

# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 29 AUGUST 2023 AT 15:00 HOURS**  
**IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA**  
**SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

### **A G E N D A**

#### **1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

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

#### **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.

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

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3 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

4 **MINUTES**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2023.

Minutes to follow.

Please note that the minutes of the extraordinary meetings held on 17 and 29 August 2023 will be considered at the next meeting.

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5 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD**

Report of the Strategic Director - Place, Prosperity and Sustainability.

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6 **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES**

Report of the Assistant Director (Governance).

**29 - 34**

7 **THE LORD MAYORALTY FORMULA**

Report of the City Solicitor.

8 **MEMBERSHIP FOR COUNCILLOR WORKING GROUPS**

To receive a verbal update on the item.

9 **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION - EQUAL PAY REPORTING SCHEDULE**

Verbal update.

**35 - 38**

10 **COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

To consider the Council agenda for the next meeting.

11 **CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN**

To inform members of forthcoming items for City Council and Council Business Management Committee meeting agendas.

12 **COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2023/2024**

To note that meetings of this Committee be held on Mondays at 1400 hours except where specified as follows:-

**2023**

Monday 23 October

Monday 20 November

**2024**

Monday 22 January

Monday 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'.



**Birmingham City Council**  
**Council Business Management Committee**  
 29 August 2023



**Subject:** Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations from Abroad  
**Report of:** Strategic Director – Places, Prosperity and Sustainability  
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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 To provide details, for information, of Member and Officer overseas travel undertaken between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- 1.2 To provide details, for information, of known proposed Member and Officer overseas travel forthcoming commitments for the next monitoring period 1<sup>st</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
- 1.3 To provide details, for information, of inward delegations from abroad for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

## 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note approved Member and officer overseas travel.
- 2.2 To note the proposed upcoming forward travel proposals.
- 2.3 To note the details of inward delegations from abroad.
- 2.4 To note that with effect from 19 January 2016 authority for foreign travel by City Council

- 2.5 Members and officers will only be granted when 4 weeks' notice has been given. Visits proposed with less than 4 weeks' notice will be refused unless under EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES which will require written documentation and an extremely robust reason to travel.
- 2.6 To note that additional requirements to complete a COVID risk assessment prior to travel has to be conducted as part of the Authorisation to Travel process.

### **3 Background**

#### OVERSEAS TRAVEL

- 3.1 The Council Business Management Committee has responsibility for the oversight of arrangements for foreign travel undertaken by Members and officers of the City Council. Under the new administration the authorisation of foreign travel has been delegated to Strategic Directors and the Chief Executive or nominee.
- 3.2 At the request of Members, quarterly reports on foreign travel undertaken are reported to this Committee.
- 3.3 In line with established practice the attached schedule of visits are grouped to reflect the main activity areas identified within the Council's current international activities. With particular relevance to the City Council's priorities as detailed in the Council Plan. Those activities include:
- Civic related visits – Visits undertaken by the Lord Mayor.
  - Networks/Policy – The various European and international agencies on which we have representation or where we seek to further Birmingham's interests e.g. Eurocities and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum.
  - Sister/Partner Cities – This refers to our ongoing work with Chicago, Frankfurt, Guangzhou, Johannesburg, Leipzig, Lyon and Milan.
  - Funding, Specific Projects/Professional – Where Birmingham participates in collaborative, practical or funding initiatives with benefits to Birmingham, or where joint work is undertaken through professional bodies.
- 3.4 In the interest of minimising the costs of foreign travel undertaken by Members and officers' requests must be submitted at least 4 weeks before the intended date of travel.
- 3.5 This will enable the purchase of flights and accommodation at the most economical cost.

#### TRAVEL UNDERTAKEN

- 3.6 The attached Appendix A is a summary of approved overseas travel comprising of 2 visits undertaken by Members and 12 visits by officers at a maximum cost of £4,309.85.

## PROPOSED FORTHCOMING TRAVEL

- 3.7 The attached Appendix B provides an indicative schedule of known forthcoming travel proposals providing CBM with an early insight for information. It should be noted that this schedule is not an approved travel schedule. Each proposal will follow the normal approval process.

## INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD

- 3.8 As part of the City Council's broader engagement with the international community consideration has been given to how the Council can improve the effectiveness of delegations to Birmingham from abroad. Consequently, a registry of such visits was established in January 2008.
- 3.9 Subsequently the Council Business Management Committee requested, in December 2008, that regular reports be submitted with details of delegations visiting Birmingham from abroad. Attached is a summary of inward visits for 1st April 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as Appendix C.

**SCHEDULE OF VISITS FOR CBM 29 August 2023 (Period Apr-Jun 2023)  
APPENDIX A**

**CIVIC RELATED VISITS**

<b>DEPARTMENT / REPRESENTATION</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES</b>	<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES 2022-2026</b>
<p>Councillor Maureen Cornish Finance &amp; Governance Lord Mayor Lord Mayor's Consort Malcolm Cornish Lord Mayor's Office - 1 Officer</p>	<p>Limerick, Ireland</p>	<p>18-19 May 2023</p>	<p><b>Civic visit</b></p> <p><b>Purpose of Visit:</b> There are significant historical ties between Birmingham and Limerick.</p> <p>In February this year, the Mayor of Limerick visited Birmingham to engage with the Birmingham Limerick Association and with the City Council and extended an invitation to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham to undertake a reciprocal visit.</p> <p>There are several reasons why Birmingham could benefit from developing a relationship with the West of Ireland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic ties</li> <li>• Cultural exchange</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b> The civic visit pulled together the various actions/initiatives already underway and will help to build on existing relationships and create a stronger, more interconnected relationship between the two regions. In particular, the following actions have taken place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connecting Film in Limerick with Film Birmingham</li> <li>• Further collaboration between University of Birmingham and University of Limerick on research</li> </ul>	<p>£1,059.45</p> <p>Flights: £396.64</p> <p>Subsistence: £126.81</p> <p>Accommodation: £536.00</p> <p>Authorised by Janie Berry Councillor Ian Ward and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills, and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> <li>• Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture</li> <li>• Support and enable all children and young people to thrive</li> </ul> <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve living environments, civic pride and culture</li> </ul>



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			<p>projects and student exchanges, and joint academic programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connecting organising committees for St Patrick's Day Parades in Birmingham and Limerick</li> </ul>		

### NETWORK RELATED VISITS

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European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer Councillor Saima Suleman	Brussels, Belgium	12-15 June 2023	<p>To attend the Brussels Urban Summit and Eurocities Annual Conference and General Assembly.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b> For the first time the Eurocities Annual Conference was aligned with a wider Urban Summit which was co-delivered by Brussels Capital Region, Eurocities, OECD and Metropolis. This 4 day event encompassed a comprehensive programme of plenary sessions, workshops, visits, Political sessions and other satellite meetings arranged with key stakeholders. The visit include;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3x plenary sessions on climate change, urban inequality and migration &amp; diversity</li> <li>Political session on Urban Diplomacy externally moderated</li> <li>U7 - UK Core Cities meeting with the other 3 key European city networks (France, Germany and Italy) to prepare for the next G7/U7 summit</li> <li>Brussels Capital Region political event at the invitation of Pascal Smet, Secretary of State</li> <li>Eurocities gala and awards ceremony</li> <li>Eurocities General Assembly</li> </ol>	<p>£1,709.20</p> <p>Eurostar: £466.00 Subsistence: £175.10 Accommodation: £1,068.10</p> <p>Authorised by Ian MacLeod, Councillor Ian Ward and Mark Reed</p>	Eurocities activities overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Corporate Plan Priorities 2022-2026.

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			<p>7. Meeting with UK Government representation in Brussels (with UK Core Cities – not attended by BCC due to travel arrangements)</p> <p>BCC Officer and Member participation maintained the City's visibility and influence in high-level discussions and initiatives for which we are still active.</p>		

## PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES 2022-2026
<p>Public Health Division Strategy, Equality and Partnerships Directorate – 2 Officers</p> <p>Adults Social Care, Social Health Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	<p>Leipzig, Germany</p>	<p>21-24 May 2023 – 2 Officers</p> <p>21-23 May 2023 – 1 Officer</p>	<p>Partner Cities visit Birmingham-Leipzig funding through the Urban Diplomacy Exchange.</p> <p>The diplomacy exchange focussed on public health and adult social care – learning and sharing and relationship building.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birmingham has a strong approach to evidence-based practice and focus on measuring the impact of our work. We will hold 3 lunch &amp; learn-sessions each year to share best practice (1x BCC, 2x Leipzig) (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition - A Bold Healthy Birmingham Priority 16 – improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people</i>)</li> <li>• Reinforced need to for effective coordination of work across public health/social care directorates to improve outcomes for older people/senior citizens in both cities. (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition - A Bold Healthy Birmingham Priority 16 – improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people</i>)</li> <li>• Both cities have a strong focus on neighbourhood community outreach and self-help. Both support local community centres/information directories. Need to strengthen these partnerships in the future to share best practice. (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition A Bold Inclusive Birmingham – empower citizens and enable citizen voice</i>)</li> <li>• Explore Leipzig’s action to commemorate the deceased without relatives across the city as part of the Birmingham Compassionate Cities initiative. (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition - A Bold Healthy Birmingham Priority 16 – improve</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Flights and accommodation costs for 2 Officers fully covered by Urban Diplomacy Exchange Programme (UDE)</b></p> <p>£1,110.14</p> <p>Flights: £567.51 Subsistence: £301.69 Accommodation: £240.94</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Support and enable all children and young people to thrive</li> </ul> <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle health inequalities</li> <li>• Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> <li>• Champion Mental Health</li> <li>• Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people</li> </ul>

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			<p><i>outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan to develop Partnerships between allotment associations across in Birmingham and Leipzig (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition - A Bold Healthy Birmingham Priority 14 encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Plans to develop a school partnership with secondary schools: grammar school in Leipzig “Gymnasium an der Prager Spitze” and a grammar school in Birmingham (<i>Corporate Plan Ambition A Bold Inclusive Birmingham – promote and champion pride, civic pride and culture</i>)</p>		
European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity & Sustainability Directorate - 1 Officer	Paris and Lyon, France	26-28 June 2023	<p>Partner city relationship related visit fully funded by British Embassy.</p> <p>Visit to Paris British Embassy and the British Council and visit to Lyon (partner city) to progress action plan to reanimate Bham/Lyon relationship post Brexit.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding identified for culture linkages (British Council).</li> <li>Schools recruited for Young Women Into Leadership Summit</li> <li>Visit planned for invite from Lyon to Cabinet Member for Housing for the Nuit de la Solidarite (April 24)</li> <li>EUROPOD – Rugby project progressed (autumn 23)</li> <li>Details of Lyon exhibition in Birmingham for the Eurocities Culture Forum finalised.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Visit fully funded by British Embassy, Paris, France</b></p> <p>Authorised by Ian MacLeod and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support and enable all children and young people to thrive</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackle health inequalities</li> </ul> <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue on the Route to Net Zero</li> </ul>

**PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS**

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<p>European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate &amp; Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p>	<p>Groningen, The Netherlands</p>	<p>3-5 April 2023</p>	<p>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit (Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <p>Include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Banning advertising of meat</b> following the lead of Haarlem.</li> <li>• <b>Nature and sustainability education</b> this includes teaching children about the energy involved in producing and converting animal versus plant-based dietary sources into protein.</li> <li>• <b>Promoting seasonal consumption</b> and the city aims to engage the hospitality sector and businesses to support this.</li> <li>• <b>Engaging art students</b> to promote understanding of the protein transition across a variety of mediums.</li> <li>• <b>Workplace wellbeing initiatives</b> to raise awareness of the health benefits of a plant-based diet amongst officers and elected officials.</li> <li>• <b>Engaging farmers</b> who are participating in the regional innovation programme. 'Fascinating' - Food Agro Sustainable Circular Nature Technology in Groningen.</li> <li>• <b>Stakeholder consultation</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Nutrition Recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce information sheets and briefing papers explaining what the food and protein transition is to ensure that internal stakeholders are aware of the process.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Tackle unemployment</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> <li>• Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture</li> <li>• Support and enable all children and young people to thrive</li> </ul> <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make the city safer</li> <li>• Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle Health Inequalities</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> <li>• Champion Mental Health</li> </ul> <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a City of nature</li> </ul>

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			Highlight the nutrition benefits of plant-based diets during community and stakeholder activities		
Public Health Division, Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate – 1 Officer	Copenhagen, Denmark	17-20 April 2023	<p>European Training Event on Smart Innovation for Small-Scale Producers Accessing Markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The training event was a two-day programme which focused on how to open up tenders for small-scale producers through smart innovations.</li> <li>The training built upon the following themes bringing together experts, procurement officers, and small-scale farmers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme 1: Procurement Law in Practice - SMEs and Smart Innovations</li> <li>Theme 2: Opportunities for SMES to bid on tenders</li> <li>Theme 3: Barriers for SMEs to bid on tenders</li> <li>Theme 4: Contract Management of SMEs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Birmingham was invited to participate in the event due to our existing involvement with Eurocities, Food Trails, and the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP) which are projects that enable knowledge exchange and learning between cities, and support food system transformation.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The programme, organised by Copenhagen Municipality, had sessions and speakers from across the food supply chain including procurement lawyers, city food procurement leads, farmers, caterers, and researchers from CoCoreado and Coach projects that are focused on shortening supply chains. The insights shared showed what is possible in our city.</li> <li>The event gave us access to practical examples of what we can do, including policy briefing documents to help shape our approach including <a href="https://hub.urgenci.net/tag/policy-brief/">https://hub.urgenci.net/tag/policy-brief/</a> and examples of</li> </ul>	<p><b>No cost to the City Council</b></p> <p>Travel and accommodation paid for by Copenhagen team and funded through the COACH grant funded project and subsistence costs covered personally by officer attending event</p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackle Health Inequalities</li> <li>Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> </ul>

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			<p>food procurement approaches and tender documents from the City of Milan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This training event provided insights and learning that will help Birmingham tackle the Climate Emergency and our ambition of a Bold Green Birmingham and continue on our Route to Net Zero by influencing the implementation of the Birmingham Food System Strategy, and BCC's approach with food procurement to ensure it is healthier and more sustainable.</li> <li>• This will also help us achieve our ambition of a Bold Healthy Birmingham by helping us tackle health inequalities and encourage and enable healthy eating.</li> </ul> <p>The insights gathered influenced our approach with the Catering and Food Procurement Strategy for Cityserve/Civic Catering which was approved on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 <a href="#">Decision Details: Catering and Food Procurement Strategy for Cityserve/Civic Catering (cmis.uk.com)</a></p>		
Adult Social Care (commissioning) – 1 Officer	San-Francisco and San Jose, U.S.A	25-29 April 2023	<p><b>To attend the 2023 Welcoming Interactive Conference as part of a UK delegation of cities. Birmingham is an Inclusive Cities Network partner supported by the global exchange and COMPAS knowledge exchange initiative (Oxford University).</b></p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <p>Shared Birmingham inclusive cities and city of Sanctuary approach and plan with conference delegation.</p> <p>Peer Learning from cities across USA and Australia on successful approaches to community empowerment, equality and diversity, to enabling citizen voice as well as long term strategic planning and policy for tackling migrant inequalities and a building a culture of civic pride.</p>	<p>£431.06 (tbc)</p> <p><b>Flights, accommodation and conference fees covered by Oxford University</b></p> <p>Subsistence: £431.06 (tbc)</p> <p>Authorised by Graeme Betts and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> <li>• Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture</li> <li>• Support and enable all children and young people to thrive</li> </ul> <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle homelessness</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle Health Inequalities</li> </ul>

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			<p>Learning is Informing development of BCC city of Sanctuary strategy and inclusive cities plan for the future..</p> <p>Learning shared with Inclusive Cities network – meeting of 15-16<sup>th</sup> June 2023 hosted by Birmingham.</p>		
<p>European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate &amp; Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p>	<p>Ghent, Brussels</p>	<p>25-28 April 2023</p>	<p><b>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</b></p> <p><b>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</b></p> <p>EUROCITIES WG Food Meeting - a Food Trails dissemination event (Food Trails is fully funded under the EU Horizon Programme)</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <p>The meeting took place alongside the Eurocities environment forum in Gent. The meeting was titled “Powering our cities: Industry and cities collaborate for the energy transition”.</p> <p><b>Lessons Learnt for Birmingham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cities across the world are becoming more focused in their efforts to implement food policies and this includes setting targets to tackle GHG emissions These cities include New York, Copenhagen, Ghent, Groningen and Lyon</li> <li>• Signing climate pledges related to the food system (such as the cool food pledge) can help mobilise support from a range of stakeholders</li> <li>• Engaging businesses is key to supporting a food and protein transition and public sector procurement is a starting point.</li> <li>• Partner organisations can play a role in facilitating dialogue between citizens and supermarkets (e.g. Rikolto)</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Tackle unemployment</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> <li>• Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture</li> <li>• Support and enable all children and young people to thrive</li> </ul> <p>Community resilience, cohesion and living standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make the city safer</li> <li>• Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle Health Inequalities</li> <li>• Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> <li>• Champion Mental Health</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging in international partnerships and networks like Eurocities can help highlight policy actions</li> </ul>		Climate Emergency • Be a City of nature
<p>European and International Affairs, Places, Prosperity &amp; Sustainability Directorate – 1 Officer</p> <p>Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p> <p>Public Health Division, Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	Milan, Italy	7-10 May 2023	<p><b>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</b></p> <p><b>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</b></p> <p>The purpose of the meeting was to provide an introduction to start ups with innovative products that could be applicable to the pilots being funded through the Bham Food Living Lab. It also provided the opportunity to discuss the data requirements for the living lab projects and to gain some flexibility in the data collection points.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress reported in the Birmingham Food Living Lab (2 pilot projects – Farm to Fork and Food Waste Separation and Composting)</li> <li>Agreement reached on the data collection points for the Food Waste Separation pilot to enable collection of data to demonstrate behaviour change (or not) in the Bham Food Waste Separation Pilot</li> <li>Interviews with start ups offering solutions to food related issues Birmingham is working through in the living lab pilots. Follow up work will result from this.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney, Ian MacLeod and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>Tackle unemployment</li> <li>Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> <li>Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture</li> <li>Support and enable all children and young people to thrive</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackle Health Inequalities</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> <li>Champion Mental Health</li> </ul> <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a City of nature</li> </ul>

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Film Birmingham, Cultural Development, BID's & Tourism Service – 1 Officer	Cannes, France	19-23 May 2023	<p>Attend March Du Film 2023</p> <p>Attending as the Head of Film Birmingham on behalf of BCC. The purpose of the visit is to promote Birmingham &amp; West Midlands as a destination for film &amp; television production to an international market. The Marche Du Film is an event attended by major studios, broadcasters, senior executive, producers and directors from the industry and the biggest event in the annual calendar for the industry in Europe. This international trade mission to attract inward investment into the city, create jobs and raise the city's profile a top destination for film, also trail the new Studios and Creative Hub. Film Birmingham wants to build on these successes by engaging and attracting further major productions of the city.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New connections made with Film makers and Production Companies.</li> <li>• Attended educational workshops &amp; sessions that looked at Diversity &amp; Inclusion, Green Filming, Training Schemes, and new technology.</li> <li>• Meetings with film makers and production companies interested in bringing projects to Birmingham &amp; West Midlands.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Visit fully funded by GBSLEP grant</b></p> <p>Authorised by Mark Wiltshire and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> <li>• Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture</li> </ul>
European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate & Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention	Grenoble, France	24-27 May 2023	<p><b>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</b></p> <p><b>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</b></p> <p>Support the Grenoble team to integrate nutrition into their Food Trails pilot</p>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Tackle unemployment</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p>

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<p>Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Harborne Food School in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.</p>			<p><b>Practical Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in a Cross Cutting Manager (CCM) workshop</li> <li>• Documented verbal updates from the Grenoble team to include in a year 2 CCM report</li> <li>• Visited one of the pilot sites and spoke to staff to understand current service provision and future aspirations – the site was an incubator dedicated to food businesses with circularity at the heart of their focus</li> <li>• Wrote a final report to be included in a complete set of year two visit reports to be published in October 2023</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle Health Inequalities</li> <li>• Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> </ul> <p>Climate Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve air quality</li> </ul>
<p>Healthy Behaviours and Communities Sub-Division, Public Health Division, Strategy, Equalities and Partnerships Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	<p>Malmo, Sweden</p>	<p>29 May – 2 June 2023</p>	<p><b>EU Funding Project: Food Trails Project Visit</b></p> <p><b>(Note: Overseas meetings are conditional requirements of the Grant)</b></p> <p>To attend the Delice Network AGM and conference in Malmo, to learn about and be inspired by gastronomy work of 26 other cities across the world who represent best practice in this area, to share what Birmingham is doing in food systems work, to make international links and to make the most of Birmingham’s membership of the Delice network.</p> <p><b>Practical Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This meeting provided the opportunity to present the Birmingham Food System Strategy and the Food Trails work to international partners, and gain expertise that would be beneficial to both of these projects.</li> <li>• The AGM provided the opportunity to be an active member of DELICE, building connections with other cities and making the most of learning opportunities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</b></p> <p>Authorised by Justin Varney and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support inclusive economic growth</li> <li>• Tackle unemployment</li> <li>• Attract inward investment and infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle poverty and inequalities</li> <li>• Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice</li> </ul> <p>Health and Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle Health Inequalities</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living</li> </ul> <p>Climate Emergency</p>

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			The event enabled knowledge exchange between cities. The insights captured will influence practice and the implementation of the Birmingham Food System Strategy, helping us meet the corporate plan priorities around employment, skills and local economy, opportunities for children and young people, climate emergency and health and wellbeing.		• Improve air quality

**Total Cost of visits = £4,309.85**

**No of visits by Members = 2**

**No of visits by Officers = 12**

**No of visits at No Cost to the City = 8**

**Total cost of visits undertaken between**

#### **Current financial year 2023/2024**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2023 – 30 June 2023	12	£4,309.85
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>£4,309.85</b>

#### **Current financial year 2022/2023**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2022 – 30 June 2022	10	£4,987.68
1 July 2022 – 30 September 2022	8	£3,628.38
1 October 2022 – 31 December 2022	12	£20,137.73
1 January 2023 – 31 March 2023	7	£7,805.61
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>£36,559.40</b>

#### **Visits summary 2021/2022**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2021 – 30 June 2021	0	£0
1 July 2021 – 30 September 2021	0	£0
1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021	4	£1,934.11
1 January 2022 – 31 March 2022	6	£21,454.27
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>£23,388.38</b>

**Visits summary 2020/2021**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2020 – 30 June 2020	0	£0
1 July 2020 – 30 September 2020	0	£0
1 October 2020 – 31 December 2020	0	£0
1 January 2021 – 31 March 2021	0	£0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£0</b>

**Visits summary 2019/2020**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019	12	£ 8,736.64
1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019	6	£ 1,848.81
1 October 2019 – 31 December 2019	20	£19,145.00
1 January 2020 – 31 March 2020	10	£ 899.16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>£30,629.61</b>

**Costings Info for the previous period, 2014-2019:****Visits summary 2018/2019**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018 (*figure includes £49,022.05 for Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia)	23	*£60,188.86
1 July 2018 – 30 September 2018	12	£13,879.46
1 October – 31 December 2018	13	£2,374.68
1 January 2019 – 31 March 2019	11	£2,356.58
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>£78,799.58</b>

**Visits summary 2017/2018**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017	17	£13,788
1 July 2017 – 30 September 2017	8	£2,634
1 October – 31 December 2017	21	£7,026.18
1 January 2018 – 31 March 2018	17	£3,956.01
<b>Totals</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>£27,404.19</b>

**Visits summary 2016/2017**

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016	25	£16,989

1 July – 30 September 2016	12	£5,133
1 October – 31 December 2016	36	£9,112
1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017	24	£14,839
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>£46,073</b>

**Visits summary 2015/2016**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015	36	£8,648
1 July – 30 September 2015	32	£18,740
1 October – 31 December 2015	42	£15,910
1 January 2016 - 31 March 2016	25	£16,687
<b>Totals</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>£59,985</b>

**Visits summary 2014/2015**

<b>Date</b>	<b>No of visits</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014	28	£21,966
1 July – 30 September 2014	16	£7,833
1 October – 31 December 2014	39	£14,659
1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015	21	£9,540
<b>Totals</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>£53,998</b>

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Birmingham City Council Corporate Plan Priorities 2022-2026 (Proposed)
8-11 August 2023	Birmingham Youth Service Children and Families Directorate - 2 Officers accompanying 11 young people	Leipzig, Germany	<b>Youth Exchange visit to Leipzig Germany for 11 young people with 2 accompanying BCC staff from Birmingham</b> to establish a partnership where young people from both countries can share their learning, experiences, successes, and challenges around youth voice with a focus on public health. The focus of this work will be the young people and public health. The young people involved in this trip are Bolder Healthier Champions. The young people will work together to design a programme between the two countries which will leave a legacy for the visit. In addition, young people will benefit from a cultural experience. This visit was arranged at short notice due to the cancellation by the original host and supports Commonwealth Games Legacy activity. These young people were from disadvantaged/looked after backgrounds and a promise had been made to partake in a Youth Exchange visit.	£10,800 (estimated with costs covered by ring fenced funds)	Employment, skills and local economy •Support inclusive economic growth  Opportunities for children and young people •Tackle poverty and inequalities •Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice •Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture •Support and enable all children and young people to thrive
Mid September 2023 (dates tbc)	City Operations (number of Officers tbc)	Dusseldorf, Germany	<b>Invictus Games Opening Ceremony and Observer Programme</b>  •Games Opening Ceremony •Observer Programme	Costings tbc	Employment, skills and local economy • Support inclusive economic growth • Attract inward investment and infrastructure • Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games  Opportunities for children and young people • Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture
27-29 September 2023	Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 2 Officers  Public Health, Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – 1 Officer seconded from the Healthy Futures in the role of Cross Cutting Theme Manager for Nutrition in the Food Trails project.	Bordeaux, France	<b>Good food for all: Cities meet to exchange food justice approaches</b>  •The Eurocities Working Group Food and Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Regional Forum meeting - this feeds into the Horizon 2020 Food Trails Project and provides Birmingham with the opportunity to showcase it's work on the food justice toolkit and pledge. •The focus of the meeting will be How can cities foster food justice and ensure access to healthy, local and quality food for all? •The Cross Cutting Manager for Nutrition is participating in the visit as part of the Food Trails project •Eurocities WG Food is a lead partner in Food Trails.	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Employment, skills and local economy • Support inclusive economic growth • Tackle unemployment and skills • Attract inward investment and infrastructure  Opportunities for children and young people • Tackle poverty and inequalities • Empower citizens and enable the citizen voice  Health and Wellbeing • Tackle Health Inequalities • Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living  Climate Emergency • Improve air quality • Continue on the Route to Net Zero





**Birmingham City Council**  
**Council Business Management Committee**  
 29 August 2023



**Subject: Review of Polling Districts and Places – Citywide**

**Report of: Robert Connelly**

**Acting Returning Officer**

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

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## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council must undertake a review of its Parliamentary Polling Districts, with such a review to be completed by 31 January 2025.
- 1.2 The earliest such a review can start is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 and the purpose of this report is to formalise any polling places (polling stations) where the polling station is located outside the polling district, prior to the commencement of the formal review.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To agree and note polling station venues that are currently located outside the relevant polling district.
- 2.2 Where agreement of Council Business Management Committee (CBMC) to locate a polling station outside the polling district cannot be obtained prior to a poll, this power be delegated to the Acting Returning Officer (ARO). The ARO will only exercises this power where a venue becomes unavailable at short notice, and where it is impracticable to obtain CBMC agreement prior to polling day. Any changes will be for a single poll unless subsequently agreed by CBMC.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Section 18 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (the Act) places a duty on the Council to keep its Parliamentary Polling Districts under review with a view to giving all electors reasonable facilities for voting. Section 31 of the Act deals similarly with Polling Districts at Local Government elections.
- 3.2 The Council's powers and duties in this respect are delegated to Council Business Management Committee (CBMC).
- 3.3 Under the Act, the ARO must complete a polling district review prior to 31 January 2025 although no review can formally commence until 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at the earliest.
- 3.4 Polling places are designated buildings or areas within a polling district where a polling station is located. In Birmingham, the polling district will normally be designated as the polling place. As a result, it means the ARO can move a polling station within the polling district without having to seek prior agreement of CBMC.
- 3.5 However the ARO will always, where possible, seek to consult with appropriate stakeholders including elected members before relocating a polling station each at short notice.
- 3.6 Occasionally it may be necessary to locate a polling station outside the polling district, and where the ARO looks to do this the approval of CBMC is required.
- 3.7 Prior to starting the formal review, the ARO has identified 29 polling stations that are located outside the polling district, and these are set out in the table below.
- 3.8 In each case the usual consultation with elected members and interested parties took place prior to the change of venue. These were then reviewed post poll and the views of both elected members and electors were then considered. The decision was then taken to keep these arrangements in place.

Ward	Polling District	Current Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place
Acocks Green	ACG3	The polling district is the polling place	Fox Hollies Forum, Greenwood Avenue B27 7RA
Allens Cross	ALC3	The polling district is the polling place	Allens Cross Community Centre, 24 Tinkers farm Road B31 1RH
Bordesley & Highgate	BAH2	The polling district is the polling place	Lillian de Lissa Nursery School, Bellevue B5 7LX
Billesley	BIL1HG	The polling district is the polling place	Baptist Church, 299 Brook Lane B13 0TL
Billesley	BIL3HG	The polling district is the polling place	Common Room, Coleside Avenue B13 0BX

Bordesley & Highgate	BOH3	The polling district is the polling place	Wyndcliffe Infant School, Little Green Lane B9 5BG
Bordesley & Highgate	BOH4HH	The polling district is the polling place	Wyndcliffe Infant School, Little Green Lane B9 5BG
Bordesley Green	BOR2YA	The polling district is the polling place	Regents Park Community Primary School, Arthur Street B10 0NJ
Edgbaston	EDG6	The polling district is the polling place	St Mary and St Ambrose Church Hall, Pershore Road B5 7RL
Glebe Farm and Tile Cross	GFT3	The polling district is the polling place	Glebe Farm Library, 52 Glebe Farm Road B33 9NA
Harborne	HAR1	The polling district is the polling place	Moor Pool Hall, The Circle B17 9DY
Hall Green North	HGN2YA	The polling district is the polling place	Tyseley Community Centre, 280 Formans Road B11 3BY
Hall Green South	HGS2	The polling district is the polling place	St Peter's Church Hall, Highfield Road B28 0HS
Kings Norton North	KNN3SO	The polling district is the polling place	Kings Norton Primary School, Pershore Road South B30 2EU
Ladywood	LAD7	The polling district is the polling place	Birmingham Progressive Synagogue, 1 Roseland Way B15 1HD
Longbridge and West Heath	LWH8	The polling district is the polling place	St John Fisher Catholic Community Centre, 1 Cofton Road B31 3QT
Nechells	NEC5	The polling district is the polling place	St Matthew's CE Primary School, Duddeston Manor School B7 4JR
North Edgbaston	NED6ED	The polling district is the polling place	St Augustine's Church House, 9 Lyttleton Road B16 9JN
Newtown	NEW1PB	The polling district is the polling place	Wallace Lawlor Centre, 199 Wheeler Street B19 2EL
Northfield	NOR1	The polling district is the polling place	St Laurence Church Infant School, Bunbury Road B31 2DJ
Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath	SBH8YA	The polling district is the polling place	Shree Hindu Community Centre, Warwick Road B11 2JP
Sparkhill	SPH5	The polling district is the polling place	St Christophers Church, Woodlands Road B13 9NY
Sutton Roughley	SRO4	The polling district is the polling place	Lench's Trust Community Room, Tanners Close B75 6DP
Stirchley	STI1HG	The polling district is the polling place	The Ascension Church Hall, Pineapple Grove B30 2TJ

Stirchley	STI3	The polling district is the polling place	St Andrews Methodist Church, Cartland Road B30 2RD
Tyseley and Hay Mills	THM3HG	The polling district is the polling place	Yarnfield Primary School, Yarnfield Road B11 3PJ
Weoley and Selly Oak	WSO3SO	The polling district is the polling place	Avenue Members Club, Weoley Avenue B29 6PS
Yardley East	YAE1	The polling district is the polling place	St Edburgha's Church Hall, School Lane B33 8PD
Yardley East	YAE3	The polling district is the polling place	United Reform Church Room, Moat Lane B26 1TW

#### **4 Legal Implications**

4.1 None other than those stated above

#### **5 Financial Implications**

5.1 None.

#### **6 Public Sector Equality Duty**

6.1 None.

# Birmingham City Council

## Council Business Management Committee

29 August 2023



**Subject:** The Lord Mayoralty Formula  
**Report of:** Janie Berry, City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer)  
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### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Committee previously received a report relating to the Lord Mayoralty Formula at the November 2022 meeting where the formula was agreed following amendments made after the completion of the June 2022 meeting (where the formula was also considered and discussed).
- 1.2 At the June 2023 meeting, due an administrative error, the data contained within the report and accompanying appendix was incorrect. Therefore, after further discussions with all Groups and after further clarification was provided on the formula by Members, the Committee requested that a revised report and appendix be submitted to the August 2023 meeting for consideration and noting.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 to the report displays the workings of the formula and the allocation of Lord Mayor for the years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27.
- 1.4 The Committee should note that elections are due to be held in May 2026. The outcome of these elections could cause the allocation of Lord Mayor for the year 2026/27 to change. If any membership changes to City Council occur at any point, then the formula will be reworked to determine the allocation of Lord Mayor.

## **2 Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 That it be noted that, in accordance with the amendments outlined in this report and the amendments to the appendix undertaken following the June 2023 meeting, the Groups are entitled to put forward one of their Members to be the Lord Mayor as follows:

2024/25: Conservative

2025/26: Labour

2026/27: Liberal Democrat

## **3 Summary of Current Position**

- 3.1 The Appendix to this report (Appendix 1) shows the working of the formula from May 2022 onwards. In particular, it shows the rolling forward of the formula to reflect the election of a Labour Group Member as Lord Mayor for the current year; and the strengths of the three Party Groups at the time of the May 2022 Annual Council Meeting. It then shows the calculations for subsequent Municipal Years until the elections in 2026.

- 3.2 Under this formula the Groups are entitled to put forward one of their Members to be the Lord Mayor as follows:

2024/25: Conservative

2025/26: Labour

2026/27: Liberal Democrat

## **4 Lord Mayoralty Formula Methodology**

- 4.1 The present formula was first adopted in 1993 by the former General Purposes Committee. Its purpose is to ensure that, over a period of years, the Lord Mayoralty is allocated to the various Party Groups in proportion to their numerical strength (i.e. number of Councillors) over that same period.

- 4.2 It is “rolled forward” each year, to take account of –

- the choice of Lord Mayor for the year in question is reflected by adding 1 to the “score” of the Party Group to which the Member elected as Lord Mayor belongs; and

- the numerical strength of each of the three party Groups at the date of the Annual Council Meeting is reflected by subtracting each Group's proportion of Councillors (of the total of 101).

4.3 After rolling forward the formula as above, the Party Group with the lowest score is the Group which is entitled, according to the formula, to put forward one of its Members to be the Lord Mayor for the year beginning in the following May.

4.4 The formula is of course no more than an informal means of allocating the Lord Mayoralty between the various Party Groups. It is not in any sense binding on the full Council. Whatever the formula may provide, a Councillor can only become Lord Mayor by being nominated and elected at the Annual Council Meeting.

4.5 The formula has however been adhered to every year, bar two, since 1993. The two exceptions have been –

- when the Labour Group voluntarily surrendered their entitlement to the Lord Mayoralty for 1998/99 and it was taken by the Liberal Democrat Group (who had the second lowest score at the time); and
- when the nominee of the Conservative Group for 2001/02 was rejected at the Annual Council Meeting in May 2001 and instead a Liberal Democrat Group Member was elected as Lord Mayor.

## **5 Allocation of Lord Mayor in Future Years**

5.1 The numbers were re-run using the proportions at the 2022 Annual City Council meeting:

- Labour - 65 (0.6436)
- Conservative - 27 (0.2673)
- Liberal Democrat - 8 (0.0792)

5.2 The numbers in Appendix 1 provided a new baseline starting from May 2022.

5.3 Proportions at the 2022 AGM were:

- Labour 65 (0.64)
- Conservative 22 (0.22)
- Liberal Democrat 12 (0.12)

5.4 Numbers after this are based on the assumption that the proportions of Councillors remain the same every year. A recalculation will be required if the numbers change.

## **6 Legal Implications**

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

## **7 Financial Implications**

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

## **8 Public Sector Equality Duty**

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

## **9 Other Implications**

9.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.

## **10 Background Papers**

10.1 None.

## **11 Appendices**

11.1 Appendix 1 – Lord Mayoralty Formula



	Labour	Conservati	Lib Dem
May 2021 Scores	1.29	0.73	1.36
Add One for Labour LM 21/22 (Should have been CON!	2.29	0.73	1.36
SUBTRACT to reflect Group Strengths at May 2022	0.64	0.27	0.08
May 2021 Scores Following City Council AGM CON LM 22/23	1.65	0.46	1.28
May 2022 Scores	1.65	0.46	1.28
Add One for Con LM 22/23	1.65	1.46	1.28
SUBTRACT to reflect Group Strengths at May 2023	0.64	0.22	0.12
May 2022 Scores Following City Council AGM LAB LM 23/24	1.01	1.24	1.16
May 2023 scores	1.01	1.24	1.16
Add One for LAB LM 23/24	2.01	1.24	1.16
SUBTRACT to reflect Group Strengths at May 2024	0.64	0.22	0.12
May 2023 Scores Following City Council AGM CON LM 24/25	1.37	1.02	1.04
Possible May 2024 Scores	1.37	1.02	1.04
Add One for CON LM 24/25	1.37	2.02	1.04
SUBTRACT to reflect Group Strengths at May 2025	0.64	0.22	0.12
May 2024 Scores Following City Council AGM LAB LM 25/26	0.73	1.8	0.92
Possible May 2025 Scores	0.73	1.8	0.92
Add One for LAB LM 25/26	1.73	1.8	0.92
SUBTRACT to reflect Group Strengths at May 2026	0.64	0.22	0.12
May 2025 Scores Following City Council AGM LIB DEM LM 26/27	1.09	1.58	0.8



**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL****MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023 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 of the Council held on 11 July 2023.

**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 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT (ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT)**

**(30 minutes allocated) (1535-1605)**

**Councillor X to move the following recommendation:**

**9 YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN**

**(25 minutes allocated) (1605-1630)**

**Councillor X to move the following recommendation:**

(break 1630 – 1700)

**10 LEAD MEMBER REPORT – WMCA SCRUTINY**

**(35 minutes allocated) (1700-1735)**

**Councillor X to move the following recommendations:**

**11 SACRE CONSTITUTION**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1735-1745)**

**Councillor X to move the following recommendations:**

**12 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).





### CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2023/24 – AUGUST 2023

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

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26 June 2023	Petitions Update The Lord Mayoralty Formula Reports not on the Forward Plan Appointment of CBMC Sub-Committees and Other Bodies – to note confirmed memberships	11 July 2023	<b>Council as Trustee Meeting on Highbury Hall</b> Scrutiny Business Report Srebrenica Memorial Day (Cross Party / CBMC Motion) Reports not on the Forward Plan
29 August 2023	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Review of Polling Districts and Places The Lord Mayoralty Formula Membership for Council House Sub-Committee / Female Cllr Working Group Changes to the Constitution to enable reports on Equal Pay to Full Council on a quarterly basis	12 September 2023	Youth Justice Plan Executive Business Report (Environment and Transport) Lead Member Report - WMCA Scrutiny SACRE constitution
23 October 2023	Minutes from Extraordinary Meetings Petitions Update Reports not on the Forward Plan Independent Member Recruitment (IRP Member Allowances)	7 November 2023	Lead Member Report - West Midlands Police & Crime Panel Scrutiny Inquiry - Children and Young People's Mental Health Reports not on the Forward Plan Lead Member report: Transport Delivery O&S Committee (moved from the 11 July meeting to align with annual reporting cycle) Independent Member Recruitment IRP Member Allowances
20 November 2023	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations	5 December 2023	Executive Business Report (Deputy Leader and Social Justice, Community Cohesion and Equalities) Scrutiny Inquiry - Child Criminal Exploitation



CBM	Item	City Council	Item
			Standards Committee – Annual Report / Debate not Hate
18 December 2023		9 January 2024	Lead Member Report - West Midlands Fire Authority Scrutiny Business Report Route to Zero Annual Report
22 January 2024	Petitions Update Budget Council – Discussion Lord Mayor Nomination – 2024/25 – Discussion Reports not on the Forward Plan	6 February 2024	Reports not on the Forward Plan Annual Report from the Chair of Audit Committee
12 February 2024	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Suspension of Standing Orders (Budget Council)	27 February 2024	BUDGET MEETING
2 April 2024	Reports not on the Forward Plan Petitions Update	16 April 2024	Executive Business Report (Finance and Resources and Housing & Homelessness) Reports not on the Forward Plan Scrutiny Business Report

**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 Health and Social Care and Public Health), 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, 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**

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1.	12 July 2022	<p><b>(Other) Changes to the Constitution</b></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"> <li>- 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).</li> <li>- 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.'</li> </ul>	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). <b>Ongoing</b>
2.	12 July 2022	<p><b>Scrutiny Business Report</b></p> <p>Asked the Executive to consider proposals to increase the capacity of the Scrutiny Team to enable it to carry out one Scrutiny Inquiry per Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Currently capacity is limited to 4 Inquiries (at any one time).</p>	Leader / Deputy Leader	There is currently (as of May/June 2023) an advert out to recruit another Overview and Scrutiny Manager (Grade 5) while officers are reviewing other potential options following a review, carried out by Members of Coordinating OSC, which looked at developing a more flexible, effective scrutiny function. <b>Ongoing</b>

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3.	1 November 2022	<p><b>Motion A - Exempt Accommodation</b></p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li>   <li>- 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.</li>   <li>- Continue to lobby the Government for greater powers to control provision and growth based on the city's needs assessment.</li>   <li>- Launch an independent public inquiry into the growth of Exempt Accommodation in the city, helping to strengthen the case for nationwide</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<p>The topic of Exempt Accommodation was discussed by Scrutiny on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and progress will continue to be monitored though the Exempt Accommodation Sponsor Board</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b> - work continues as part of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme to ensure legislation meets the needs of Birmingham. Crisis will be taking a lead role in regard to the independent Inquiry working with the Council.</p> <p>Press release issued in October 2022</p> <p>Work continues as part of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme to ensure legislation meets the needs of Birmingham.</p> <p>A press release issued in October 2022, which included a Thank you from Councillor Sharon Thompson</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b> - Supported Housing Bill is at report stage in the House of Lords – expected to achieve Royal Assent in the Autumn following which regulations will be developed and consulted on i.e. Licensing scheme. A Review of the Bill and an initial gap analysis has been undertaken to assist with the ongoing lobbying campaign.</p> <p>Chief Exec of Crisis have agreed to lead the Inquiry and Terms of Reference, approach and structure has been agreed in principle – final terms are to be agreed – it is</p>

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		<p>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> <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 style="padding-left: 40px;">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</p>		<p>intended that witness interviews will commence during the Summer. The appointment of crisis is subject to procurement approval which is currently being sought. Terms of reference are now agreed.</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 13<sup>th</sup> 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>

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		<p>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 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"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <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</p>		<p>Revised declaration forms have now gone live and all members have been asked to submit updated declarations.</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b> 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</p>

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		appropriately sited, well managed, and used to prioritise demand placed on the city council and not that of other local authorities”.		<p>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><b>Ongoing</b> Following approval of policy, Member briefings were undertaken in July. Cross directorate procedures are being developed with Legal services.</p>
4.	1 November 2022	<p><b>Motion B – Educational Attainment</b></p> <p>Council ... resolves to call on the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deliver on its pledge to restore education spending, in real terms. to 2010 levels.</li> <li>- End tax exemptions for independent schools, using the £1.7 billion raised to fund state school efforts to bridge the attainment gap.</li> </ul> <p>Council further resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Call on the Government to adopt the solutions proposed by the cross-party Education Select</li> </ul>	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> <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</p>

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		<p>Committee report and continue to review its findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Work with employers to ensure opportunity is spread equally, by creating career pathways for the most disadvantaged and deprived areas of the city.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Promote vocational training, apprenticeships and entrepreneurship in schools.</li> </ul>		<p>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: <b><u>CHANGE for children and young people 2023-2028</u></b>, 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 <b><u>Birmingham Children and Young People's Partnership</u></b>, which is a formal collaboration between Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, West Midlands Police, and Birmingham Voluntary Services Council.</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Continue to highlight the risks to students of failure to maintain school budgets and, in particular, levels of pupil premium".</li> </ul>		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. <b>Ongoing</b>
5.	6 December 2022	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Write to the Chancellor to urge him not to cut funding for Domestic Abuse services through the Home Office budgets or the Justice budgets.</li> <li>- Explore what options may be available to provide specialist support for women who are survivors of domestic abuse via the Council's growing network of Warm Welcome Spaces.</li> <li>- Write to the Government in support of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Victims' Commissioner's recommendations.</li> <li>- Ensure all Council Directorates and city partners are fully engaged in the work to renew Birmingham's Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy and are clear on the part they must play in tackling</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member, Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	<p>Letter Sent</p> <p>We are working closely with the Early Intervention and Prevention team to explore this more widely in the community, including in the newly established Money and Family Hubs.</p> <p>Letter sent</p> <p>A consultation plan has been created which ensures involvement and engagement from key internal and external partners, including the Council's Domestic Abuse Cross-Directorate which has membership across the directorates. A multi-agency strategic working</p>

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		<p>and preventing domestic abuse in our communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acknowledge the work that the co-ordinating overview and scrutiny committee have commenced to support work to renew the strategy and ask that they continue to facilitate engagement with other scrutiny committees.</li> <li>- Write to the Council Executive calling on them to ensure that council funding for domestic abuse related services is protected within the council's medium term financial plan.</li> <li>- Calls on the Council Executive to ensure that, within its powers, victims of domestic abuse are not placed in Exempt or Temporary Accommodation with known sex or violence offenders.</li> <li>- Calls on the Executive to carry out a review, and report back to Scrutiny within 6 months, on how it can increase the number of specialist refuge bed spaces within Birmingham.</li> </ul>		<p>group, with members from internal and external agencies, has also been established. This working group will focus on reviewing the current strategy, reviewing the action plan, and developing the new strategy.</p> <p>See previous narrative for work with co-ordinating overview and scrutiny committee. However since then, responsibility now sits with Neighbourhoods scrutiny committee. Working with officers who support this committee, it has been agreed that the draft strategy will be presented to the committee in September for consultation.</p> <p>Discussed as part of financial planning.</p> <p>Within Council powers; a Housing Needs Assessment is undertaken in relation to any homeless need, including those as a result of domestic abuse. A suitability assessment is undertaken with regards to all placements into temporary accommodation. Women fleeing DA will be placed into women only Exempt, single people are not placed in BCC Homeless Centres. Any known sex or violent offender will be placed in self-contained accommodation.</p> <p>Commissioning of refuge bed space sits within Adult Social Care and under the current financial envelope, we commission 148 units of refuge across the city with 6 providers, as well as commissioning long-term dispersed accommodation, a lead worker service and the DA Hub.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure that, whilst noting that domestic abuse\violence is overwhelmingly a gendered crime, that all strategies, plans and funding decisions do not overlook other victims of domestic abuse including intergenerational, male and same sex relationships.</li>   <li>- Calls on the Executive to review what additional support can be provided specifically to children who are caught up in domestic abuse situations to ensure that their futures are not compromised as a result of what they have witnessed.</li>   <li>- Calls on the Executive to ensure that head teachers are aware of the importance of providing school places to children who have to move schools due</li> </ul>		<p>These contracts run until November 2024, and work will commence this year to consider a forward commissioning model that supports victims of DA. This will include considering the number of units of refuge we commission.</p> <p>The responsibilities instilled by the Public Sector Duty (s149) of the Equalities Act 2010 to have due regard for the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between people from different groups. As such, the current DA strategy also takes account of and responds to the needs of population groups sharing protected characteristics. We will ensure this is also reflected in the new strategy. Our commissioned services also reflect this by providing services for female and male victims of DA.</p> <p>Following the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 children are now recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. This will be addressed in the new strategy. Since passage of the DA Act, a range of support for children has been commissioned including children’s workers in refuge and support within schools. There is also a DA and Children subgroup to the DA Board to ensure the needs of children are prioritised. This is an ongoing priority.</p> <p>This is an ongoing priority, as reflected in the current DA Strategy and will be included in the new Strategy and action plan. Work with colleagues in Family and</p>

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		<p>to domestic abuse, within the school admissions statutory code of practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Record its thanks to the numerous charities and organisations across Birmingham and the UK providing invaluable support to victims of domestic abuse.</li> <li>- Facilitate a two tier training programme to cover: ‘What is a healthy relationship?’, to be made available to all professionals working with young people as well as Safeguarding Teams, including elected members as Corporate Parents, to help facilitate early interventions; Healthy relationship training in schools to enable young people to recognise unhealthy relationships, understand the complexities of relationships and have a good understanding of strategies they can deploy to successfully address relationship issues.</li> </ul>		<p>Children’s Directorate has begun to align the strategic work with the Children and Young People Plan.</p> <p>The meeting of the City Council on 6<sup>th</sup> December recorded the City Council’s appreciation and this was acknowledged in the December scrutiny round table meeting.</p> <p>This is an ongoing issue. This is an action in the current DA strategy and likely to be carried over to the new strategy, following the review. To implement this effectively, we would work with colleagues in education.</p> <p><b>Recommend to Discharge</b></p>
6.	7 February 2023	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lobby the Government to reach agreement with unions to ensure that NHS staff and health and social care staff are paid fairly.</li> <li>- Write to Government to call for a long-term sustainable funding solution for social care, moving away from emergency one-off injections of funding. This funding increase would give carers a decent wage rise and better pay conditions.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care	<p>Letter sent to Prime Minister 16/2/23.</p> <p>No response received to date 20/7/23</p> <p><b>Recommend to Discharge</b></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Write to the Government urging them to deliver on a workforce plan for the NHS and social care, helping to reduce the 130,000 staff vacancies that exist in the health service and tackle the 14% vacancy rate within social care.</li> <li>- This Council further calls upon the Government to introduce a Workforce Plan for all medical professionals that will enable Birmingham citizens to access a GP appointment with 7 days, then speedy referrals to specialist treatment.”</li> </ul>		
7.	7 February 2023	<p>The Council therefore resolves to ask the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Take steps to ensure residents are aware of their statutory right to request a ‘Community Trigger’ where issues cannot be resolved, which requires agencies working together to find solutions.</li> <li>- Continue to investigate the best way of reducing anti-social behaviour on estates in consultation with residents, exploring options to reinstate the concierge service in conjunction with our existing investment plans.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	<p>The Community Safety Team will be working with Partners including City Housing to raise further awareness of the Community Trigger with residents and will also run a campaign during ASB awareness week that will include a specific focus on promoting the Community Trigger process. The team will also be reviewing latest government guidance around the Community Trigger, including a change in name to ASB Case Reviews, that will make its purpose much clearer for residents.</p> <p>Work on a new integrated approach to tackling ASB has commenced with City Housing and Community Safety colleagues working with partners including West Midlands Police to ensure a joined up and consistent response to ASB both from a cross-tenure and place-</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the implementation of public space protection orders where these are wanted by the police, local businesses and residents and there is evidence to support implementation.</li>   <li>- Use ASB data as an additional criteria in the selection of wards for selective licensing, to see if the scheme can be expanded to other wards.</li> </ul>		<p>based perspective. Any concierge scheme would need to be recoverable through a service charge and may vary between schemes. Is a risk around recovery of the charges due to affordability. Any proposal would need to be fully costed and linked to locality working. There would be possible links with night time and weekend security service to provide a 24/7 response team serving the city on a wider basis.</p> <p>Public Space Protection Orders are an important mechanism to help reduce ASB in targeted and defined public spaces. The Community Safety Team will continue to work closely with, and consult local residents, businesses and partners to support the implementation of such orders where the evidence supports implementation. The Kings Heath and Moseley PSPO out for consultation from 31 July 2023</p> <p>Our current Selective and Additional Licensing designations will ensure that we can address ASB that arises from tenants of private rented sector properties more effectively with landlords and partners. It is important to embed these designations and measure their success to enable us to review and refine any schemes. Any further proposed Selective Licensing designations will require evidence, consultation and Cabinet approval to proceed to an application to Government. Further extension of a designation for Selective Licensing has already been raised with the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities during initial discussions prior to the current designation being approved. It was thought that any new</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council further calls on Government to</li> <li>- Ensure adequate funding for both councils and the police to tackle ASB</li> <li>- Give more powers to councils to tackle ASB where gaps are identified, and existing powers are limited in their effectiveness.”</li> </ul>		<p>application would be best served by waiting until the current designation was implemented and was demonstrated to be effective. It is therefore proposed that appropriate ASB data is gathered in 2023/24 and consideration given to proceeding with a further Selective Licensing designation in light of early data being gathered through the current scheme.</p> <p>Letter sent</p> <p>The community Safety Team hosted a number of webinars and engagement activities during Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness week in July. The team are also working with the OPCC for the West Midlands on a pilot to tackle ASB in hotspot areas which will commence in August.</p> <p><b>Recommend to Discharge</b></p>
8.	18 April 2023	<p><b>City of Birmingham Medal</b></p> <p>An amendment was proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Ward to add a further recommendation to the report:</p> <p>“To agree that any costs will be determined on a case-by-case basis and that these costs would not impact on the Lord Mayors budget”.</p> <p>2.) The City Council agreed to the creation of the City of Birmingham Medal and agreed the criteria and process for submitting a nomination.</p>	Leader of the Council	<p>Process now in place</p> <p><b>Recommend to Discharge</b></p>

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9.	18 April 2023	<p><b>Motion A</b></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"> <li>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 high pedestrian and cyclist use, and recorded levels of speeding to be considered.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Transport	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>A presentation was delivered to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 19th April, setting out BCC’s progress delivering road safety since the last Road Safety Strategy was adopted in October 2016. This also discussed the proposed approach to revise the current strategy, to resolve delivery performance issues and to deliver Vision Zero across the city as soon as possible, by prioritising delivery towards those areas of the city with the worst road safety records first. These areas include the neighbourhoods that surround the city centre, and in east Birmingham.</p> <p>The Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided valuable feedback to Officers, which is now being used to shape the development of the Council’s new Road Safety Strategy.</p> <p>A Task and Finish Group of the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been</p>



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		<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>set up and terms of reference in development – the intention being that this group will have hands on involvement in the drafting of the strategy and the consultation.</p> <p>A public consultation on the draft refreshed strategy will begin in Autumn 2023. 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 Safety Strategy, before it is presented to the Council to approve.</p> <p>A Gold Command has now been instated between BCC, West Midlands Police and West Midlands Metropolitan Local Authorities to steer allocation of resources to deliver enhanced road safety regionally.</p> <p>BCC officers are working in close partnership with West Midlands Police and the other West Midlands metropolitan Local Authorities to develop a revised operating model for delivery of speed enforcement (including Average Speed Enforcement) across Birmingham and the wider West Midlands metropolitan area. The results of this process are expected to report in Autumn 2023, which will pave the way for significant expansion of provision and improved efficiency, aligned with a zero-tolerance approach to enforcement. This is currently on the Cabinet forward plan with a November target date.</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 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>The new Road Safety Strategy will not include a bespoke delivery programme. Instead, the delivery programme for this strategy will be fully integrated into the wider Birmingham Transport Plan: Delivery Plan, as a series of major schemes. 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 by delivering greater overall value for money through economies of scale.</p> <p>As above c.</p> <p>The new Road Safety Strategy will set out a potential toolkit of compliant, lower cost measures that Local Ward Councillors, in their role as local community leaders, can consider delivering via local engineering teams to deliver enhanced road safety in their local areas. These proposed measures will be fully aligned with the principle of Vision Zero, offering proven interventions that remove 'through' vehicular traffic on local roads and prioritise Healthy Streets principles.</p> <p>As above d.</p>

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		<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>The new Road Safety Strategy is being developed to propose delivery of packages of complimentary measures to permanently reduce vehicular traffic across entire residential areas using ‘Healthy Streets’ (low traffic) principles. Application of these principles will also ensure that residual vehicular traffic operates at 20mph or less, by retrofitting neighbourhoods across the city to meet this quality standard. This will be reinforced by the installation of blanket 20mph speed limits on all urban roads, with the exception of A-class urban arterial routes in the city, which will have a consistent 30mph speed limit applied citywide.</p> <p>As above f.</p> <p>As above f.</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>A draft letter is in preparation to be sent to the DfT by the Cabinet Member to request these powers to be provided.</p> <p>Further lobbying could be linked to future devolution deals and/or wider lobbying on transport powers and funding in support of delivering Birmingham Transport Plan objectives.</p> <p>A Gold Command has now been instated between BCC, West Midlands Police and West Midlands Metropolitan Local Authorities to steer allocation of resources to deliver enhanced road safety regionally. This has resulted in a number of actions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High profile joint enforcement operations between BCC and WMP</li> <li>• A hard-hitting communications campaign to be launched in summer 2023</li> </ul> <p>Various senior level meetings have taken place including the Police and Crime Commissioner, The Mayor, Leader, Cabinet Member for Transport, and the Chief Constable – regular meetings will take place to ensure progress is being monitored at the highest level.</p> <p>BCC Officers are working in close partnership with West Midlands Police and the other West Midlands metropolitan Local Authorities to develop a revised operating model for delivery of speed enforcement</p>

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		<p>k. Investigate what can be done to give greater support to groups wanting to set up and run Community Speedwatch sessions”.</p>		<p>(including Average Speed Enforcement) across Birmingham and the wider West Midlands metropolitan area. The results of this process are expected to report in Autumn 2023, which will pave the way for significant expansion of provision and improved efficiency, aligned with a zero-tolerance approach to enforcement.</p> <p>As above j.</p> <p>As part of this surplus revenues could support a regional road safety fund to support additional activities such as Community Speedwatch.</p>
10.	18 April 2023	<p><b>Motion B</b></p> <p>The Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• formally call upon our partners to treat care experience as a Protected Characteristic.</li> <li>• lobby Government to amend the Equality Act 2010 to include care experience as a protected characteristic.</li> <li>• continue to build on the work of our Children’s Trust and to continue to support the efforts of our Corporate Parenting Board”.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>Meetings are being arranged to ensure progress is being made to take forward resolutions agreed.</p>
11.	13 June 2023	<p><b>Motion A</b></p>	Cabinet Member for Social Justice,	The Public Health team are working alongside community safety colleagues and will be leading on

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		<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> <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>	Community Safety and Equalities	<p>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> <p>Letter sent</p>
12.	13 June 2023	<p><b>Motion B</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>	Cabinet Member for Transport	Variation 003 to the existing Enhanced Partnership for Bus was unanimously agreed in principle by stakeholders (TfWM,, local authorities and bus operators) at a meeting of the EP Reference Group

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		<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> <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</p>		<p>on 18/07/23 – this Variation now has to go to DfT for their approval (including ensuring that State Aid rules have been met) before it can come into force. This Variation brings the following benefits for bus users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of the price premium between the main operators’ multi-journey tickets / passes and those in the multi-operators nBus range, this means that there is no longer a price premium if passengers use different operator services (effective from 03/07/23).</li> <li>• A mechanism is to be developed to agree future fare increases to ensure the right balance is achieved between operator funding to maintain the network and the social impact of fare increases on passengers.</li> <li>• Creation of a new Bus Network Support fund of over £60.0m taken from existing bus funding following relaxation of rules by DfT on how BSIP and BSOG money can be spent.</li> <li>• TfWM have powers to step in to address unhealthy competition between operators on the busiest routes by specifying a maximum frequency of services.</li> <li>• Operators are required to enter into a new Passenger Charter to ensure passengers receive a consistent minimum service quality.</li> </ul> <p>All of the main local operators have agreed to remain in the Government’s voluntary fares cap scheme which limits fares to £2 per journey. Government has announced this initiative will be extended to October</p>

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		<p>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 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</p>		<p>2024 but with the fare cap increasing to £2.50 from November 2023.</p> <p>Bus Franchising remains an option if the existing Enhanced Partnership arrangements are felt to not be working. The West Midlands Mayor launched a study in February 2023 to assess whether franchising was a good option for the region – however this is not due to report until June 2024 after the next mayoral election. In the meantime, Greater Manchester are intending to launch a franchised network in September 2023 following a legal battle between their Combined Authority and the bus operators who opposed the plans. Birmingham City Council is keeping up the pressure for the franchising evaluation to move forward as fast as possible.</p> <p>The City Council and neighbouring authorities are working with TfWM to develop bus priority and roadspace reallocation proposals on a number of corridors into the city centre funded through the Government's City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) grant, which will lead to the introduction of 'cross-city' bus services by the main operator by 2027. CRSTS funding also includes further improvements on the A34 and A45 'Sprint' corridors and a study into short and long-term options for public transport on the Hagley Road corridor. The CRSTS funding remains subject to an on-going review of the programme and to successful completion and approval of the necessary business cases.</p>



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		<p>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> <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>		<p>The Birmingham Transport Plan and the forthcoming BTP Delivery Plan recognise buses as the backbone of a sustainable transport network for the city, being much more comprehensive and flexible, and suitable for a greater range of journeys than any other sustainable mode. Reallocating Roadspace and Transforming the City Centre are two one of the key principles of the BTP which will directly benefit bus services, and the Delivery Plan will allow increased investment in this work across the city’s main corridors and bus routes.</p> <p>Lobbying letters are in draft ready for approval and signature after the holiday period.</p>
13.	11 July 2023	<p><b>Motion A</b></p> <p>The Council resolves that:</p> <p>(i) The Leader will write to every registered Warm Welcome Space and foodbank in Birmingham to express the gratitude of the Council.</p>	Deputy Leader	Letter drafted

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		<p>(ii) The Council will continue to support this programme for as long as this Tory created crisis continues.</p> <p>(iii) The Council will write to the government to demand action to address this Tory cost of living crisis.”</p>		<p><b>Ongoing</b> We will continue to build on our Cost-of-Living programme to alleviate hardship and meet pressing needs for warmth, food, and cash benefits.</p> <p>In September a report to Cabinet will set out the next phase of our Cost of Living programme.</p> <p>The next phase of our work is to further support employment and apprenticeships for the most vulnerable households. This will involve increasing the capacity for digital access to reduce digital exclusion, using our supply chains to offer greater employment opportunities, and persuading companies to pay the living wage. Only this element of the programme’s work can move low income citizens forward towards employment and higher sustainable incomes. This fund will be used to support capacity building in employment, apprenticeships, the living wage campaign, digital access, and pre-employment support for vulnerable young people. These are areas that do not qualify for the Household Support Fund.</p>
14.	11 July 2023	<p><b>Motion B</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</p>	Leader	<p><b>Ongoing.</b> Dates for reports to be agreed with CBMC</p>

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		<p>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 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</p>		

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		<p>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 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"> <li>• Prioritise improving the City Council's appalling housing conditions</li> <li>• Protect services for those residents who need them most, particularly social care</li> <li>• Protect our vital youth and library services</li> <li>• Protect investment in our most left behind communities</li> </ul>		

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