



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

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1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 As per City Council on 24th 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 provides details of the proposed scrutiny work programme for 2022/23

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee considers its work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and considers whether any amendments are required.

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 future work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. The attached work programme also includes items to be programmed where dates are still to be confirmed, and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.

Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
Resources O&SC	17 November 2022: Monitoring recommendations from Council Asset Inquiry	Economy and Skills O&SC The Economy and Skills OSC undertook the inquiry, however this work now falls within the remit of the Resources O&SC
Education and Children's Social Care O&SC	30 November 2022: Report from Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP) Report from Birmingham Children's Trust (BCT)	Members of the CYP Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Adult Care O&SC Information from the BSCP and BCT will inform the CYP mental health inquiry.
Health and Adult Care OSC	14 October 2022 Report from Forward Thinking Birmingham	Members of the Education and Children's Social Care OSC It was agreed at Co-ordinating OSC on the 8 July 2022 that the Health and Adult Care O&SC undertakes scrutiny of children's mental health (under the overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) and members of the Education and Children's Social Care Committee will be invited to attend as mental health is included within the Committee's terms of reference.
Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC	Meeting: TBC Report on employment and skills Legacy of the Commonwealth Games	Members of the Economy and Skills OSC At the meeting on the 8 th July Co-ordinating O&SC decided that this issue falls within the remit of the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity OSC, and as it has been identified during the work planning for the Economy and Skills O&SC as an issue of interest Members of this Committee would be invited to the relevant meeting.
Co-ordinating O&SC	14 October 2022 Report on Devolution Trailblazer Deal	Members of the Employment and Skills Inquiry Task and Finish Group The Deputy Leader will report to Co-ordinating OSC on the devolution deal and this discussion will inform the work of the Employment and Skills Inquiry.



5 Other Meetings

Call in Meetings

*None
scheduled*

Petitions

*None
scheduled*

Councillor Call for Action requests

*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).



Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
009892/2022	The Birmingham Plan Issues and Options Document Consultation	Leader	11 Oct 2022
010173/2022	Our Future City Plan 2040 – Draft Central Birmingham Framework	Leader	11 Oct 2022
010468/2022	Full Business Case for the Legacy Developments Following The Commonwealth Games at Alexander Stadium, Perry Barr	Leader	11 Oct 2022
009249/2021	Street Naming and Numbering Policy Revision	Transport	11 Oct 2022
010142/2022	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Refresh	n/a	11 Oct 2022
010541/2022	Corporate Performance and Delivery Plan	Deputy Leader	08 Nov 2022
010421/2022	(A) Highway Maintenance and Management PFI Contract	Transport	08 Nov 2022
007349/2020	Waste Vehicle Replacement Programme	Environment	13 Dec 2022
010609/2022	Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme – Approval to spend	Environment	13 Dec 2022
010266/2022	Our Future City Framework and Delivery Plan	Leader	13 Dec 2022
010416/2022	NEC Masterplan	Leader	13 Dec 2022
008531/2021	Highways and Infrastructure: Footway Crossings Policy and Information for Applicants	Transport	13 Dec 2022
009406/2022	Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 - Package 2: Kings Heath and Moseley Places for People Full Business Case	Transport	13 Dec 2022
007686/2020	Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document	Leader	17 Jan 2023
010414/2023	(B) Highway Maintenance and Management PFI Contract	Transport	17 Jan 2023
009445/2022	City Centre Public Realm Improvement Scheme (CCPR) Full Business Case (FBC) phase 2	(OLD) Transport & Environment	14 Feb 2023
009999/2022	Net Zero Neighbourhood Plan	Environment	14 Feb 2023
010589/2022	Ladywood Regeneration Estate	Leader	14 Feb 2023
010635/2023	Paradise Phase 3	Leader	14 Feb 2023
010646/2023	Transportation & Highways Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2028/29	Transport	21 Mar 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