

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 12 JANUARY 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**

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2 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

3 **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.

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4 **ACTION NOTES AND ACTION TRACKER**

To agree the action notes of the meeting held on 15 December 2022 and note the action tracker.

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5 **PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION: REDUCING FLY-TIPPING**

To receive a progress report on the two outstanding recommendations:

(A) Recommendation 03 - Review of Prosecution Strategies

(B) Recommendation 01 - Use of CCTV Cameras

Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment, and Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene, in attendance.

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6 **BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP RE-DEPLOYABLE CAMERAS**

To receive a report on the process and timescales for the deployment of CCTV.

Pam Powis, Head of Partnership, Birmingham Community Safety Team, in attendance.

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7 **WORK PROGRAMME**

To agree the work programme.

8 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting is scheduled to be held at 1400 hours on Thursday 16 February 2023.

9 **REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

10 **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.

11 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

Chair to move:-

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

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE –
PUBLIC MEETING**

1400 hours on Thursday 15 December 2022

Committee Room 6, Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB

Action Notes

Present:

Councillor Mohammed Idrees (Chair)

Councillors: Kerry Brewer, Marje Bridle, Ray Goodwin and Roger Harmer

Also Present:

Councillor John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities and Chair, Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

Chief Superintendent Mat Shaer, Vice-Chair, Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director, Community Safety and Resilience

Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement

Pam Powis, Senior Service Manager, Community Safety Team

Jayne Bowles, Scrutiny Officer

Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager

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2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Saqib Khan, Lauren Rainbow and Ken Wood.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

4. ACTION NOTES AND ACTION TRACKER

(See documents No 1, No 2 and No 3)

RESOLVED:

- That the action notes of the meetings held on 10 November 2022 and 29 November 2022 were agreed;
- That the action tracker was noted.

5. CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES – PRIORITIES 2022/23

(See document No 4)

Councillor John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities, attended to present his priorities for 2022/23 as they relate to the remit of this committee.

Councillor Cotton highlighted that his is a wide-ranging portfolio, reporting into this committee and two others, with the areas relevant to this committee being Community Safety and Bereavement Services.

The following officers were also in attendance: Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement, Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director, Community Safety and Resilience, and Pam Powis, Senior Service Manager, Community Safety Team.

Councillor Cotton also introduced Chief Superintendent Mat Shaer, the Vice-Chair of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) who was in attendance for this report and the BCSP annual report.

The following key points were highlighted:

- **Community Safety** - There are a range of priorities and these are two-fold – firstly, to ensure the right response and support is available when community safety incidents occur and secondly, to focus on prevention and stopping problems in the first place;
- The preventative approach underpins several of the priority areas;
- **Bereavement Services and Register Office** – it is important to ensure services are responsive and respectful to the city's diverse communities and Councillor Cotton stated that he wished to put on record his thanks to members of the Muslim Burial Council who have been working with the

Council to improve the service provided to the Muslim communities in the city;

- There is also a network of Friends groups, for instance the Friends of Cemeteries, who have been doing some great work as well, which will be drawn on when starting to develop the medium to long term strategy for Bereavement Services;
- Members were told real progress is being made with improvements to the service, including burials, looking at a new site for the mortuary, and working directly with Customer Services and IT to map the customer journey to move into the future operating model.

During the discussion, and in response to Members' questions, the main points included:

- **Modern Slavery** – in response to a query about which types or areas of work were most prone to modern slavery, Members were told the biggest percentage is criminal activity, eg stealing and shoplifting, next is people being coerced into homes to be domestic servants, and then sexual and labour. Officers undertook to provide a more accurate percentage breakdown for what this currently looks like in Birmingham;
- **Local Partnership Delivery Groups (LPDGs)** – in terms of getting value out of these meetings, consideration needs to be given to the area covered. It was pointed out that the bigger the area the less relevant the agenda items will be to individuals, although if the area was smaller less people would attend, and a balance is needed;
- This is being looked at as part of the wider governance of the Community Safety Partnership and what the LPDG model looks like and it was recognised that there is a need to ensure maximum opportunity for elected members to engage, which is not necessarily the case with the current model;
- It was acknowledged that scale is the biggest issue. There are 6 LPDGs – one for the city centre and 5 others each covering 2 constituencies;
- Locally, there are probably different expectations which can lead to certain services attending some and not others;
- There is a need to re-focus on community safety matters and there might be consultation with councillors and others about possibly changing the name to Local Community Safety Partnerships, which would help to explain to people what they are there for;
- With regard to tapping into local issues and raising those without deflecting away from the clear role that a local community safety partnership would want to be examining, this is where the relationship between Police teams and local councillors comes into play and the appointment of neighbourhood co-ordinators and locality based teams shows the way forward in terms of how to raise and problem-solve local issues;
- The geography is challenging with the Council, Police, adult social care, housing providers and housing colleagues, etc, covering different areas;
- There is, however, something in terms of what is probably going to be a refresh of the policing model under the new Chief Constable that provides an opportunity for review;

- There are currently discussions taking place with Housing colleagues on how to get to a single integrated Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) offer in terms of prevention, eg where gathering evidence for Public Space Protection Orders and problem-solving with partners around complex ASB issues;
- In future localisation conversations there should be more detail about what is being done in Community Safety and it has been identified that additional capacity is needed beyond LPDG managers, as they don't necessarily go out and do the intervention and enforcement. Having a presence on the ground is key so communities feel there is someone they can speak to about community safety issues;
- The local partnerships should, when resources are finalised, have access to their own street intervention officers deployed as and where required, who will be engaged with local sergeants and Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinators;
- Three intervention officers have been recruited who are due to start in January and they will be deployed where there are a lot of ASB related issues, which will provide a three to four month pilot and the impact and effectiveness of that can be reported back to this Committee if required;
- Consultation and engagement are a big priority and also a statutory responsibility and this is not just about being reactive, it is about how local councillors and communities can also be involved in prevention;
- **Register Office** – in response to a query regarding the current waiting time for birth registrations, Members were told that the requirement is for births to be registered within 42 days and for anyone applying now the next available appointment was 23rd February;
- Members were concerned that this might cause difficulties for some people due to not being able to claim child benefit until the birth is registered, however it was pointed out that extra diaries are opened weekly to increase capacity to bring appointments forward if urgently needed and the situation will be kept under review;
- **Cemeteries** – with regard to space at cemeteries filling up more quickly than anticipated, extension projects are in train at a number of cemeteries to deal with increased demand;
- **Mortuary Provision** – Finding a new site and building a new, modern mortuary fit for diverse communities will be a very extensive piece of work. This is currently in the project planning stage and could take two to three years.

RESOLVED: -

- That with regard to the areas of work most prone to Modern Slavery, a percentage breakdown to be provided to Members;
- That the report was noted.

6. BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

(See document No 5)

Councillor John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities and Chair of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership, Chief Superintendent Mat Shaer, Vice-Chair of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership, Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director, Community Safety and Resilience, and Pam Powis, Senior Service Manager, Community Safety Team, were in attendance for this item.

Councillor Cotton introduced the report and stated that it is very much a partnership endeavour, with the Police, Fire Service, Health, Voluntary Sector, etc. and Chief Superintendent Mat Shaer is now the Vice-Chair, having taken over from Steve Graham.

The key points in the report were highlighted and during the discussion, and in response to Members' questions, the main points included:

- **Supported Housing (Exempt Accommodation)** – Reference was made to the Bill going through Parliament which will hopefully lead to an improvement in legislation and a more functional exempt structure. It was pointed out that when properly regulated the providers who survive ought to be important partners, supporting some of the most vulnerable people in society and there is a need to think about how that happens;
- **Re-deployable CCTV Cameras** – It was confirmed that there are currently 11 re-deployable CCTV cameras available and the intention is to grow that but there is a need to make sure the process for deploying cameras is correct;
- There are certain legislative processes that have to be followed, however concerns were raised that the process is too lengthy and needs to be reviewed;
- One specific example was given of a response to a request for a camera which had indicated the process would take two to three months and the Cabinet Member and officers undertook to look into that and what it means for the wider policy;
- The Community Safety Team has been working closely with the Assistant Director of Street Scene and his team regarding fly-tipping cameras and although the legislation for these is different they are trying to make sure all requests are dealt with in a single process and are keen to look at where cameras can be used for ASB and fly-tipping;
- Given the number of questions around re-deployable CCTV cameras, it was agreed that a further report on the current process and its timescales would be brought to the January committee meeting, when the Assistant Director of Street Scene will be reporting back on the Reducing Fly-tipping inquiry recommendation regarding the use of fly-tipping cameras;
- It was queried whether there are data sharing arrangements in place if someone has CCTV cameras the Council can have access to, but it was pointed out that there is some complexity in the purpose of the camera going in in the first place and in line with the surveillance commissioner code there have to be very specific reasons and this cannot be extended without further consultation;

- There is a data sharing agreement in place with the Police;
- **Locality Working** – In response to a question about locality working and how this will work, Members were told that the Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinators (NACs) have been brought in to resolve the issues and problems around lack of neighbourhood tasking;
- It was confirmed that as part of the pilot, three new community safety officers will be assigned to those areas, working closely with the NACs;
- The Police have been working closely with the Cabinet Member and officers to push this agenda forward;
- **Gang Crime** – The main factor behind gang crime is drugs and reference was made to modern slavery referrals and county lines;
- There are dedicated criminal organised gang teams and enforcement action is taken on a daily basis;
- **Serious Violence Duty** – This comes into effect in January 2023 and one of the key activities will be the Offensive Weapon Homicide Review pilot which will be delivered in Birmingham and Coventry;
- This will be starting in February 2023 for a period of 18 months and, similar to the domestic homicide reviews, will look at incidents where someone has died where a weapon has been used.

RESOLVED:

- That a further report on re-deployable CCTV cameras, to include the current process and its timescales, would be brought to Committee in January;
- That the report was noted.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document No 6)

A request was made for the February City Housing Performance Report to include the number of Ombudsman decisions against the Council, the amounts paid and comment from Housing Officers on what the cause is.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme was noted.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted.

9. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

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 1521 hours.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE
ACTION TRACKER 2022/23

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes
15-Dec-22	Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities – Priorities 2022/23	Percentage breakdown to be provided of the types/areas of work most prone to Modern Slavery across Birmingham.	
	Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report	Further report on re-deployable CCTV cameras, to include the process and its timescales, to be brought to Committee in January.	Included on agenda for January meeting.
	Work Programme	The February City Housing Performance Report to include the number of Ombudsman decisions against the Council, the amounts paid and comment from Housing Officers on what the cause is.	This has been requested.
29-Nov-22	Request for Call-In: Housing Repairs, Maintenance and Investment 2024	A letter setting out the Committee’s concerns to be sent to the relevant Cabinet Members.	Letter sent on 7 th December.
		A report on tenant and leaseholder involvement to be brought to a future committee meeting.	
10-Nov-22	Performance Monitoring	Right to Buy rules, including the qualifying period for accessing Right to Buy, to be shared with Members.	Emailed to members on 8 th December.
		The offer of a demonstration of the “slab in the cab” technology to be followed up.	In the New Year, the Cabinet Member for Environment will be sending invitations to all Members to visit a local depot and this will include a

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ACTION TRACKER 2022/23**

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes
			demonstration of the “slab in the cab” technology.
	Progress Report on Implementation: Reducing Fly-tipping	A further report on progress to be brought back to Committee in January.	Work Programme updated.
13-Oct-22	Localisation	Leader to come back to committee in March with a further update.	Work Programme updated.
		Populated version of the table attached to the letter sent to the former Cabinet Member to be circulated to committee members.	Emailed to members on 9 th November.
		Letter from Cllr Thompson to the Leader regarding ward plan to be shared with committee members.	
		Email sent to members regarding the NAC pilot and pairing up of wards to be re-circulated and named person to be added for each of the wards.	This has been emailed to the members it affects.
		Directorate self-assessments which came out of the Star Chamber to be shared with committee members.	Emailed to members on 23 rd November.
	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness: Priorities 2022/23	Tenant Engagement Delivery Plan and Action Plan to be brought to committee before being finally ratified.	Included on Work Programme for February.
		Timeline to be provided for the repairs contracts extension arrangements and re-tendering for the South.	Emailed to members on 14 th November.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE
ACTION TRACKER 2022/23

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes
	City Wide Housing Strategy 2022-2027 Consultation	Affordable Housing Plan to be brought to future committee meeting.	Timing to be confirmed (currently scheduled for February).
26-Sep-22	Action Notes and Action Tracker	Updated list of HMOs by Ward to be requested (raised by Cllr Harmer). Voids – deep dive piece of work still to be programmed (raised by Cllr Wood).	Emailed to members on 23rd November. Programmed for March 2023.
	Petition: Ban Use of Pesticides	A letter setting out the Committee’s resolution to be sent to the Cabinet Member. Final report to be brought back to a future committee meeting (timing to be confirmed).	Letter sent on 11 th October.
	Request for Call-In: Capital Funding Bid for the Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charging across selected BCC Parks	A letter setting out the Committee’s concerns to be sent to the Cabinet Member.	Letter sent on 11 th October.
	Delays in Birth and Death Registrations	Further report to be brought back to Committee in 4-6 months’ time.	
	Work Programme	Cleaner Streets to be programmed for November, December and January to allow time to influence the budget.	Work Programme updated.

Birmingham City Council

Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date 12 January 2023



Subject: Fly-tipping Tracking Report

Report of: Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment

Report author: Jon Lawton, Cabinet Support Officer/Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To update the Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress made with regard to the outstanding recommendations.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee accept the Cabinet Member's assessment of progress made.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 None

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 None

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 None

6 Appendices

- 6.1 Tracking Report.

Report of:	Cabinet Member for Environment
To:	Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	12 January 2023

Progress Report on Implementation: Reducing Fly-tipping

Review Information

Date approved at City Council:	2 nd February 2021
Member who led the original review:	Cllr Penny Holbrook
Lead Officer for the review:	Emma Williamson
Date progress last tracked:	10 March 2021

1. In approving this Review the City Council asked me, as the appropriate Cabinet Member, to report on progress towards these recommendations to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. Details of progress with the remaining recommendations are shown in Appendix 2.
3. Members are therefore asked to consider progress against the recommendations and give their view as to how progress is categorized for each.

Appendices

1	Scrutiny Office guidance on the tracking process
2	Recommendations you are tracking today
3	Recommendations tracked previously and concluded

For more information about this report, please contact

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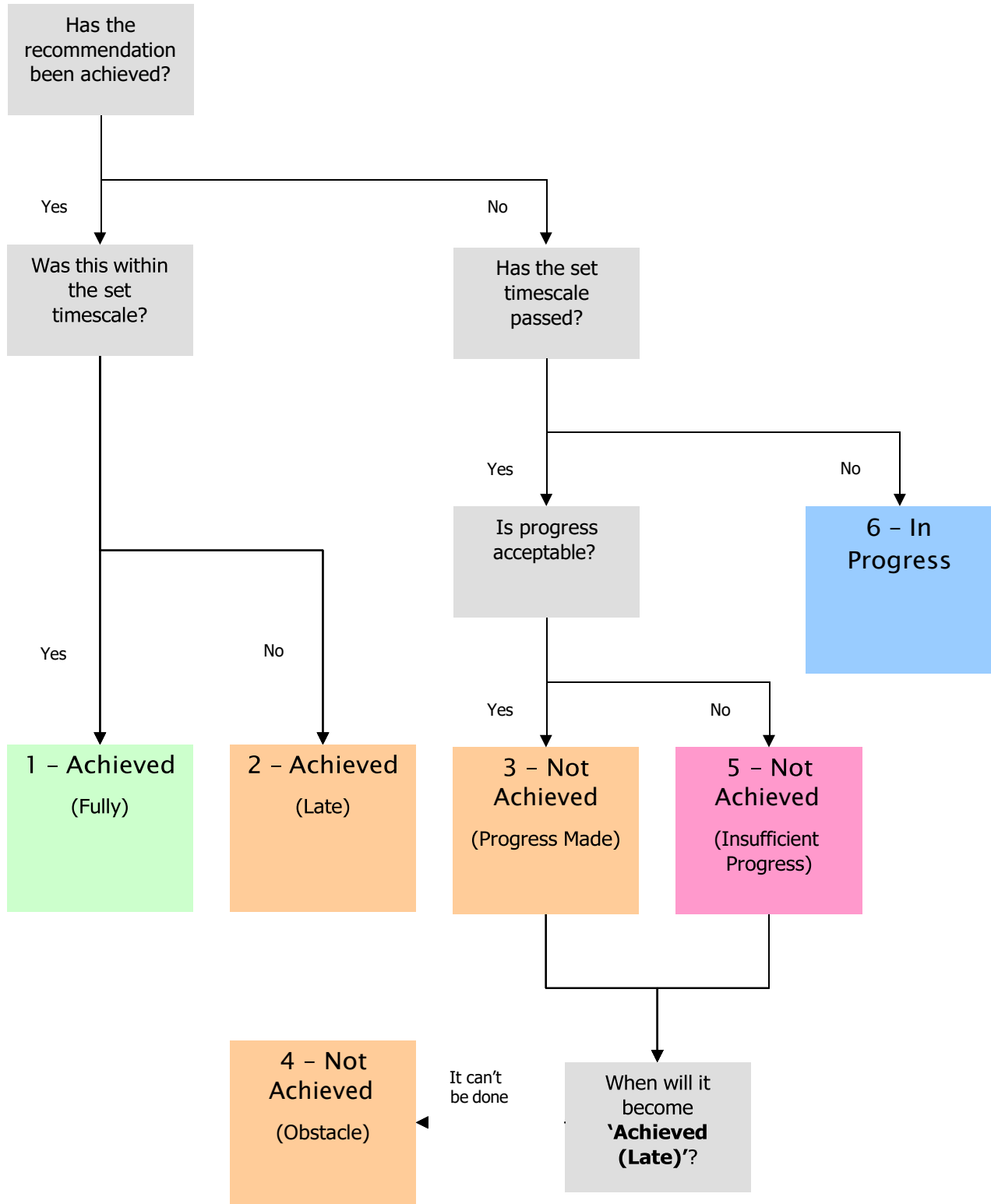
Appendix 1: The Tracking Process

In making its assessment, the Committee may wish to consider:

- What progress/ key actions have been made against each recommendation?
- Are these actions pertinent to the measures required in the recommendation?
- Have the actions been undertaken within the time scale allocated?
- Are there any matters in the recommendation where progress is outstanding?
- Is the Committee satisfied that sufficient progress has been made and that the recommendation has been achieved?

Category	Criteria
1: Achieved (Fully)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified.
2: Achieved (Late)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented but not within the timescale specified.
3: Not Achieved (Progress Made)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but there has been significant progress made towards full achievement. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised.
4: Not Achieved (Obstacle)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but all possible action has been taken. Outstanding actions are prevented by obstacles beyond the control of the Council (such as passage of enabling legislation).
5: Not Achieved (Insufficient Progress)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved and there has been insufficient progress made towards full achievement. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised.
6: In Progress	It is not appropriate to monitor achievement of the recommendation at this time because the timescale specified has not yet expired.

The Tracking Process



Appendix 2: Progress with Recommendations

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R01	"Naming and shaming" should be introduced in Birmingham, backed up by investment in mobile CCTV cameras. The Cabinet Member is asked to report back on a timescale for implementation to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	March 2021	4 12 January 2023

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

25 March 2021

Implementation of the recommendation requires the council to have in place a fair and transparent process and policy for processing CCTV imagery and officers from Legal Services, Corporate Information and Waste Enforcement are progressing the development of this. The primary purpose of mobile cctv is preventing, apprehending or detecting offending. It is anticipated that consideration under the framework of the Regulation and Enforcement Division's Enforcement Policy will be necessary. (May/June 2021, subject to agreement through the Licensing and Public Protection Committee).

8 July 2021

Following legal advice, a report will be taken to Cabinet in July seeking approval to consult on a draft policy framework covering the Publicising Fly-tipping and Environmental Crime Cases. Following this a decision report will be brought back to Cabinet for approval and implementation.

The City already has a number of cameras in operation for targeted fly tip locations and resources have been released for an additional 10 cameras.

11 November 2021

A Cabinet report seeking approval to consult on Publicising Fly-tipping and Environmental Crime Cases Policy was submitted and approved on 27 July 2021. Consultation was concluded demonstrating overwhelming support, final policy and operational procedures are being drafted for approval by the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Parks. Cameras are ready to be installed on 8 November at 2 hotspot locations.

17 February 2022

The Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Parks approved the report and accompanying policy on Publicising Fly-tipping and Environmental Crime Cases on 6 January 2022. Cameras have been installed and evidence of any fly-tipping will be gathered and publicised in accordance with the approved policy.

10 March 2022

Following a request from Committee for information on the spread of camera locations across the city the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Parks confirmed camera locations/sites have been determined based on reports from officers and analysis of fly-tipping and other data available to the service. Current camera locations are Small Heath; North Edgbaston (2 sites); Ward End and Alum Rock, with the Lozells; Holyhead; Yardley West & Stechford; Small Heath; Balsall Heath West and Soho & Jewellery Quarter wards scheduled for installation over coming weeks.

10 November 2022

Cameras have continued to be deployed at fly tipping hot spots throughout the year. The first Grime Watch video was released on 17 March highlighting those perpetrators engaged in environmental crime, it was viewed more than 2,000 times. A second episode is due to be released shortly. Whilst the requirements of this recommendation have, in our opinion, now been met, the Waste Management Service would welcome the opportunity to engage with this Committee further as part of our continual review of the name and shame scheme.

12th January 2023

The second of the grime watch episodes was released on 17th November 2022.

Since the introduction of the Fly Tipping report 10 new mobile cameras have been purchased and deployed. A further 10 have been ordered and will be deployed as they are delivered. Link officers have been identified to work across the City Council where other CCTV cameras are in operation.

Cameras have been deployed in the following Wards

- Balsall Heath West
- Handsworth Wood (x2)
- Weoley & Selly Oak
- Billesley
- Soho & Jewellery Quarter
- Glebe Farm & Tile Cross
- Bordesley Green

For 2021/2022 the Waste Enforcement Team have processed the following cases.

CASES FINALISED BY LEGISLATION 2021/22

LEGISLATION	CASES	OFFENCES	FINES	COSTS AWARDED	OTHER PENALTY
Environmental Protection Act 1990					
Section 33***** (Fly-tipping)	35	57	£19,312	£19,967	Absolute Discharge, 18mth imprisonment suspended 18ths, 15 rehabilitation, 4 mth tag, 12 mth community order, 100 hrs community service
Section 34 (Duty of Care)	2	2	£500	£585	

There are discussions ongoing to look at a further 20 cameras that are battery/solar powered. These operate on a different platform and use analytics to monitor and direct officers to incidents to investigate.

Obstacle: Whilst there is a strong desire to publicly shame offenders through the use of Grime Watch any action taken has to be undertaken in accordance with the City Council’s Policy on Publicising Fly-tipping and Environmental Crime Cases. This is attached at Appendix 1.

No	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member’s Assessment
R03	A review of prosecution strategies for fly-tipping, in particular the use of fixed penalty notices, with a view to adopting the Barking & Dagenham approach, should be undertaken to ensure that this fits what is needed currently.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks Deputy Leader Chair, Licensing & Public Protection Committee	March 2021	2 12 January 2023
Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if ‘Not Achieved’)				

17 February 2022

Staffing within the WEU has been increased. This has enabled an extension of the units existing enforcement approach [focused principally on vehicle fly-tippers and larger-scale offences] to now also include a focus on small-scale fly-tipping within residential areas. The council is legally required to consider using fixed penalty notices for small-scale offences, in the first instance. This legal requirement, combined with the increased enforcement capacity will consequentially lead to a greater use of fixed penalty notices. Legal consideration relating to the wider use of fixed penalties has also been supported through advice obtained from external legal counsels in January 2022.

10 March 2022

Members sought reassurance that fixed penalty notices (FPNs) are issued in terms of the existing Enforcement Policy. To support consideration of this the service area has submitted information on the legal and operational arrangements for the use of FPNs for fly-tipping to the Chair of the Licencing and Public Protection Committee (LPPC) so that the use of FPNs can form part of the periodic review of the Enforcement Policy.

For situations where formal enforcement action (issuing FPNs or prosecution proceedings) is not legally possible an 'engagement and warning' approach is utilised as a means to educate and deter offending. Members requested a copy of an example warning/engagement letter [attached as Appendix 1] and the use of informal correspondence is being collated and recorded as part of the council's anti-fly-tipping activities.

10 November 2022

A review of the Enforcement Policy was carried out in 2022 and as a consequence officers within Enforcement Team have initiated new process flows. The Engage and Enforcement Officers are talking to traders to remind them of legislation and their responsibilities. Staff within the Enforcement Team have worked with Legal colleagues to explore the opportunities of increasing activity. Officers have been in contact with other authorities and visited Leeds City Council to observe their approach. The review of the Policy and priorities along with the increase in the Enforcement Team has led to a change in emphasis. The aim now is to change culture and prevent waste being deposited illegally on our streets so our approach following the review is to educate first and then enforce with Fixed Penalty Notices if there is no improvement. Any continual breach or large-scale waste offence will continue to be investigated and enforced through prosecution proceedings.

12 January 2023

New process maps have been developed for the following waste enforcement activities.

- DOC (commercial waste checks)
- Vehicle fly tips
- Non-vehicle fly tips
- Waste in Alleyways
- Vehicle seizures
- Waste on private land
- Black sacks on street (from discovery through to referral to WM if domestic including door knocks and evidence gathering)
- Issuing and withdrawal of FPNs
- CCTV triage and installation

Strict control processes have been developed, and are being followed, by the Waste Enforcement Team to ensure consistency across the service for each of the above.

The Waste Enforcement Team are in the process of developing a regular update report of actions and cases. This will be circulated to all Elected Members on a regular basis.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R08	Progress towards achievement of these recommendations should be reported to the Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee no later than April 2021. Subsequent progress reports will be scheduled by the Committee thereafter, until all recommendations are implemented.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	April 2021	1

Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

8 July 2021

This progress report is submitted to the July 2021 meeting of the Housing and Neighbourhoods O & S Committee.

11 November 2021

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17 February 2022

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10 March 2022

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12 January 2023

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Appendix ③: Concluded Recommendations

These recommendations have been tracked previously and concluded. They are presented here for information only.

Concluded

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R02	The working group on CCTV cameras should consider the evidence from this inquiry with a view to a rapid implementation of the use of CCTV to tackle fly-tipping. The Cabinet Member is asked to bring back a report to Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on this.	Cabinet Member, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	July 2021	2
R04	That the Cabinet Member considers implementing a model of Community Protection Officers in Birmingham, to meet the council's statutory functions at the first stages of contact. The model should involve other areas of the Council and agencies such as the Police. The aim should be for one CPO per councillor, a total of 101 for Birmingham.	Cabinet Members: Street Scene and Parks, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities, Transport & Environment, Finance & Resources	July 2021	2
R06	That local community groups that clear rubbish or hold litter picks are supported by their local depot with waste collections and that the Cabinet Member looks at whether community clearance of communal land and back alley ways can also be supported.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	July 2021	2
R05	That a report is brought to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on the impact of the HRC booking system and recommendations on whether this should continue post-Covid.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	November 2021	2
R07	That the charges on bulky waste are reviewed with a view to removing these charges, or as a minimum removing these for vulnerable groups (including those on low income or with disabilities)	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	November 2022	2

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Policy -

Publicising Fly-tipping and Environmental Crime Cases

2021

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1. Introduction

Birmingham City Council has set a priority of working with residents and businesses to improve the cleanliness of the City. Achieving this will require a collective effort from individuals, communities, businesses, landowners, broader Council and other public services as well as specifically those who deliver waste collection and clearance activities. The Council uses three approaches to help improve street cleanliness and these are: ensuring effective street *cleaning* and rubbish removal; *engaging* with residents and businesses to support proper waste disposal practices; and *enforcing* the law to deter and tackle environmental offences like fly-tipping.

Fly-tipping and associated environmental crime impacts on the quality of the environment. It causes blight in the communities where people live and work and dealing with the defacement is costly and time consuming. The Environmental Protection Act 1990, The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 are the main statutory provisions which give local Councils powers to take enforcement action over environmental offences. Taking enforcement action is intended to address offender behaviour, but also to deter others from committing environmental crime.

Enforcement is the process of ensuring compliance with laws, regulations, rules and standards. This policy supports the Council's existing Enforcement Policy which governs how regulatory action is carried out and describes how fairness, proportionality, transparency and consistency are to be achieved and sets out how decisions are made:

[\[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/405/regulation_and_enforcement_-_enforcement_policy\]](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/405/regulation_and_enforcement_-_enforcement_policy)

Taking enforcement action often requires support from third parties, for example evidence provided by eyewitnesses, and investigation assistance from law enforcement or other relevant partners. The ability to enforce the law requires suspect offenders' identity and whereabouts to be established.

Many instances of fly-tipping are unwitnessed. For those that are, witnesses may not want to make a formal statement. This is especially the case for fly-tipping in the street where the offender may be a neighbour of the eyewitness. This affects the Council's ability to investigate crimes and to appropriately deal with offenders,

which is vitally important to the Council's efforts to reduce fly-tipping and environmental crime.

This Policy is designed to assist with the identification of suspect offenders, where investigatory lines of enquiry have been exhausted, through the publication of the details of incidents, cases and suspects, and where it is legally appropriate.

2. Scope of the Policy

This policy covers:-

- The publication of images or descriptions of individuals who commit or who are suspected of committing fly-tipping and environmental crime where they cannot be identified through any other reasonable lines of enquiry and where it is deemed appropriate and proportionate. [It is not intended that images or descriptions of persons legally defined as 'juveniles' i.e. under 18 years of age will be published].
- The publication of images or descriptions of incidents where no individual or group is identifiable, for example images or description of a vehicle which is used to offend or where characteristic material is dumped.
- The publication of the details from enforcement outcomes concluded at court, including the name and/or images showing the nature of the criminal activity, where it is deemed appropriate and proportionate. [The principal avenue for publication will continue to be via *court reporting* following the conclusion of court hearings and through the details already published on an ongoing basis as part of the Council's Licensing and Public Protection Committee report entitled Prosecution and Cautions].

This approach will enable the Council and its partner law enforcement agencies to raise awareness over the action taken. It will also actively encourage local communities and businesses to take a stand against the inconsiderate behaviour of a minority of environmental offenders.

This policy covers the publication of private information under defined criteria relating to the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties.

3. Aims of the Policy

The primary aim is to enable the publication of information related to fly-tipping and environmental crime in support of law enforcement enquiries. The secondary aim in publicising information from enforcement outcomes concluded at court is in assisting with the prevention of offending behaviour. The purpose of this policy is to assist the Council in deciding whether publication is necessary and proportionate. This policy provides a framework for assessing fairness, lawfulness and transparency to:

- Provide clear and consistent guidance in establishing if it is necessary and proportionate to make a disclosure via publication.
- Ensure openness in the reporting of criminal investigations and proceedings.
- Ensure that the Council acts in accordance with general public law principles, and with national guidance.
- Ensure that the Council fully considers and is compliant with the relevant data protection, privacy and human rights requirements, (including certain limited individual's rights under Part 3 of the DPA 2018).
- Ensure that the Council acts in a way that achieves the purpose of the policy and to reduce fly-tipping.

4. General Principles of using publicity to assist law enforcement

The ability for the Council to publicise images and descriptions relating to fly-tipping and environmental crime is governed by several statutory provisions. Images include CCTV, photographs and other similar media. Processing imagery is lawful where the purpose is for the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, as these fall under the scope of the Law Enforcement Directive (LED (EU2016/680) which was brought into UK law by Part 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018. This complements the UK General Data Protection Regulation which sets out requirements for processing personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences.

Several associated statutory provisions provide legal frameworks for conducting law enforcement enquiries, discharging statutory functions of the Council and sharing information between regulators and these include:

- Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – Section 115 provide statutory agencies, including the Council, with the ability to disclose information in any case where the disclosure is necessary or expedient for the purposes of any provision of this Act.
- Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 – Section 163 enables a local authority to provide apparatus for recording visual images of events occurring on any land in their area to promote the prevention of crime or the welfare of the victims of crime.
- Local Government Act 1972 – Section 111 provides local authorities with the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.

There must be a balance between the rights of an individual [including a person suspected of committing a crime] and those of the wider community. Any decision to publicise an image must be for a legitimate purpose, be necessary and proportionate.

Any decision to publicise an image must consider the reasonably foreseeable impact on victims or witnesses. Safety and threat assessment consideration will take precedence over any publication proposal. Law enforcement and other partners should be consulted, where relevant, for example where policing, anti-social behaviour, child protection, or wider safeguarding aspects form part of an investigation. Publication considerations may include the following elements in support of decisions based on the Law Enforcement Directive (LED (EU2016/680) incorporated into Part 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018:

- Prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties
- Encouraging witnesses and/or victims to come forward
- Discouraging offenders
- Reassuring and informing the public
- Reinforcing confidence in the criminal justice system
- Identification of suspects and offenders
- Raising public awareness

The Council recognises that poor quality static or video images increase the risks of misidentification and therefore this risk factor will form part of publication considerations.

For publication of an image to be *necessary* in pursuit of a legitimate purpose, all other reasonable lines of enquiry for identifying and/or tracing a suspect will have been explored or ruled out for legal reasons.

The effect on third parties must be assessed and mitigated as part of all considerations and decisions to publicise imagery. [It is anticipated that only the minimum necessary details are released and personal data relating to a third party, unconnected with an investigation or person not considered to be a suspect is obscured from any publicised material].

All the circumstances of a case must be taken into account when considering whether it is proportionate to publicise images. The nature and circumstances of the offence is highly relevant, and the more serious the offence, or scale of the offence the easier it will be to justify the release as being proportionate. The minimum baseline threshold for consideration of publication where no other reasonable identification/tracing lines of enquiry exist is where it would be appropriate to issue a fixed penalty notice in respect of the offence. This includes the 'fly-tipping' fixed penalty under Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. [It is not envisaged that publication would be considered for civil penalty offences relating to advancement of household waste under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or littering from vehicles under The Littering From Vehicles Outside London (Keepers: Civil Penalties) Regulations 2018]. The following factors may also be considered:

- Nature of the offence
- Vulnerability of any potential victims
- Level of impact on the environment
- Level of impact on the public/community and/or individuals
- Prevalence of local crime
- Repeat offending
- Public interest

5. Procedure for publicising fly-tipping and environmental crime offences.

In all cases, publication of personal information will only be done if it is in the public interest. The following criteria, which **are** not exhaustive, may be used as a basis for assessing public interest and appropriateness of publication:

- Publicising is in the public interest either due to the scale, location or impact of the offending behaviour.

- If a successful prosecution has been achieved at court and the other criteria have been considered, publicity may still be used. The criteria for publication would be based upon the following:
 - Release of information is being made in connection with a recently concluded court case and potentially being done in conjunction with the release of information through other channels, for example through press releases. Any publication would have due regard to the Ministry of Justice guidance on *Publicising Sentencing Outcomes* which is guidance for public authorities on publicising information (including via the internet) about individual sentencing outcomes within the current legal framework:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/487464/20150413-Publishing_Sentencing_Outcomes_MoJ_Guidance_HQMCSPA-O.pdf.
 - Release of information which references court outcomes and interventions against fly-tipping and environmental crime offending more generally, for example through the city's network of digital information screens. Publication will be limited to outline details for the nature of the incident, its location and sanction imposed by the court. Information identifiable to an offending individual or business would not ordinarily form part of publication as to do so may breach legal duties and the purpose of this policy is not to 'name and shame' a person or company.
- No publication will be considered where a suspect in an investigation enquiry is known or believed to be under the age of 18 or to have a vulnerability that may put them [or their household or business] at risk.
- No publication will be considered where there is a foreseeable risk that release of information could adversely impact on community cohesion or add to community tensions.
- In circumstances where fly-tipping and environmental crime affects privately owned land, specific consideration will be given to the views of the landowner affected. This is to mitigate the risk from publication of imagery that identifies a victim as they may not wish to be identified.
- Where still or video images are to be used, these will ordinarily only be published where they have been obtained through a public body, such as the Council or Police and not a third party, such as a private individual or private business. Images of third parties will be suitably obscured before images are disclosed to the media or published on the Council's website or other approved media portal.

- Publication relating to suspects or defendants, which is not governed by specific national guidance, would have due regard to approaches and decision making operated by relevant law enforcement agencies, including the Police.
- Release of personal information will only be undertaken if it is in support of a lawful purpose or forms part of court reporting arrangements.

Care will be taken when releasing images of unknown suspects to ensure that the wording accompanying the image is accurate in the context that a 'suspect' is a *person suspected of involvement with a crime but who has not been charged, summoned to court or convicted of the offence alleged*. Officers will take all reasonably necessary steps to ensure that they have a high degree of confidence that the person in the image is a clear suspect in the investigation as opposed to a 'person of interest' who may be able to assist an enquiry.

Where the suspect is known, it is unlikely to be appropriate to release their image unless other means of tracing the individual have been attempted. There are always exceptions and the Council will seek specific legal advice before publication of images of known individuals is considered. Prior to any publication the Council will notify the Council's Community Safety team to minimize the risk that publication might compromise unrelated anti-social behaviour or policing enquiries or investigations. They will engage with Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) agencies to assist with this.

Progression to publication involves three stages with the considerations and decisions of each stage recorded via a Publication Risk Matrix (PRM), shown in Appendix 1.

Stage 1: - The Officer in Charge (OIC) of the investigation within the Council's waste enforcement team comments regarding operational factors which support or lead away from supporting publication. Where necessary, the OIC will consult with the Council's Legal Services team if legal queries have arisen, which are relevant to any consideration over publication.

To aid decision making, the framework and checklists set out in the following guidance documents, so far as they are relevant, will be used in respect of publication considerations: -

- Ministry of Justice *Guidance on Publicising Sentencing Outcomes* (<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system>

[/uploads/attachment_data/file/487464/20150413-Publishing_Sentencing_Outcomes_MoJ_Guidance_HQMCSPA-O.pdf](#))

- Association of Chief Police Officer of England, Wales & Northern Ireland *guidance on the release of images of suspects and defendants* (<https://library.college.police.uk/docs/acpo/ACPO-Guidance-Release-Images-Suspects-Media.pdf>)

Any decision to progress to stage 2 will be managed within the Council's waste enforcement team.

Stage 2: - The Council's Community Safety team will be notified of the publication proposal. The primary purpose of this is to ensure that relevant Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) agencies can comment regarding relevant risk factors to publication or advise to halt publication in appropriate situations, and specifically in respect of identifying or tracing suspects. Examples, of relevant risk factors include where BCSP agencies have information relating to the vulnerabilities of suspects or victims or where there are cross-agency investigatory considerations that may not be known or available at stage 1 of this process.

It is unlikely that either the Community Safety team and relevant BCSP agencies will need to comment on publication of material relating to sentencing outcomes, including information which may already be in the public domain or that becomes public during court proceedings.

Any decision to progress to stage 3 will be managed within the Council's waste enforcement team and be subject to no contra-indicators to publication being received from the BCSP.

Stage 3: - The Council's Communications team comment regarding press considerations which lead away from supporting publication.

The communications team manage publication, including the preparation, posting and distribution of imagery through recognised media portals. This also includes management of processes to remove publicised images from Council-controlled media platforms.

Any decision to progress to publication will be managed within the Council's Communication team and be subject to there being no contra-indicators to publication from stage 1 and stage 2, and there being no journalistic or other reporting restrictions.

6. Arrangements relating to the identification of suspects through publicising images or descriptions of persons or incident details

The Council is governed by the requirements of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 which includes controls over how and when identification processes can be used. The Waste Enforcement Unit or relevant officer in charge of a specific fly-tipping/environmental crime investigation will be the point of contact for any information ['leads'] resulting from publication. Incoming information will remain confidential to any investigation enquiries. If any individual featured in published images comes forward or is and is subsequently eliminated from enquiries, the Council's communications team will be informed immediately so that any necessary updates or redaction to published material can be made.

7. Working with partners and data sharing

Fly-tipping and environmental crime offences and offenders are not confined to geographic borders. Where appropriate to the prevention, apprehension, or detection of crime, information proposed for publication and information received following publication will be shared with relevant law enforcement partners. [Information and intelligence sharing arrangements are permitted under several statutory provisions, including Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder 1998 and Parts 2 and 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018].

8. Equal opportunities and diversity

The Council recognises the diversity of our community and enforcement activities will have due regard to the Equality Act 2010. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that decisions are made transparently and to eliminate unfair or inequitable decisions. Section 42 of the Data Protection Act 2018 details the safeguards which the Council, as a Competent Authority must apply when undertaking sensitive (racial or ethnic origin or health etc.,) data processing.

9. Rights of Data Subjects

The rights of data subjects will be respected by the Council in accordance with the requirements of the UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. More details about individual rights are available from the Council's website at: - (https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20154/foi_and_data_protection/1717/individuals_rights_request)

The Council will follow the guidance of the Information Commissioner's Office on complying with those rights, in particular its guidance on responding to requests: - (<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/>).

10. Monitoring arrangements and review of the Policy

The Council will monitor the activities set out in this policy through established reporting and management processes.

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Operational Manager of the Waste Enforcement Unit to ensure that it reflects the Council's and community's needs and updated to reflect any changes relevant to its source documents and guidance used. The Council will consult with stakeholders before making any changes to this policy. Any changes will be subject to the formal approval of the relevant Cabinet Member.

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PUBLICATION RISK MATRIX

<p>There must be a balance between the rights of the suspect or convicted individual and those of the wider community. Any decision to release an image must be for a legitimate purpose, be necessary and proportionate.</p>

This pro-forma must be completed and progressed through Stages 1 – 3.

Publication must not be undertaken unless all three stages are completed.

STAGE 1: - Investigatory Officer Lead

Lead team - Waste Enforcement Unit

Option A: - Identifying or tracing suspects

1. Summary of the investigation (To provide enough context to officers completing Stage 2 and 3):

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2. Description of imagery proposed to be published:

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3. Brief description of what lines of enquiry have been progressed to identify/trace suspect(s)

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4. Have all reasonable lines of enquiry, relevant to the investigation been examined to trace/identify the suspect? [YES / NO]

5. Is publication legitimate, proportionate and necessary? (Release of any publicity must be necessary for a legitimate purpose. State which apply):

Purpose	Comments

Investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties	
Identification and/or tracing of suspects	
Raising awareness - encouraging witnesses and/or victims to come forward; reassuring and informing the public; and deterring offenders	

6. Is the imagery of sufficient quality to mitigate misidentification risks and to offer a realist prospect of potential identification if published? [YES / NO]

7. Briefly describe any collateral / third party impacts or other concerns which need to be flagged to Stage 2 or 3 officers and mitigations recommended/necessary prior to publication, for example pixelation of faces or vehicle registration details etc

The Stage 1 and/or Stage 3 lead officers should ensure that the ACPO guidance checklist relating to publishing images of suspects is completed before publication (see *Table 2, Stage 3*).

Option B: - Publication of imagery/details of court outcomes

8. Court sanctions are a matter of public record and baseline outcomes are published through the Council’s Licensing and Public Protection Committee (L&PPC). Additionally, information may be published through external avenues that the Council has no control over, for example, formal court reporting by journalists.

The release by the Council of any additional publicity, including images which go beyond the basic information reported through the L&PPC must be legitimate, proportionate and necessary. Assessment of publication is based on the Ministry of Justice checklist.

The Stage 1 and/or Stage 3 lead officers should ensure that the MoJ guidance checklist relating to reporting court outcomes is completed before publication. (see *Table 1, Stage 3*).

Taking the above into account, is the decision to publicise the conviction or suspects or incident details? YES/NO

WEU manager/deputy (Name, signature, date): -

STAGE 2: - Community Safety Partnership

Lead team – Community Safety team (who host Birmingham Community Safety Partnership)

The BCSP considerations are unlikely to be necessary in relation to publication of court sentencing outcomes, including imagery. There are always exceptions and the stage 1 lead officer will liaise with the Community Safety lead where necessary.

The BCSP consideration is required for proposed publication relating to identifying or tracing suspects. The Community Safety team will engage with BCSP agencies to identify potential risk factors.

Identification and tracing enquiries forms part of most criminal investigations, but these are unlikely to necessitate rapid review of publication proposals i.e. within less than 21 days. As a result, the nominal operational time period for the BCSP to be requested to review and comment on publication proposals is set at 21 days from initial notification to them. (This review period will be extended where required).

To be completed by the Community Safety lead only where/if CSP risk factors are identified:-

9. Briefly describe any known risk factors or intelligence which are contra-indicators to publication, for example relating to:-
- Impacts or concerns relating to potential compromise of investigative operations by BCSP agencies if publication were to proceed as proposed in stage 1? or
 - Impacts or other concerns which need to be flagged to stage 1 and 3 officers [and suggested mitigations or recommended steps that should be taken] prior to publication regarding a suspect, a

Community Safety Lead (Name, signature, date): -

suspect's family or third parties?

Taking into account any comments received from the Community Safety lead [allowing at least 21 days for their review and consideration], is the decision to publicise the conviction or suspects or incident details? YES/NO

OIC or WEU manager (Name, signature, date): -

STAGE 3: - Communications Team Lead's Review

Lead team –Communications (Press and Media) team

- 10. Have Stages 1 and 2 been completed and is publication recommended? [YES / NO]

- 11. Has the MoJ guidance checklist relating to reporting court outcomes been completed? (Table 1, below) [YES / NO]

The Stage 1 and/or Stage 3 lead officers should ensure that the MoJ guidance checklist relating to reporting court outcomes is completed before publication (Table 1).

Table 1: - Questions that need to be considered when deciding whether to release imagery relating to court outcomes	
Purpose	Comments
Raising awareness - encouraging witnesses and/or victims to come forward; reassuring and informing the public; and deterring offenders	
Are any reporting restrictions in place?	

What would be the aim(s) of publicising personal information about this offender/conviction? Please tick as appropriate:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve confidence in the CJS by reassuring the public that this crime has been brought to justice, and offender has been sanctioned 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce or prevent crime by deterring other potential offenders 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To meet an identified need of the community to know how environmental crime is being dealt with in their ward area / city. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other (please specify) 	
Why should this particular conviction be publicised?	
How much information needs to be published to achieve the aim?	
Would publicising this information allow a victim/ witness to be identified? Even if not, has the victim/witness been advised/consulted on publication?	
What effect would publicising this information have on the offender's family?	
Where is publication / distribution (internal and/or external) proposed?	
Would publicising this information in this way have an additional and unjustifiably adverse effect on the offender? <i>[Compared to publication beyond the monthly reporting of court action through the Council's Licensing and Public Protection Committee reports and what external media outlets may choose to report]</i>	
Taking the above into account, is the decision to publicise the conviction?	

If so, what personal information will be given out?	
Has the offender and anyone else identified in the publicity been informed?	
How long will the publicity last for (if applicable)?	

- 12 Has the ACPO guidance checklist relating to reporting images of suspects been completed? (Table 2, below) [YES / NO]

The Stage 1 and/or Stage 3 lead officers should ensure that the ACPO guidance checklist relating to publishing images of suspects is completed before publication can proceed (Table 2).

Table 2: - Questions that need to be considered when deciding whether to release imagery relating to court outcomes	
Purpose	Comments
1. Purpose in releasing image? Please tick/comment as appropriate:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) What is the purpose in releasing the image? • b) Is it for a legitimate purpose such as the prevention or detection of crime or the prosecution or apprehension of offenders? or • c) Does it reinforce confidence in the Criminal Justice System or reassure the law abiding public? 	
2. Necessity? Please tick/comment as appropriate:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a) Have alternatives ways of achieving this purpose been tried? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ - If not have they been considered? 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ - If considered but not tried, why have they been rejected? Are they not viable or unlikely to be effective? • b) Are the details to be released the minimum necessary to achieve its intended purpose (are the details accurate and up to date) ? • c) Would the release of the image be likely to achieve the legitimate purpose? 	
<p>3. Proportionality ?</p> <p>Please tick/comment as appropriate:</p>	
<p>Taking into account all the relevant factors is releasing the image proportionate. Relevant factors will include (but are not limited to)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nature of the offence • potential risk to the public • any relevant victim or witness issues • potential impact on the person to be identified (and their immediate family). 	

13. Proposed publication START date:

14. Proposed publication END date:

Communications Team Lead (Name, signature, date): -

Birmingham City Council

Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: January 2023



Subject: Re-deployable cameras the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

Report of: Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities

Report author: Pam Powis, Head of Partnership, Birmingham Community Safety Team

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide details of the process used for the deployment of Community Safety Partnership temporary (or Redeployable) cameras. This scheme is managed by Birmingham City Council's Community Safety team.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note re-deployable camera process.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 Revenue costs related to this scheme are met via an external grant fund given to the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Board from by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 The process operates within the [Home Office Surveillance Camera Code of Practice](#) published in June 2013, amended in November 2021, and updated in March 2022.

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 None

6 Appendices

Appendix A: Summary of Community Safety process

Appendix 1: Summary of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Re-Deployable Camera Process

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) Board receives an external grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This funding enables the BCSP to deliver activity towards its agreed priorities, and decisions to support interventions are taken by the BCSP Executive Board. The size of the funding grant is reviewed annually by the OPCC and is managed by Birmingham Community Safety Team on behalf of the BCSP Board.
- 1.2 The funding received in 2022/23 amounted to £660k which supported the delivery of 14 intervention and projects. This re-deployable camera scheme is one of the projects supported by this grant. The funding provides for the revenue costs associated with the scheme including moving of individual cameras, utility costs and repair and maintenance, the BCSP Board approved a budget of £19,940 for the financial year 22/23.
- 1.3 The Community Safety Team currently have access to 11 re-deployable cameras and 2 automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras that are used in line with Government legislation to reduce the impact of Crime and ASB in a neighbourhood. The two ANPR cameras are being used to support Operation Hercules which is the Section 222 injunction for car cruising
- 1.4 Operating within the [Home Office Surveillance Camera Code of Practice](#) published in June 2013, amended in November 2021, and updated in March 2022, the Birmingham Community Safety Team introduced a process for deploying the cameras available to the team.

2. Re-Deployable camera process and timescales

2.1.1 The process involves six stages, these are:

- I. **Stage One - Planning.** This stage starts with receiving a request and checking availability. Site visit with West Midlands Police and/or partners are arranged to check suitability. Completing the [Passport to Compliance](#) for justification and planning for approval which will include evidence of crime and ASB data, map of location from CSP analyst.
- II. **Stage Two – Recommendation.** This involves a report to the Local Partnership Delivery Group. The business case will be tabled, and recommendations received from the partnership.
- III. **Stage Three – Consultation.** This is a meaningful public consultation which involves a letter drop and if needed face to face meetings. Letters must be delivered to all properties within 100 meters of the proposed camera location. 10 working days are given to respond and then an assessment of replies is completed.

- IV. **Stage Four – Approval.** Complete passport to compliance for operational requirements and system specifications all of which is presented to Birmingham City Council Resilience Team for approval. A data protection impact assessment is also completed.
- V. **Stage Five – Installation.** This involves Birmingham City Council procurement processes. A contractor has been identified; this part of the process follows financial requirements.
- VI. **Stage Six – Monitoring.** All cameras are deployed for 12 weeks. Arrangements are put in place for viewing footage. If the camera is needed for longer than 12 weeks an extension request must be submitted with evidence to support.

2.2 Timescales

Stage One – Between 5 to 10 working days. Delays may occur if partners are not available.

Stage Two – Each Local Partnership Delivery Group meets monthly; timescale is dependent on the meeting dates. We are looking at a chair decision to speed up this part of the process. For the purpose of this report, I have allowed 10 to 15 working days for this part of the process.

Stage Three – The consultation will be open for 10 working days. The Community Safety Manager will then analyse the feedback from the community and in certain cases make amendments to the camera location. This stage should be completed between 10 to 15 working days.

Stage Four - We aim to complete this stage within 5 to 10 working days but is dependent on priorities within other Birmingham City Council Departments.

Stage Five – We aim to complete this stage within 5 working days but is dependent on the contractor's availability.

The whole process if followed with no issues can take between 35 to 55 working days complete.

There are several factors that can cause delays in this process which in certain cases will mean that it can take longer than 55 working days.



Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The remit of the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee is 'to fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning housing; waste management; neighbourhood management; parks and allotments; localisation; bereavement services and community safety'.
- 1.2 This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee (Police and Justice Act 2006).
- 1.3 This report provides details of the proposed scrutiny work programme for 2022/23.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee considers its work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and considers whether any amendments are required.

3 Background

- 3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive, member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run."* (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).
- 3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.



3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.

4 Work Programme

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the future work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. The attached work programme also includes items to be programmed where dates are still to be confirmed, and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.

4.2 As the work programmes for the Committees have developed a number of cross cutting issues have been identified. To avoid duplication Members will be invited to attend different Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings for relevant reports as set out below:

Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC	Meeting: TBC Report on employment and skills Legacy of the Commonwealth Games	Members of the Economy and Skills O&SC At the meeting on the 8 th July Co-ordinating O&SC decided that this issue falls within the remit of the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC, and as it has been identified during the work planning for the Economy and Skills O&SC as an issue of interest Members of this Committee would be invited to the relevant meeting.
Co-ordinating O&SC	17 February 2023 Domestic Abuse To enable O&SC to inform the development of the Domestic Abuse Strategy	Housing and Neighbourhoods O&SC This O&SC is the appointed Crime and Disorder Committee for the Council. Cllr Yip has been appointed by Co-ordinating O&SC to undertake work with partners in advance of this meeting.

5 Other Meetings

5.1 There are no other meetings scheduled at this time.

Call in Meetings:

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled



Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled

6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

- 6.1 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in identifying potential agenda items.
- 6.2 The following decisions, extracted from the CMIS Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee's remit. Members may wish to consider whether any of these issues require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny. The Forward Plan can be viewed in full via Forward Plans (cmis.uk.com).

ID Number	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
009647/2022	Supported Housing Strategy	Housing and Homelessness	17 Jan 23
010576/2022	Domestic Abuse Homelessness Prevention Waiver	Finance and Resources	17 Jan 23
010710/2023	Citywide Additional Licensing Scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation	Housing and Homelessness	17 Jan 23
010882/2023	Proposed Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Council: Outcome of Consultative Ballot and Next Steps	Leader	17 Jan 23
010913/2023	Private Rented Sector Licensing Scheme – Capital Grant 2023	Housing and Homelessness	17 Jan 23
010451/2022	Affordable Housing – sites for disposal	Leader	14 Feb 23
010770/2023	Investment Plan – Housing Rent Account	Housing and Homelessness	14 Feb 23
010914/2023	Housing Revenue Account – Rent Setting 2023-2024	Housing and Homelessness	14 Feb 23
010925/2023	Homelessness Prevention Grant Winter 2022-2023	Housing and Homelessness	14 Feb 23
010589/2022	Ladywood Regeneration Estate	Leader	21 Mar 23
010634/2023	Ladywood Regeneration Estate: CPO Authority in Principle	Leader	21 Mar 23



009213/2021	BMHT Dawberry Fields Road, Passivhaus Development	Housing and Homelessness	21 Mar 23
010707/2023	Stockfield Road Housing Development	Housing and Homelessness	21 Mar 23
007349/2020	Waste Vehicle Replacement Programme	Environment	25 Apr 23
010840/2023	Asset Management Strategy – 5 Year Strategy	Housing and Homelessness	25 Apr 23
009489/2022	Pool Farm/Shannon Road Contract Award and Revised FBC	Housing and Homelessness	27 Jun 23
010625/2023	Bromford Housing Development, Open Space Improvement, Procurement Strategy and Revised FBC	Housing and Homelessness	27 Jun 23

7 Legal Implications

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

8 Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

9 Public Sector Equality Duty

9.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

9.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any



positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

- 9.3 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

10 Use of Appendices

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Work Programme for 2022/2023

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2022-23 WORK PROGRAMME

Date of Meeting: 14th July 2022

Item/ Topic	Type of Scrutiny	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information (including joint working / links with other O&S Committees)
Cabinet Member Portfolio Overview	Update Report	Provide a summary of Cabinet Member priorities for 2022-23, and identifying opportunities for O&S to add value	Jon Lawton, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	None Required	
Performance	Quarterly Report	Outline Month 2 (May) performance for City Operations, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Jonathan Antill, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Paul Lankester, Interim Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining Month 2 (May) performance for Housing, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Mira Gola, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Natalie Smith, Head of Service Housing Management Steve Philpott, Head of Service Housing Solutions and Support	None Required	
Work Programme Development	Decision	Discuss work programme for 2022-23 with a particular focus on refining aims and	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager	None Required	<i>A Cleaner Streets inquiry proposal has been submitted to Co-</i>

		objectives, and any additional topics to consider				<i>ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This Committee will consider all in-depth inquiry proposals at their July 8th meeting. This will ensure an achievable work programme for 2022-23.</i>
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Final Deadline: Tuesday 5th July 2022

Publication: Wednesday 6th July 2022

Meeting Date: 15 September 2022 (Meeting not held – Items to be considered at meeting 26.09.22)

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Petition – Ban Use of Pesticides	Debate	To debate the Petition and formulate a clear formal resolution on the matter for agreement	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Ms Laura Hackett, Lead Petitioner Cllr Izzy Knowles, Presenting Councillor Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	The Petition from Bee Friendly Brum was presented to City Council on 12 th July 2022
Delays in birth/ death registrations	Update Report	Provide progress on steps being undertaken to reduce delays in births and deaths registrations, and to develop a new mortuary facility, including a digital autopsy scanner	Paul Lankester, Interim Director, Regulation and Enforcement	Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement	None Required	This has been scheduled in response to Full Council motion – 14 th June 2022. Further to this, it follows on from previous related updates: 10 th March 2022 and 21 st November 2019

Final Deadline: Tuesday 6th September 2022

Publication: Wednesday 7th September 2022

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Date of Meeting: Monday 26th September 2022 (Agenda Items re-scheduled from 15th September meeting)

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Petition – Ban Use of Pesticides	Debate	To debate the Petition and formulate a clear formal resolution on the matter for agreement	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Ms Laura Hackett, Lead Petitioner Cllr Izzy Knowles, Presenting Councillor Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	The Petition from Bee Friendly Brum was presented to City Council on 12 th July 2022
Request for Call-In: Capital Funding Bid for the Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charging Across Selected BCC Parks	Request for Call-In	To consider whether the Committee should, or should not, exercise its power of Call-In, that is whether to formally request that the Executive reconsiders its decision	Rob James, Strategic Director, City Operations	Cllr Yvonne Mosquito, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Rob James, Strategic Director, City Operations	None Required	

Delays in birth/ death registrations	Update Report	Provide progress on steps being undertaken to reduce delays in births and deaths registrations, and to develop a new mortuary facility, including a digital autopsy scanner	Paul Lankester, Interim Director, Regulation and Enforcement	Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement	None Required	This has been scheduled in response to Full Council motion – 14 th June 2022. Further to this, it follows on from previous related updates: 10 th March 2022 and 21 st November 2019
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Publication: Wednesday 16th September 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday 13th October 2022

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Localisation	Update Report	Provide progress on delivery of the Working Together in Neighbourhoods White Paper, including the Neighbourhood Action Co-ordination programme. Respond to the challenge presented by O&S (27 th January 2022) for a rapid 4-point stocktake – ‘Councillors and Officers’ Review against the 4 Measures of Success set for ‘Working Together in Birmingham’s Neighbourhoods’	Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader of the Council Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	None Required	Working Together in Neighbourhoods White Paper: Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods (White Paper) Birmingham City Council
Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Portfolio Overview	Update Report	Provide a summary of Cabinet Member priorities for 2022-23, and identifying opportunities for O&S to add value	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	None Required	
Housing Strategy 2022-2027	Consultation	Outline the development of the new Housing Strategy. Consider the strategic priorities and workstreams identified and inform the	Julie Griffin, Managing Director, City Housing	Naomi Morris, Housing Modernisation and Partnerships Manager	None Required	

		direction of this strategy's development		Guy Chaundy, Housing Modernisation and Partnerships Manager		
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Final Deadline: Tuesday 4th October 2022

Publication: Wednesday 5th October 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday 10th November 2022

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining performance for Housing, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Mira Gola, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Paul Langford, Interim Director of Housing Management Gary Messenger, Assistant Director, City Housing Services & Support Steve Wilson, Project Director, Asset Management Stephen Philpott, Acting Head of Housing Solutions and Support Service Natalie Smith, Head of Service for Housing Management	None Required	This will pick up the action from Item 5 (Customer Services and Complaints) at Co-ordinating OSC (23 September 22)
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining performance for City Operations, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Jonathan Antill, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	

Inquiry: Reducing Fly-tipping	Tracking	Provide further clarification on Recommendations R01 and R03. Consider if the Inquiry is concluded.	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	Further information has been requested in relation to the progress of these recommendations at the meeting in March 2022. For background, this Inquiry was approved at Full Council on 2 nd February 2021.
Cleaner Streets	Evidence-gathering	Understand what best practice looks like in other Local Authorities and how this is achieved Explore how Cleaner Streets services are delivered, in particular in relation to localisation. Consider how this could inform future service delivery in Birmingham	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	Local Authority presentation (Birmingham City Council) Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	This is part of a series of closed sessions to be held immediately after the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Final Deadline: Tuesday 1st November 2022

Publication: Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday 15th December 2022

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities Portfolio Overview	Update Report	Provide a summary of Cabinet Member priorities for 2022-23, and identifying opportunities for O&S to add value	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	None Required	
Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Report	Annual Report	Discharge the statutory requirement as the Crime and Disorder Committee to receive an annual report from the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Provide an overview of the Community Safety strategy and key headlines for the past 12 months	Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director for Community Safety and Resilience	Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities Chief Superintendent Mat Shaer, West Midlands Police Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director for Community Safety and Resilience Pamela Powis, Senior Service Manager, Safer Places	None Required	

Informal Session

Cleaner Streets	Evidence-gathering	<p>Understand what best practice looks like in other Local Authorities and how this is achieved.</p> <p>Explore how Cleaner Streets services are delivered, in particular in relation to localisation.</p> <p>Consider how this could inform future service delivery in Birmingham</p>	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	<p>Local Authority presentation</p> <p>(Birmingham City Council) Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene</p>	None Required	This is part of a series of informal sessions to be held immediately after the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Final Deadline: Tuesday 6th December 2022

Publication: Wednesday 7th December 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday 12th January 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Inquiry: Reducing Fly-tipping	Tracking	Provide further clarification on Recommendation, R01. Consider if the Inquiry is concluded.	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	Further information has been requested in relation to the progress of these recommendations at the meeting in November 2022. For background, this Inquiry was approved at Full Council on 2 nd February 2021.
Inquiry: Reducing Fly-tipping	Tracking	Provide further clarification on Recommendation, R03. Consider if the Inquiry is concluded.	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	Further information has been requested in relation to the progress of these recommendations at the meeting in November 2022. For background, this Inquiry was approved at Full Council on 2 nd February 2021.
Community Safety – Re-deployable CCTV Cameras	Follow-up Report	To provide further information on the Community Safety re-deployable CCTV cameras, to include the process and its timescales.	Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director, Community Safety and Resilience	Pam Powis, Senior Service Manager, Community Safety Team	None Required	Requested at the 15 th December 2022 meeting when Members considered the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report.

Informal Session

Cleaner Streets	Evidence-gathering	<p>Understand what best practice looks like in other Local Authorities and how this is achieved.</p> <p>Explore how Cleaner Streets services are delivered, in particular in relation to localisation.</p> <p>Consider how this could inform future service delivery in Birmingham.</p>	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	<p>Local Authority presentation</p> <p>(Birmingham City Council) Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene</p>	None Required	This is part of a series of informal sessions to be held immediately after the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Final Deadline: Friday 23rd December 2022

Publication: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Date of Meeting: Thursday 16th February 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining performance for Housing, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Mira Gola, Head of Business Improvement and Support	TBC	None Required	This will pick up the action from Item 5 (Customer Services and Complaints) at Co-ordinating OSC (23 September 22)
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining performance for City Operations, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Jonathan Antill, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	

Final Deadline: Tuesday 7th February 2023

Publication: Wednesday 8th February 2023

Date of Meeting: Thursday 16th March 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Localisation	Update Report	Provide progress on delivery of the Working Together in Neighbourhoods White Paper, to include case studies from the Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator Programme pilot in the 22 wards.	Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader of the Council Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods Karen Cheney, Head of Service, Neighbourhood Development and Support Unit	None Required	Working Together in Neighbourhoods White Paper: <u>Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods (White Paper) Birmingham City Council</u> Progress Report presented in October: <u>Localisation Update 13 October 2022</u>
Voids – Improving Standards	Evidence-gathering	To undertake a deep-dive into Voids with a focus on improving the standard of properties.	TBC	TBC	TBC	

Final Deadline: Tuesday 7th March 2023

Publication: Wednesday 8th March 2023

Date of Meeting: Thursday 13th April 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Tenant Engagement Strategy	Policy Development	Provide an outline of the new engagement strategy to inform its future development and delivery Provide an overview of how tenant engagement will inform and shape Housing Repairs, Maintenance and Investment 2024	TBC	TBC	None Required	Part of this item follows on from the Housing and Neighbourhoods OSC on November 29. This Committee considered a Request to Call-In of the Cabinet Decision (8 November) Housing Repairs, Maintenance and Investment 2024. The decision was not Called-In but a letter to the Cabinet Member has been sent. One of the key points raised by the OSC relates to tenant engagement.
Mobile Household Recycling Centres	Update Report	Provide an overview of the scheme, and highlight impact to date	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	

Final Deadline: Tuesday 4th April 2023

Publication: Wednesday 5th April 2023

TO BE SCHEDULED:

1. Final Nature Recovery Strategy to be brought back to committee (following debate on Petition: Ban Use of Pesticides on 26th September 2022)
2. Affordable Housing Plan
3. Selective and Additional Licensing Schemes for Private Rented Sector
4. Flats above shops
5. Further Update on Bereavement Services – as requested in September 2022 Committee
6. Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charging across selected BCC Parks – update following consultation

