


BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE


19 OCTOBER 2021

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

Note: As of 30 September 2021 – Responses to outstanding actions to be made within a 2 month period unless there is an exceptional reason.

 Completed & discharged

 Approaching 2 months

 2 months +

MINUTE NO./DATE	SUBJECT MATTER	COMMENTS
279 26/01/2021	<u>Assurance Session – Cabinet Member for Children’s Wellbeing Portfolio</u> <u>Additional Recommendation:</u> iv) The Council’s Transformation Programme to be shared at a future Committee.	Shared at the 30 September 2021 meeting. Completed & discharged
334 29/06/2021	<u>ASSURANCE SESSION – CABINET MEMBER STREET SCENE & PARKS PORTFOLIO</u> <u>Additional Recommendations:</u> (ii) The Committee to receive a briefing note on the restructure of the Street Scene service area. (iii) The Committee to receive a formal response to the use of tips via Bromsgrove City Council as there was a lack of household recycling centres in the South of the City.	Rob James – Director for City Operations to lead on responses.
335 29/06/2021	<u>BIRMINGHAM AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21</u> <u>Additional Recommendation:</u> iii) That the Committee agreed for an update on procurement contracts, process, controls, and governance to be provided at a future committee.	Scheduled for 29 November Committee (Link into Finance & Resources Portfolio discussions)
350 27/07/2021	<u>ASSURANCE SESSION – CABINET MEMBER EDUCATION, SKILLS & CULTURE PORTFOLIO</u>	

	<p><u>Additional Recommendations:</u></p> <p>That the Audit Committee;</p> <p>(ii) Agreed for a written response outlining the number of children missing in education, children missing and the work around the safeguarding to be provided.</p> <p>(iii) Noted the Assistant Director – Legal Services & Deputy Monitoring Officer to review the contract for the interim Director for Education and Skills and provide this to Councillor Jenkins if appropriate.</p> <p>(iv) Agreed for a written response to be provided to Councillor Morrall around;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ additional funding West Midlands Combined Authority 2021-22; ➤ costs associated with Acivico - replacing boilers in schools and maintaining buildings; ➤ who were the competitors as there was reduction in BAES fees and non-public programmes decreased income streams; ➤ IT Infrastructure – what was happening with Adult learning, laptops being provided; ➤ increasing home-schooling – figures pre-Covid and through Covid period; ➤ school exclusions – the demographics (i.e. gender, race etc) and what was happening to re-engage children as there was a lot of gang culture and CSE's when children drop out of schools. 	<p>Kevin Crompton – Interim Director for Education & Skills to lead on responses.</p>
<p>351 27/07/2021</p>	<p><u>OMBUDSMAN REPORT CONCERNING A COMPLAINT ABOUT HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT</u></p> <p><u>Additional Recommendations:</u></p> <p>That the Audit Committee,</p> <p>(ii) Agreed for the Interim Director for Education & Skills to provide a formal response to the Audit Committee on the following areas of the complaints;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) when was the department and the council advised of the complaints, 2) which officers considered whether the matter should be taken up by the council, 	<p>Kevin Crompton – Interim Director for Education & Skills to lead on responses.</p>

	<p>3) whether the Cabinet Member was advised of the action to be considered by the city council,</p> <p>4) what was the decision and if there was a decision not to investigate, whether the Cabinet Member was/was not informed of that decision,</p> <p>5) concerns highlighted by the Ombudsman around the 'right to appeal',</p> <p>6) The procedure that the service currently operated to be shared with members</p> <p>(iii) Agreed that once replies to the questions listed in part ii of this resolution were received, the Interim Chief Executive and Interim Director to provide a response to the process which would be in place to deal with the matters raised by the Committee.</p>	
364 30/09/2021	<p><u>STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21 & AFR PROGRESS REPORT</u></p> <p><u>Additional Recommendations:</u></p> <p><u>(Audit Findings Report Progress Report)</u></p> <p>That the Audit Committee;</p> <p>(ii) Agreed for the Chair of the Audit Committee to write to the Resources Overview & Scrutiny highlighting transparency issues raised on partner funding for the CWG.</p> <p>(iii) Agreed for officers to review the risk and learnings CWG partner funding linked to CIPFA's work.</p> <p>(iv) Agreed for a review to be shared at a future meeting around reflecting on challenges of business grants and how effective the Council was on delivering these on behalf of Government.</p>	<p>Councillor Grindrod</p> <p>Rebecca Hellard/ Mohammed Sajid</p> <p>Sarah Dunlavey/ Peter Bishop</p>
365 30/09/2021	<p><u>EXTERNAL AUDITORS PROGRESS UPDATE</u></p> <p><u>Additional Recommendation:</u></p> <p>That the Audit Committee;</p> <p>(ii) Requested further explanation as to why the remaining £5.1 million of business grants was not released to businesses.</p>	<p>Sarah Dunlavey/ Peter Bishop</p>