



CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2023/24 – AUGUST 2023

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

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26 June 2023	Petitions Update The Lord Mayoralty Formula Reports not on the Forward Plan Appointment of CBMC Sub-Committees and Other Bodies – to note confirmed memberships	11 July 2023	Council as Trustee Meeting on Highbury Hall Scrutiny Business Report Srebrenica Memorial Day (Cross Party / CBMC Motion) Reports not on the Forward Plan
29 August 2023	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Review of Polling Districts and Places The Lord Mayoralty Formula Membership for Council House Sub-Committee / Female Cllr Working Group Changes to the Constitution to enable reports on Equal Pay to Full Council on a quarterly basis (Verbal Update)	12 September 2023	Youth Justice Plan Executive Business Report (Environment and Transport) Lead Member Report - WMCA Scrutiny
23 October 2023	Minutes from Extraordinary Meetings held in August and June's CBMC Petitions Update Options Paper ref Changes to the Constitution to enable reports on Equal Pay to Full Council on a quarterly basis.	7 November 2023	Council as Trustee Meeting on Highbury Hall Minutes from September's Council PLUS the meetings of Council and Council as Trustee in July Lead Member Report - West Midlands Police & Crime Panel Lead Member report: Transport Delivery O&S Committee (moved from the 11 July meeting to align with annual reporting cycle)
20 November 2023	1 September 2023 Extraordinary Meeting Minutes Reports not on the Forward Plan Independent Member Recruitment IRP Member Allowances	5 December 2023	Executive Business Report (Health and Social Care and Social Justice, Community Cohesion and Equalities) Standards Committee – Annual Report / Debate not Hate Reports not on the Forward Plan

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	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations		Independent Member Recruitment IRP Member Allowances SACRE constitution – timing TBC Scrutiny Inquiry - Children and Young People’s Mental Health. Report was originally scheduled for consideration at the 7 November meeting but won’t be ready to meet this date.
18 December 2023		9 January 2024	Lead Member Report - West Midlands Fire Authority Route to Zero Annual Report Scrutiny Business Report Scrutiny Inquiry - Child Criminal Exploitation
22 January 2024	Petitions Update Budget Council – Discussion Lord Mayor Nomination – 2024/25 – Discussion Reports not on the Forward Plan	6 February 2024	Reports not on the Forward Plan Annual Report from the Chair of Audit Committee
12 February 2024	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Suspension of Standing Orders (Budget Council)	27 February 2024	BUDGET MEETING
2 April 2024	Reports not on the Forward Plan Petitions Update	16 April 2024	Executive Business Report (Finance and Resources and Housing & Homelessness) Reports not on the Forward Plan Scrutiny Business Report

Four Yearly or ad-hoc items:

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

Items to be scheduled / proposed:

Executive Business Reports – June 2024 (Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism and 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. - 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 	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 legislation meets the needs of Birmingham. Crisis will be taking a lead role in regard to the independent Inquiry working with the Council.</p> <p>Work continues as part of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme to ensure legislation meets the needs of Birmingham.</p> <p>A press release was issued in October 2022, which included a thank you from Councillor Sharon Thompson</p> <p>Ongoing - Supported Housing Bill is now an Act and became law on 29th August 2023, we are awaiting formal consultation on the regulations which will run through until 2024 where the provisions of the Act can become live including licensing and national standards. We continue to work with DLUHC on the development of the regulations.</p> <p>Progressing the launch of the inquiry has been paused due to the financial implications associated in the current financial control climate.</p>

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

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		<p>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>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</p>		<p>Ongoing This will be picked up as part of the Council's external affairs activity where this alongside other key areas of lobbying will be taken through the corporate External Affairs activity.</p> <p>Policy was approved by Cabinet Member in July 2023. Members have been briefed.</p> <p>A cross directorate group mobilised to focus on this area of work. Properties disposed of by the Council either by Right to Buy or commercial disposal has been identified and processes are being finalised to proceed with testing an enforcement approach following sign-off of the policy. Successful enforcement can only be tested through the courts so – test cases will be identified based on likelihood of success. Offices within Legal and officers from PRS, Benefits, property and Housing continue to develop the approach.</p>

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		prioritise demand placed on the city council and not that of other local authorities”.		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.
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. <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 	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	<p>Our Birmingham Children’s Partnership Board brings together the city council, our Birmingham Children’s Trust, NHS Integrated Care Board, NHS health providers, the police, and the voluntary sector. During 2022, the Board has overseen the development of a cohesive framework for the delivery of our Plan.</p> <p>Over 4,000 of Birmingham’s children and young people told us about the outcomes that matter most to them. Our Plan: Change for Children and Young People 2023-27 will be based on what they told us. Our ambition is for Birmingham to be a great place for us to grow up, ensuring our children and young people are at the heart of everything we do.</p> <p>There continues to be progress on implementing the recommendations from Breaking the Barriers report, to improve the experiences of children and young people in education and employment opportunities.</p> <p>This work has continued and a report on progress on all 10 recommendations was presented at City Partnership Board on 14 December 2022. In 2023, an employers 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</p>

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

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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 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. 	Cabinet Member for Transport	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Officers are continuing to engage with the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the updated Road Safety Strategy – to be retitled Road Danger Reduction Strategy to align with best practice, reflecting the Vision Zero and Healthy Streets ethos.</p> <p>A Task and Finish Group of the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been set up to focus on road safety issues. The terms of reference for this enquiry are focused primarily on enforcement, and the findings will feed into the new Strategy, where appropriate. A draft of the new</p>

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		<p>b. Work with partners including the police and other metropolitan local authorities to publish a clear plan for the promised development of the average speed camera network.</p> <p>c. Ensure, where possible and practicable, road and pavement resurfacing programmes are aligned with any potential road safety work.</p>		<p>Strategy will be shared with this group by the end of October for comment.</p> <p>A public consultation on the draft refreshed strategy will begin in Autumn 2023. The results of this consultation process will be analysed, and findings presented to the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to steer completion of the final version of the new Road Safety Strategy, before it is presented to the Cabinet to approve its adoption in spring/summer 2024.</p> <p>A Gold Command was stood up between BCC, West Midlands Police and West Midlands Metropolitan Local Authorities to deliver a programme of enhanced and coordinated enforcement activity over the summer period. This has now transitioned into business as usual with joint enforcement operations to continue on an intelligence-led basis.</p> <p>BCC officers continue to work in close partnership with West Midlands Police and the other West Midlands metropolitan Local Authorities to develop a revised operating model for delivery of speed enforcement (including Average Speed Enforcement) across Birmingham and the wider West Midlands metropolitan area. It is proposed to seek Cabinet approval to the emerging principles from this work in December with a view to final detailed arrangements being approved by the Cabinet Member for Transport thereafter.</p> <p>The new Road Danger Reduction Strategy will not include a bespoke delivery programme. Instead, the delivery programme for this strategy will be fully</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</p>		<p>integrated into the wider Birmingham Transport Plan: Delivery Plan, as a series of major schemes. This approach will deliver a number of significant advantages, including the ability to coordinate with planned maintenance activities more efficiently, and enabling schemes to attract funding from a much wider range of potential sources by delivering greater overall value for money through economies of scale.</p> <p>As above c.</p> <p>The new Road Danger Reduction Strategy will set out a potential toolkit of compliant, lower cost measures that Local Ward Councillors, in their role as local community leaders, can consider delivering via local engineering teams to deliver enhanced road safety in their local areas. These proposed measures will be fully aligned with the principle of Vision Zero, offering proven interventions that remove 'through' vehicular traffic on local roads and prioritise Healthy Streets principles. Additionally, through an updated Transportation and Highways Delivery Programme (formerly Transportation and Highways Capital Programme) due to be received by Cabinet in December it is proposed to create a new Healthy Streets Fund to pool road safety and other resources to more effectively fund scheme delivery.</p> <p>As above d.</p> <p>The new Road Danger Reduction Strategy is being developed to propose delivery of packages of complimentary measures to permanently reduce</p>

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		<p>all deaths and serious injuries on Birmingham's roads by 2034.</p> <p>g. Ensure the new road safety strategy: (i) Prioritises the most vulnerable road users (E.g. those on foot, on bike, or with access needs, such as wheelchair users), in line with the new Highway Code hierarchy of road users; (ii) Includes measures to tackle speeding, and anti-social obstructive and dangerous parking (e.g on pavements, cycle lanes, and across dropped kerbs) in a way that prioritises the most vulnerable road users.</p> <p>h. Ensure road safety schemes and other highway improvements work to design out speed and other harmful behaviours.</p> <p>Reaffirm Birmingham City Council's commitment to 20mph on all its residential roads.</p>		<p>vehicular traffic across entire residential areas using 'Healthy Streets' (low traffic) principles. Application of these principles will also ensure that residual vehicular traffic operates at 20mph or less, by retrofitting neighbourhoods across the city to meet this quality standard. This will be reinforced by the installation of 20mph speed limits on all urban roads, with the exception of A-class urban arterial routes in the city, which will have a consistent 30mph speed limit applied citywide.</p> <p>As above f.</p> <p>As above f.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. k. Investigate what can be done to give greater support to groups wanting to set up and run Community Speedwatch sessions”. 		<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>
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>

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6.	13 June 2023	<p>Motion A</p> <p>This Council commits to working with the local community to find suitable places to place defibrillators, acknowledging that they are most effective within 3 minutes of a person collapsing.</p> <p>This Council, therefore, resolves to work with partners to commission a report into the accessibility of defibrillators and bleed kits in Birmingham and to ascertain what steps are necessary to ensure that there is a defibrillator and bleed kit within a 3-minute radius of our local centres and high-streets including a campaign of improved public awareness of where these are and how to use them as well. This ongoing work requires a multi-agency, collaborative approach to ensure the maximum impact.</p> <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>	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>The Public Health team are working alongside community safety colleagues and will be leading on producing the report and presenting it to the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership and the Police and Crime Commissioner for action. Timeframes are currently being agreed.</p> <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</p>	Cabinet Member for Transport	Variation 003 to the existing Enhanced Partnership for Bus was approved and came into force on 8 September 2023.

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		<p>bus companies on the model of the award-winning Nottingham City Transport.</p> <p>Getting people onto public transport and out of cars vital for reducing congestion, and this is a key pledge for the Council’s “route to zero” commitment which aims for carbon neutrality by 2030, and the WMCA ambition of carbon neutral travel by 2041. The WMCA green paper stated that 92% of respondents were concerned about climate change.</p> <p>Road space reallocation and bus priority are vital to make bus journeys quicker across Birmingham, and this council re-affirms its commitment to them and to the principles set out in the Birmingham Transport Plan.</p> <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</p>		<p>This Variation brings the following benefits for bus users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of the price premium between the main operators’ multi-journey tickets / passes and those in the multi-operators nBus range, this means that there is no longer a price premium if passengers use different operator services (effective from 03/07/23). • A mechanism is to be developed to agree future fare increases to ensure the right balance is achieved between operator funding to maintain the network and the social impact of fare increases on passengers. • Creation of a new Bus Network Support fund of over £60.0m taken from existing bus funding following relaxation of rules by DfT on how BSIP and BSOG money can be spent. • TfWM have powers to step in to address unhealthy competition between operators on the busiest routes by specifying a maximum frequency of services. • Operators are required to enter into a new Passenger Charter to ensure passengers receive a consistent minimum service quality. <p>All of the main local operators have agreed to remain in the Government’s voluntary fares cap scheme which limits fares to £2 per journey. Government has announced this initiative will be extended to October 2024 but with the fare cap increasing to £2.50 from November 2023.</p>

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		<p>badly affected by a shortage of bus drivers, government must also work with the bus operators to increase the number of applicants and respond to the bus industry's calls for bus drivers to be added to the UK immigration shortage occupation list.</p> <p>This council calls on the government to live up to its own requirement that half of all journeys in towns and cities are on foot, bike or public transport by 2030. This means a 'London-style' transport system in cities across the country to make public transport accessible and the natural choice.</p> <p>Transport for the West Midlands, Birmingham City Council and its partner councils in the WMCA need the powers and the funding to make this a reality.</p> <p>The 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>Bus Franchising remains an option if the existing Enhanced Partnership arrangements are felt to not be working. The West Midlands Mayor launched a study in February 2023 to assess whether franchising was a good option for the region – however this is not due to report until June 2024 after the next mayoral election. In the meantime, Greater Manchester are intending to a launch franchised network in September 2023 following a legal battle between their Combined Authority and the bus operators who opposed the plans. Birmingham City Council is keeping up the pressure for the franchising evaluation to move forward as fast as possible.</p> <p>The City Council and neighbouring authorities are working with TfWM to develop bus priority and roadspace reallocation proposals on a number of corridors into the city centre funded through the Government's City Regions Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) grant, which will lead to the introduction of 'cross-city' bus services by the main operator by 2027. CRSTS funding also includes further improvements on the A34 and A45 'Sprint' corridors and a study into short and long-term options for public transport on the Hagley Road corridor. The CRSTS funding remains subject to an on-going review of the programme and to successful completion and approval of the necessary business cases.</p> <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</p>

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		<p>The Council calls on Westminster to give local and combined authorities the full range of powers to regulate, franchise and own local bus services, depending on what is appropriate for their local area.</p> <p>The Council calls on Westminster for an expansion of current fare subsidy with the aim to get to a £1 single bus fare.</p> <p>The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to lobby for powers to regulate franchise and set up local bus operators.</p> <p>The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to lobby for a funding model that helps move to cheaper £1 single bus fares.</p> <p>The Council resolves to lobby the West Midlands Mayor and Combined Authority to move to a franchising model for West Midlands bus services and use the full extent of their powers for bus regulation.</p> <p>The Council resolves to lobby and work with the West Midlands Mayor and Combined Authority to improve cross-suburban bus routes.”</p>		<p>authorities. This will provide steer, review and challenge to the technical work now underway.</p> <p>The Birmingham Transport Plan and the forthcoming BTP Delivery Plan recognise buses as the backbone of a sustainable transport network for the city, being much more comprehensive and flexible, and suitable for a greater range of journeys than any other sustainable mode. Reallocating Roadspace and Transforming the City Centre are two one of the key principles of the BTP which will directly benefit bus services, and the Delivery Plan will allow increased investment in this work across the city’s main corridors and bus routes.</p> <p>Lobbying letters to the Secretary of State for Transport and the West Midlands Combined Authority have been drafted and are being reviewed in the light of recent Government policy announcements.</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>	Deputy Leader	Letter sent.

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		(ii) The Council will continue to support this programme for as long as this Tory created crisis continues.		<p>Ongoing We will continue to build on our Cost-of-Living programme to alleviate hardship and meet pressing needs for warmth, food, and cash benefits.</p> <p>Through our Birmingham City Board we will be holding a Birmingham Cost of Living Week (Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November). 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>Cost of Living Week will include a series of events, campaigns and workshops across the city, including jobs and employment fairs, conferences, voluntary sector workshops and marketplaces of services. The entire week is being designed and delivered free of cost to the Council, working with partners across the city.</p> <p>At the Birmingham City Partnership – Cost of Living Conference, we want to continue the conversation with partners. What challenges and opportunities face Birmingham? How can we learn from each other and share best practice? What do we want the future of our city to look like?</p>

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		(iii) The Council will write to the government to demand action to address this Tory cost of living crisis.”		
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 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>	Leader	Ongoing. Dates for reports to be agreed with CBMC

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

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise improving the City Council’s appalling housing conditions • Protect services for those residents who need them most, particularly social care • Protect our vital youth and library services • Protect investment in our most left behind communities • Prioritise action to tackle the cost-of-living crisis • Ensure the Council lives up to its climate commitments”. 		
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>	Leader	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Meetings being arranged with officers and Chair of Planning Committee</p>

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		<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>		
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 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>	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>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>		