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**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2017 AT 10:30 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.

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**3 CORPORATE RESOURCES & GOVERNANCE -ACTION NOTES NOVEMBER 2017**

To confirm the action notes from the meeting held on 1st November 2017

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**4 PETITION-BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL TO REFUND RESIDENTS FOR MISSED COLLECTIONS**

Committee to hear from petitioner(s) and Cabinet Member

**5 REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

Report of Councillor Brigid Jones, Deputy Leader.

**11 - 14**

**6 CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE-WORK PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2017**

To note the work programme

7 **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).

8 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

9 **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**

**CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE O&S**

**COMMITTEE**

**1030 hours on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017, Committee Room 6 – Action Notes**

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**Present:**

Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq (Chair)

Councillors David Barrie, Randal Brew, Changese Khan, Ewan Mackey, Yvonne Mosquito, Rob Pocock Paul Tilsley, Waseem Zaffar

**Also Present:**

Cllr Ian Ward, Interim Leader of the Council

Iram Choudry, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services

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**2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Muhammad Afzal

**3. CORPORATE RESOURCES & GOVERNANCE – ACTION NOTES**

**RESOLVED**

(See document No 1)

The action notes from October 2017 were agreed.

#### 4. INTERIM LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(See document No 2)

The Interim Leader outlined his key responsibilities and priorities. In response to questions from Members, the Leader made the following points:

- A summit of key stakeholders is scheduled to take place on January 2018 to develop the council's vision and priorities for 2018/19.
- Social Cohesion Strategy: The Council is developing this key piece of work in conjunction with its partners and members will also have the opportunity to contribute to its development.
- The Leader accepted that the council had not fully taken on board the recommendations set out within the Kerslake report but he was committed to developing a closer working relationship with the Birmingham Improvement Panel
- The Leader acknowledged that he wanted to see the Panel provide a greater level of challenge to the organisation and overall he saw their involvement as positive in taking the city forward

Commonwealth Games:

- The outcome of bid will be known by end of the month
- The games will be a real opportunity to transform the image of Birmingham both internationally and nationally
- The relationship between Council, the WMCA, the Mayor and its partners is key to ensuring success of the games
- Members felt that the games could have a real impact on areas of deprivation across the city and there should be a commitment from the council to ensure the living wage is paid to all those involved in the delivery of the games as well as ensuring no suppliers are offering staff zero hour contracts.
- With regards to the role of scrutiny and the games, the leader said he would be appointing a cross party committee to oversee the delivery of the games.
- Funding for the games: the leader was absolutely clear that no revenue funding from the council would be used for the games. Other sources would be identified in due course.

Service Birmingham

- The Leader is working very closely with Capita to secure the remaining savings identified within the contract are realised;
- In response to a question about potential job losses, the Leader would provide the committee with these figures;
- There was also concerns raised about the cancellation of the Strategic Board and the Leader would take this up with Cllr Brew outside of the meeting.

#### Local Leadership

- The Assistant Leaders would be presenting a report to the Labour Group addressing issues around localisation and the future role of District committees.
- Concerns were raised by members about support available to councillors in one member wards,

#### Other

- A member led review of the scrutiny would be taking place.
- Policy Statement: The Leader agreed with members that budget and policy statement need to be bought together.

#### **Action**

Figures on any job losses related to the changes to the Service Birmingham contract would be circulated to the committee.

#### **5. WORK PROGRAMME**

The Deputy Leader would be attending the December committee to provide members with an update on her priorities for the Council.

The Parish Council report would be presented to December City Council.

A further meeting to discuss the way forward on the procurement strategy overview will be held.

The HR briefing was scheduled for November 2nd 2017 @ 11.30am

#### **RESOLVED**

To note the work programme

#### **6. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

None

#### **7. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None

#### **8. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Agreed

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The meeting finished at 1235 hours.



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Recipient: Birmingham City Council

Letter: Greetings,

Birmingham City Council to refund residents for missed collections



# Briefing: Responding to Petitions

## 1 The Framework for Dealing with Petitions

- 1.1 A report of the Council Business Management Committee to the City Council on 15 June 2010 sets out the full provisions of the revised Birmingham City Council Petitions Scheme. This revised scheme was developed in response to the Government's statutory guidance on the duty of Councils to respond to Petitions.
- 1.2 The key provisions of the City Council Petitions Scheme are as follows:
- A petition that is submitted which has collected 20,000 signatures (2% of the population) will automatically trigger a debate at City Council;
  - **If the petition has collected 10,000 signatures** (1% of the population of the City) **it will be referred to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee;**
  - If a petition over 5,000 signatures is submitted it will be considered by the Council Business Management Committee to determine whether the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee should debate it.
- 1.3 The petition for consideration at your meeting today (the front sheet is attached to your agenda papers; the full petition is available for inspection on request) has a total number of 10,269 signatories (excluding those from locations outside Birmingham).
- 1.4 As the petition met the 10,000 signatures trigger, the five O&S Chairs were asked to confirm the relevant Committee to debate the petition. The O&S Chairs agreed that as the petition addressed council funding of services, this would be best heard by the Corporate Resources and Governance O&S Committee.

## 2 How should O&S Committees handle Petitions?

- 2.1 The proposed approach for handling the item at Committee which draws from the established approach for Call in meetings:
- The Chair should introduce the item;
  - The Petitioner/Councillor sets out the case and required action;
  - Cabinet Members/Officers should be asked to respond to the petition with reference to their report;
  - Committee members have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the petition and response;



## Briefing: Responding to Petitions

- It may be appropriate at this point to seek any further comments from the petitioner although this is not a requirement;
  - Once the discussions have reached a close the Chair should formulate a clear formal resolution on the matter for agreement.
- 2.2 After the meeting, the Committee's resolution will be posted on the Council's website (CMIS) as part of the notes of the meeting; and:
- A letter is sent to the lead petitioner / presenting Councillor confirming the resolution;
  - Committee Services are notified so that progress on resolving the petition can be reported to the City Council as part of their regular reports.

### 3 The Petition

- 3.1 The petition before the committee today is that "Birmingham City Council to refund residents for missed collections".
- 3.2 Cllr Alex Yip is the lead petitioner.
- 3.3 Cllr Ian Ward, Leader of the Council, will attend with officers from finance, revenues and benefits, and waste management. A background report will be provided for information.

*Contact Officer: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, 0121 464 6870*





## Corporate Resources and Governance O&S Committee: Work Programme 2017/18

**Chair** Cllr Mohammed Aikhlaq

**Deputy Chair** Cllr Randal Brew

**Committee Members:** Cllrs Muhammad Afzal, David Barrie, Changese Khan, Ewan Mackay, Yvonne Mosquito, Rob Pocock, Valerie Seabright, Sybil Spence, Paul Tilsley, Waseem Zaffar

**Committee Support:** Scrutiny Team: Emma Williamson (464 6870), Iram Choudry (303 8263)  
Committee Manager: Victoria Williams (303 7037)

### 1 Meeting Schedule

Date	Item	Officer contact
28 June 2017 10.30am Committee Room 6	<i>Informal:</i> Work Programme Discussion  <i>Outcome:</i> to determine the work programme priorities for the year	Emma Williamson/Iram Choudry, Scrutiny Office
26 July 2017 10.30am Committee Room 2	1) Report of the Leader of the Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priorities for the year in relation to corporate leadership;</li> <li>• BIIP Feedback;</li> <li>• Council of the Future;</li> <li>• Partnership working</li> <li>• Evolution of Devolution: Cabinet Committee Local Leadership and Local Innovation Fund;</li> <li>• West Midlands Combined Authority and Mayor update;</li> </ul>	Geoff Coleman, Cabinet Office
6th September 2017 10.30am Committee Room 6	1. Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality – update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priorities for the year in relation to transparency and openness (to include an update Bereavement Services)</li> </ul> 2. Assistant Leaders – update 3. Revenue Services update	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer  Chris Gibbs



Date	Item	Officer contact
4th October 2017 10.30am Committee Room 6	1. Cabinet Member for Value for Money and Efficiency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priorities for the year (to include an update on the work of the Commercialism Board and BCC strategies for income generation)</li> </ul> 2. Welfare Reform Update	Jon Lawton, Cabinet Support Officer  Chris Gibbs
1st November 2017 10.30am Committee Room 6	Interim Leader Update	Rebecca Grant, Cabinet Office
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 10.30am Committee Room 6	Petition: Birmingham City Council to refund residents for missed collections	Emma Williamson/Iram Choudry, Scrutiny Office
	Deputy Leader Update	Rose Horsfall, Deputy Leader's Office
10 January 2018, Committee Room 6	1. Budget 2. Update on the BRUM account	Rebecca Grant, Leader's Office Paula Buckley, Assistant Director Customer Service
7 February 2018, Committee Room 6	1. Citizen Engagement Tracking, 2. Customer Satisfaction update	Paula Buckley Chris Gibbs/ Paula Buckley
7 March 2018	1. Cabinet Member for Commercialism, Commissioning and Contract Management- Update on Priorities	Jon Lawton, Cabinet Office
	2. Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Priorities</li> </ul>	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Office
11th April 2018 10.30am Committee Room 6		

## 2 Other Meetings / Working Groups

Partnership Working-BCC Parish/Town Councils: (Membership: Cllrs Aikhlaq, Brew, Barrie, Pocock)

## 3 Other Suggested Work Areas

- Inquiry Work – Consultation and the Democratic reporting process
- BCC and Partnerships across Birmingham



- Visit to City serve

## 4 Other Meetings

### Call in

10<sup>th</sup> August 2017      Taking Forward Local Leadership      Request for Call In

### Petitions

*None scheduled*

### Councillor Call for Action requests

*None scheduled*

### Informal meetings

24<sup>th</sup> October 2017      Evidence gathering for overview of the procurement strategy for the provision of Design, Construction and Facilities Management Services (DCFM)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017      Member Briefing on Workforce issues

## 5 Forward Plan

<b>Deputy Leader</b>		
003662/2017	Performance Monitoring - April to September 2017	12 Dec 17
004456/2017	Commissioning of Arts Activities 2018-19 - PUBLIC	12 Dec 17
003677/2018	Corporate Revenue Monitoring Report Months 7 and 8	24 Jan 18
004112/2017	Update on the delivery of the BCC ICT& Digital Strategy (2016-2021) – PUBLIC	24 Jan 18
004400/2018	Business Rates Income 2018/19	24 Jan 18
003679/2018	Corporate Revenue Monitoring Report Months 9 and 10	20 Mar 18
003663/2018	Performance Monitoring - April to December 2017	27 Mar 18
003701/2017	Update on the ICT and Digital Future Operating Model	27 Mar 18
<b>Leader</b>		
002536/2016	Former Curzon Street Station Refurbishment	12 Dec 17
004220/2017	Council House Works - Phase 2	12 Dec 17
004375/2017	Birmingham Local Development Scheme	12 Dec 17
004430/2017	Budget 2018+ Consultation	12 Dec 17
001429/2016	Disposal of Surplus Properties	24 Jan 18
002864/2017	Snow Hill Square Improvement Scheme (Tranche 1)	24 Jan 18
003690/2017	Phoenix Business Park, Brickfield Road, Tyseley – Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order	24 Jan 18
004144/2017	Regeneration of the Druids Heath Estate – appropriation of the Former Baverstock School	24 Jan 18
004401/2018	Council Tax Tax-base for 2018/19	24 Jan 18
004101/2017	Enterprise Zone Investment Plan 2017	13 Feb 18
004111/2017	Draft Birmingham Urban Centres Framework for Inclusive Growth	13 Feb 18
004150/2017	Paradise (Redevelopment) Update	13 Feb 18
004155/2017	Innovation Birmingham Ltd	13 Feb 18
<b>Value for Money and Efficiency</b>		



003712/2017	Grounds Maintenance - Contract Overrun (F066)	12 Dec 17
004083/2017	Commissioning Strategy for Social Care	12 Dec 17
004299/2017	Future arrangements for the Civic Catering Service	12 Dec 17
003629/2017	Commissioning Security for Council Premises -	13 Feb 18