

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

Chair to advise 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.

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 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

4 **EXEMPT INFORMATION – POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

a) To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information within the meaning of Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.

b) To formally pass the following resolution:-

RESOLVED – That, in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

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5 **EXEMPT MINUTES - 1 SEPTEMBER 2023**

To confirm and sign the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2023.

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6 **MINUTES**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the reconvened extraordinary meeting held on 1 September 2023 and the meeting held on 23 October 2023.

7 **COMMISSIONERS REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON AGENDA**

For the Committee to note the attached comments on the agenda.

Comments from Commissioners are to follow.

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

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

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9 **PETITIONS UPDATE**

Report of the City Solicitor.

- 41 - 44** 10 **DECISIONS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION**
- Report of the City Solicitor.
- 45 - 50** 11 **COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING - 5 DECEMBER 2023**
- To consider the Council agenda for the next meeting.
- 51 - 82** 12 **CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN**
- To consider the City Council and Council Business Management Committee Forward Plan.
- 13 **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:**
20 November
18 December
- 2024:**
22 January
12 February
Tuesday 2 April
Tuesday 7 May
- 14 **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.
- 15 **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'.

Exempt Minutes

1 September 2023

These minutes, exempt from public disclosure due to Schedule 12A, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5, of the Local Government Act 1972, have been circulated to members of the Committee via email.

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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL
BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE
1 SEPTEMBER
2023
EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING**

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 1
SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 1600 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3
AND 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor John Cotton in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Baber Baz, Sir Albert Bore, Jack Deakin, Des Hughes, Brigid Jones, Sharon Thompson and Miranda Perks.

ALSO PRESENT: -

Janie Berry, City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer)
Deborah Cadman, Chief Executive
Robert Connelly, AD, Legal and Governance
Fiona Greenway, Interim Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)
Darren Hockaday, Interim Director People and Corporate Services
Ian O'Donnell, Independent Financial Advisor
Bill O'Shaughnessy, Employee Relations Specialist Consultant
Jon Roberts, External Auditor, Grant Thornton
Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services
Rishi Shori, Assistant Director and Solicitor, Strategic Partnerships and External Affairs and Corporate Leadership
Mark Stock, External Auditor, Grant Thornton
Mohammed Sajid, Assistant Director, Financial Strategy.
Errol Wilson, Committee Team Leader

NOTICE OF RECORDING

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

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Des Hughes advised that he was a member of the Unite Union.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Gareth Moore.

PAY EQUITY SYSTEM

The Committee considered a report concerning a renewed Pay Equity System (PES) consisting of a job evaluation study and new pay structure, which needed to be delivered by no later than 1 April 2025. It was noted this was critical to ending pay inequity and ensuring all staff were treated fairly.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was-

RESOLVED:-

That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the exempt items of business under the next agenda item under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that: (i) it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; and (ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

During the discussion a range of issues were considered relating to

- Background and Context
- Implementation assurance and governance
- Job evaluation study
- The Current Job Evaluation Programme
- Developments since April 2022
- Alternative options to the current programme
- Option considerations including Best Value Assessment
- Common stages in the process
 - a. Stage 1: Job Information
 - b. Stage 2: Evaluation and Moderation
 - c. Stage 3: Model and Structure
- Option 1 - Use the unadapted NJC Gauge system in full (the current programme)

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- Option 2 - Use an adapted version of NJC Gauge in co-operation with West Midlands Employers (“WME”), Version A (“WME Gauge A”)
- Option 3 - Use an alternative adapted version of NJC Gauge in co-operation with West Midlands Employers, Version B (“WME Gauge B”)
- Option 4 - Outsource job evaluation to a third-party specialist supplier.
- Option parameters and risks
- Consultation, and
- Risks including industrial relations.

There were a range of matters that were considered during the exempt part of the meeting, and these are set out in full under the private Minutes.

RESOLVED:-

1. It was noted that the Committee was required to make a decision based on the two objectives (listed in i. and ii. of the report presented). These were essential for a new job evaluation study for BCC (as set out in the report to Cabinet on 25th July 2023) and the assessment against Best Value principles (set out via Appendix 7 to the report presented):

i. That it must be objective, robust, consistently applied, and Equality Act 2010 compliant; and;

ii. That it must be conducted in the shortest possible timescale given the size of potential liability and the estimated accrual rate and noting that Cabinet had recommended that implementation should be on or before 1st April 2025.

2. That, following consideration of Option 2 (set out in 2.2.2 and section 7 of the report) and Option 4 (set out in 2.2.3 of the report) Option 2 was adopted as the PES methodology to be delivered, based on the respective merits and risks.

3. It was noted, set out in section 12 of the report, that Option 2 (NJC Gauge delivered in conjunction with West Midlands Employers (WME)) was conditional on:

i. A signed Addendum to the Principles Collective Agreement between the recognised trade unions and BCC attached at Appendix 3 of the report, including Points of Further Clarification;

ii. The assurances set out at paragraph 12.7;

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iii. An immediate start to implementation at the point of decision, Friday 1st September 2023; and,

iv. If the Addendum was not signed by 09:00am Monday 11 September 2023, it would mean Option 2 was not practical to implement and the Council would reserve the right to choose an alternative PES.

4. It was noted that Option 4 (outsource to an external provider) had been set out in Section 14 of this report.

5. It was noted that, if it became apparent at any stage of the process that the deadline of April 2025 could not be met or if other concerns become clear, such as a deviation from the methodology agreed and any associated agreements and lack of evaluator resource, the Council could terminate the process and explore alternative methodology routes to achieve the programme outcomes. Should the need for this arise, it was recognised Trade Unions would be consulted and engaged appropriately.

NB: Councillor Robert Alden voiced his abstention from the recommendations.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business to consider.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED:-

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

The meeting ended at 1725 hours.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL
BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE
23 OCTOBER 2023**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 23 OCTOBER
2023 AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL
HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor John Cotton in the Chair;

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

219 No declarations of interests were made.

APOLOGIES

220 Apologies were received from Councillors Gareth Moore and Miranda Perks.

MINUTES

Councillor Robert Alden informed the Committee that at the meeting held on the 17 August, both he and Councillor Gareth Moore had not agreed to the adjournment of the meeting and subsequent deferral of the pay equity system agenda item to a future meeting.

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The Committee noted that the public and exempt minutes of the reconvened extraordinary meeting held on 1 September 2023 would be submitted to the 20 November meeting for consideration and approval.

221 Subject to the above points, the minutes of the meetings held on 26 June 2023, 17 August 2023 (extraordinary meeting), 29 August (reconvened extraordinary meeting) and 29 August 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

COMMISSIONER'S REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON AGENDA

The following report outlining the Commissioner's review of the meeting agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

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

The Committee noted that a review by Commissioners of the City Council Constitution was a possibility.

The Committee further noted that any potential future changes to the Constitution would likely be managed in the same way, with Commissioners working alongside Members to discuss and agree any potential amendments.

Members noted that the Commissioners had indicated they would engage with the work undertaken by Professor Colin Copus around the role and function of City Council.

It was-

222 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Committee noted the comments outlined by the Commissioners in relation to the meeting agenda.

PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

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

The Committee expressed concern that several petitions submitted several months ago had not yet been responded to and discharged.

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Members noted that Committee Services staff continued to work with all directorates to ensure that petitions were responded to and discharged within a timely manner.

Due to the number of outstanding petitions which had been submitted several months previously having not yet been discharged, the Committee agreed that a Petitions Update report should be brought to each Committee meeting until further notice.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the Committee noted the progress made in relation to the responding to and discharging of petitions.
- (ii) That the Committee agreed to receive petitions update reports at each Committee meeting until further notice.

EQUAL PAY – CITY COUNCIL REPORTING OPTIONS

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

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

Following discussions on the options presented in the report, the Committee agreed that they should be responsible for scheduling quarterly reports (via the Committee and City Council work programme) on equal pay to meetings of the City Council. This approach was outlined as option 1 within the report.

It was-

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) The Committee agreed to schedule equal pay reports on a quarterly basis as part of the agenda planning process for each meeting of the City Council which (undertaken at each Council Business Management Committee meeting). Officers would work with Members in this regard to ensure quarterly equal pay updates are scheduled accordingly.
- (ii) The first quarterly update report on equal pay would be submitted to the 5 December City Council meeting

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

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

A meeting of the Council as Trustee was required to take place on 7 November 2023. This would be to consider matters related to Highbury Hall.

The Committee agreed that this meeting should commence at 1330 on 7 November.

The Committee agreed that it was still appropriate to facilitate a 30-minute break at City Council meetings.

The Committee further noted that no announcements from the Lord Mayor were expected at the 7 November meeting.

The Committee noted that a one minutes silence would not take place at the 7 November meeting in respect of the current situation in Gaza. Observed silences at meetings of the City Council were only observed when any significant national issues (including natural disasters) had occurred.

Because the equal pay item would constitute a 60-minute slot at the 5 December meeting, the Committee agreed that the Scrutiny Inquiry - Children and Young People's Mental Health item would be moved to the January 2024 meeting.

The Committee agreed to the following timings for the 7 November Council meeting:

Lead Member Report: West Midlands Police and Crime Panel (45 minutes).

Lead Member Report: West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Delivery Committee (45 minutes).

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RESOLVED:-

(i) That a meeting of the Council as Trustee take place on 7 November 2023 at 1330.

(ii) That the agenda for the meeting of the Council on 7 November 2023 be noted taking account of the timings as outlined above.

CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN

The Committee noted that an officer would be invited to attend a future Committee meeting to discuss the work being undertaken in relation to exempt accommodation.

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This would not constitute a standalone agenda item, rather the officer would speak to this matter as part of the wider discussions held on the Committee work programme as this was where any updates in relation to Motions agreed at City Council meetings were outlined.

Members agreed to discharge the Motions which had been actioned.

- 226 The Committee noted the City Council and CBMC Forward Plan.
(See document No 5)

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2023

- 227 The Committee noted the Council Business Management Committee dates for 2023/24:

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

2023:

20 November

18 December

2024:

22 January

12 February

2 April

7 May

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- 228 There was no urgent business.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

- 229 **RESOLVED:-**

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

The meeting ended at 14:45

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

20 November 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 1st July 2023 – 30th September 2023.
- 1.2 To provide details, for information, of known proposed Member and Officer overseas travel forthcoming commitments for the next monitoring period 1st October 2023 – 31st December 2023.
- 1.3 To provide details, for information, of inward delegations from abroad for the period 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023.
- 1.4 **Please note: since the announcement of the Section 114 notice, overseas travel has been temporarily suspended unless funded by ring fenced grant and / or is contractually necessary. Any upcoming proposed visits will be subject to these tests and will be subject to Section 151 Board Approval.**

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 To note approved Member and officer overseas travel.
- 2.2 To note there are no 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 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.
- 2.5 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 0 visits undertaken by Members and 1 visit by officers at a maximum cost of £7,856.31.

PROPOSED FORTHCOMING TRAVEL

Due to the Section 114 notice, there is no proposed upcoming overseas travel, unless conditions are satisfied as set out in paragraph 1.4.

INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD

- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 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 July 2023 – 30th September 2023 as Appendix B.

4 Legal Implications

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

5 Financial Implications

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

6 Public Sector Equality Duty

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

7 Other Implications

- 7.1 None.

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 None.

CIVIC RELATED VISITS - None

NETWORK RELATED VISITS – None

PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES 2022-2026
<p>Birmingham Youth Service Children and Families Directorate - 2 Officers accompanying 11 young people</p>	<p>Leipzig, Germany</p>	<p>8-11 August 2023</p>	<p>Youth Exchange visit to Birmingham’s twin city Leipzig, Germany for 11 young people with 2 accompanying BCC staff from Birmingham 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 a range of issues identified by the young people. 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.</p> <p>Youth City Board (YCB) are a group of young people aged 11 to 18 from across the city who are passionate about having the voice of young people heard. The YCB ensure the voices of young people have a positive influence on the delivery of service and allocation of resources for young people as citizens of Birmingham.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning of Historical and cultural background by the group • Learning of political history by the group • Wider end horizons aspirations of participants to the benefits of international exchange • Shared challenges of Violence Against Women and Girls leading to a join city 12 month programme to raise awareness and create dialogue and change • Presentation development and skills sharing their experiences and reviewing the role and function of youth voice • Grow and nurture our existing relationships with Leipzig and a youth programme, encouraging international collaboration and sharing of best practice. • Share good practice and creating international links 	<p>£7,856.31 Associated full costs covered by ring-fenced funds</p> <p>Flights: £5,040.09 Subsistence: £1,428.08 Accommodation: £1,388.14</p> <p>Authorised by Sue Harrison, Razia Butt and Lloyd Broad</p>	<p>Employment, skills and local economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support inclusive economic growth <p>Opportunities for children and young people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES 2022-2026
			<p>with like-minded youth voice and social action organisations, sharing common ground and making the future world a better place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a template for future youth voice exchange programmes with young people. • Cultural, building and infrastructure learning by Birmingham Young People shared as part of consultation for Our Future City's Plans 		

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS – None

Total Cost of visits = £7,856.31

No of visits by Members = 0

No of visits by Officers = 1

No of visits at No Cost to the City = 0

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
1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023	1	£7,856.31
Totals	13	£12,166.16

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
Totals	37	£36,559.40

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
Totals	10	£23,388.38

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
Totals	0	£0

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
Totals	48	£30,629.61

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
Totals	59	£78,799.58

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
Totals	63	£27,404.19

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
Totals	97	£46,073

Visits summary 2015/2016

Date	No of visits	Cost
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
Totals	135	£59,985

Visits summary 2014/2015

Date	No of visits	Cost
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
Totals	104	£53,998

REGISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL INWARD DELEGATIONS - COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 20 NOVEMBER 2023

APPENDIX B

Date	Delegation	Country	Purpose	Nos.	Department
10 July 2023	India, Myanmar, Iraq, Kurdistan & Turkey.	Various	Courtesy call with Lord Mayor by a delegation of University Professionals visiting Aston University	25	Lord Mayor's Parlour
17 July 2023	Ms Kanyalak Cheeravinij, Economic Counsellor & Ms Paveena Sutthisripok, Political Counsellor + Ambassador	Thailand	Courtesy call by Ambassador Thani Thongphakdi	3	Lord Mayor's Parlour
21 July 2023	Short study visit	Pakistan	Civic welcome for the Chair of Mirpur District Council, Raja Naveed Akhtar Goga	7	Lord Mayor's Parlour
16 August 2023	Visit by Pakistan Blind Cricket Team Association	Pakistan	Courtesy call with Lord Mayor / IBSA World Blind Games 2023	20	Lord Mayor's Parlour
18 August 2023	Meet delegation from Sister City Nanjing	China	Meeting with the Lord Mayor including an update from Nanjing Municipal Government on the latest economic and social development of Nanjing and Jiangbei New Area	19	University of Birmingham
24 August 2023	Courtesy visit by Nigerian Business delegation	Nigeria	Courtesy call with Lord Mayor by delegates coming from Nigeria to attend UK-Nigeria Trade & Investment Summit, themed, Building Sustainable Trading & Investment roots. The delegates will visit businesses in Birmingham and hold meetings.	23	Lord Mayor's Parlour
29 August 2023	Visit by High Court Judge from Pakistan	Pakistan	Guest is Justice Khalid Rasheed + Masood Khan Raja, former Ambassador of Pakistan accompanied by HA Ansar Ali Khan & Cllr Mariam Khan for a courtesy call with the Lord Mayor	4	Lord Mayor's Parlour
4 September 2023	Meeting with Chinese Delegation from Zhuhai	China	Dorian Chan accompanied Chinese delegation for a Courtesy call with the Lord Mayor and followed by a tour of the Council House	14	Lord Mayor's Parlour
13 September 2023	Visit by Zafar Khan, Former Coordinator of Prime Minister of AJK	Pakistan	Courtesy call by Zafar Khan who is from Dadyal AJK, 50% people from Dadyal AJK are residing in Birmingham . He is here to interact with British Kashmiris	6	Lord Mayor's Parlour
13 September 2023	Visit by Dr Muhammad Hanif	Pakistan	Brief courtesy meeting and photographs with the Lord Mayor	6	Lord Mayor's Parlour
21 September 2023	Visit by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic & Ambassador	Czech Republic	The visit builds on a relatively recent (late 2022) Czech business delegation visit to the city hosted by the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, which was intended to open up market opportunities for Czech businesses to trade with Birmingham. Courtesy meeting with the Lord Mayor.	11	Lord Mayor's Parlour
				TOTAL 138	

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

20 November 2023



Subject: Petitions Update
Report of: Janie Berry, City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer)
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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 update the Committee on progress made in responding to petitions presented to full Council and to provide an update in relation to the continuing management of petitions.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the progress made in relation to the responding to and discharging of petitions.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines if any additional measures are required to ensure the continuing progress relating to the responding and discharging of petitions is maintained.

3 Background

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

- 3.2 The City Solicitor has liaised with department Directors, via consultation with the Chief Executive, to emphasise the importance of responding to petitions submitted by Members in a timely manner.
- 3.3 Following these discussions, Committee Services have recorded a month on month increase of the number of petitions being responded to and subsequently discharged.
- 3.4 At the Council Business Management Committee held on 23 October 2023, Members agreed that a petitions update should be submitted to each meeting of the Committee until further notice due to the number of petitions which had not yet been discharged.
- 3.5 Appendix 1 to this report outlines the number of outstanding petitions as of the 7 November 2023 City Council meeting.
- 3.6 Between the 12 September 2023 and the 7 November 2023 City Council meetings, approximately 29 petitions have been responded to and subsequently discharged.

4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 4.1 Committee Services are in regular contact with all directorates to seek updates on any outstanding petitions to ensure they are progressed and discharged in a timely manner.
- 4.2 The following protocol applies to all petitions submitted by Members:
1. Petition presented at City Council.
 2. Petition referred to the appropriate Director for response within 3 working days.
 3. Director to write to the Councillor presenting the petition and the first named petitioner to acknowledge receipt within 14 days of the City Council.
 4. Progress of investigation into petition to be notified by the relevant Director to Committee Manager for inclusion in the monthly Petitions Update by no later than 10 working days before the next City Council.
 5. Final response to petition included in Petitions Update by the Committee Manager.
 6. Director to notify the Councillor who presented the petition and the first named petitioner of the outcome within 14 days of the relevant City Council meeting discharging the same.

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

4.4 The Committee may wish to agree a set period of time to monitor the progress of and discharging of petitions.

5 Legal Implications

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

6 Financial Implications

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

7 Public Sector Equality Duty

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

8 Other Implications

8.1 None.

9 Background Papers

9.1 None.

10 Appendices

10.1 Appendix 1: Outstanding petitions as of the 7 November 2023 City Council meeting.

PETITIONS RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL FUNCTIONS PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL – 7 NOVEMBER 2023

<u>DATE OF RECEIPT/ PRESENTED BY CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION/SENT TO</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
2602 Councillor Shehla Moledina 06.12.2022 EXEC	From residents in the Balsall Heath West Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to take necessary measures to help reduce speeding cars on Hallam Street and Lincoln Street junction – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	21.02.23 – Petition forwarded to Inclusive Growth for a response to be provided. 20.02.23 – Petition reallocated to City Operations.
2638 23.05.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable EXEC	From residents of Hall Green South Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the carriageway along Smirrells Road, Hall Green – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	26.05.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor. 26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area. 03.07.23 – Follow up email sent to Service asking for an update on the response for this petition. 05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update. 05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.
2645 13.06.2023 Councillor Zafar Iqbal	From residents of Gladys Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to remove or reduce the number of trees in their road - <i>Director of City</i>	Petition Received 16.06.23 19.06.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting

<p>EXEC</p>	<p><i>Operations</i></p>	<p>Councillor.</p> <p>19.06.23 - Petition sent to service area.</p> <p>05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update</p>
<p>2648 13.06.2023 Councillor Diane Donaldson EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Brockhurst Road in Bromford and Hodge Hill Ward, calling upon Birmingham City Council to install new white LED streetlights in Brockhurst Road - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>Petition Received 16.06.23</p> <p>19.06.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.</p> <p>19.06.23 - Petition sent to service area.</p> <p>05.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p>
<p>2652 13.06.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Hall Green Road South calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the pavements along Doveridge Road - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>Petition Received 16.06.23</p> <p>19.06.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.</p>

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

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<p>2659 11.07.2023 Councillor Rob Pocock EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Falstone Road calling upon Birmingham City Council’s Highways Directorate to improve the pavements on the odd-numbers side of their road and raised to a standard that is safe for walking - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>05.09.2023 - Email sent asking for an update</p>
<p>2662 11.07.2023 Councillor Tim Huxtable EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Hall Green South calling upon Birmingham City Council’s Highway Department to resurface the pavements along both Primrose Lane and Primrose Croft - <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>05.09.2023 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p>
<p>2664 11.07.2023 Councillor Izzy Knowles EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Moseley Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to include Chantry Road, Moseley in the next phase of resurfacing works covering the period 2023-24 – <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>05.09.2023 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p>

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<p>2667 11.07.2023 Councillor Jon Hunt EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Pendragon Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to prune/fell trees in their road due to them causing damage to properties and blocking gutters and drains with leaves – <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>05.09.2023 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>15.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>22.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>05.10.23 – Email sent asking for an update.</p> <p>27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.</p>
<p>2669 11.07.2023 Councillor Saima Ahmed EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Balsall Heath West Ward objecting to the application to establish a Parish Council in the area - <i>City Solicitor</i></p>	
<p>2676 12.09.2023 Councillors Morriam Jan and Jon Hunt EXEC</p>	<p>From residents of Rocky Lane, Perry Barr calling upon Birmingham City Council to take immediate action to move the bus stop outside 255 Rocky Lane as it is causing traffic build up and chaos in the area – <i>Director of City Operations</i></p>	<p>15.09.23 - Petition received.</p> <p>19.9.23 - Petition sent to Service Area</p> <p>20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor</p> <p>05.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update on</p>

		response. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.
2677 12.09.2023 Councillor Morriam Jan and Jon Hunt COMM	From residents of Cliveden Avenue, Perry Barr objecting to the use of No. 95 Cliveden Avenue as an exempt property (HMO) on the grounds that it is not fit for purpose and therefore calling upon Birmingham City Council to take immediate action – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i>	01.11.23 - Referred to Enforcement Team for investigation and response.
2678 12.09.2023 Councillor Mahmood Hussain EXEC	From residents of Putney Avenue, in the Birchfield Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to adopt Putney Avenue – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i>	01.11.23 - Referred to Head of Transport Development & Information for investigation and response.
2680 12.09.2023 Councillor Robert Alden EXEC	From residents of Alum Rock Ward and the Alum Rock Traders Association calling upon Birmingham City Council to reconsider the selling of the surplus land on Adderley Road – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i>	01.11.23 - Referred to Property Services for investigation and response.
2682 12.09.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable EXEC	From residents of Hall Green South calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the carriageway along Smirrals Road, Hall Green – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	15.09.23 – Petition received. 19.09.23 - Petition sent to Service Area. 20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.
2683 12.09.2023 Councillor Colin Green EXEC	From residents of Whitecroft Road, Sheldon calling upon Birmingham City Council to prune the council managed trees on Whitecroft Road – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	15.09.23 – Petition received. 19.09.23 - Petition sent to Service Area. 20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor.

		27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.
2684 12.09.2023 Councillor Katherine Iroh EXEC	From residents of Glen Rise, Billesley calling upon Birmingham City Council to prune and lop trees on Glen Rise as they are blocking natural light and causing additional issues of footpaths being uneven and cracks in driveways – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	15.09.23 – Petition received. 19.09.23 - Petition sent to Service Area. 20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.
2686 12.09.2023 Councillor Zaiul Islam EXEC	From residents of Austin Lane, Newtown requesting the highways enforcement team to introduce parking restrictions throughout Austin Lane – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	15.09.23 – Petition received. 19.09.23 - Petition sent to Service Area 20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 27.09.23 - Email sent asking for an update.
2687 12.09.2023 Councillor Sir Albert Bore EXEC	From residents of Ladywood and Birmingham calling upon Birmingham City Council to have a proper consultation process to explain the large, phased regeneration – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i>	07.11.23 - Referred to Project Delivery Manager for investigation and response.
2688 12.09.2023 Councillor Alex Yip EXEC	From residents of Harman Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield calling upon Birmingham City Council to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on Harman Road due to speeding vehicles – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	15.09.23 – Petition received. 19.09.23 - Petition sent to Service Area. 20.09.23 - Acknowledgement email sent to Councillor. 27.10.23 - Email sent asking for an update.

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

Birmingham City Council

Council Business Management Committee

20 November 2023



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

Report of: Janie Berry, City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

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

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

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

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report, which is required under Part B6.2 of the Constitution, sets out key decisions not included on the Forward Plan and any decisions which were authorised for immediate implementation.
- 1.2 Following amendments to the Constitution in 2022 this is the fourth report to be submitted, covering the period 16 June 2023 to 10 November 2023.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the report and agrees it should be included on the agenda for consideration by Full Council on 5 December 2023.

3 Background

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

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

3.3 There is also a requirement for the Leader of the Council to provide details on any reports authorised for immediate implementation: i.e. where the interests of the Council are jeopardised unless an executive decision is implemented immediately and when its implementation cannot wait until the expiry of the call-in period.

3.4 In an emergency, as set out under Part B6.6 of the Constitution, an executive decision may be agreed by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Group Leaders, as long as the requirements set out in Part E4.2 are met. However, there were no emergency or urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive for the period in question.

4 Decisions Not on the Forward Plan

4.1 For the period in question, there was 1 key decision not included on the Forward Plan. This was: Ratification of Selective Licensing Fee (Cabinet. 17 October 2023). Further information on this is set out in Appendix 1.

4.2 There were no decisions authorised for immediate implementation for the period 16 June 2023 to 10 November 2023.

4.3 There were no reports, containing confidential or exempt information, that were not notified 28 days in advance of the proposed decision for the period 16 June to 10 November 2023.

5 Legal Implications

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

6 Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7 Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Decisions Not on the Forward Plan

8 Background Papers

8.1 None.

APPENDIX 1

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

16 JUNE 2023 – 10 NOVEMBER 2023

Key Decision Reports Not on the Forward Plan²

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Reason for Lateness – set out in the report
17 October 2023	Ratification of Selective Licensing Fee	Cabinet	Following preparation for a judicial review brought against the Council in respect of its selective licensing designation, it has been identified that the Cabinet report of the 1st March 2022 which sought approval for the scheme which designated 25 wards of the city as subject to selective licensing and to apply for confirmation of the scheme from DLUHC, gave incorrect details relating to the apportionment of the licence fee. It is felt that this error should be corrected at the first possible opportunity (Cabinet meeting of 17 th October 2023). This gives the allows Cabinet to retrospectively ratify the correct apportionment of the fee. Document.ashx (cmis.uk.com)

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

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

Birmingham City Council
Council Business Management Committee

20 November 2023



Subject: City Council Agenda for the Next Meeting – 5 December 2023

Report of: Janie Berry, City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer)

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

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

1 Executive Summary

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

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Committee discusses and agrees the agenda items for consideration at the 5 December 2023 City Council meeting.
- 2.2 The Committee is also asked to discuss and agree the time allocated to each agenda item.

3 Legal Implications

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

4 Financial Implications

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

5 Public Sector Equality Duty

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

6 Other Implications

6.1 None.

7 Background Papers

7.1 None.

8 Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1: Draft agenda for the 5 December 2023 City Council meeting.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 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 meetings held on 12 October 2023 at 1400 (extraordinary meeting), 12 October 2023 at 1700 (extraordinary meeting) and 7 November 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 EQUAL PAY UPDATE

(60 minutes allocated) (1535-1635)

Councillor John Cotton to move the following recommendation:

(break 1635– 1705)

9 **EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITY COHESION AND EQUALITIES**

(15 minutes allocated) (1705-1720)

Councillor x to move the following recommendation:

10 **STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

(15 minutes allocated) (1720-1735)

Councillor x to move the following recommendation:

11 **REPORTS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN**

(5 minutes allocated) (1735-1740)

Councillor x to move the following recommendation:

12 **SACRE CONSTITUTION**

(5 minutes allocated) (1740-1745)

Councillor x to move the following recommendation

13 **MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

(90 minutes allocated) (1745-1915)

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

Birmingham City Council
Council Business Management Committee

20 November 2023



Subject: **City Council and Council Business Management Committee Forward Plan**

Report of: Janie Berry, City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer)

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

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

1 Executive Summary

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

2 Recommendation(s)

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

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

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

3 Legal Implications

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

4 Financial Implications

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

5 Public Sector Equality Duty

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

6 Other Implications

6.1 None.

7 Background Papers

7.1 None.

8 Appendices

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



CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2023/24 – NOVEMBER 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

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

CBM	Item	City Council	Item
18 December 2023	IRP Member Allowances Changes to the Constitution (TBC)		Scrutiny Business Report Scrutiny Inquiry - Children and Young People's Mental Health Independent Member Recruitment IRP Member Allowances Changes to the Constitution (TBC)
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 Scrutiny Inquiry - Child Criminal Exploitation
12 February 2024	Petitions Update Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Suspension of Standing Orders (Budget Council)	27 February 2024	BUDGET MEETING
2 April 2024	Petitions Update Reports not on the Forward Plan Petitions Update Changes to the Constitution (TBC)	16 April 2024	Executive Business Report (Finance and Resources and Housing & Homelessness) Reports not on the Forward Plan Scrutiny Business Report Changes to the Constitution (TBC)

Four Yearly or ad-hoc items:

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

Items to be scheduled / proposed:

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

Quarterly Scrutiny Business Reports

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

Reports not on the Forward Plan (quarterly basis)

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

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

Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Assistant Director, 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>(Other) Changes to the Constitution</p> <p>That the following two areas be clarified in the next review of the constitution to reflect previous custom and practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The rules around the time available for questions (Section B 4.4) be amended to ensure that the full allocation of time, usually 70 minutes, is used for questions to ensure accountability of the executive and other office holders. This may be done by amendment to clause (v). - Ensure that significant changes to the constitution are reported to Full Council and that there is a clear process for gaining all party approval and notifying all councillors of changes when it is deemed that changes do not need approval of Full Council.' 	Leader / Deputy Leader	A cross party working group has been established, by Council Business Management Committee, to look at options ahead of reporting back to City Council. The membership is Cllr Des Hughes (Labour) with Cllr Rinkal Shergill (as a deputy); Cllr Robert Alden (Conservative) and Cllr Colin Green (Lib Dem). Ongoing
2.	12 July 2022	<p>Scrutiny Business Report</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. Ongoing

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3.	1 November 2022	<p>Motion A - Exempt Accommodation</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the campaign led by the homelessness charity Crisis to 'Regulate the Rogues', which calls on the Government to urgently introduce new laws in England to strengthen the regulation of Supported Exempt Accommodation. - Welcome the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee report into Exempt Accommodation, call on Government to implements its' recommendations and place on record the Council's thanks to all those locally who contributed to the Select Committee's work. - Continue to lobby the Government for greater powers to control provision and growth based on the city's needs assessment. 	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<p>The topic of Exempt Accommodation was discussed by Scrutiny on 9th December 2022 and progress will continue to be monitored though the Exempt Accommodation Sponsor Board</p> <p>Ongoing - work continues as part of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme to ensure standards in Birmingham are improved. The Council are also part of the stakeholder meetings with DLUHC and the LGA in respect of the proposed Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act regulations</p> <p>A press release was issued in October 2022, which included a thank you from Councillor Sharon Thompson</p> <p>Ongoing – the Supported Housing Bill is now an Act and became law on 29th August 2023, we are awaiting wider consultation on the regulations in January 2024. The regulations include the Secretary of State setting up a National Advisory Panel, The requirement for LA's to have strategies in place to identify current and future needs, national standards for property and support, a Supported Housing licensing scheme, changes to homelessness legislation prevention an intentionally homeless decision from being made for tenants leaving below standard SEA accommodation, Data sharing licensing protocols.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="436 357 1093 639">- Launch an independent public inquiry into the growth of Exempt Accommodation in the city, helping to strengthen the case for nationwide legislative reform. This inquiry should be independent not only of the council but also anyone involved in any way in the exempt accommodation market, including housing providers in Birmingham and elsewhere. <li data-bbox="436 751 1093 1390">- In addition, the Council calls on the Standards Committee to update the Council Code of Conduct so that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="577 863 1093 1174">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. <li data-bbox="577 1222 1093 1390">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 		<p data-bbox="1406 248 1962 312" style="color: red;">Crisis will be taking a lead role in regard to the independent Inquiry working with the Council.</p> <p data-bbox="1406 357 2051 456">Progressing the launch of the inquiry has been paused due to the financial implications associated in the current financial control climate.</p> <p data-bbox="1406 759 2074 858">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 data-bbox="1406 887 2074 1198">The Council's Standards Committee met in the week commencing 13th February and has agreed to commission Hoey Ainscough LTD to review the Council's Code of Conduct and associated procedures. Hoey Ainscough LTD are lead national advisors and assisted the Local Government Association in developing the Model Code of Conduct which BCC has adopted. The review will take into account the Council Motion relating to the declaration of property interests.</p> <p data-bbox="1406 1227 2074 1394">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>

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		<p>that every elected member declares all disclosable interests. This includes all land and property interests within Birmingham held by either themselves or their spouse or partner. Details of these should only be withheld where the member and the monitoring officer, who is responsible for the register of members' interests, consider that disclosure of its details could lead to the member, or a person connected to the member, being subject to violence or intimidation or potential safeguarding implications.</p> <p>Council notes that commercial interests are not a legitimate reason to withhold information from the public register of members' interests.</p> <p>Council also resolves to lobby the Government to invest more in socially rented housing and reform the way 'Right to Buy' operates to reduce the loss of existing stock.</p> <p>Council calls on the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring a report forward before the end of the calendar year setting out a policy for the use and enforcement of covenants on properties sold and owned by the council to prevent the conversion of family homes into HMOs or Exempt Accommodation. 		<p>Members of the Committee have received training and aiming to roll out the training to all members from October 2023 onwards.</p> <p>Revised declaration forms have now gone live and all members have been asked to submit updated declarations.</p> <p>Ongoing This will be picked up as part of the Council's external affairs activity where this alongside other key areas of lobbying will be taken through the corporate External Affairs activity.</p> <p>Policy was approved by Cabinet Member in July 2023. Members have been briefed.</p>

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		Carry out and publish an urgent review into all council owned property currently being used as exempt accommodation, converting all former family homes back into their original use and assessing the impact on other accommodation on the local area to ensure it is appropriately sited, well managed, and used to prioritise demand placed on the city council and not that of other local authorities”.		<p>A cross directorate group mobilised to focus on this area of work. Properties disposed of by the Council either by Right to Buy or commercial disposal has been identified and processes are being finalised to proceed with testing an enforcement approach following sign-off of the policy. Successful enforcement can only be tested through the courts so – test cases will be identified based on likelihood of success. Offices within Legal and officers from PRS, Benefits, property and Housing continue to develop the approach.</p> <p>Ongoing Following approval of policy, Member briefings were undertaken in July. Cross directorate procedures are being developed with Legal services and test cases are currently with legal services to develop approach.</p> <p>On 19 October 2023 the Homes OSC reviewed the updates of outstanding recommendations of the Exempt Accommodation Inquiry. Exempt Inquiry Tracking Report</p> <p>Update on progress to be provided to Council Business Management Committee on Monday 20 November 2023.</p>
4.	1 November 2022	<p>Motion B – Educational Attainment</p> <p>Council ... resolves to call on the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deliver on its pledge to restore education spending, in real terms. to 2010 levels. - End tax exemptions for independent schools, using the £1.7 billion raised to fund state school efforts to bridge the attainment gap. 	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</p>

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		<p>Council further resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure that 'Change For Children and Young People', Birmingham Children's Partnership (BCP) Board's emerging Children and Young People's Plan 2023-2027, identifies and addresses gaps in attainment. - Call on the Government to adopt the solutions proposed by the cross-party Education Select Committee report and continue to review its findings. - Call on the City Council Executive to ensure that the report's findings and solutions where appropriate to Birmingham, are factored into existing and developing strategies including 'Everyone's Battle, Everyone's Business' and its emerging Inclusion Strategy. - Call on Overview and Scrutiny to incorporate these Birmingham-specific strategies into their work programmes to track outcomes and monitor actions taken to address issues, ensuring they receive full analysis of achievement by socio-economic and ethnic background - Work with employers to ensure opportunity is spread equally, by creating career pathways for the most disadvantaged and deprived areas of the city. 		<p>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 forum will be established to ensure a greater focus on this area as part of the Council's year of change for children and young people. This will be complemented by the development of our Good Employment Charter which aims to support employers in providing attractive opportunities for the citizens of Birmingham.</p> <p>Our employer forum will play a key role in encouraging local businesses and industries to expand their operations and reskill local people and grow their workforce. In addition, in partnership with the combined authority we will be refreshing our careers offer to support schools, colleges and training providers to provide the best vocational advice for young people who do not wish to pursue an academic route.</p> <p>In April 2023, Birmingham City Council adopted as policy: CHANGE for children and young people 2023-</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build on the findings of the Breaking Down Barriers report to develop communication and social media strategies to target the many young and disenfranchised pupils, in particular NEETS, who do not normally engage with standard and legacy forms of Council communication. - Promote vocational training, apprenticeships and entrepreneurship in schools. - Ensure that solutions are fully inclusive to ensure the city's most disadvantaged young people, including those in the care system, have access to a full range of opportunities through a school system empowered to work collectively for the benefit of all students. - Continue to highlight the risks to students of failure to maintain school budgets and, in particular, levels of pupil premium". 		<p>2028, a plan to make Birmingham a great place to grow up for children and young people. This Plan aims to improve outcomes for all babies, children, and young people in our city, and is delivered via Birmingham Children and Young People's Partnership, which is a formal collaboration between Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, West Midlands Police, and Birmingham Voluntary Services Council.</p> <p>Birmingham has been accepted onto UNICEF's Child Friendly City Programme, the 11th place in the UK to join. An updated version of the Change for Children and Young People Plan, including Birmingham's Child Friendly City action plan, will be taken to Cabinet in 2024. Ongoing</p>
5.	18 April 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>This Council acknowledges that work on improving road safety, requires co-operation between Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police and the Combined Authority, but calls on the Council continue to be proactive in working with these partners and delivering projects that will make our roads safer. It specifically requests for the Government to be lobbied to release findings of the national parking on</p>	Cabinet Member for Transport	Ongoing

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		<p>pavements consultation and for the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ask the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and help shape the Council’s new Road Safety Strategy including looking into relevant criteria and a near miss strategy, which would enable criteria such as records of non-injury accidents, proximity to schools, community facilities with high pedestrian and cyclist use, and recorded levels of speeding to be considered. 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>Officers continue to engage with the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to support and inform the development of the refreshed Road Harm Reduction Strategy. The new strategy aligns closely with the Birmingham Transport Plan and wider best practice in road harm reduction, following Vision Zero and the Healthy Streets approach.</p> <p>In November, a working draft of the new Road Harm Reduction Strategy was shared with the Task and Finish Group of the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, set up to focus on road safety issues.</p> <p>The terms of reference for this enquiry are focused primarily on enforcement, and the findings will feed into the new Strategy and operational practice, as appropriate.</p> <p>Comments received from the group are being used to update and improve the strategy in advance of public consultation commencing later in November 2023.</p> <p>The results of this consultation process will be analysed, and findings presented to the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to steer completion of the final version of the new Road Harm Reduction Strategy, before it is presented to the Cabinet to approve its adoption in spring/summer 2024.</p> <p>BCC, West Midlands Police and West Midlands Metropolitan Local Authorities continue to deliver a</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>programme of coordinated enforcement activity, on an intelligence-led basis.</p> <p>BCC officers continue to work in close partnership with West Midlands Police, Transport for West Midlands and partner authorities to develop a revised, regional operating model for delivery of speed enforcement (including Average Speed Enforcement) across Birmingham and the wider West Midlands metropolitan area. Regrettably, this process has stalled whilst partners seek to reach consensus. Intense work is underway to overcome these issues, and BCC officers are proactively supporting these efforts.</p> <p>As soon as regional consensus is reached and a workable regional model is identified, it is proposed to seek Cabinet approval for the principles of this work, with detailed arrangements approved subsequently by the Cabinet Member for Transport.</p> <p>The Road Harm Reduction Strategy will not include a bespoke delivery programme. Instead, the approach involves mainstreaming road harm reduction across Birmingham’s transport and highways delivery programme via the Birmingham Transport Plan: Delivery Plan. This approach will deliver a number of significant advantages, including the ability to coordinate with planned maintenance activities more efficiently, and enabling schemes to attract funding from a much wider range of potential sources to deliver greater overall value for money, through economies of scale.</p> <p>As above c.</p>

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		<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>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)</p>		<p>The new Road Harm Reduction Strategy includes the introduction of a 'Healthy Street Fund', to replace the Ward Minor Measures Fund. This will be presented for approval in the Transport and Highways Delivery Programme via Cabinet Report in January.</p> <p>This fund will support Local Ward Councillors, in their role as local community leaders, to identify and deliver interventions which comply with the Healthy Streets approach via Local Engineering Teams in their local areas. Officers are currently working with Lucy Saunders of Healthy Streets, to identify a training package for officers, Local Ward Councillors and partners to support the transition towards this proactive approach.</p> <p>As above d.</p> <p>The refreshed Road Harm Reduction Strategy has Vision Zero at its heart and seeks to eliminate fatal and serious injuries on Birmingham's roads.</p> <p>The refreshed Road Harm Reduction Strategy proposes the adoption of the Healthy Streets approach to deliver road harm reduction. This holistic approach involves gradual, proactive redesign of the streetscape to prioritise the needs of people above motorised traffic.</p>

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		<p>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>Reaffirm Birmingham City Council’s commitment to 20mph on all its residential roads.</p> <p>i. Lobby Government once again for the powers to make this change to 20mph without having to resort to costly Traffic Regulation Orders for every change of speed limit on every residential road.</p> <p>j. Lobby West Midlands Police for more monitoring and enforcement of speed and more enforcement of anti-social, obstructive and dangerous parking that is under their jurisdiction.</p> <p>k. Investigate what can be done to give greater support to groups wanting to set up and run Community Speedwatch sessions”.</p>		<p>As above g.</p> <p>The approach to lobbying is being reviewed currently in the light of the recent publication of the Government’s Plan for Drivers.</p> <p>As above b.</p> <p>As above b.</p>

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10.	18 April 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>The Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formally support the Show Us You Care Too campaign and adopt ‘care experience’ as an additional equality strand alongside the protected characteristics as set out in the Equality Act 2010. • formally call upon our partners to treat care experience as a Protected Characteristic. • lobby Government to amend the Equality Act 2010 to include care experience as a protected characteristic. • continue to build on the work of our Children’s Trust and to continue to support the efforts of our Corporate Parenting Board”. 	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Meetings are being arranged to ensure progress is being made to take forward resolutions agreed.</p> <p>A new Elected Member handbook has been created that will be available to elected members regarding their Corporate Parenting responsibilities. This will have links to information for individuals, businesses, and organisations.</p> <p>A new Corporate Parenting Video produced to share with individuals, businesses and organisations across Birmingham and promote way to get involved.</p> <p>A ‘Social Value’ support document has been drafted for council and Birmingham Childrens Trust contracts on how they can support those with care experience.</p> <p>Work being undertaken to support changes within council contracts to ensure weighting includes and prioritises those with care experience.</p> <p>Plans developed and underway, so all Birmingham Children’s Trust contracts are shaped and weighted through our Corporate Parenting Team and ‘Social Value’ support document.</p> <p>Offers developed with businesses and organisations we procure with as a council and as Birmingham Childrens Trust (e.g., Kier, Equans and Fortem).</p>

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				<p>Some good examples from businesses and partners can be seen with Lovell Homes who have launched a new training, employment and housing pathway, titled 'We Got You' <u>Lovell - We've Got You</u></p> <p>NHS are supporting care experienced young people to access Free Prescriptions and "Priority Cards' for GP appointments through their work with the Corporate Parenting Board.</p> <p>NHS are supporting care experienced young people to access Free Prescriptions and "Priority Cards' for GP appointments through their work with the Corporate Parenting Board.</p> <p>Co-Produced Perinatal Pathway launch ensuring our care experienced young parents get the right support. This includes access to support and services that can provide early support that has been designed with young parents.</p> <p>The Corporate Parenting Board has an ongoing Action Tracker so that members and partners can be accountable for their actions.</p>
6.	13 June 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>This Council commits to working with the local community to find suitable places to place defibrillators, acknowledging that they are most effective within 3 minutes of a person collapsing.</p>	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>The Public Health team are working alongside community safety colleagues and will be leading on producing the report and presenting it to the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership and the</p>

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		<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>		<p>Police and Crime Commissioner for action. Timeframes are currently being agreed.</p> <p>Letter sent</p>
7.	13 June 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>This council further calls for the government to pass legislation to allow English councils to set up municipal bus companies on the model of the award-winning Nottingham City Transport.</p> <p>Getting people onto public transport and out of cars vital for reducing congestion, and this is a key pledge for the Council’s “route to zero” commitment which</p>	Cabinet Member for Transport	<p>Lobbying letters were sent to the Secretary of State for Transport and the West Midlands Combined Authority in October 2023. A response from DfT was received on 13 November 2023: MarkHarper.pdf</p> <p>The government have recently announced that the voluntary fares cap will remain at £2 per journey through the whole of 2024, rather than increasing to £2.50 in November 2023 as originally proposed.</p>

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		<p>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 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>Greater Manchester have launched the first part of their franchised 'Bee' Network and are proposing to roll it out to other parts of their conurbation next year.</p> <p>A Bus Franchising Working Group has been convened by TfWM which meets fortnightly and includes senior transport officers from all of the West Midlands authorities. This will provide steer, review and challenge to the technical work now underway on franchising options for the area.</p> <p>The re-basing of the CRSTS programme has been completed by TfWM, and is now subject to review and ratification by DfT. Subject to dft approval, this will retain funding for Cross-City Bus and Sprint Phase 2 public transport priority schemes.</p>

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		<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 regulate, franchise and own local bus services, depending on what is appropriate for their local area.</p>		

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		<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>		
8.	11 July 2023	<p>Motion A</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> <p>(ii) The Council will continue to support this programme for as long as this Tory created crisis continues.</p>	Deputy Leader	<p>Letter sent</p> <p>Action ongoing as work of council to support our most vulnerable citizens. 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>

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		<p>(iii) The Council will write to the government to demand action to address this Tory cost of living crisis.”</p>		<p>We with our partners held a Cost of Living week Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November. During Cost of Living Week there were a series of events, campaigns and workshops across the city, including jobs and employment fairs, conferences, voluntary sector workshops and marketplaces of services.</p> <p>Since we declared a Cost of Living Emergency last September, our Cost of Living Programme has seen us work with partners to deliver a network of 243 warm spaces across the city; cash contributions to over 100 foodbanks; energy bill top-ups to 3,400 households; and at least £1,717,285 in income and benefits maximisation for our most vulnerable residents.</p> <p>A letter co-signed by our core cities Leaders was sent to Government raising the challenges around Cost of Living for our citizens and we hope this is addressed in the Autumn Statement and next Spring’s Budget.</p> <p>Recommend to discharge</p>
9.	11 July 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>“Given the seriousness of the current situation brought about by the Council’s reported equal pay liability, this Council is taking a range of urgent actions to address the unsustainable growth in Equal Pay liability, improve governance and strengthen organisation capacity, including: Appointing three Strategic Expert Advisers to support the Council’s Directors and Cabinet; Formally commissioning an independent Governance Review in</p>	Leader	<p>Ongoing.</p> <p>The first quarterly report on equal pay will be considered by the City Council on 5 December 2023</p>

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		<p>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 Equal Pay Crisis, should come to Full Council for debate and approval.</p>		

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		<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"> • Prioritise improving the City Council's appalling housing conditions • Protect services for those residents who need them most, particularly social care • Protect our vital youth and library services • Protect investment in our most left behind communities • Prioritise action to tackle the cost-of-living crisis 		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the Council lives up to its climate commitments”. 		
10.	12 September 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>...Pre-consultation is an important phase of planning. People that will be affected by redevelopment and regeneration should be consulted so that a body of evidence can be given to developers and planners before plans are drawn up.</p> <p>The Council developed a Statement of Community Involvement which was adopted by Cabinet in 2020 and sets out how the Council will work to encourage more people to participate in decision-making in Planning. The statement sets out the Council’s minimum standards for consultation on new policies and planning applications.</p> <p>The Council resolves to call on the Executive to work with relevant officers to assess the impact of the Statement of Community Involvement, taking into account how the statement delivers effective engagement with all stakeholders of Birmingham in accordance with the Consultation Principles outlined in the SCI.</p>	Leader	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Meeting arranged with officers and Chair of Planning Committee to assess.</p>
11.	12 September 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>...This Council believes in adopting a Psychologically-Informed and Trauma-Informed Practice. This is a strengths-based, non-pathologizing approach, which seeks to understand and respond to the impact of</p>	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Dates to be agreed with service areas to look at how the council can become more trauma informed. Also to look at types of training that is needed.</p>

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		<p>trauma on people’s lives. The approach emphasises physical, psychological, and emotional safety for everyone and aims to empower individuals to re-establish control of their lives.</p> <p>We call on the Executive to take the following steps to help the Council to become ‘trauma informed’: Use the learning and research on trauma to inform change in practice and thus be better able to reduce the negative effects of trauma on the lives of all with whom we come in contact.</p> <p>Look into providing Trauma Informed Practice training to officers and members.</p> <p>Assess options to broaden and embed Trauma Informed Practice within Council directorates.</p> <p>Continue to work with our partners and key stakeholders as a trauma informed network and implement a consistent approach across all bodies.</p> <p>Deliver services by responding to individuals’ needs and creating nurturing and supportive environments where people feel valued, and efforts are made to resist inadvertent re-traumatisation.</p> <p>Adopting the trauma-informed principles of safety, trust, choice, collaboration, empowerment, and cultural sensitivity so that we can help people to overcome the effects of trauma and improve both access to services and long-term outcomes.</p>		

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12.	7 November 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>This Council believes that the City’s heritage and cultural assets are fundamental to our ambitions to attract investment and visitors and essential to the physical and mental well-being of our residents...</p> <p>...Council... commits to continue to look at all possible ways to:</p> <p>Protect all cultural and heritage assets, including all libraries, parks, playing fields, public open spaces and museum sites, from any capital disposals.</p> <p>Work with community campaigns such as the ‘Save Birmingham – protect our community places’ campaign by Cooperatives West Midlands, by supporting community asset transfers and other community-led governance models where these can be shown to be the best and most sustainable solution to protecting the long-term future of these assets.</p> <p>Work closely with Arts and Culture organisations, the community sector, external funding organisations and other partners to promote that the city is open for business despite the Council’s own challenges and that its arts and culture offering remains rich and vibrant, with world-class performances and exhibitions with something for everyone.</p> <p>Replicate Friends of Parks and/ or Birmingham Open Spaces Forum resident volunteer models to help</p>	Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage & Tourism	Update to follow

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		<p>manage and maintain cultural and heritages sites and services, and;</p> <p>Develop a work programme for Scrutiny to review the policy plans of the “Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism” portfolio to assess the current ‘health’ of our arts, heritage and cultural assets, their risk of disposal and strategies to protect their provision in the short-, mid- and long-term.”</p>		
13.	7 November 2023	<p>Motion B</p> <p>This council recognises that the horrors and repercussions of the conflict in Palestine and Israel have had a profound affect across all communities, but notably the Muslim and Jewish communities here in Birmingham...This Council therefore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will write to the Government seeking the provision of a support package for refugees fleeing the conflict and provide further aid to assist the UN Agencies in their humanitarian work so that British citizens can get home safely, and Palestinian people are able to stay in their homeland.”. - Will support the active engagement of the voluntary sector in delivering aid and support to refugees from the conflict. - Will proactively engage with any Government schemes to house refugees from the conflict to 	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	Update to follow

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		<p>ensure that all refugees are given a warm welcome in Birmingham.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calls on everyone in Birmingham to show tolerance and respect at this time of significant stress to many communities; especially those of the Muslim and Jewish faiths. - Will work with faith communities to explore setting up more third-party hate crime reporting mechanisms and write to the Home Secretary to urge Government to reverse its decision to downgrade the monitoring of non-crime hate incidents specifically related to antisemitism and Islamophobia so they can be logged by the police.” 		

