

Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
August	Highways PFI Corporate Priorities: 1 and 9	Inform the development of the proposed Highways PFI contract	Other – Briefing outside of Committee	PFI Contract Manager - Domenic De Bechi		This took place on 2 August 2023. Outcome – informed Sponsorship Board ahead of Cabinet consideration in September.
August	Active Travel Corporate Priorities: 1, 9, 14 and 19	Gather evidence for the inquiry, specifically carrying out site visits to identified locations within Birmingham	On Location	Head of Transport Planning – Mel Jones	Active Travel Portfolio Lead - Andy Middleton	Further information on this inquiry can be found in the Terms of Reference (CMIS > Meetings) agreed in July’s O&S Committee. This will take place on Thursday 10 August, and will be hosted by Birmingham City Council’s Transportation team. The identified locations are: A38 Bristol Road ‘Blue Cycle Route’/Selly Oak High Street and some examples of cycle infrastructure in the City Centre
August	Active Travel Scheme Corporate Priorities: 1, 9, 14 and 19	Gather evidence for the inquiry, specifically to understand how the Council currently delivers Active Travel schemes	Task and Finish Group	Assistant Director, Transport and Connectivity – Phil Edwards	Head of Transport Planning – Mel Jones	Further information on this inquiry can be found in the Terms of Reference (CMIS > Meetings) agreed in July’s O&S Committee.

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August	Road Safety Corporate Priority: 9	Prepare the Terms of Reference for this inquiry	Task and Finish Group	Overview and Scrutiny Manager – Amelia Wiltshire		To be agreed at September's O&S Committee meeting. Further sessions to be updated to the work programme after this approval and will follow the conclusion of the Active Travel schemes work.
September	Active Travel Schemes Corporate Priorities: 1, 9, 14 and 19	Gather evidence for the inquiry, specifically to consider information from key stakeholders who	Committee Meeting single item: 7 September 2023 at 2pm Venue: Committee Room 3 and 4, Council House Deadline for Papers: 30 August 2023	None	Better Streets for Birmingham Pushbikes Living Streets Sustrans 20s Plenty for Birmingham Active Travel England Transport for West Midlands Wolverhampton City Council Cabinet Member for Transport Officers from Transport & Connectivity (BCC) Others TBC	An outline Terms of Reference will be discussed and confirmed at July's Committee. The work will contribute towards the broader road safety work. Report with recommendations to October's Committee.

*Outcome: This will be populated once the item/topic has been completed. It will highlight the added value and impact.

Menu of Options for Future Consideration

The following items had been identified as potential topics for future consideration. This approach enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to remain flexible and respond in a timely manner to emerging issues.

This is a live work programme work programme. New items may be added, or items removed during the course of the year. Proposed aims and objectives as well as scrutiny methodology may also be subject to change.

Item/ Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
Bus Network	To be confirmed following further discussion at July Committee	To be confirmed. However, could consider on location and a visit to a bus garage	To involve multiple providers of bus services within the city
Clean Air Strategy	To monitor the impact of the strategy	To be confirmed	This item will also refer to the New Street Air Quality Plan
Customer Services – Highways Repairs	Monitor the progress and impact of the recommendations from the Customers Services programme (as previously undertaken by Co-ordinating O&S Committee)	To be confirmed in September 2023	Co-ordinating O&S Committee convened Task and Finish groups to identify, and monitor progress of, recommendations to improve customer services in 4 areas including Highways Repairs. A final Task and Finish group took place on 7 July 2023, and a report presented to Co-ordinating O&S in July. It was agreed that Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee takes forward this work for Highway Repairs in the future.
Flooding	Understand the work undertaken to mitigate against flooding within the city over the past 12 months	To be confirmed	This is an annual report. Latest report to the Committee is here . Previously this item has been scheduled for March.
Parking Enforcement	For further consideration, as this item may be picked up as part of the Road Safety inquiry	To be confirmed. However this could consider on location visits.	

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Rail	To be confirmed following further discussion at September Committee	To be confirmed. However, could consider on location including visits to stations under development	To involve other stakeholders, for example, WMCA.
Recycling and Waste Reduction	To be confirmed following further discussion at September Committee	To be confirmed	No further information at this time
Route to Net Zero	Consider how the Council is supporting community leadership	To be confirmed	If this is an in-depth piece of work, to be scheduled following the completion of the Road Safety topic. Therefore, this is likely to be picked up in early 2024.

Scrutiny Method Options:

Committee meeting - single item

Committee meeting - single theme

Task and Finish Group (outline number of meetings)

On location

Other - (describe)

Corporate Priorities, Performance and Outcomes

Corporate Priorities 2022 – 26:

1 Support inclusive economic growth

2 Tackle unemployment

3 Attract inward investment and infrastructure

4 Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games

5 Tackle poverty and inequalities

11 Increase affordable, safe, green housing

12 Tackle homelessness

13 Tackle health inequalities

14 Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living

15 Champion mental health

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| 6 Empower citizens and enable citizen voice | 16 Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people |
| 7 Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture | 17 Improve street cleanliness |
| 8 Support and enable all children and young people to thrive | 18 Improve air quality |
| 9 Make the city safer | 19 Continue on the Route to Zero |
| 10 Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens | 20 Be a City of Nature |
| | 21 Delivering a Bold Best in Class Council |

Information on the Corporate Priorities, Performance and City Outcomes was reported to the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee OSC in June 2023: [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com)