

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

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Publication: Wednesday 7th September 2022

Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee, March 2023 - Appendix 1

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	

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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	<p>Cllr Ian Ward, Leader of the Council</p> <p>Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods</p>	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	<p>Paul Langford, Interim Director of Housing Management</p> <p>Gary Messenger, Assistant Director, City Housing Services & Support</p> <p>Steve Wilson, Project Director, Asset Management</p> <p>Stephen Philpott, Acting Head of Housing Solutions and Support Service</p> <p>Natalie Smith, Head of Service for Housing Management</p>	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	<p>Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement</p> <p>Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene</p>	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	<p>Discharge the statutory requirement as the Crime and Disorder Committee to receive an annual report from the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>Provide an overview of the Community Safety strategy and key headlines for the past 12 months</p>	Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director for Community Safety and Resilience	<p>Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Mat Shaer, West Midlands Police</p> <p>Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director for Community Safety and Resilience</p> <p>Pamela Powis, Senior Service Manager, Safer Places</p>	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	Performance Management	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	None Required	This will pick up the action from Item 5 (Customer Services and Complaints) at Co-ordinating OSC (23 September 22). It will also pick up the request agreed in Item 7 at the OSC on 15 December to include Housing Ombudsman decisions against the Council, amounts paidn and a commentary from Housing on the causes.
Performance	Performance Management	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	
Cleaner Streets	Policy Development	To propose recommendations following the informal sessions with Derby,	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Majid Mahmood	None Required	This follows the three previous informal sessions and the

		Rochdale and Wigan Councils on Cleaner Streets, specifically litter, street cleansing and graffiti		Darren Share, Assistant Director Street Scene		recommendation setting meeting on 16 January.
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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
Voids – Improving Standards	Policy Review	<p>To understand the current position of void standards for Birmingham City Council including a description of the current standard and how the service is performing.</p> <p>To outline the transformation plan for voids and its objectives. What will this transformation look like? What progress has been made to date and what impact has it made? What will be happening in the future? What are the challenges the service faces to realise its transformation plan?</p>	Paul Langford, Interim Strategic Director, City Housing	<p>Councillor Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness</p> <p>Asha Patel, Repairs & Maintenance Project Lead</p> <p>Natalie Smith, Head of Service, Housing Management</p>	Members have participated in visits to Birmingham City Council properties in advance of this session	This is the first of a two part item. The second part will follow in April.

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
Voids – Improving Standards	Policy Review	To understand how other Housing providers deliver better performance on void standards and how this is achieved.	Other Housing providers are being identified	Councillor Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Paul Langford, Interim Strategic Director of City Housing	Visits to other providers may take place following this item	This is the second of a two part item. The first part takes place in March.
Localisation	Holding the Executive to Account	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 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>
Inquiry: Reducing Fly-tipping	Follow-up report	To provide further information in relation to Cameras and Prosecution Strategies	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	None Required	Tracking was completed in January 2023, however Members requested that further reports be brought back

				Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene		to a future meeting to address outstanding points in relation to Cameras and Prosecution Strategies. Legal Services have also been invited to attend.
Cleaner Streets	Policy Development	To provide a formal response to the Committee's recommendations and "What does success look like" with a step-by-step implementation plan and timescales	Jon Lawton, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	The report and recommendations were agreed by Committee at the February meeting.

Final Deadline: Friday 31st March 2023

Publication: Monday 3rd April 2023

TO BE SCHEDULED:

1. Tenant Engagement Strategy – this item has been deferred to next year
2. Affordable Housing Plan
3. Final Nature Recovery Strategy to be brought back to committee (following debate on Petition: Ban Use of Pesticides on 26th September 2022)
4. Selective and Additional Licensing Schemes for Private Rented Sector
5. Flats above shops
6. Further Update on Bereavement Services – as requested in September 2022 Committee