

Birmingham City Council

Cabinet Addendum

12 December 2023



Subject: Independent Review of Governance

Addendum / Correction Sheet

The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny have advised of an error in the report presented as the item on the Independent Review of Governance.

A typographical error in a sentence in a bullet point against section 4.2.3 of the report currently begins:

“However, aligned with the evidence we have gathered that Cabinet Members do not, in the round, have regard to Council business that comes under their direct purview [...]”

This sentence should instead read

“However, aligned with the evidence we have gathered that Cabinet Members do not, in the round, have regard to Council business other than that which comes under their direct purview [...]”

The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny have advised,

“We sincerely apologise. We have separately advised Group Leaders of this error, noting that it was the basis of an exchange at Full Council in recent days. We have undertaken a check of other changes made as part of the proofing process and are confident that the remainder of the material presented to Cabinet is accurate and in order.

“For the avoidance of doubt the intention in this sentence was to observe that Cabinet members have a grip of matters which sit within their own portfolios, but that an awareness of other portfolio areas and of the potential for cross-cutting issues to arise was not apparent. This is a conclusion that is reflected correctly elsewhere in the report.

“We regret this mistake.”