Constitution Review City Council Appointments
30 May 2023	Terms of Reference of the Council Business Management Committee Appointment of Sub-Committees and Other Bodies – Request to Appoint Recruitment to the Independent Remuneration Panel and Standards Committee Petitions Update Order of Motions for 2023/24	13 June 2023	Executive Business Report (Leader and Children, Young People & Families) Housing Ombudsman Update – report requested by Full Council in January 2023

CBM	Item	City Council	Item
26 June 2023	<p>Petitions Update</p> <p>The Lord Mayoralty Formula</p> <p>Reports not on the Forward Plan</p> <p>Appointment of CBMC Sub-Committees and Other Bodies – to note confirmed memberships</p>	11 July 2023	<p>Council as Trustee Meeting on Highbury Hall</p> <p>Scrutiny Business Report</p> <p>Srebrenica Memorial Day (Cross Party / CBMC Motion)</p> <p>Reports not on the Forward Plan</p>
29 August 2023	<p>Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations</p> <p>Review of Polling Districts and Places</p> <p>The Lord Mayoralty Formula</p> <p>Membership for Council House Sub-Committee / Female Cllr Working Group</p> <p>Changes to the Constitution to enable reports on Equal Pay to Full Council on a quarterly basis (Verbal Update)</p>	12 September 2023	<p>Youth Justice Plan</p> <p>Executive Business Report (Environment and Transport)</p> <p>Lead Member Report - WMCA Scrutiny</p>
23 October 2023	<p>Petitions Update</p> <p>Options Paper ref Changes to the Constitution to enable reports on Equal Pay to Full Council on a quarterly basis.</p>	7 November 2023	<p>Lead Member Report - West Midlands Police & Crime Panel</p> <p>Lead Member report: Transport Delivery O&S Committee (moved from the 11 July meeting to align with annual reporting cycle)</p>
20 November 2023	<p>1 September 2023 Extraordinary Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Reports not on the Forward Plan</p> <p>Petitions Update</p> <p>Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations</p> <p>Exempt Accommodation – issues to be considered as part of the Motion Tracker item</p>	5 December 2023	<p>Executive Business Report (Health and Social Care and Social Justice, Community Cohesion and Equalities)</p> <p>Equal Pay Update</p> <p>Reports not on the Forward Plan</p> <p>Independent Member Recruitment (Under Appointments Update Item)</p>
18 December 2023	<p>Petitions Update</p>	9 January 2024	<p>Extraordinary Council Meeting (1.30pm TBC)</p>

CBM	Item	City Council	Item
	Changes to the Constitution IRP Appointments		Changes to the Constitution IRP Appointments – to be picked up under the Appointments by the Council Lead Member Report - West Midlands Fire Authority Route to Zero Annual Report Scrutiny Inquiry - Children and Young People’s Mental Health
22 January 2024	Petitions Update Budget Council – Discussion Lord Mayor Nomination – 2024/25 – Discussion Reports not on the Forward Plan	6 February 2024	LM Elect (Informal Meeting) Council as Trustee (Highbury – TBC) Reports not on the Forward Plan Annual Report from the Chair of Audit Committee Members Allowances (IRP Report) Annual Report – Standards Committee (Debate not Hate) Scrutiny Business Report SACRE constitution – timing TBC
12 February 2024	Petitions Update Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Suspension of Standing Orders (Budget Council)	27 February 2024	BUDGET MEETING
2 April 2024	Petitions Update Reports not on the Forward Plan Petitions Update	16 April 2024	Executive Business Report (Finance and Resources and Housing & Homelessness) Improvement and Recovery Plan

CBM	Item	City Council	Item
	<p>Changes to the Constitution (TBC)</p> <p>Dispensation for non-attendance at committee meetings – including any members on maternity/paternity leave (if required)</p>		<p>Reports not on the Forward Plan</p> <p>Changes to the Constitution (TBC)</p> <p>Scrutiny Business Report</p> <p>Scrutiny Inquiry - Child Criminal Exploitation</p> <p>Note – In view of the items listed above it was suggested by CBMC on 18 December that would not be any Motions considered at this meeting.</p>

Four Yearly or ad-hoc items:

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman (May 2026); Appointment of the Leader (May 2026), Appointment of the Council’s External Auditor (2027)

Items to be scheduled / proposed:

Executive Business Reports – June 2024 (Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism and Deputy Leader), Sept/Nov, January and April

Quarterly Scrutiny Business Reports

Lead Member reports: West Midlands Fire Authority (January); Transport Delivery O&S Committee (November); WMCA Scrutiny (September); GBSLEP Scrutiny (date tbc); West Midlands Police & Crime Panel (November/tbc)

Reports not on the Forward Plan (quarterly basis)

Annual Report from the Chair of Audit Committee to City Council (early February)

Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations (quarterly basis TO CBMC)

Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Assistant Director, Legal and Governance)

Balsall Heath Governance Review TBC

The Lord Mayoralty Formula (updated each June/July)

* Pre-meeting of members to select Lord Mayor elect ** Annual Council Photograph

Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / Officer(s)	Update
1.	12 July 2022	<p>(Other) Changes to the Constitution</p> <p>That the following two areas be clarified in the next review of the constitution to reflect previous custom and practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The rules around the time available for questions (Section B 4.4) be amended to ensure that the full allocation of time, usually 70 minutes, is used for questions to ensure accountability of the executive and other office holders. This may be done by amendment to clause (v). - Ensure that significant changes to the constitution are reported to Full Council and that there is a clear process for gaining all party approval and notifying all councillors of changes when it is deemed that changes do not need approval of Full Council.' 	Leader / Deputy Leader	A cross party working group has been established, by Council Business Management Committee, to look at options ahead of reporting back to City Council. The membership is Cllr Des Hughes (Labour) with Cllr Rinkal Shergill (as a deputy); Cllr Robert Alden (Conservative) and Cllr Colin Green (Lib Dem). Ongoing
2.	1 November 2022	<p>Motion A - Exempt Accommodation</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the campaign led by the homelessness charity Crisis to 'Regulate the Rogues', which calls on the Government to urgently introduce new laws in England to strengthen the regulation of Supported Exempt Accommodation. 	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<p>The topic of Exempt Accommodation was discussed by Scrutiny on 9th December 2022 and progress will continue to be monitored though the Exempt Accommodation Sponsor Board</p> <p>Ongoing - work continues as part of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme to ensure standards in Birmingham are improved. The Council are also part of the stakeholder meetings with DLUHC and the LGA in respect of the proposed Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act regulations</p>

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / Officer(s)	Update
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee report into Exempt Accommodation, call on Government to implements its' recommendations and place on record the Council's thanks to all those locally who contributed to the Select Committee's work. - Continue to lobby the Government for greater powers to control provision and growth based on the city's needs assessment. - Launch an independent public inquiry into the growth of Exempt Accommodation in the city, helping to strengthen the case for nationwide legislative reform. This inquiry should be independent not only of the council but also anyone involved in any way in the exempt accommodation market, including housing providers in Birmingham and elsewhere. 		<p>A press release was issued in October 2022, which included a thank you from Councillor Sharon Thompson</p> <p>Ongoing – the Supported Housing Bill is now an Act and became law on 29th August 2023, we are awaiting wider consultation on the regulations in January 2024. The regulations include the Secretary of State setting up a National Advisory Panel, The requirement for LA's to have strategies in place to identify current and future needs, national standards for property and support, a Supported Housing licensing scheme, changes to homelessness legislation prevention an intentionally homeless decision from being made for tenants leaving below standard SEA accommodation, Data sharing licensing protocols.</p> <p>Crisis will be taking a lead role in regard to the independent Inquiry working with the Council.</p> <p>Progressing the launch of the inquiry has been paused due to the financial implications associated in the current financial control climate.</p>

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		<p>- In addition, the Council calls on the Standards Committee to update the Council Code of Conduct so that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Any elected member, or their spouse or partner, save for their primary residence, shall declare the use of all other properties they own and/or have an interest in. If the usage has potential safeguarding implications, the details shall be provided to the Monitoring Officer and held on a confidential basis as part of the Register of Interest.</p> <p>Call on all Members, in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer, to ensure that existing legal requirements, as set out in the Localism Act 2011 and associated guidance, are understood and enforced so that every elected member declares all disclosable interests. This includes all land and property interests within Birmingham held by either themselves or their spouse or partner. Details of these should only be withheld where the member and the monitoring officer, who is responsible for the register of members' interests, consider that disclosure of its details could lead to the member, or a person connected to the member, being subject to</p>		<p>Briefing note circulated to All Members on progress on 24 February 2023 from Paul Langford, Strategic Director City Housing; and Janie Berry, City Solicitor</p> <p>The Council's Standards Committee met in the week commencing 13th February and has agreed to commission Hoey Ainscough LTD to review the Council's Code of Conduct and associated procedures. Hoey Ainscough LTD are lead national advisors and assisted the Local Government Association in developing the Model Code of Conduct which BCC has adopted. The review will take into account the Council Motion relating to the declaration of property interests.</p> <p>The Standards Committee has also commissioned training both for the Committee and all Political Groups and key Officers across the Council to raise awareness about the importance of the Code of Conduct and the need to correctly declare and Register interests.</p> <p>Members of the Committee have received training and aiming to roll out the training to all members from October 2023 onwards.</p> <p>Revised declaration forms have now gone live and all members have been asked to submit updated declarations.</p>

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		<p>violence or intimidation or potential safeguarding implications.</p> <p>Council notes that commercial interests are not a legitimate reason to withhold information from the public register of members' interests.</p> <p>Council also resolves to lobby the Government to invest more in socially rented housing and reform the way 'Right to Buy' operates to reduce the loss of existing stock.</p> <p>Council calls on the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring a report forward before the end of the calendar year setting out a policy for the use and enforcement of covenants on properties sold and owned by the council to prevent the conversion of family homes into HMOs or Exempt Accommodation. <p>Carry out and publish an urgent review into all council owned property currently being used as exempt accommodation, converting all former family homes back into their original use and assessing the impact on other accommodation on the local area to ensure it is appropriately sited, well managed, and used to prioritise demand placed on the city council and not that of other local authorities".</p>		<p>Ongoing This will be picked up as part of the Council's external affairs activity where this alongside other key areas of lobbying will be taken through the corporate External Affairs activity.</p> <p>Policy was approved by Cabinet Member in July 2023. Members have been briefed.</p> <p>A cross directorate group mobilised to focus on this area of work. Properties disposed of by the Council either by Right to Buy or commercial disposal has been identified and processes are being finalised to proceed with testing an enforcement approach following sign-off of the policy. Successful enforcement can only be tested through the courts so – test cases will be identified based on likelihood of success. Offices within Legal and officers from PRS, Benefits, property and Housing continue to develop the approach.</p> <p>Ongoing Following approval of policy, Member briefings were undertaken in July. Cross directorate procedures</p>

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				<p>are being developed with Legal services and test cases are currently with legal services to develop approach.</p> <p>On 19 October 2023 the Homes OSC reviewed the updates of outstanding recommendations of the Exempt Accommodation Inquiry. Exempt Inquiry Tracking Report</p> <p>Update on progress was provided to Council Business Management Committee on Monday 20 November 2023.</p> <p>Recommend to Discharge</p>
3.	1 November 2022	<p>Motion B – Educational Attainment</p> <p>Council ... resolves to call on the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver on its pledge to restore education spending, in real terms. to 2010 levels. - End tax exemptions for independent schools, using the £1.7 billion raised to fund state school efforts to bridge the attainment gap. <p>Council further resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that 'Change For Children and Young People', Birmingham Children’s Partnership (BCP) Board's emerging Children and Young People’s Plan 2023-2027, identifies and addresses gaps in attainment. 	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	<p>Our Birmingham Children’s Partnership Board brings together the city council, our Birmingham Children’s Trust, NHS Integrated Care Board, NHS health providers, the police, and the voluntary sector. During 2022, the Board has overseen the development of a cohesive framework for the delivery of our Plan.</p> <p>Over 4,000 of Birmingham’s children and young people told us about the outcomes that matter most to them. Our Plan: Change for Children and Young People 2023-27 will be based on what they told us. Our ambition is for Birmingham to be a great place for us to grow up, ensuring our children and young people are at the heart of everything we do.</p> <p>There continues to be progress on implementing the recommendations from Breaking the Barriers report, to improve the experiences of children and young people in education and employment opportunities.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call on the Government to adopt the solutions proposed by the cross-party Education Select Committee report and continue to review its findings. - Call on the City Council Executive to ensure that the report's findings and solutions where appropriate to Birmingham, are factored into existing and developing strategies including 'Everyone's Battle, Everyone's Business' and its emerging Inclusion Strategy. - Call on Overview and Scrutiny to incorporate these Birmingham-specific strategies into their work programmes to track outcomes and monitor actions taken to address issues, ensuring they receive full analysis of achievement by socio-economic and ethnic background - Work with employers to ensure opportunity is spread equally, by creating career pathways for the most disadvantaged and deprived areas of the city. - Build on the findings of the Breaking Down Barriers report to develop communication and social media strategies to target the many young and disenfranchised pupils, in particular NEETS, who do not normally engage with standard and legacy forms of Council communication. - Promote vocational training, apprenticeships and entrepreneurship in schools. 		<p>This work has continued and a report on progress on all 10 recommendations was presented at City Partnership Board on 14 December 2022. In 2023, an employers forum will be established to ensure a greater focus on this area as part of the Council's year of change for children and young people. This will be complemented by the development of our Good Employment Charter which aims to support employers in providing attractive opportunities for the citizens of Birmingham.</p> <p>Our employer forum will play a key role in encouraging local businesses and industries to expand their operations and reskill local people and grow their workforce. In addition, in partnership with the combined authority we will be refreshing our careers offer to support schools, colleges and training providers to provide the best vocational advice for young people who do not wish to pursue an academic route.</p> <p>In April 2023, Birmingham City Council adopted as policy: CHANGE for children and young people 2023-2028, a plan to make Birmingham a great place to grow up for children and young people. This Plan aims to improve outcomes for all babies, children, and young people in our city, and is delivered via Birmingham Children and Young People's Partnership, which is a formal collaboration between Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board, West Midlands Police and Crime</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that solutions are fully inclusive to ensure the city’s most disadvantaged young people, including those in the care system, have access to a full range of opportunities through a school system empowered to work collectively for the benefit of all students. - Continue to highlight the risks to students of failure to maintain school budgets and, in particular, levels of pupil premium”. 		<p>Commissioner, West Midlands Police, and Birmingham Voluntary Services Council.</p> <p>Birmingham has been accepted onto UNICEF’s Child Friendly City Programme, the 11th place in the UK to join. An updated version of the Change for Children and Young People Plan, including Birmingham’s Child Friendly City action plan, will be taken to Cabinet in 2024. Ongoing</p>
4.	18 April 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>This Council acknowledges that work on improving road safety, requires co-operation between Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police and the Combined Authority, but calls on the Council continue to be proactive in working with these partners and delivering projects that will make our roads safer. It specifically requests for the Government to be lobbied to release findings of the national parking on pavements consultation and for the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ask the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and help shape the Council’s new Road Safety Strategy including looking into relevant criteria and a near miss strategy, which would enable criteria such as records of non-injury accidents, proximity to schools, community facilities with 	Cabinet Member for Transport	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Officers continue to engage with the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to support and inform the development of the refreshed Road Harm Reduction Strategy. The new strategy aligns closely with the Birmingham Transport Plan and wider best practice in road harm reduction, following Vision Zero and the Healthy Streets approach.</p>

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		<p>high pedestrian and cyclist use, and recorded levels of speeding to be considered.</p> <p>b. Work with partners including the police and other metropolitan local authorities to publish a clear plan for the promised development of the average speed camera network.</p>		<p>In November, a working draft of the new Road Harm Reduction Strategy was shared with the Task and Finish Group of the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, set up to focus on road safety issues.</p> <p>The terms of reference for this enquiry are focused primarily on enforcement, and the findings will feed into the new Strategy and operational practice, as appropriate.</p> <p>Comments received from the group are being used to update and improve the strategy in advance of public consultation commencing in January 2024.</p> <p>The results of this consultation process will be analysed, and findings presented to the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to steer completion of the final version of the new Road Harm Reduction Strategy, before it is presented to the Cabinet to approve its adoption in spring/summer 2024.</p> <p>BCC, West Midlands Police and West Midlands Metropolitan Local Authorities continue to deliver a programme of coordinated enforcement activity, on an intelligence-led basis.</p> <p>BCC officers continue to work in close partnership with West Midlands Police, Transport for West Midlands and partner authorities to develop a revised, regional operating model for delivery of speed enforcement (including Average Speed Enforcement) across Birmingham and the wider West Midlands metropolitan area. Regrettably, this process has stalled whilst partners seek to reach consensus. Intense work is</p>

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		<p>c. Ensure, where possible and practicable, road and pavement resurfacing programmes are aligned with any potential road safety work.</p> <p>d. Ensure use of all potential funding sources for road safety work is maximised, including community chest, town council and parish council funding and funding for other highways projects and money from the clean air zone revenue where appropriate. And not limit itself to the small, dedicated funding for road safety schemes from Government. Noting the importance of not fettering local ward</p>		<p>underway to overcome these issues, and BCC officers are proactively supporting these efforts.</p> <p>As soon as regional consensus is reached and a workable regional model is identified, it is proposed to seek Cabinet approval for the principles of this work, with detailed arrangements approved subsequently by the Cabinet Member for Transport.</p> <p>The Road Harm Reduction Strategy will not include a bespoke delivery programme. Instead, the approach involves mainstreaming road harm reduction across Birmingham’s transport and highways delivery programme via the Birmingham Transport Plan: Delivery Plan. This approach will deliver a number of significant advantages, including the ability to coordinate with planned maintenance activities more efficiently, and enabling schemes to attract funding from a much wider range of potential sources to deliver greater overall value for money, through economies of scale.</p> <p>As above c.</p> <p>The new Road Harm Reduction Strategy includes the introduction of a ‘Healthy Street Fund’, to replace the Ward Minor Measures Fund. This will be presented for approval in the Transport and Highways Delivery Programme via Cabinet Report in January.</p> <p>This fund will support Local Ward Councillors, in their role as local community leaders, to identify and deliver interventions which comply with the Healthy Streets approach via Local Engineering Teams in their local areas. Officers are currently working with Lucy Saunders</p>

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		<p>councillor discretion in how funds such as Community Chest are best applied in their area and that local funding pots, including those listed above, must remain recommended by' the relevant ward councillors. And money from the clean air zone revenue where appropriate.</p> <p>e. Encourage ward councillors in their role as local community leaders to bring forward road safety priorities in ward plans.</p> <p>f. Reaffirm its commitment to a vision zero approach for road safety in the new road safety strategy, which should aim to eliminate all deaths and serious injuries on Birmingham's roads by 2034.</p> <p>g. Ensure the new road safety strategy: (i) Prioritises the most vulnerable road users (E.g. those on foot, on bike, or with access needs, such as wheelchair users), in line with the new Highway Code hierarchy of road users; (ii) Includes measures to tackle speeding, and anti-social obstructive and dangerous parking (e.g on pavements, cycle lanes, and across dropped kerbs) in a way that prioritises the most vulnerable road users.</p> <p>h. Ensure road safety schemes and other highway improvements work to design out speed and other harmful behaviours.</p>		<p>of Healthy Streets, to identify a training package for officers, Local Ward Councillors and partners to support the transition towards this proactive approach.</p> <p>As above d.</p> <p>The refreshed Road Harm Reduction Strategy has Vision Zero at its heart and seeks to eliminate fatal and serious injuries on Birmingham's roads.</p> <p>The refreshed Road Harm Reduction Strategy proposes the adoption of the Healthy Streets approach to deliver road harm reduction. This holistic approach involves gradual, proactive redesign of the streetscape to prioritise the needs of people above motorised traffic.</p> <p>As above g.</p>

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		<p>Reaffirm Birmingham City Council's commitment to 20mph on all its residential roads.</p> <p>i. Lobby Government once again for the powers to make this change to 20mph without having to resort to costly Traffic Regulation Orders for every change of speed limit on every residential road.</p> <p>j. Lobby West Midlands Police for more monitoring and enforcement of speed and more enforcement of anti-social, obstructive and dangerous parking that is under their jurisdiction.</p> <p>k. Investigate what can be done to give greater support to groups wanting to set up and run Community Speedwatch sessions".</p>		<p>The approach to lobbying is being reviewed currently in the light of the recent publication of the Government's Plan for Drivers.</p> <p>As above b.</p> <p>As above b.</p>
5.	18 April 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>The Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formally support the Show Us You Care Too campaign and adopt 'care experience' as an additional equality strand alongside the protected characteristics as set out in the Equality Act 2010. • formally call upon our partners to treat care experience as a Protected Characteristic. 	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Meetings are being arranged to ensure progress is being made to take forward resolutions agreed.</p> <p>A new Elected Member handbook has been created that will be available to elected members regarding their Corporate Parenting responsibilities. This will have links to information for individuals, businesses, and organisations.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lobby Government to amend the Equality Act 2010 to include care experience as a protected characteristic. • continue to build on the work of our Children’s Trust and to continue to support the efforts of our Corporate Parenting Board”. 		<p>A new Corporate Parenting Video produced to share with individuals, businesses and organisations across Birmingham and promote way to get involved.</p> <p>A ‘Social Value’ support document has been drafted for council and Birmingham Childrens Trust contracts on how they can support those with care experience.</p> <p>Work being undertaken to support changes within council contracts to ensure weighting includes and prioritises those with care experience.</p> <p>Plans developed and underway, so all Birmingham Children’s Trust contracts are shaped and weighted through our Corporate Parenting Team and ‘Social Value’ support document.</p> <p>Offers developed with businesses and organisations we procure with as a council and as Birmingham Childrens Trust (e.g., Kier, Equans and Fortem).</p> <p>Some good examples from businesses and partners can be seen with Lovell Homes who have launched a new training, employment and housing pathway, titled ‘We Got You’ <u>Lovell - We've Got You</u></p> <p>NHS are supporting care experienced young people to access Free Prescriptions and “Priority Cards’ for GP appointments through their work with the Corporate Parenting Board.</p>

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				<p>NHS are supporting care experienced young people to access Free Prescriptions and ‘Priority Cards’ for GP appointments through their work with the Corporate Parenting Board.</p> <p>Co-Produced Perinatal Pathway launch ensuring our care experienced young parents get the right support. This includes access to support and services that can provide early support that has been designed with young parents.</p> <p>The Corporate Parenting Board has an ongoing Action Tracker so that members and partners can be accountable for their actions.</p>
6.	13 June 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>This Council commits to working with the local community to find suitable places to place defibrillators, acknowledging that they are most effective within 3 minutes of a person collapsing.</p> <p>This Council, therefore, resolves to work with partners to commission a report into the accessibility of defibrillators and bleed kits in Birmingham and to ascertain what steps are necessary to ensure that there is a defibrillator and bleed kit within a 3-minute radius of our local centres and high-streets including a campaign of improved public awareness of where these are and how to use them as well. This ongoing work requires a multi-agency, collaborative approach to ensure the maximum impact.</p>	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>The Public Health team are working alongside community safety colleagues and will be leading on producing the report and presenting it to the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership and the Police and Crime Commissioner for action. Timeframes are currently being agreed.</p>

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		<p>The council resolves to facilitate the provision of bleed kits in schools, colleges, youth clubs, bars and nightclubs, and ensure that training in their use is provided by a qualified practitioner.</p> <p>Trained users should have refresher training every three years. New persons should be appointed when trained individuals step down or leave.</p> <p>The council will write to the Police Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands requesting that all West Midlands Police vehicles carry first aid kits that include bleed kits.”</p>		Letter sent
7.	13 June 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>This council further calls for the government to pass legislation to allow English councils to set up municipal bus companies on the model of the award-winning Nottingham City Transport.</p> <p>Getting people onto public transport and out of cars vital for reducing congestion, and this is a key pledge for the Council’s “route to zero” commitment which aims for carbon neutrality by 2030, and the WMCA ambition of carbon neutral travel by 2041. The WMCA green paper stated that 92% of respondents were concerned about climate change.</p> <p>Road space reallocation and bus priority are vital to make bus journeys quicker across Birmingham, and this council re-affirms its commitment to them and to the principles set out in the Birmingham Transport Plan.</p>	Cabinet Member for Transport	<p>Lobbying letters were sent to the Secretary of State for Transport and the West Midlands Combined Authority in October 2023. A response from DfT was received on 13 November 2023: MarkHarper.pdf</p> <p>The government have recently announced that the voluntary fares cap will remain at £2 per journey through the whole of 2024, rather than increasing to £2.50 in November 2023 as originally proposed.</p> <p>Greater Manchester have launched the first part of their franchised ‘Bee’ Network and are proposing to roll it out to other parts of their conurbation next year.</p> <p>A Bus Franchising Working Group has been convened by TfWM which meets fortnightly and includes senior transport officers from all of the West Midlands authorities. This will provide steer, review and challenge to the technical work now underway on franchising options for the area.</p>

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		<p>It also reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that buses are accessible to everyone, including disabled people and people with additional needs of all kinds, and will continue to use its influence through the Enhanced Partnership and Bus Alliance to ensure that bus operators provide accessible services.</p> <p>Since the pandemic, services have been cut, and reliability has been patchy.</p> <p>Bus scheduling shouldn't be devolved to private companies but should be run for the public good.</p> <p>Government must provide an adequate and consistent level of bus recovery funding and end its current stop-start approach. With services in the West Midlands still badly affected by a shortage of bus drivers, government must also work with the bus operators to increase the number of applicants and respond to the bus industry's calls for bus drivers to be added to the UK immigration shortage occupation list.</p> <p>This council calls on the government to live up to its own requirement that half of all journeys in towns and cities are on foot, bike or public transport by 2030. This means a 'London-style' transport system in cities across the country to make public transport accessible and the natural choice.</p> <p>Transport for the West Midlands, Birmingham City Council and its partner councils in the WMCA need the powers and the funding to make this a reality.</p>		<p>The re-basing of the CRSTS programme has been completed by TfWM, and is now subject to review and ratification by DfT. Subject to dft approval, this will retain funding for Cross-City Bus and Sprint Phase 2 public transport priority schemes.</p> <p>TfWM has undertaken a briefing session with the Cabinet Member for Transport, to which all local Councillors were invited, to brief them on current issues and developments in bus policy and the bus industry, including an update on the technical work now underway to develop franchising options for the area. Similar sessions are being undertaken within the other West Midlands authorities.</p>

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		<p>The 2017 Bus Services Act gave Mayoral Combined Authorities the powers to regulate bus services and create bus franchising schemes. However, this also specifically prevented Combined and Local Authorities from setting up new municipally owned bus operators. The few remaining municipally owned bus companies in the UK are some of best performing bus operators both on price and quality of service.</p> <p>The Council calls on the West Midlands Mayor and the West Midlands Combined Authority to use what powers they do have to move to franchise and regulate West Midland bus services.</p> <p>The Council calls on Westminster to give local and combined authorities the full range of powers to regulate, franchise and own local bus services, depending on what is appropriate for their local area.</p> <p>The Council calls on Westminster for an expansion of current fare subsidy with the aim to get to a £1 single bus fare.</p> <p>The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to lobby for powers to regulate franchise and set up local bus operators.</p> <p>The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to lobby for a funding model that helps move to cheaper £1 single bus fares.</p>		

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		<p>The Council resolves to lobby the West Midlands Mayor and Combined Authority to move to a franchising model for West Midlands bus services and use the full extent of their powers for bus regulation.</p> <p>The Council resolves to lobby and work with the West Midlands Mayor and Combined Authority to improve cross-suburban bus routes.”</p>		
8.	11 July 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>“Given the seriousness of the current situation brought about by the Council’s reported equal pay liability, this Council is taking a range of urgent actions to address the unsustainable growth in Equal Pay liability, improve governance and strengthen organisation capacity, including: Appointing three Strategic Expert Advisers to support the Council’s Directors and Cabinet; Formally commissioning an independent Governance Review in collaboration with the Department for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities; Commissioning an independently chaired, internal management review to ascertain the root causes of the failure to effectively implement Oracle; Setting out plans to instigate a judge-led inquiry to determine the causes of the equal pay liability growth since 2012, to begin following the outcome of the Governance Review; Implementing mandatory spending restrictions/</p> <p>To oversee this work, a new Strategic Delivery Board will be created to develop and deliver plans for improvement. To ensure openness and transparency, the Strategic External Advisers will produce an</p>	Leader	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>The first quarterly report on equal pay was considered by the City Council on 5 December 2023.</p> <p>The commitments made relating to the appointment of Strategic Expert Advisers, and the creation of a Strategic Delivery Board have been superseded by the Statutory Intervention dated 5 October by the Secretary of State for Department for Levelling-Up, Homes and Communities and the subsequent appointment of Commissioners.</p> <p>The Council will now work to develop and deliver an Improvement and Recovery Plan that will set out the action to secure continuous improvement and restore public trust across all the Authority's function with a particular focus on housing, waste, finance, HR, governance and corporate services.</p> <p>The IRP will have three overarching themes and outcomes for improvement and change predicated on</p>

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		<p>independent report on a quarterly basis with an update on progress and an analysis on whether there is adequate grip and pace in relation to the delivery of the change that is required.</p> <p>This Council commits to bringing these reports to Full Council each quarter to update members and allow a debate of not less than one hour on progress against actions to address the crisis. This should continue until such a time as the situation is fully resolved as agreed by a future resolution of Council. Council Business Management Committee is asked to consider revisions to the Council's Constitution to accommodate this.</p> <p>Further, this Council resolves that any amendment to the 2023/24 Council Budget, made in response to the Equal Pay Crisis, should come to Full Council for debate and approval.</p> <p>In addition the Council resolves to ask the Executive to ensure that all political groups are fully briefed on any developments between Council meetings.</p> <p>The Council also believes that ordinary residents, particularly those most in need and those most left behind, should not have to pay for the Council's financial crisis. Further, there are ongoing existing challenges, particularly in the Council's housing service, that urgently need to be addressed. The cost-of-living crisis is still massively affecting our residents and one of the best ways of tackling high energy bills are</p>		<p>BCC, becoming a financial sustainable council, that is well run and delivers good services."</p> <p>Recommend to discharge</p>

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		<p>measures that also address the climate crisis, such as energy efficiency measures.</p> <p>This Council therefore resolves, and asks the Executive, that future debates and decisions, including around the values framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise improving the City Council’s appalling housing conditions • Protect services for those residents who need them most, particularly social care • Protect our vital youth and library services • Protect investment in our most left behind communities • Prioritise action to tackle the cost-of-living crisis • Ensure the Council lives up to its climate commitments”. 		
09.	12 September 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>...Pre-consultation is an important phase of planning. People that will be affected by redevelopment and regeneration should be consulted so that a body of evidence can be given to developers and planners before plans are drawn up.</p> <p>The Council developed a Statement of Community Involvement which was adopted by Cabinet in 2020</p>	Leader	<p>The current Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted in 2020. It sets out how, when and who we will engage on planning applications and on plan making. The steps committed to in the SCI go beyond what is statutory required by planning legislation.</p> <p>Reviewing the SCI would only be worthwhile if we consider that we should be fundamentally changing the way in which we engage citizens. However, we should</p>

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		<p>and sets out how the Council will work to encourage more people to participate in decision-making in Planning. The statement sets out the Council's minimum standards for consultation on new policies and planning applications.</p> <p>The Council resolves to call on the Executive to work with relevant officers to assess the impact of the Statement of Community Involvement, taking into account how the statement delivers effective engagement with all stakeholders of Birmingham in accordance with the Consultation Principles outlined in the SCI.</p>		<p>be clear that any increase in our consultations measures will have a cost, and a staff resource implication. Given the financial challenges currently being faced by the Council, we do not currently have the ability to increase either of these burdens.</p> <p>The current SCI doesn't stop us doing more on any particular consultation and we frequently go beyond the measures it sets out. For example, when consulting on the Future City Framework earlier this year, we committed to doing an extensive 8 week consultation (beyond the required 6) with a wide variety of events using different mediums of engagement. We then received a request to extend the consultation period, which we extended to 12 weeks. Similarly, when processing planning applications we often extend the official period of consultation to accommodate extended dates, for example school holidays.</p> <p>When considering updates to the SCI, we should also be mindful that the government are in the process of implementing the new planning system. In the new system, there will likely be new requirements on how local authorities engage and any review of our SCI at this stage is likely to result in abortive work. For example, we know that there will be new requirements within the Local Plan process that will likely include a requirement to commence the Local Plan process with the preparation of a Project Initiation Document (PID) that will include the proposed consultation arrangements. This PID will be reviewed at an early stage by an independent party through what's called a</p>

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				<p>Gateway check to ensure the proposed consultation measures are legally compliant.</p> <p>In relation to developers engaging with citizens on their proposed plans, we have no powers to require applicants or developers to engage with communities prior to submitting a planning applications – those powers don't exist in current planning legislation. However, where the Planning department is approached from developers as part of the formal preapplication process, we will continue to strongly encourage engagement with local communities at an early stage of the project development.</p> <p>We will continue to review the current Statement of Community Involvement as the planning system gets updated and will keep members updated via the Local Plan Member Working group.</p> <p>Recommend to Discharge</p>
10.	12 September 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>...This Council believes in adopting a Psychologically-Informed and Trauma-Informed Practice. This is a strengths-based, non-pathologizing approach, which seeks to understand and respond to the impact of trauma on people's lives. The approach emphasises physical, psychological, and emotional safety for everyone and aims to empower individuals to re-establish control of their lives.</p>	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Dates to be agreed with service areas to look at how the council can become more trauma informed. Also to look at types of training that is needed.</p>

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		<p>We call on the Executive to take the following steps to help the Council to become ‘trauma informed’: Use the learning and research on trauma to inform change in practice and thus be better able to reduce the negative effects of trauma on the lives of all with whom we come in contact.</p> <p>Look into providing Trauma Informed Practice training to officers and members.</p> <p>Assess options to broaden and embed Trauma Informed Practice within Council directorates.</p> <p>Continue to work with our partners and key stakeholders as a trauma informed network and implement a consistent approach across all bodies.</p> <p>Deliver services by responding to individuals’ needs and creating nurturing and supportive environments where people feel valued, and efforts are made to resist inadvertent re-traumatisation.</p> <p>Adopting the trauma-informed principles of safety, trust, choice, collaboration, empowerment, and cultural sensitivity so that we can help people to overcome the effects of trauma and improve both access to services and long-term outcomes.</p>		
11.	7 November 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>This Council believes that the City’s heritage and cultural assets are fundamental to our ambitions to</p>	Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage & Tourism	In progress

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		<p>attract investment and visitors and essential to the physical and mental well-being of our residents...</p> <p>...Council... commits to continue to look at all possible ways to:</p> <p>Protect all cultural and heritage assets, including all libraries, parks, playing fields, public open spaces and museum sites, from any capital disposals.</p> <p>Work with community campaigns such as the ‘Save Birmingham – protect our community places’ campaign by Cooperatives West Midlands, by supporting community asset transfers and other community-led governance models where these can be shown to be the best and most sustainable solution to protecting the long-term future of these assets.</p> <p>Work closely with Arts and Culture organisations, the community sector, external funding organisations and other partners to promote that the city is open for business despite the Council’s own challenges and that its arts and culture offering remains rich and vibrant, with world-class performances and exhibitions with something for everyone.</p> <p>Replicate Friends of Parks and/ or Birmingham Open Spaces Forum resident volunteer models to help manage and maintain cultural and heritages sites and services, and;</p>		<p>The Cabinet Member for Environment, as part of his regular engagement with Birmingham Open Spaces Forum (BOSF), has highlighted the work of the Save Birmingham campaign and the potential for new community groups to emerge with an interest in maintaining and supporting their local parks and open spaces. BOSF, as the leading umbrella agency for such</p>

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		Develop a work programme for Scrutiny to review the policy plans of the “Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism” portfolio to assess the current ‘health’ of our arts, heritage and cultural assets, their risk of disposal and strategies to protect their provision in the short-, mid- and long-term.”		groups on a city-wide basis, has confirmed it will support anyone seeking to formally establish their own local groups. The Cabinet Member is also committed to actively signposting anyone who enquires to him/his office in the direction of BOSF.
12.	7 November 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>This council recognises that the horrors and repercussions of the conflict in Palestine and Israel have had a profound affect across all communities, but notably the Muslim and Jewish communities here in Birmingham...This Council therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will write to the Government seeking the provision of a support package for refugees fleeing the conflict and provide further aid to assist the UN Agencies in their humanitarian work so that British citizens can get home safely, and Palestinian people are able to stay in their homeland.”. - Will support the active engagement of the voluntary sector in delivering aid and support to refugees from the conflict. 	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	In progress

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will proactively engage with any Government schemes to house refugees from the conflict to ensure that all refugees are given a warm welcome in Birmingham. - Calls on everyone in Birmingham to show tolerance and respect at this time of significant stress to many communities; especially those of the Muslim and Jewish faiths. - Will work with faith communities to explore setting up more third-party hate crime reporting mechanisms and write to the Home Secretary to urge Government to reverse its decision to downgrade the monitoring of non-crime hate incidents specifically related to antisemitism and Islamophobia so they can be logged by the police.” 		
13.	5 December 2023	<p>This council resolves:</p> <p>To adopt The Co-Operative Party’s Diverse Councils Declaration to increase diversity in our local government: This Council commits to being a Diverse Council. We agree to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a clear public commitment to improving diversity in democracy. 2. Demonstrate an open and welcoming culture to all, promoting the highest standards of behaviour and conduct. 	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	

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		<p>3. Set out a local Diverse Council Action Plan ahead of the next local elections. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage political groups to work with each other and local party associations to encourage recruitment of candidates from under-represented groups. - Encourage and enable people from under-represented groups to stand for office through the provision of activities such as mentoring and shadowing programmes and information and learning events for people interested in standing as official candidates. - Proactive engagement and involvement with local community groups and partner organisations supporting and representing under-represented groups. - Ensure that all members and candidates complete a candidates' and councillors' survey distributed at election time. - Encourage political groups to set targets for candidates from under-represented groups at the next local elections. <p>4. Work towards the standards for member support and development as set out in the LGA Councillor Development Charter and/or Charter Plus.</p>		

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		<p>5. Demonstrate a commitment to a duty of care for councillors by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing access to counselling services for all councillors having regard for the safety and wellbeing of councillors whenever they are performing their role as councillors. - taking a zero-tolerance approach to bullying and harassment of members including through social networks. <p>6. Provide flexibility in council business by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - regularly reviewing and staggering meeting times - encouraging and supporting remote attendance at meetings - agreeing recess periods to support councillors with caring or work commitments. - Write to & lobby Government for the powers to run formal council meetings remotely or as hybrid meetings and allow councillors to vote & attend virtually. <p>7. Ensure that all members take up the allowances and salaries to which they are entitled, particularly any reimbursement for costs of care, so that all members receive fair remuneration for their work</p>		

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		<p>and that the role of member is not limited to those who can afford it.</p> <p>8. Ensure that the council adopts a parental leave policy setting out members' entitlement to maternity, paternity, shared parental and adoption leave and relevant allowances.</p> <p>9. Ensure that councillors from under-represented groups are represented whenever possible in high profile, high influence roles.</p> <p>10. Support Disability Rights UK's campaign to reinstate the Access to Elected Office Fund.</p> <p>11. Write to & lobby Government asking for the Access to Elected Office Fund to be reinstated and to ensure it includes Council elections."</p>		

