



## Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

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### 1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 As per City Council on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the Committee's Terms of Reference is 'to fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities relating to sustainability; air pollution; transport strategy and highways. The Committee shall undertake the authority's statutory functions in relation to the scrutiny of flood risk management (Flood and Water Management Act 2010)'.
- 1.2 This report sets out the scrutiny work programme for 2022/23.

### 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee reviews the work programme completed during 2022/23 and recommends any issues that should be carried over or new issues to be included in the Scrutiny work programme for 2023/24.

### 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 work programme for this Committee for 2022/23. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. The attached work programme also includes items requested by the Committee which have not been able to be programmed in 2022/23.
- 4.2 There have been no outstanding recommendations to be tracked for previous inquiries in 2022/23 for this Committee.

## 5 Other Meetings

### Call in Meetings

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There are no Requests for Call-In scheduled for this Committee.

### Petitions

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None scheduled.

### Councillor Call for Action requests

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None scheduled.

It is suggested that the Committee approve Wednesday at 1400 hours as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

## 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 Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee's remit. The Panel 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](https://cmis.uk.com)).

Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
010906/2023	P0599: Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility, Waste Transfer Stations & Household Waste Recycling Centres – Operate, Maintain & Renewal	Leader	25 Apr 2023
011137/2023	City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement Programme	Transport	16 May 2023
007349/2020	Waste Vehicle Replacement Programme	Environment	27 Jun 2023
010589/2022	Ladywood Estate Regeneration - Contract Award, FBC and Delivery	Leader	27 Jun 2023
010416/2022	NEC Masterplan	Leader	27 Jun 2023
010635/2023	Paradise Phase 3	Leader	27 Jun 2023
010756/2023	A45 Birmingham to Airport and Solihull Sprint Phase 2 – Full Business Case	Transport	27 Jun 2023
010763/2023	A34 Walsall to Birmingham Sprint Phase 2 – Full Business Case	Transport	27 Jun 2023
011139/2023	Highway Maintenance and Management PFI Contract – Commercial Arrangements	Transport	25 Jul 2023
007686/2020	Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document	Leader	05 Sep 2023
010173/2022	Our Future City Plan 2040 – Draft Central Birmingham Framework	Leader	17 Oct 2023

## 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