

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ECONOMY AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 10:30 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

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2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

To elect a Deputy Chair to substitute for the Chair if absent.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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4 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

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5 ECONOMY & SKILLS O&S COMMITTEE ACTION NOTES - 22 AND 29 JANUARY

To confirm the action notes of the meetings held on 22nd and 29th January.

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6 UPDATE: IMPACT OF BREXIT ON THE CITY

Lloyd Broad, Head of European and International Affairs, BCC
Ozge Iskit, Brexit Programme Manager, BCC
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7 **UPDATE ON THE BCC PROPERTY STRATEGY AND PREVIEW OF
PLANNED SALES**

Kathryn James, Assistant Director, Property, BCC

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8 **ECONOMY & SKILLS O&S COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

To note the work programme for discussion.

9 **REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR
ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

10 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

11 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Chairman to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chairman jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**ECONOMY, SKILLS & TRANSPORT O&S COMMITTEE –
PUBLIC MEETING**

**1630 hours on 22nd January 2020, Committee Room 2, Council House – Action
Notes**

Present:

Councillor Lou Robson (Chair)

Councillors Maureen Cornish, Chaman Lal, Simon Morrall and Julien Pritchard.

Also Present:

Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member Education, Skills & Culture

Anne Ainsworth, Assistant Director, Skills & Employability;

Kam Hundal, Employment Manager, Skills & Employability;

Amarjit Sahota, Culture Change Officer, HR & Organisation Development

Rew Shears, Programme Manager, Change Grow Live

Tara Verrell, YEI Project Manager, Skills and Employability;

Baseema Begum, Research & Policy Officer

Rose Kiely, Group Overview & Scrutiny Manager

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chairman advised the meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Morrall declared a non-pecuniary interest as owner of a marketing/PR business.

3. APOLOGIES

Councillor Lucy Seymour Smith.

4. ACTION NOTES

The Committee agreed the action notes for the meeting held on the 6th November 2019.

5. CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS & CULTURE - PORTFOLIO UPDATE ON SKILLS ISSUES

(See document No. 1)

The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting and explained the purpose of the session.

The Cabinet Member, Cllr Francis highlighted the key areas of activity as set out in the presentation circulated as part of the agenda pack. Cllr Francis then added the following points: -

- The Youth Service is actively involved in working with young people on post-14 skills choices. The Adult Education service is preparing for the new T-levels for the city. Both services are working to ensure that young people and parents are aware of post-16 options including those with special education needs and this is led by the Preparation for Adulthood Board. The Board is also looking at self-employment and new business start-up options support for young people.
- A strong Post 16 Forum Partnership is also in place with a wide membership including colleges and training providers who look at the quality of offer for young people, peer to peer support and the support on mental health issues.
- In September 2019 the Adult Education budget was devolved to the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) as part of the devolution agreement the Council continue to work closely with the WMCA to evidence the impact of delivery across the city.
- The Youth Service is linked into the delivery of the Youth Promise Plus (YPP) initiative and continue to work with significant numbers of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). NEET levels continue to decrease in comparison with core cities.
- Further work is continuing with those that are NEET and funding is in place to support a further 2000+ 16-19 years olds for 2019/20. This support is due to increase over the next 10 years.
- The Council retains a strong involvement in careers advice for young people, to assist them in making choices that are right for them post-16 and the Careers Service of the Council retains a strong focus on working with NEET young people, to ensure that they are able to re-engage with employment, education or training as quickly as possible. The Careers Service retained its Matrix Accreditation after an external inspection. This reflects the quality of the advice provided to young people.

- The Assistant Director for Employment and Skills is also a Board member of the Careers and Enterprise Company Enterprise Advisor Network project which aims to work with all secondary schools in the city, providing careers audits and linking schools to local companies.
- Work on the Commonwealth Games development at Perry Barr has afforded some good employment opportunities to local businesses and people and a visit to the Employment Training Hub at Perry Barr can be arranged if members are interested.
- The Skills and Employment team are also part of the Council's internal Brexit working group that includes working across the region with the WMCA and neighbouring local authorities to support local businesses and employees.
- There is a range of skills, enterprise & innovation activity at the Library of Birmingham to support initiatives including new business start-ups and enterprise.

Members then received a presentation from Amarjit Sahota on the Apprenticeship Levy. The presentation was included in the agenda pack and the following points were made: -

- The Council's Organisational Development team has recently embarked on a culture change programme with a set of 10 workstreams. One of these workstreams is focussed on apprenticeships and the wider educational offer and this includes graduates, work placements apprenticeships, internships, traineeships and T-Levels (when these come into effect).
- Since the introduction of the Apprenticeship Levy in 2017 apprenticeships have changed and evolved compared to how they were historically delivered.
- Employers including the Council with a £3m+ wages bill pay towards a monthly levy that covers the full cost of training and assessment and supports any apprentice to complete their apprenticeship.
- Apprenticeships are available at a variety of levels from GCSE equivalent through to masters' degree level and training is delivered suited to business need including a lot of on-line learning.
- The Council has been utilising the levy to recruit and replace existing staff where key staff retire, or vacancies arise. It is also being used to retain the current workforce through investment and development to build skills and knowledge for the future. There are opportunities to tie an apprenticeship to a role and the opportunity to develop a new apprenticeship where there is a need.
- Work to promote the apprenticeship scheme across the Council is underway including work with schools and ring-fencing new opportunities in the future to Birmingham residents.
- A number of local universities, colleges and training providers are involved in the delivery of courses and apprenticeships.

- The Council is also working with the Local Government Association (LGA) on apprenticeships. The Culture Change Officer is a West Midlands Apprenticeship Ambassador and is working with private and public sector organisations to raise and promote the apprenticeships agenda across the region.
- The Apprenticeship Levy fund is constantly increasing due to the amount of levy the Council must contribute each month (0.5% of the wage bill based on the total number of employees). Providers are paid over the duration of the apprenticeship rather than a lump sum.
- Work is on-going on to raise awareness and encourage employees to take up the offer and numbers are increasing. Furthermore, work is taking place with the WMCA on how to drive up the apprentice agenda across the city including how the Council is able to 'gift' part of the levy to SME's. This would be based on creating new apprenticeships and providing job retention.

Members then raised the following points and questions: -

- Concern about how much is being spent on apprenticeships and not using the resource to the fullest. For example, it could be used on the creation of skills and jobs to tackle the climate emergency declared by the Council. It could also be used to provide skills and employment support at community libraries.
- Birmingham is struggling to meet the apprenticeship quota and is lagging other local authorities. Are there any additional plans to address this and improve and what is the pathway after an apprenticeship has been completed if full time work is not available and how is this being monitored?
- Development of 14-19-year-old career pathways in enterprise and entrepreneurship in schools is very positive.
- Concern that businesses may use apprenticeships as a mechanism to pay these employees a lower wage therefore are there any safeguards in place?
- What marketing and communication has been done to tell people about these opportunities to make them more wide reaching? Important to tell people that opportunities on doorstep in a more wide-ranging manner.
- Are we prioritising the current skills gap not just at the City Council but in the wider city e.g. to address social care shortages?
- Monitors the quality of providers and ensuring that there are other ways the levy can be spent for example in increasing staff capacity.
- Are there part-time opportunities to access the offer for example those who are considering a career-change, women and those not working full-time?

In response to the queries raised and points made the Cabinet Member and officers stated that: -

- Spend is forecast and accounted for up to 12 months in advance and this covers the varying length (from 12-24 months). In terms of using up this resource it can be gifted, and this is being investigated.
- Further investigation can take place to look at how the fund can be expanded to support community libraries in providing business support and to help people develop skills for people with reference to the climate emergency.
- Gifting can be used to support particular sectors that need specific skills and where there is difficulty in recruitment. It can also be used to support the region which has a lot of SME's that may have specific skills needs.
- Actively working with all directorates on current and future needs by using a skills analysis so that the fund can be used to best effect. Individual tailored presentations have been made to management teams focussing on succession planning, talent management and investing in individuals.
- Working with the LGA and looking at best practices elsewhere and how they can be used in Birmingham.
- Significant work to be done to dispel myths and stigma on what apprenticeships are. There is a need to shift thinking and promote the benefits not only externally but also to council directorates. Working with partners on this to raise profile and its benefits.
- A job evaluation is done so apprentices are paid against the appropriate pay grade for jobs at the Council. The Council is limited on what it can do in terms of safeguards for external businesses. The framework around apprenticeships (and likewise with gifting) is much clearer and helping with ensuring the levy is being used to deliver a job on completion.
- Awareness raising of the apprenticeships levy is the main objective work being done with the LGA as currently this is by word of mouth. Bristol City Council have approached Birmingham and will be visiting to see what is being done here.
- Working with WMCA looking at data and research into particular industries and where the skills gaps are and how this might affect specific areas with particular reference to Brexit.
- A flexible approach is in place to accessing apprenticeships. It should be noted that 20% of any role is dedicated to training so the employee would need to be able to commit to that time. Private providers are already doing this.
- Meet regularly with the Education and Skills Funding Agency on monitoring the quality of providers. An update can be provided at a future meeting if the Committee is interested in further information.

RESOLVED: -

1. In future reports to the Committee an update should include: -
 - (a) the use of the apprenticeship levy to support SME's and support being provided to community libraries;

- (b) Equality monitoring; and
- (c) Inviting some apprentices to a future meeting.

6. YOUTH PROMISE PLUS – 6 MONTHLY UPDATE

(See document No. 2)

Prior to the report on Youth Promise Plus (YPP) programme being presented Tara Verrell, YEI Project Manager introduced Rew Shears, Programme Manager from Change Grow Live (CGL) a delivery partner of the YPP programme to give an appraisal of how the project works on the ground.

Rew Shears, CGL explained that her organisation work with two groups of young people that face significant barriers; those that are in the care system and those at risk of offending. Referrals for the latter are received from the Police and Youth Offending service. The support provided is based on a mentoring model focussed on building trust and a relationship with the young person to build their confidence and independence. Two case studies were shared with members giving an insight to the types of young people that have been dealt with, their issues and the key role of an intervention worker in working with the young person to provide the appropriate support to enable them to access training and employment opportunities. It was highlighted that support is catered to on an individual basis.

Tara Verrell added that the YPP programme allowed additional resource for flexibility; diversity of approach in working with diverse partnership providers, brings additional time to work with a young person and through this gives the young person resilience. 600 young people will be supported by CGL and are those experiencing the most barriers.

In reference to the report circulated to members it was highlighted that: -

- Birmingham has the higher unemployment levels compared to other areas in the West Midlands. Birmingham has lower levels of young people reaching NVQ levels 1&2 and higher levels of young people with no qualifications.
- The Careers and Youth Service do a lot of intensive work with young people and families and specialise these to NEET young people. Work takes place across Birmingham and Solihull local authority areas.
- Variety of partners involved in the YPP include the Princes Trust who are a major partner and University of Birmingham hospital.
- Also work with the Children's Trust, youth offender teams, care leavers, virtual schools and care leavers team.
- The delivery challenges remain in reaching inactive young people that are not linked into any service and are not actively seeking work. Work taking place to improve generic marketing to reach these young people.
- Aiming to understand and reach more young women. Do well in reaching BAME and disabled young people.
- Future targets include reaching equality goals and reaching set targets.

Kam Hundal, Employment Manager then spoke to Members about the work of the Council's Employment Access Team (EAT) that work with employers who make best use of the Council's procurement policy framework for jobs and skills and the planning protocol for jobs & skills. This includes pulling in contract clauses within the section 106 planning agreements with strategic partners making sure we develop progression pathways that enable individuals with no or low skills to access skills that are required by employers and industry and move them into accessing work experience. Support provided includes CV development and confidence building to help with interviews.

Working closely with Lendlease on the development of Perry Barr village and through this the team has been able to maximise best use of the Business Charter for Social Responsibility (BCSR) and establish an on-site engagement and training facility supporting skills development for the sector and for employers and the supply chain on the project.

Also work closely with WMCA on their construction gateway programme and of the 7 local authority areas Birmingham is spending the most and getting the most people through those skills pathways. BCC has committed through the BCSR a 1000 pre-employment training places to be delivered through that project and training hub. Lendlease have bought forward new jobs to be created on the project which includes 50 apprenticeships and 30 paid summer intern placements in Perry Barr in various disciplines.

The EAT runs 3 projects – YPP, World of Work and Pure that allows a supply of people to be bought forward and target those individuals who are not in an economic activity and support them through a pathway into an interview and sustainable employment.

Since the EAT has been in operation for the last 10 years over 10,000 residents have been helped to access employment and training opportunities.

Members then made the following points: -

- It would be worthwhile to investigate this area further and understand how local councillors can influence projects ensuring that there are links with the Planning department.
- What are the actual numbers of people that are eligible and those that benefit and those that had participated in the scheme and the positives outcomes against the actual figures?
- Concern also that despite best efforts Birmingham still has twice as high unemployment rates amongst its young people.
- How does CGL compare with the rest of YPP due to the intense input with those referred to CGL? Where is the funding coming from? How can you increase the numbers and scale up without losing the quality?
- Support to care leavers was emphasised and as particularly vulnerable young people and how long does it continue for?
- How are prison leavers and young offenders linked in with and those that are placed outside of the city?

In response it was confirmed that: -

- The total numbers are 4,400+ young people have been assisted as part of the YPP. 2,375 have gained employment; 993 have secured apprenticeships and 177 have obtained traineeships. Further details on particular wards can be shared on request.
- Claimant count continues to rise in part due to benefit changes to Universal Credit making it wider range and this has an effect on the unemployment figures being shown (these are now showing to have increased with this effect). Figures have gone up across all core cities and this is a national trend.
- The Youth Service provides some intensive work with young people. There is an issue with support as funding is limited to those living in Birmingham. Young people are linked to similar services in the region (if living outside boundary) and work with the care leavers team on this. CGL work with the care leavers team to ensure care is extended as far as it can be for those vulnerable young people.
- Supporting young people released from a youth offenders institution as intervention workers are based in youth offending teams and referrals are made quite quickly.
- CGL attend police meetings where high risk prison leavers due for release are discussed. These young people are identified for referral to YPP and PURE projects.
- The PURE project is run by Adult Services and provides similar provision to YPP focussing on supporting those who are affected by homelessness and those who are currently homeless.

RESOLVED: -

1. Further information and data on specific wards or areas can be provided to members directly.
2. Future updates to include figures relating to participation by boys.
3. Cllr Cornish asked for an update on the latest figures on 'not known' under NEET data and direction of travel with the national average to be presented in advance of the next update.

7. INITIAL DISCUSSION: PROMOTING AND COMMUNICATING EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS OPPORTUNITIES TO RESIDENTS

Cllr Morrall explained to officers that it would be helpful to know how all the employment and skills opportunities available in the city are being promoted to residents. Youth unemployment is a huge issue as discussed earlier. Direct communication and social media needs to be used more to target young and disenfranchised people. More joint up work is needed with a number of stakeholders involved in putting together a strategy for the whole city in promoting the opportunities available.

The Chair then requested the Cabinet Member, Cllr Francis and the Assistant Director, Anne Ainsworth to respond to this with a plan on areas for discussion and who to involve at a future meeting.

8. WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION – NOVEMBER 2019

(See document No. 3)

The Chair requested that members postpone the discussion on the work programme to the meeting next week (29th Jan) where it would be discussed in more detail. It was also confirmed that a deputy chair would also be selected at this meeting.

RESOLVED: -

1. Discussion is deferred to the meeting on the 29th Jan

9. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL-IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Agreed.

RESOLVED: -

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting finished at 18:26 hours.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ECONOMY, SKILLS & TRANSPORT O&S COMMITTEE –

PUBLIC MEETING

**1030 hours on 29th January 2020, Committee Room 2, Council House – Action
Notes**

Present:

Councillor Lou Robson (Chair)

Councillors Maureen Cornish, Chaman Lal, Simon Morrall, Julien Pritchard and Lucy Seymour-Smith.

Also Present:

Councillor Ian Ward, Leader

Ian MacLeod, Interim Director, Inclusive Growth

Jane Trethewey, Assistant Director, Inclusive Growth

Baseema Begum, Research & Policy Officer

Rose Kiely, Group Overview & Scrutiny Manager

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chairman advised the meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Following a proposal and seconding Cllr Lal was appointed as Deputy Chair for the remainder of the municipal year

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. APOLOGIES

Councillor Tahir Ali.

5. LEADER'S PORTFOLIO UPDATE

(See document No. 1)

The Leader, Cllr Ward and officers highlighted the following key points from the two reports that were circulated to members on the 'Promotion of Sustainable Neighbourhoods' and 'Affordable Housing': -

- Projected growth in the population by 2031 as per the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) means that an additional 100,000 jobs need to be created.
- This will require improvements to be made to infrastructure and better connectivity with the introduction of rapid transit (the extension of both the Metro and Sprint route network); improvements to existing rail stations; the opening of new rail stations; bus priority measures and improved bus services; and improvements to pedestrian and cycling routes across the City. This will allow for people to access jobs and other facilities.
- Investment in growth in 10 key areas across the city will be promoted in a sustainable way in line with the climate change emergency commitment agreed by the Council in June 2019. Further promotion of sustainable neighbourhoods and promoting employment across the City with a number of projects in key areas including Perry Barr, East Birmingham and Longbridge.
- The city centre attracts the highest amount of investment and regeneration due to its economic output and the number of jobs it supports. It is central to Birmingham's growth agenda and its role as an international city.
- As part of the BDP a total sum of 81,000 new homes need to be built by 2031 in line with the projected population growth. However only 51,100 of these can fit within the city's boundary with the remainder being built in neighbouring local authority areas. In addition, 38% (19,400) of the 51,100 new dwellings need to be affordable homes.
- The Council's Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust (BMHT) programme has been running successfully since 2009, building over 2,500 new social rented homes for the city. However, the ongoing disposal of affordable housing arising from the sale of Council housing through the Right to Buy is resulting in a year on year net loss of affordable homes of around 200 per year. The issue is further being exacerbated by the introduction of the Voluntary Right to Buy for Registered Providers and is being extended into their affordable housing stock too.
- Since 2011 18,324 net new dwellings were completed and the Council has exceeded its set target as listed in the BDP.

- The number of 1- and 2-bedroom dwellings has seen a significant increase in the last three years, reflecting the success of the city centre residential market and skewing the city's overall housing mix.
- Due to 'windfall' sites (those not anticipated as part of the BDP) such as the Athletes Village being built in Perry Barr the Council will be exceeding its target of 51,100 homes resulting in less pressure on neighbouring authorities to meet the city's need and that will mean that these authorities may not have to build on identified green-field sites that were earmarked for development.
- There is a need to increase affordable housing however this is a challenge and a new approach is needed as land supply is an issue. For BMHT to deliver the homes required there is a need to identify sites for residential development such as former school playing fields, disused allotment sites, and areas of under-used public open space. However, some of these sites are contentious at a local level and ward members need to be engaged with in a better way.

Members then made the following points: -

- Apart from the areas identified for growth how will other wards benefit?
- Is there a mechanism where local members can support this growth so that people in neighbouring wards also benefit?
- In terms of the sources of investment for the Commonwealth Games in Perry Barr what is the contingency plan and monitoring for the funding?
- Sutton Town Centre is identified as one of the 10 key areas for growth however there is a lack of narrative in the baseline report on certain assets and whether these will be considered for future development.
- The impact of housing being built in the city centre compared to the rest of the city. Also concern on the impact on the night-time economy affecting areas like Digbeth.
- If HS2 goes ahead this will have an impact on housing with people from other areas such as London buying here because of the affordable housing option.
- An economic assessment of the impact of the Clean Air Zone on businesses in the city centre hasn't been completed unlike the one for Brexit.
- Can Enterprise Zones be expanded to other parts of city such as Longbridge where significant regeneration has taken place?
- What is the hard evidence that investment in the city centre benefits other areas of the city?
- What is the contingency plan if HS2 doesn't go ahead and what will be the effect on the Washwood Heath project if the northern extension doesn't go ahead?
- How can the Council use planning to tackle the climate emergency?

- Will Brexit have an impact on the housing numbers with the population forecast in the BDP?
- How do urban centres benefit local areas? What support and investment is there for SME's in thriving areas outside the main core?
- Density targets set in the BDP are too low to meet the affordable housing requirement when compared to European cities and there is risk of losing open space to compensate for the net loss of social housing through regeneration. Density of housing would be helped if roads and car provision were reduced and this would allow more space for housing. There is also a need to challenge developers on social responsibility.
- Are there any safeguards in the BDP as it is being used as a measuring mechanism for all applications in relation to housing building?
- Planning applications are accompanied by a viability assessment. However, in reality numerous approved applications come back to Planning Committee because a low percentage of affordable housing is being requested and this is due to the viability no longer being sustainable.
- Will there be less impact on housing growth due to EU migration? Can we lobby government on moratorium on Right to Buy?

In response the Leader and officers made the following points: -

- There are opportunities for other neighbourhoods to benefit with the wider growth agenda as part of the Urban Centres Strategy. This is a toolkit that officers can work with. The toolkit sets out criteria for inclusion for an area to be considered.
- Growth in other neighbourhoods can be supported by involving more members in the growth strategy so that areas across the city can benefit especially those living in deprived areas can access the jobs being created.
- The investment in Perry Barr as part of the Commonwealth Games totals £600m. This includes Government funding of £165m. The Council has contributed funding for the Games Village from prudential borrowing and this will be paid back by the sale of properties (post Games). A solution is being worked on with the contractor, government and WMCA on the overspend issue due to an increase in the development costs of housing. Members will be kept updated.
- Sutton Town Centre is listed in the Urban Centres Strategy so there will be investment in the future. Meetings take place with Sutton Town Council regularly and the BID are also involved. Land in the area owned by the Council will form part of a solution.
- There is a Games contingency budget in the full business case for the Commonwealth Games and monitoring on spend is reported to the Organising Committee and the Capital board. A report will follow to a future cabinet meeting.

- Investment in the city centre is very important because it is the most connected part of the city. It attracts investment because there are jobs and people travel to these jobs so connectivity is hugely important.
- Trying to strike the balance between housing and the night-time economy in the city centre is a challenge. One issue is land ownership however the Council is not always the major landowner but does have planning powers to try and ensure the conflict is minimised and can use these to try and negotiate with developers.
- Support the complete HS2 network with the extension to the north meaning that Birmingham would be at the heart of the network. The Washwood Heath site to be used as the depot for HS2 can be utilised for industrial use to create jobs if HS2 is cancelled. Working closely with HS2 on preparing a masterplan for the site.
- The need to improve poor air quality was a directive from government and the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) addresses the need to reduce air pollution. The CAZ due to be implemented later this year is supported by the Chamber of Commerce.
- The R20 taskforce was set up following the declaration of a climate emergency by the Council and is made up of a variety of stakeholders from across the city. Cllr Zaffar is leading on this as the relevant cabinet member.
- In relation to the R20 taskforce on climate change and what can be done to tackle building regulations it was explained that the government consultation has removed the powers from local authorities to accelerate building standards. The Council is responding to this consultation and as previously tried to push the standards above the national requirements but have had push back on planning and nationally limited by building regulations. There will be a report to City Council on this in the near future.
- A review of the BDP is planned in the next 2 years and will be commissioning evidence this year looking at our housing need. This will be based on factors such as demographic trend, population inflow, migration trends and the impact of Brexit.
- Enterprise Zones need to be agreed by government. Longbridge is a mixed-use development and a significant area of regeneration. Further work to be done in Longbridge and a masterplan is being worked on for the site to support growth and investment in this area.
- The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) undertake a functional economic geography of the region and this looks at where people travel from to access jobs in the city and wider area.
- The Council's Business Development Team provide support to businesses and SME's. SME's are targeted to provide support through accessing grants from LEP's in Birmingham and the wider area.
- 2000 jobs were created in Aston as part of the Advanced Manufacturing Hub. Businesses and the Council's Employment Access Team worked together to

get local labour mainly from the local community with 500 jobs in total secured. This also helped in attracting international businesses to the hub by having a good connection to the city centre.

- Viability assessments for house building in the city are carried out independently and at cost to the developer. The Council must abide by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) otherwise there is risk of being open to legal challenge. Officers do push on viability negotiation however the Council is bound by government guidelines. Birmingham and other cities are lobbying government on this.
- Birmingham has the highest density levels outside of London and more than other core cities and cannot be compared with European cities as they use a different model.
- There are challenges with the current remaining housing blocks and officers are looking at ways for investment as most have been demolished. Further demolitions won't go ahead if there isn't an alternative that provides as many dwellings or more.
- The Council is lobbying government on the Right to Buy however do not expect a change in policy and this is making the housing problem in the country worse.
- The housing need of the city is based on population growth with a large number of people under 25 it is a young city. Do not expect Brexit or international migration to have much effect on this.
- Outer London boroughs have suffered additional pressure over the years, and this has meant more of their tenants have been moved to other local authority areas. This has seen an increase in people coming to Birmingham and does have an impact on council services such as education and social care. In addition, there has been migration from London by young families for the high quality of life here. The Council can engage with those London authorities to understand how these people are being supported.

RESOLVED: -

1. Housing need and affordable housing – comparison to mayor cities and London to be included as part of a future update.
2. Investment in public realm – 'Street Appeal' report to be circulated to members.

6. EAST BIRMINGHAM AND NORTH SOLIHULL REGENERATION STRATEGY UPDATE

Ian MacLeod informed the Committee that a report to request approval to consult on the strategy was due to be presented to a cabinet meeting shortly. As part of the consultation the Committee will be engaged with and it was agreed a fuller discussion could take place at a future meeting.

RESOLVED: -

1. Item to be rescheduled to a future meeting.

7. WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION – NOVEMBER 2019

(See document No. 3)

The Chair asked members to raise topics of interest for discussion that can be added to the work programme for future meetings. The following items were raised: -

- West Midlands Pension Fund update
- Promoting and communicating employment and skills opportunities to residents
- Commonwealth Games – in relation to building the work experience and skills of young people in the city
- Planning development – early input into review of the BDP.
- Engaging communities earlier in proposed developments.
- SPP guidance in relation to climate change – consultation on building regulations
- Cultural/Leisure economy – investment in facilities and investment in key areas including Digbeth
- Conservation in local areas – supporting heritage and local listings
- Careers Advice working group - future working

RESOLVED: -

1. The Chair confirmed that she would discuss the issues raised and adequate programming with scrutiny officers.

8. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL-IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

9. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

10. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Agreed.

RESOLVED: -

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting finished at 12:22 hours.



BCC's Brexit Response & Economic Impact Assessment in the Automotive Sector in WM

**Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting
26 February 2020**



Presentation for the BCC Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

PART I:

BCC Brexit readiness programme

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Inclusive Growth Directorate

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Brexit Programme Manager,
Birmingham City Council

PART II:

Supply chain mapping and Brexit exposure survey: Main findings & policy recommendations

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Professor David Bailey

Senior Fellow, UK in a Changing Europe
and Birmingham Business School

BCC BREXIT RESPONSE

BCC RISK REGISTER AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT



BCC Brexit Response

WM and BCC response groups and platforms

Brexit Advisory Group

Established in July 2016

WM Brexit Commission

Established in July 2018

BCC Brexit Contingency Working Group

Established in January 2019

BCC Brexit Response

BCC Risk Register: Initial impact & risk assessment for Birmingham

Short-term

Impact on citizens

- EU Settlement scheme
- Repatriation of UK citizens
- Citizens with no recourse to public funds
- Product & food safety
- Public health
- Product fraud

Businesses readiness

- Trading standards
- Imports & exports regulations
- New trade & regulatory regimes
- Introduction of WTO tariffs
- Cost of goods, materials, labour
- Supply of goods, material, labour

Mid-term

Potential increased demand of BCC services

- Loss of EU funding for key services (e.g. employment, careers, youth services)
- Adult & social care
- NRPF/vulnerable adults
- Housing/homelessness
- ICT, digital and customer services (e.g. call centre)
- Registration of vulnerable and looked after EU citizens
- Registration of the at-risk employees from the EU

Financial & operational impact on BCC

- EU funding
- Clarity on replacement funding
- Access to transnational funding (R&I, ETC)
- Workforce
- Procurement & contract management
- Data sharing & GDPR
- Delivery of major projects (e.g. CWG, HS2)

Long-term

Wider economic impact

- Unemployment
- Decrease in BCC's revenue due to economic shock
- Increase in homelessness
- Increase in the level of health and wellbeing issues
- Potential level of exposure to No-Deal Brexit in WM (12.2% and 11.3%)

BCC Brexit Response

Towards the BCC Brexit Readiness Programme

Strategy

- Addressing the key challenges in a structured way
- Reporting and documenting progress, issues, risks and planned actions regularly
- Ensuring continuous communication and collaboration

Approach

- Identifying the common needs, issues and gaps
- Coordinating the initiatives and actions for the common objectives to avoid duplication and increase efficiency
- Working as a team towards a common goal

Structure

- Following the corporate strategy for programme and project management
- Defining the objectives, activities, resources, timeline, budget and ownership for each BCC Brexit Response

BCC BREXIT READINESS PROGRAMME

OVERVIEW AND GOVERNANCE



WM BREXIT REPORTING

WM Brexit Commission
Chair: Cllr Brigid Jones

MHCLG
Liaison: Nick Page, Solihull

Reporting

Reporting

BCC BREXIT READINESS PROGRAMME

Corporate Leadership Team including Brexit Lead Officer

Head of European & International Affairs

Brexit Programme Manager

Reporting

Reporting

BCC Brexit Contingency Working Group

BCC Brexit Readiness Programme Work Streams

**Trading
Stan-
dards**

**Environ-
mental
Health**

**EU
Funding**

**EU
Settlement
Scheme**

**Supply
Chain &
Procure-
ment**

**Economic
Impact
on BCC
Revenue
&
Services**

Comms

**Regula-
tory
Change**

BCC Brexit Readiness Programme

Priority areas for BCC

Monitoring the progress of the trade talks and the transition timetable: Tracking and assessing the implications of the key agreements reached with the EU during the Transition Period in collaboration with the LGA.

Regulatory change: Monitoring the regulatory changes to have a good understanding of their impact on local authorities and their services.

Economic Impact on BCC Revenue & Services:

- Modelling and estimation of the impact of an economic shock on Council's revenue and demand for services.
- Mapping evidence base, current provision and identify gaps to shape a framework for action to be deployed to support population health and wellbeing in the context of Brexit or another significant economic shock within the city

Supply Chain and Procurement

- Estimation of the increase in costs in relation to exchange rate, import costs, etc. and their implications on the existing contracts,
- Identify the risks and the mitigation actions in relation to:
- Potential disruption in supplying of goods accredited to EU standards and goods from the EU
- Robustness of the service providers/suppliers in case of an economic shock,
- Potential data issues due to personal data is held in the EU or services with data exchange required with the EU
- Ensuring the necessary assurances to be provided by the services/suppliers/service providers

Trading Standards & Environmental Health: Monitoring the negotiations with the EU and understanding the implications of the new arrangements on local authorities and businesses

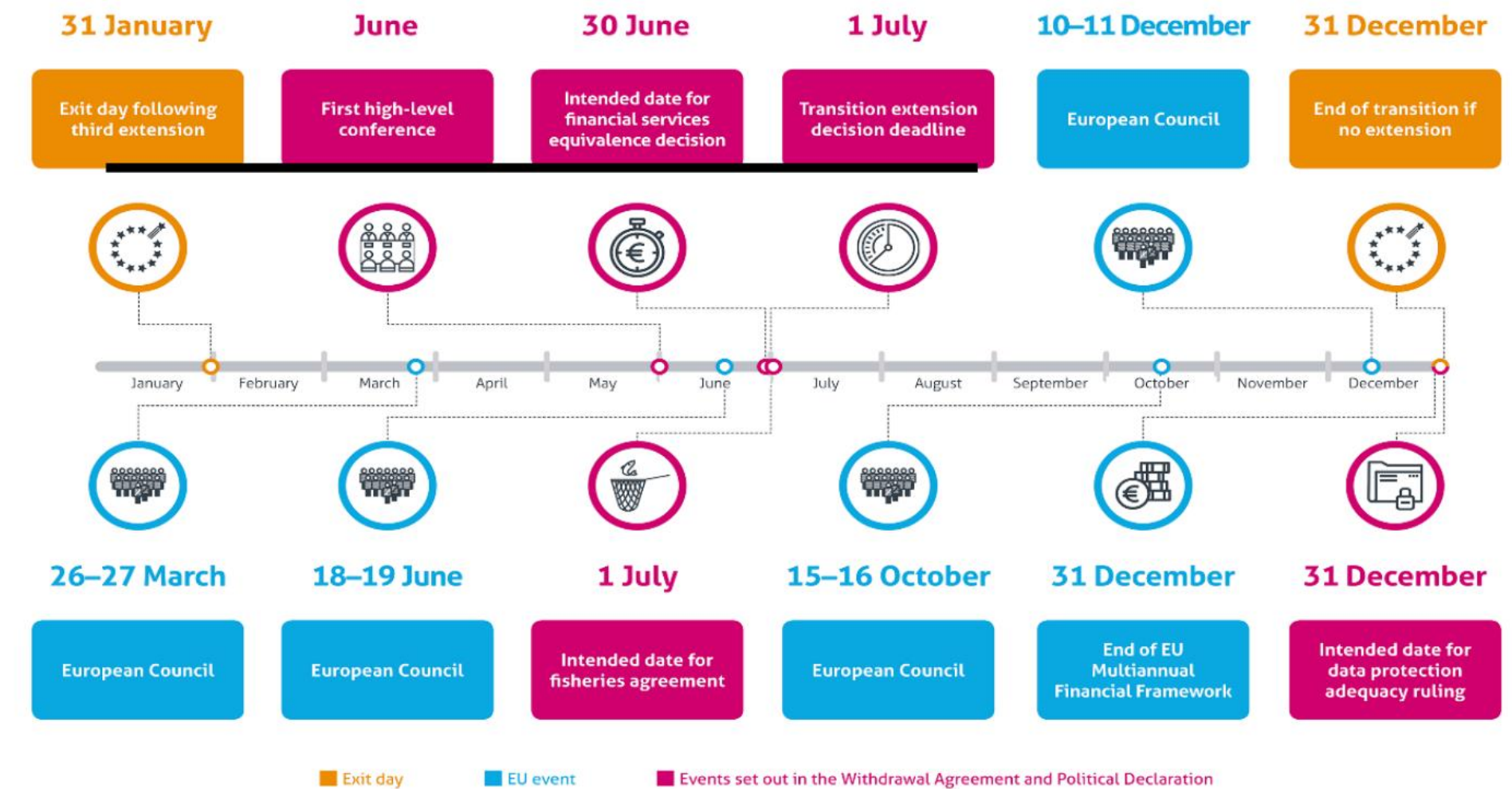
EU Settlement Scheme:

- Timely and smooth implementation of the EU Settlement Scheme and registration of all EU citizens
- Identification of the EU citizens in vulnerable groups and providing support mechanisms for them to register and obtain their rights
- Identification of the EU citizens in BCC workforce and contractors and obtaining assurances

Communication: Developing and implementing a Communication Plan to inform and raise awareness internally and externally on all Brexit related risks and necessary actions for citizens and BCC services, including collaboration with WM LAs to reach out to all stakeholders in relation to EU Settlement Scheme and business readiness

BCC Brexit Readiness Programme

Brexit key milestones in 2020



^[1] Institute for Government <https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/content/getting-brexit-done>

BCC Brexit Readiness Programme

Thank you very much for your attention!

Questions?

Supply chain mapping and Brexit exposure survey: main findings and policy recommendations

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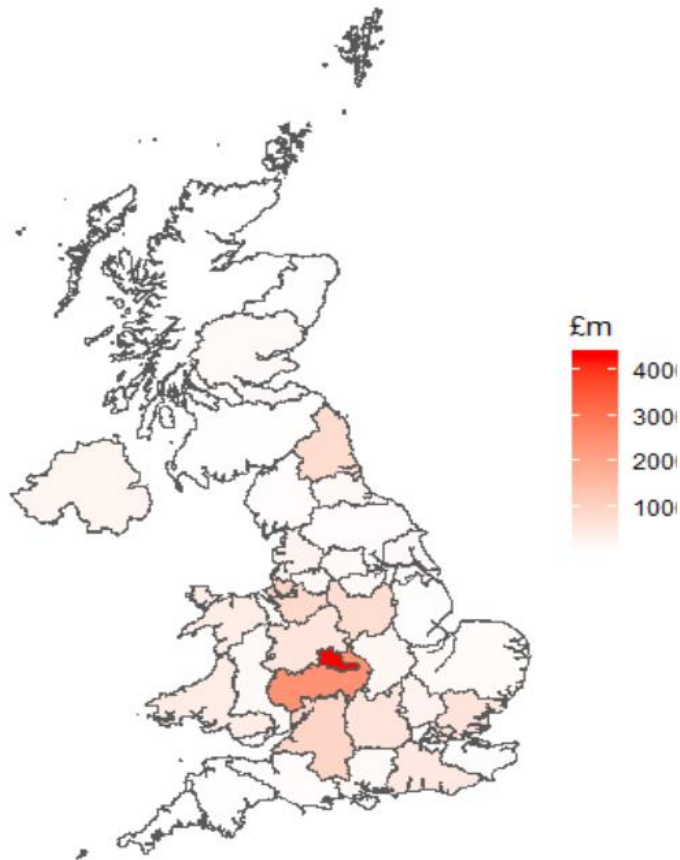
Sector overview

- In 2017, the automotive sector was directly worth £15.2bn to the UK economy and represented over 8% of total manufacturing
 - Sector directly employs 50,000 in West Midlands
- Aerospace sector accounted for 4.3% of the UK's goods exports in 2018
 - Derby and Rolls-Royce: 16,000 manufacturing jobs are clustered (out of 26,400 in the Midlands)

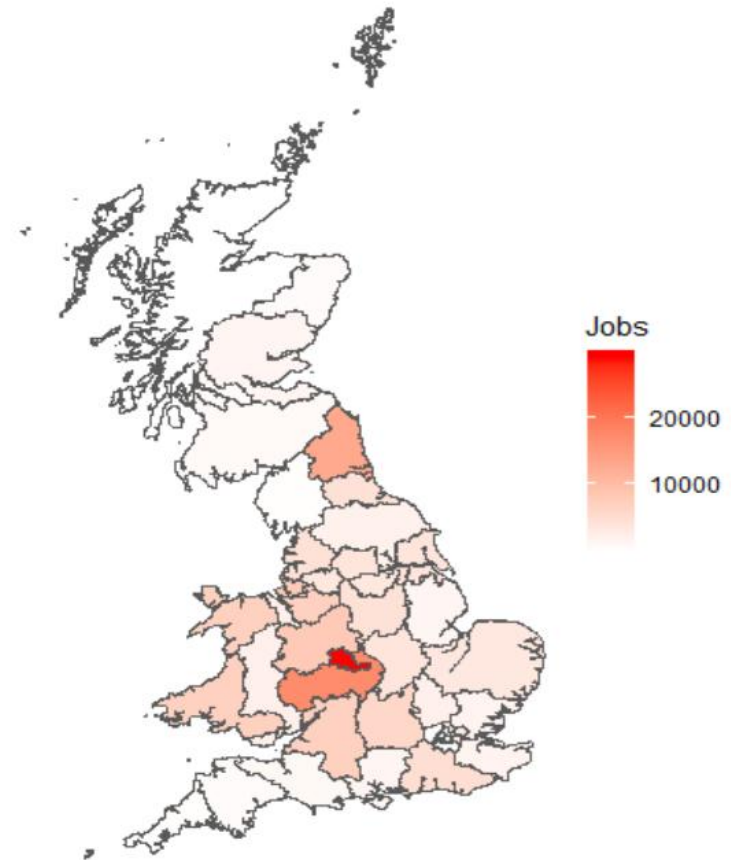
United Kingdom automotive industry manufacturing share by volume 2017

Jaguar Land Rover Automotive Plc	31.8%
Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd	29.6%
BMW UK Manufacturing Ltd	13.1%
Honda Motor Company Ltd	9.8%
Toyota Motor Corporation	8.6%
Other	36.8%

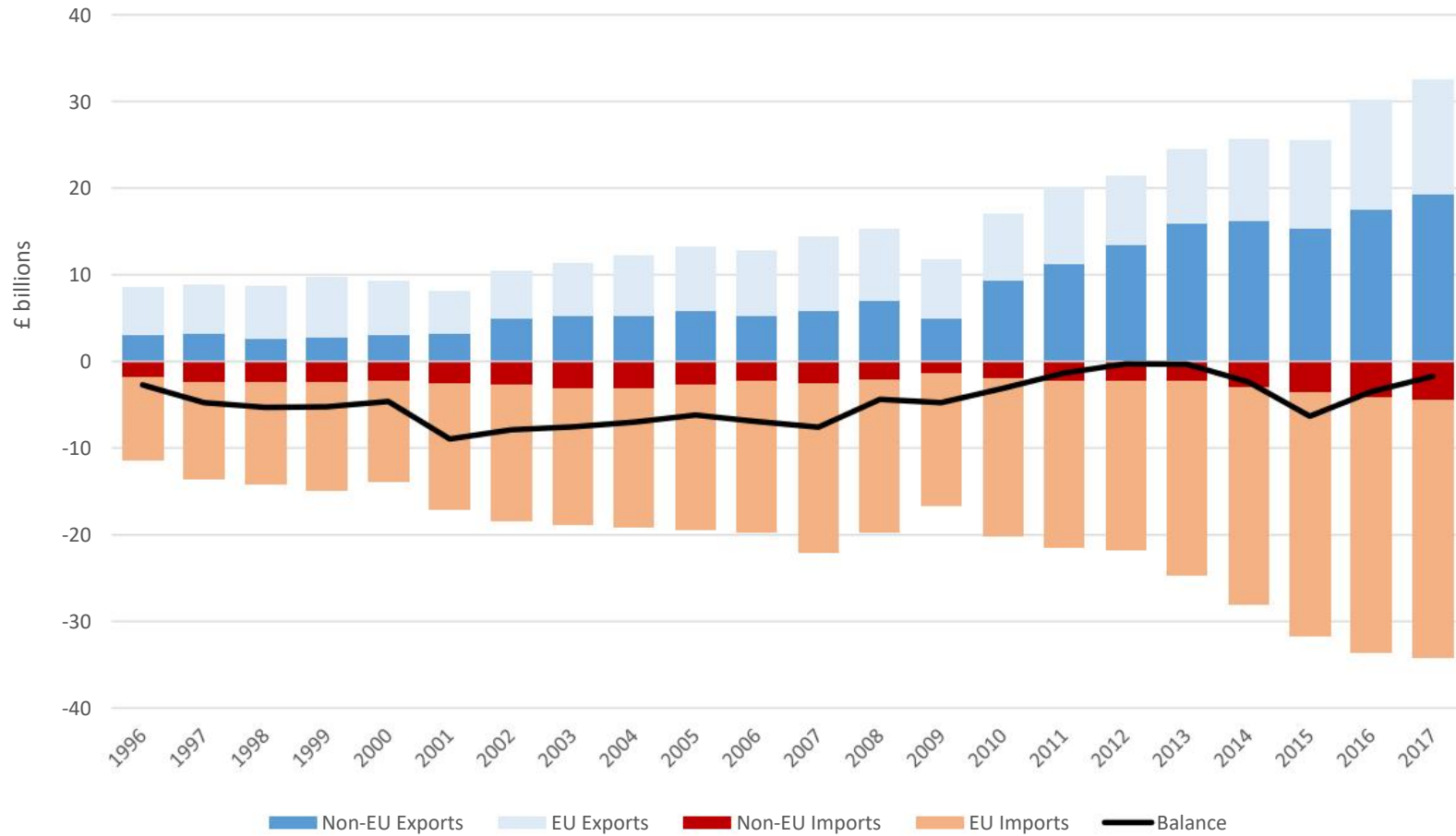
Automotive GVA by NUTS2 Region



Automotive Jobs by NUTS2 Region

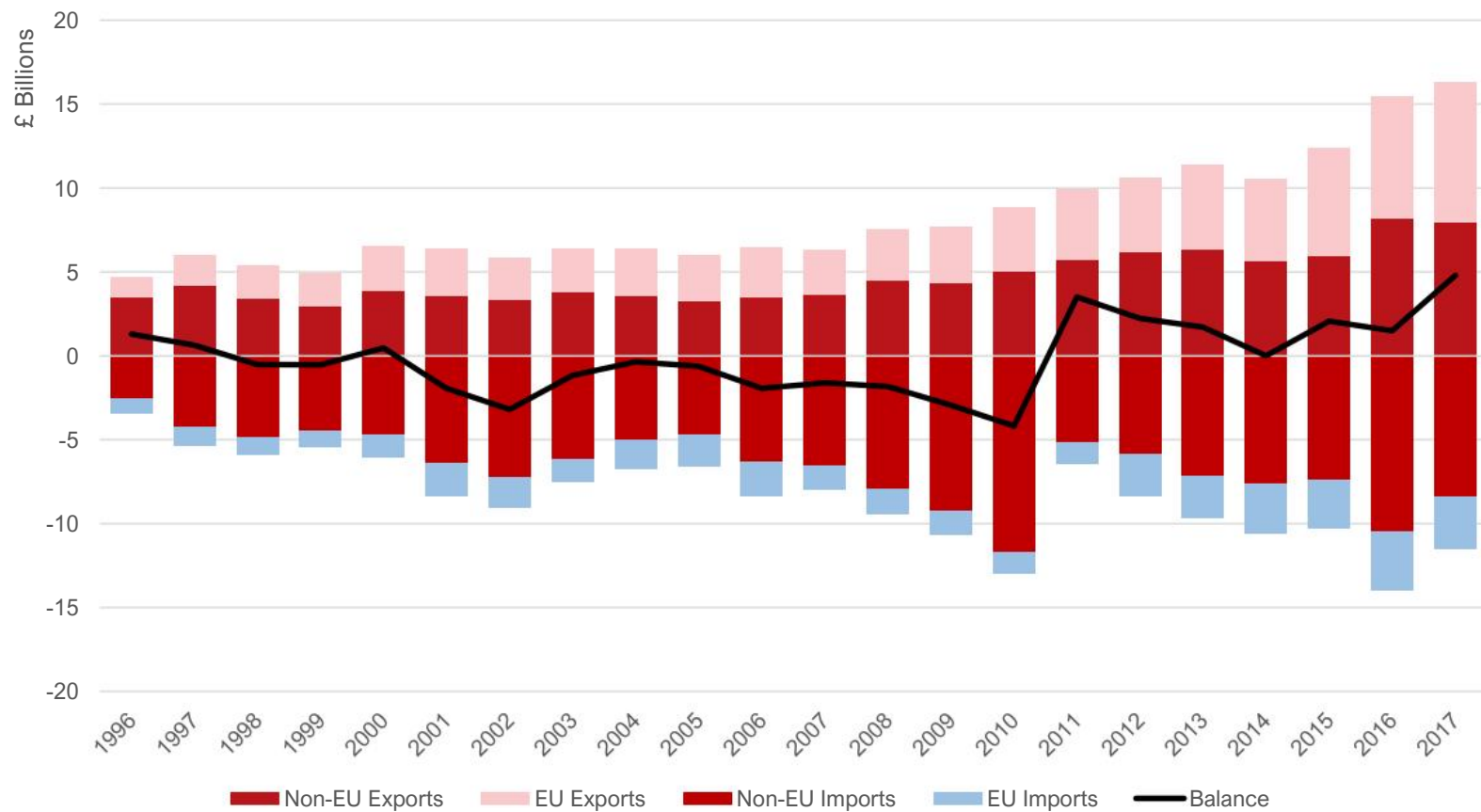


Trade in the Automotive Sector



Trade in the Aerospace Sector

Source: HMRC Overseas Trade Statistics



Project team

- Prof Alex de Ruyter (Centre for Brexit Studies)
- Ian Henry (AutoAnalysis/Centre for Brexit Studies)
- Prof David Bailey (Birmingham Business School, UoB and Senior Fellow, UKiCE)
- David Hearne (Centre for Brexit Studies)
- Rachel Eade (University of Birmingham)
- Di Li (Centre for Brexit Studies)
- Shishank Shishank (Centre for Brexit Studies)

Supply Chain Mapping Exercise and Brexit Exposure project

- Surveying large and small suppliers and logistics firms in the Midlands
- Covering companies' business/client mix, auto vs non-auto, UK vs exports and Brexit readiness
- On-line portal (see <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VeArfoqCI0W15bd62ZOXharMkrpV8IFBrdRVgUt8Bk9UMUtaVIITUjN00U5JTVdaQUIzUk5MN1UwTC4u>) and survey conducted by Qualtrics
- 250+ responses

Key aspects examined

- Value of automotive business in Midlands
- Split by vehicle company client
- Split by location (Local Authority)
- Division between tier 1s, tier 2s and logistics and by firm size
- Employment mix – UK/EU
- Major challenges faced by supply chain:
 - Road logistics
 - Paperwork etc.

Manufacturers – position in supply chain

Tier”	Exclusivel y auto	Exclusivel y aero	Exclusivel y rail	Exclusivel y other road	Mixed
“OEM”	24	1	14	0	4
Tier 1	18	5	10	1	10
Tier 2	12	14	11	1	13
Tier 3+	4	4	0	0	3
Industrial service provider	7	0	0	1	0

Manufacturers – size distribution

Tier	Micro (<10 employee s)	Small (11-50 employee s)	Medium (51-250)	Large (251-500)	V. Large (500+)
“OEM”	3	3	10	20	7
Tier 1	1	10	15	17	1
Tier 2	1	6	15	26	3
Tier 3+	0	0	5	5	1
Industrial service provider	1	1	1	2	3

Findings 1: turnover

- Average (mean) turnover just under £500 million
 - though distorted by JLR with turnover of £25bn
- 22 firms report turnover greater than £1m per (estimated) employee
- Median turnover £32.5 million
 - automotive sector mean turnover (excluding JLR) approximately £170 million

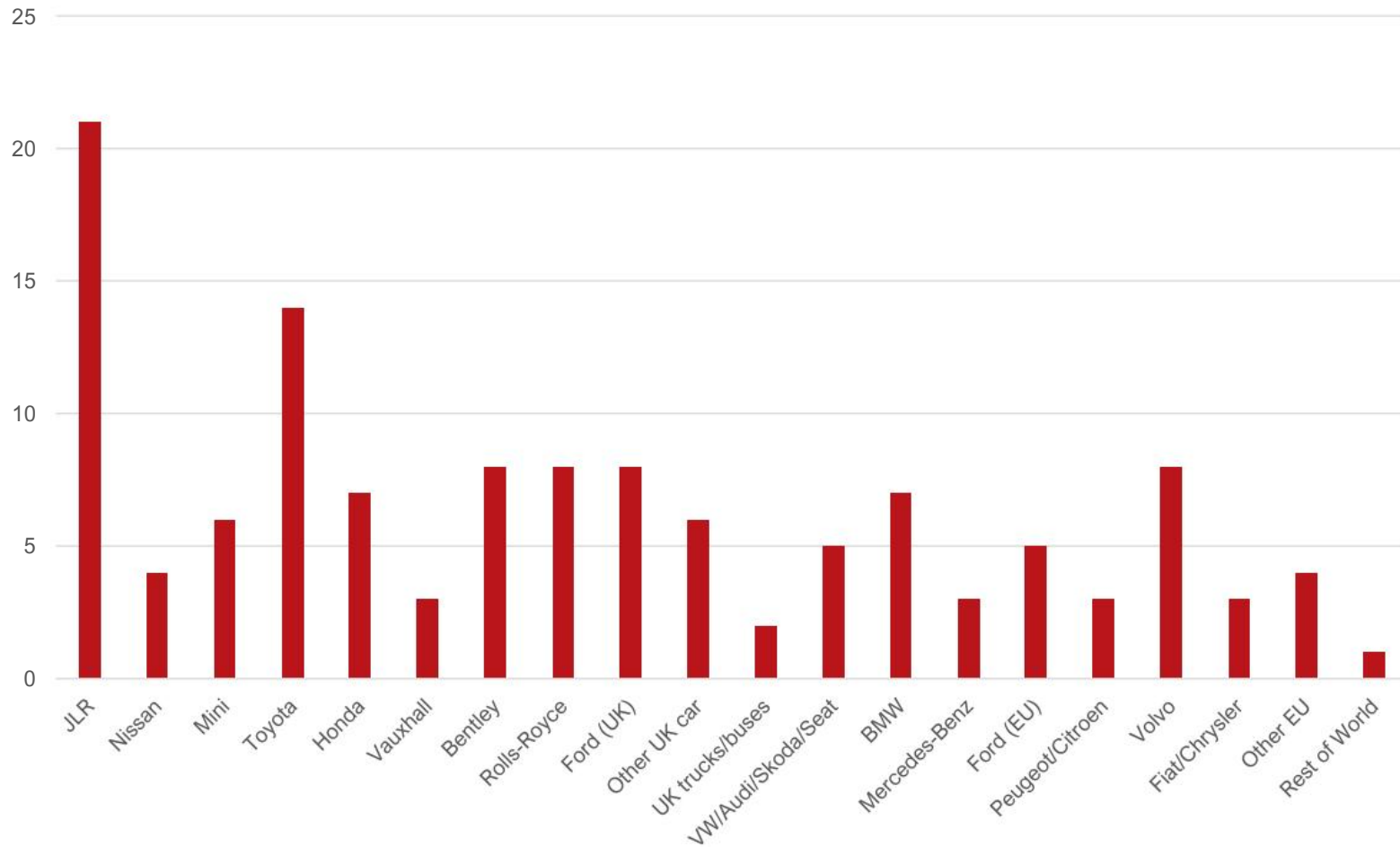
Findings 2: Workforce – dependency on EU workers

- On average, 31% of the total manufacturing workforce accounted for by the survey (just over 40,000 people) is from the EU. However, this varies substantially by firm (and firm size).
 - 32% for the very largest firms (500+)
 - 36% for large firms (251-500)
 - 13% for medium firms (51-250)
 - 8% for small firms (fewer than 50 employees)

Findings 3: average revenue dependence by suppliers on OEMs

	Average Revenue Dependence
JLR	14%
Nissan	7%
Mini	5%
Toyota	9%
Honda	7%
Vauxhall	3%
Bentley	6%
RR	5%
Ford (UK operations)	5%
Volvo	5%

Number of Exposed Firms (>20% Revenue)



Findings 4: importing to and exporting from the EU

- A large majority of manufacturers (127 firms) import from the EU
 - 93% larger manufacturers import from the EU
 - 89% of medium-sized firms import from the EU
 - 67% of small manufacturers import from the EU
- For exporters: 92% of larger manufacturers; 85% of medium ones, and;60% of smaller ones export to EU.
- 17% of exporters and 14% of importers exclusively use the Chunnel (no other transport method). A further third use rail in conjunction with another method.

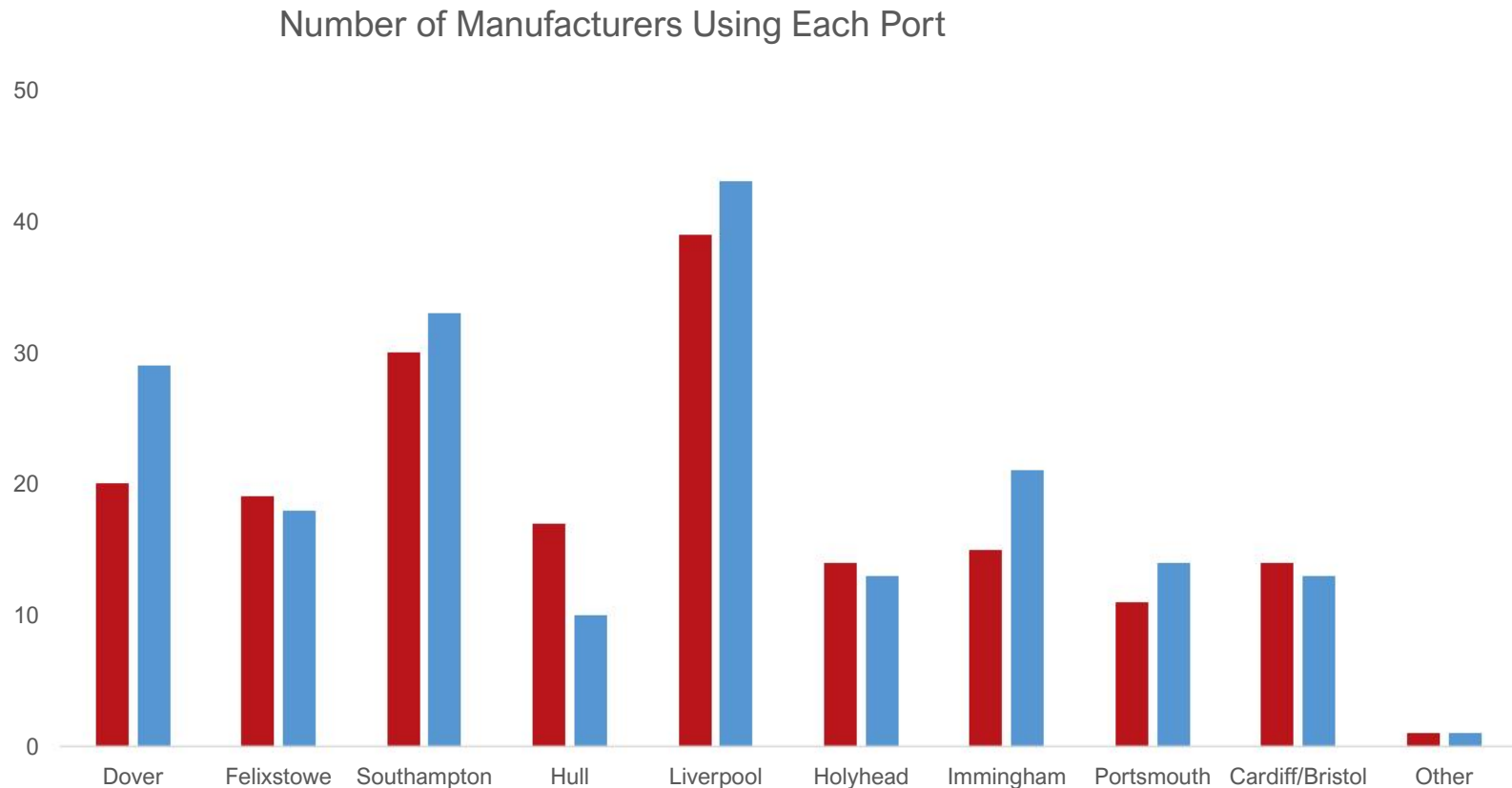
Transport mode of imports from EU

	Firm Size		
Import Type	Small (<50)	Medium (51-250)	Large (250+)
Rail	67%	64%	43%
Sea	56%	51%	76%
Air	33%	33%	61%

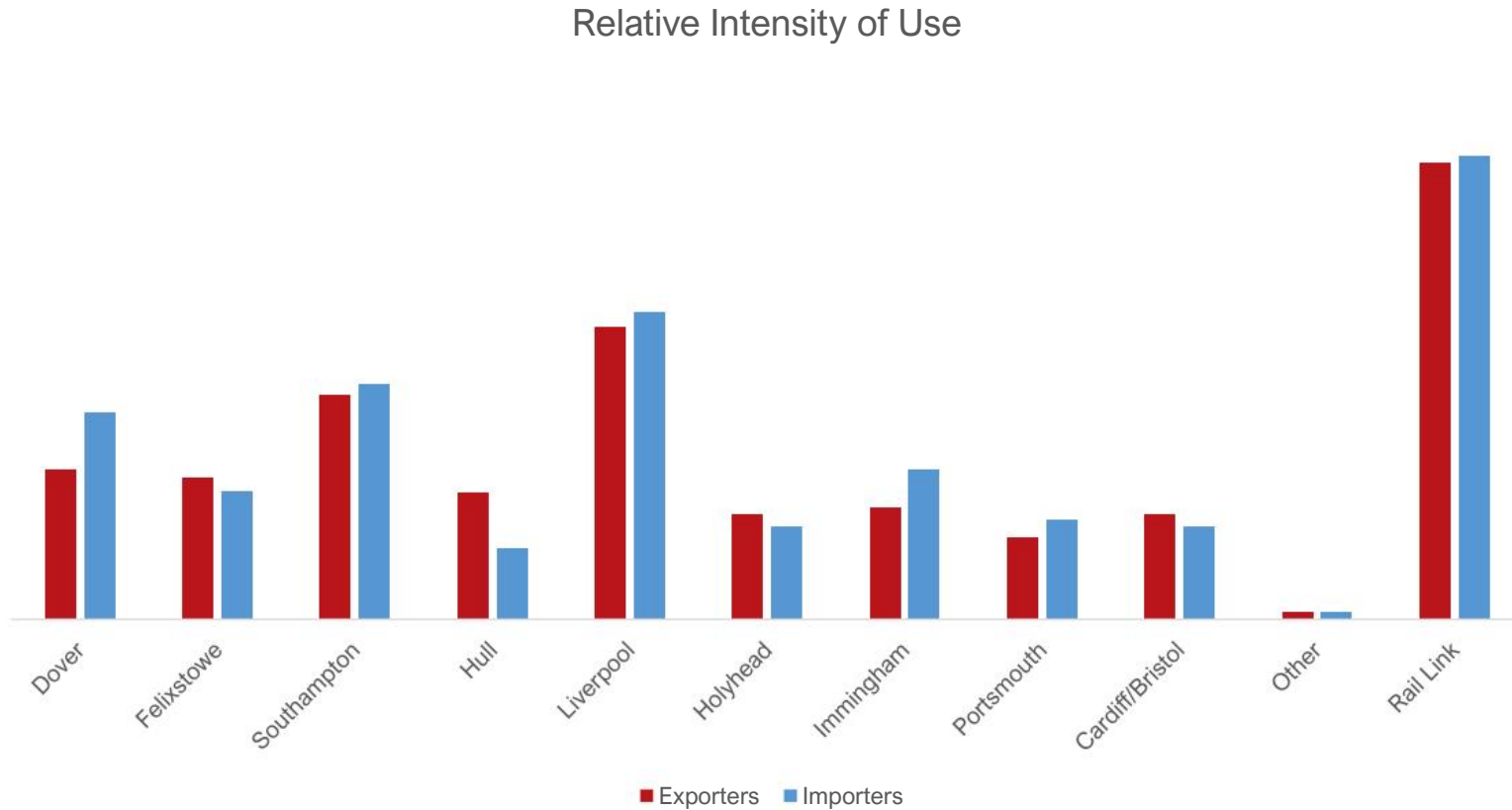
Transport mode of exports to EU

	Firm Size		
Export Type	Small (<50)	Medium (51-250)	Large (250+)
Rail	71%	58%	45%
Sea	43%	44%	73%
Air	14%	44%	54%

Transport mode dependency..



Transport mode dependency...



Transport mode dependency..

- Only freight shipped by air likely to be unaffected by Brexit.
- ***For all firms, high dependence on the Channel Tunnel rail is of concern as its combination of speed & cost is unlikely to be replicable via any other source.*** These firms are highly vulnerable.
 - There is no realistic alternative to the Chunnel that gives the same combination of speed and cost, particularly for heavier/bulky items.
 - If even a small proportion of traffic from the Chunnel gets rerouted, it will cause an increase in port traffic elsewhere..

Transport mode dependency

- Only 20% of all exporting firms use Dover at all and only 2.4% use it exclusively. For importers, the figures are broadly similar (at 23% and 3.8% respectively)
- **In this sense, Felixstowe/Harwich and Southampton are likely to prove key ports, with the A14 and A34/M3 likely to provide several “pinch points”.** Issues might also arise on freight rail links.
- Amongst our sample, the ports of Felixstowe (57 firms), Southampton (56 firms) and Liverpool (73 firms) are already used by more firms than the port of Dover (49 firms).

Transport mode dependency..

- Since the relevant block is at Calais, it seems probable that either a major French port with more capacity (potentially Dunkirk or Le Havre?) or Rotterdam could be used.
- On the UK side, to reiterate, this would put high pressure on road links to and from Southampton, Immingham/Grimsby and Felixstowe.
- Implication is A34/M3, A14 and M1/M18 could potentially see significant additional traffic.

Findings 5: Brexit exposure..

- 56% of manufacturers declare that their suppliers are “fully ready” for Brexit.
- In contrast, only 44% of firms have developed alternative logistics arrangements.
- 44% of manufacturers fully ready to be compliant with EU regulations post-Brexit.
- 55% of larger manufacturers fully established their VAT compliance, c.f. 46% of smaller ones.

Brexit exposure contd...

- Majority of firms (89%) stockpiled and proactively informed employees about settled status scheme.
- Only 24% have completed detailed, accurate activities around commodity code and product classification.
- Only 16% of firms felt their organisation was prepared with necessary skills to complete new customs requirements related to import/export.
 - Majority felt that they were at medium risk (70%), with the remainder of firms highly exposed on this front

Findings 6: policy implications..

- Most helpful activities that could be undertaken by government (whether local, regional or national) were:
 - Further investment in regional and national transport infrastructure needed.
 - Direct business funding to cover the cost of Brexit
 - Further information regarding precise procedures related to import/export. Tackling skills gaps (primarily via funding for staff training) was also felt to be imperative.
 - And, that some felt that the business tax regime could be adjusted to help soften the blow (with business rates a particular bugbear).

Recommendations

- Boost regional investment support schemes –e.g., a wider Regional Growth Fund (RGF)
- Vehicle scrappage schemes to boost demand
- Short-time working support
- Refunding tariffs levied on UK exports to (for example) the EU
- Writing-off of government loans, preferential loans, commitment to covering operating losses..

Recommendations

- Bailouts to prevent financial collapse
- Taking equity stakes in manufacturers
- Potential business tax/rates holidays
- Training funding to help companies retrain and reskill workers
- Supply-chain diversification
- Invest in expanding the on-road/car park EV charging infrastructure

Recommendations

- Establish industry support task forces
- Look to win the setting up of a battery gigafactory
- Establish Special Economic Zones (SEZ)
- Remain under the aegis of the European Aviation Safety Agency.

Thank you. Any questions?



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Update on the Corporate Property Strategy

Kathryn James
Assistant Director of Property

26th February 2020

Corporate Property Strategy

Overview and Highlights to date

- Corporate Property Strategy approved by Cabinet November 2018
- Four Key themes : Investment Property, Community Portfolio, Operational Property, Development and Growth
- Investment Property Strategy approved by Cabinet July 2019
- First investment acquisition completed November 2020
- Appointment of external investment adviser

The Framework

Investment

To drive an increase in revenue
and capital value

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Growth and Development

To enable strategic development and economic growth



Operational

To provide economical accommodation for delivery of
services



Community

To enable 3rd party service delivery and
neighbourhood development



Corporate Property Strategy

Big Moves - Objectives

- Drive greater returns – develop an investment property portfolio run on a commercial basis
- Catalysts for growth – utilise land and buildings to unlock development and regeneration
- Drive Housing delivery – release assets in key locations to support the delivery of new homes
- Support communities – through support of third sector organisations
- Be operationally efficient

Investment Property Strategy

- Undertaking a strategic review of existing portfolio
- Approximately £10 million of assets sold from the portfolio in 2019/2020
- First strategic acquisition completed at Garretts Green which has added £300k pa to the portfolio
- Investment adviser procured – assets to be categorised into strategic and tactical opportunities
- Opportunity to target long leases interests

Community Portfolio

- 200 community assets identified from the Investment portfolio
- These have been moved into a Community portfolio to ensure outcomes can be aligned to the Councils priorities
- Medium to long term lease arrangements will move to CAT
- Work commenced to look at developing a CAT light approach

Operational Portfolio

- Opportunity to move the portfolio into the Corporate Landlord model
- Baseline data on condition of the estate being compiled
- Working to ensure better use of the portfolio in line with the Council's new modern relationship with citizens
- Focus on service delivery
- Providing fit for purpose estate

Growth and Development

- Utilising property to support the growth agenda
- Working with Housing development to identify land for BMHT use
- Engaging with WMPCC to look at joint working on surplus assets
- Bringing sites forward where City is the major landowner –
Ladywood – potential for 5,000 plus new homes

Voluntary Land Registration

- Feb 2017 DCLG issued a white paper “Fixing our broken housing market”
- HM Land Registry drive to register publicly owned land in areas with highest housing need to boost residential development
- BCC own 82,000 assets with only 22% of holdings registered
- Property and Legal have agreed with LR the completion of all unregistered BCC assets at no additional cost to BCC
- Supports developer confidence and protects BCC land

QUESTIONS



Economy & Skills O&S Committee: Work Programme 2019/20

Chair:	Cllr Lou Robson
Deputy Chair:	Cllr Chaman Lal
Committee Members:	Cllrs Nicky Brennan, John Clancy, Maureen Cornish, Simon Morrall, Julien Pritchard and Lucy Seymour-Smith
Officer Support:	Rose Kiely, Group Overview & Scrutiny Manager (303 1730) Baseema Begum, Scrutiny Officer (303 1668) Errol Wilson, Committee Manager (675 0955)

1 Meeting Schedule

Date	What	Officer Contact / Attendees
19th June 2019 1030 hours Committee Room 6 Report deadline: 10 th June	Smithfield Petition Work Programme discussion on key Economy & Skills issues	Richard Cowell, Assistant Director, Development/ James Tucker – Petitioner/Cllr Jayne Francis Committee discussion
10th July 2019 **1630 hours** Committee Room 6 Report deadline: 28 th June	Smithfield Masterplan discussion	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader; Waheed Nazir, Strategic Director, Inclusive Growth Lendlease [TBC] James Tucker, CityPark4Brum Peter Culley, Spatial Affairs Bureau
11th September 2019 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 2 nd Sept	West Midlands Pension Fund	Rachel Brothwood Director of Pensions and Jill Davys, Assistant Director - Investments and Finance, West Midlands Pension Fund
9th October 2019 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 30 th Sept	CANCELLED	



Date	What	Officer Contact / Attendees
6th November 2019 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 28 th Oct	The economic impact of the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) on businesses within the CAZ area Curzon Public Realm (DEFERRED)	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment; Stephen Arnold, Head of CAZ, BCC, Paul Faulkner, Chamber of Commerce City Centre Business Improvement Districts representatives (Colmore, Jewellery Quarter, Retail, Southside and Westside); James Betjemann, Head of EZ & Curzon Delivery
4th December 2019 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 25 th Nov	DEFERRED TO JANUARY	
22nd January 2020 1630 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 13 th Jan	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills & Culture 6 monthly update: Youth Promise Plus programme Initial discussion: Promoting and communicating employment and skills opportunities to residents	Cllr Jayne Francis (Ceri Saunders, CSO) Tara Verrell, YEI Project Manager, Skills and Employability, BCC / Anne Ainsworth, Assistant Director, Skills & Employability Anne Ainsworth, Assistant Director, Skills & Employability
29th January 2020 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 20 th Jan	Leader's portfolio update East Birmingham & North Solihull Regeneration Strategy - Update	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader Ian MacLeod, Interim Director, Inclusive Growth
26th February 2020 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 17 th Feb	Update: Impact of Brexit on the City Update on the BCC Property Strategy and Preview of planned sales	Lloyd Broad, Head of European and International Affairs Professor Alex De Ruyter, Centre for Brexit Studies, Birmingham City University Professor David Bailey, University of Birmingham Kathryn James, Assistant Director, Property, BCC



Date	What	Officer Contact / Attendees
25th March 2020 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 16 th Mar	Curzon Public Realm Smithfield Masterplan – Update (TBC)	James Betjemann, Head of EZ & Curzon Delivery TBC
22nd April 2020 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 13 th Apr	TBC	TBC

2 Further work areas of interest/Work to be programmed

2.1 The following items could be scheduled into the work programme if members wish to investigate further:

- West Midlands Pension Fund update
- Business Improvement Districts
- 6 monthly update: Youth Promise Plus programme (July)
- East Birmingham & North Solihull Regeneration Strategy – Update as part of consultation
- Promoting and communicating employment and skills opportunities to residents
- Commonwealth Games – in relation to building the work experience and skills of young people in the city
- Planning development – early input into review of Birmingham Development Plan. Engaging communities earlier in proposed developments.
- SPP guidance in relation to climate change – consultation on building regulations
- Cultural/Leisure economy – investment in facilities and investment in key areas including Digbeth
- Conservation in local areas – supporting heritage and local listings
- Careers Advice working group - future working TBC

3 Other Meetings

Call in Meetings



None scheduled

Careers Advice in Schools Working Group Meetings

4th March 2019, 4.30pm, Room 335, Scrutiny Office

26th March 2019, 4.30pm, Room 335, Scrutiny Office

West Midlands Pension Fund Member Discussion Group

26th March 2019, 10.00am, Room 335, Scrutiny Office

Petitions

'Park at Smithfield – Petition No:2104', Wednesday 19th June, 10.30am, Committee Room 6, Council House

Councillor Call for Action requests

*None
scheduled*

It is suggested that the Committee approve Wednesday at 1030 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.

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4 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Economy & Skills O&S Committee's remit. **Please note this is correct at the time of publication.**

Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
005626/2018	Securing the legacy of the Commonwealth Games Village through InReach	Leader	17 Mar 2020
006459/2019	Birmingham Smithfield Development Partner Contract Award	Leader	17 Mar 2020
007065/2020	Driving Housing Growth – Land Appropriations Report 2020 (5)	Leader	17 Mar 2020
007443/2020	Birmingham Smithfield – Compulsory Purchase Order	Leader	17 Mar 2020



Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
007169/2020	Birmingham Council Housing Investment Programme – 2020- 2022	Homes & Neighbourhoods	17 Mar 2020
007403/2020	Erdington Future High Streets Fund Application	Leader	17 Mar 2020
007418/2020	Disposal of land at Queslett Road, Old Horns Crescent, Great Barr	Leader	17 Mar 2020
007495/2020	Commonwealth Games – Athletes Village Revised Full Business Case	Leader	17 Mar 2020
007225/2020	Southside Public Realm Highway Improvement Scheme	Transport & Environment	17 Mar 2020
007109/2020	Building Birmingham: Full Business Case and Tender acceptance - Delivering the BMHT Housing Development Programme 2019/20 (Phase 2)	Homes & Neighbourhoods	21 Apr 2020
006370/2019	Icknield Port Loop Deed of Variation	Leader	21 Apr 2020
007189/2020	Disposal of Chamberlain Buildings, Corporation	Leader	21 Apr 2020
007284/2020	Disposal of land and car park, Brindley Drive	Leader	21 Apr 2020
007359/2020	Review of the Central Administrative Building (CAB) Estate – Outline Business Case	Leader	21 Apr 2020
007434/2020	Public Hubs Programme - Outline Business Case	Leader	21 Apr 2020
007437/2020	City Centre Public Realm Improvement Scheme (CCPR) Full Business Case (FBC)	Transport & Environment	21 Apr 2020
007227/2020	Masterplan for the sustainable future of Edgbaston Reservoir	Leader	26 May 2020
005491/2018	Digbeth Public Realm Improvements Full Business Case	Transport & Environment	28 Jul 2020
005048/2018	Moor Street Queensway Public Realm Improvements Outline Business Case	Transport & Environment	01 Sep 2020

