

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

30 SEPTEMBER 2021

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES

MINUTE NO./DATE	SUBJECT MATTER	COMMENTS
279 26/01/2021	<u>ASSURANCE SESSION – CABINET MEMEBR FOR CHILDREN’S WELLBEING PORTFOLIO</u> <u>Additional Recommendation:</u> iv) The Council's Transformation Programme to be shared at a future Committee.	Scheduled for 30 September 2021 meeting.
305 30/03/2021	<u>INFORMING THE AUDIT RISK ASSESSMENT - GROUP COMPANY GOVERNANCE</u> <u>Additional Recommendation:</u> ii) Noted for an information briefing to be arranged on the Group Company Governance. Information on the scale of the BCC subsidiaries and any guarantees given to be provided to Members.	Online briefing took place 27 th July at 1730 – 1900 hours in conjunction with the draft statement of accounts 2020/21 briefing. Completed & discharged
318 27/04/2021	<u>RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE</u> <u>Additional Recommendations:</u> iii) A formal statement to be provided to the Audit Committee around the reason to the rating of the risks related to the Commonwealth Games. iv) The Chair of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) Audit Committee to be invited at a future meeting to discuss Birmingham City Council elements of the CWG.	Update provided at the 26 July 2021. The Chair of CWG Audit Committee attended the 26 July meeting. Completed & discharged

<p>334 29/06/2021</p>	<p><u>ASSURANCE SESSION – CABINET MEMBER STREET SCENE & PARKS PORTFOLIO</u></p> <p><u>Additional Recommendations:</u></p> <p>(ii) The Committee to receive a briefing note on the restructure of the Street Scene service area.</p> <p>(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.</p>	<p>Rob James – Director for City Operations to lead on responses.</p>
<p>335 29/06/2021</p>	<p><u>BIRMINGHAM AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21</u></p> <p><u>Additional Recommendation:</u></p> <p>iii) That the Committee agreed for an update on procurement contracts, process, controls and governance to be provided at a future committee.</p>	<p>Scheduled for 29 November meeting.</p>
<p>338 29/06/2021</p>	<p><u>DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21 PROCESS & TIMINGS BRIEFING</u></p> <p><u>Additional Recommendation:</u></p> <p>(iii) A further briefing session to be arranged for members on the Draft Statement of Accounts 2020/21.</p>	<p>Online briefing took place 27th July at 1730 – 1900 hours in conjunction with the informing the audit risk – Group Company Governance briefing.</p> <p>Completed & discharged</p>
<p>350 26/07/2021</p>	<p><u>ASSURANCE SESSION – CABINET MEMBER EDUCATION, SKILLS & CULTURE PORTFOLIO</u></p> <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; 	<p>Kevin Crompton – Interim Director for Education & Skills to lead on responses.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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>351 26/07/2021</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, 3) whether the Cabinet Member was advised of the action to be considered by the city council, 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 5) concerns highlighted by the Ombudsman around the ‘right to appeal’, 6) The procedure that the service currently operated to be shared with members <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>	<p>Kevin Crompton – Interim Director for Education & Skills to lead on responses.</p>