



CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2018/19 – February 2019

To include:

- *Policy framework plans*
- *Executive and Scrutiny reports*
- *Appointments*
- *City Council Resolutions Tracker (Appendix 1)*

CBM	
25 June 2018	Recommendation to amend the Members' Allowance Scheme
	Petitions Update
28 August 2018	Recommendation to appoint co-opted members – Independent Remuneration Panel (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
	Petitions Update
	Discontinuing paper agendas
22 October 2018	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
19 November 2018	Lord Mayoralty Formula (for next three years)
17 December 2018	Petitions Update

City Council	
10 July 2018	Amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme
	Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18
11 September 2018	Section 24 Auditors Report in relation to the Council's 2017/18 accounts (Contact: Martin Stevens, Head Of City Finance Accounts)
	Bordesley Park Area Action Plan – proposed submission to the Secretary of State
	<i>Overview and Scrutiny: Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee – Flooding: Issues arising from May 2018</i> (Contact: Rose Kiely, Group O&S Manager)
6 November 2018	Sustainability and Transformation Plan (<i>contact: Suman McCartney</i>)
4 December 2018	<i>Policy Framework: Community Cohesion Strategy</i> (contact: Suwinder Bains, Partnership Manager)
	Women and Democracy report (contact: Amerdip Kaur, Senior Policy Officer to the CEX)
15 January 2019	Review of Birmingham's Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19 (contact: David Kinnair, Head of Benefits)
	City of Sanctuary Policy Statement (subject to agreement at Cabinet)
	Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Licensing Principles (contact: Shawn Woodcock, Licencing Operations Mgr)

CBM	
21 January 2019	
11 February 2019	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad Provisional City Council and CBM dates for 2019/20
18 March 2019	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel tbc (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
	Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance)
	Petitions Update
7 May 2019	Proportionality
	City Council Appointments
	Annual Review of the City Council's Constitution
	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
(tbc) May 2019	Appointment of Sub-Committee and Other Bodies – Personnel Appeals Committee
	Order of Notices of Motion at City Council

Four Yearly or ad-hoc items:

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman

Appointment of the Leader

* Pre-meeting of members to select Lord Mayor elect

** Annual Council Photograph

City Council	
	Report on Impact of Brexit (contact: Lloyd Broad, Head of European and International Affairs and Interim Head of Employment and Skills)
5 February 2019*	West Midlands Combined Authority – The Second Devolution Deal Progress Update (contact: Tony Smith, Policy Executive)
	Youth Justice Plan (contact: Dawn Roberts, AD Early Help, Family Support and Youth Justice)
26 February 2019	Council Plan and Budget 2019+ including pay policy statement
2 April 2019**	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (to be confirmed)
	Co-ordinating O&S Committee: City Council meeting inquiry
21 May 2019	Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Lord Mayor • Annual appointments • Annual review of the Constitution
(tbc) June 2019	

Items to be scheduled / proposed:

Waste Strategy – 2019

Review of the Constitution

Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee: Single Use Plastics (June 2019)

Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
1b	12 June 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> council would support school expansion where it meets the requirement for additional places; and calls for re-direction of government funding for emotional, mental health and special educational needs support for those who need it most</p>	<p>Cabinet Member, Education, Skills & Culture / Anne Ainsworth, Corporate Director, Children’s Services</p>	<p>Council Officers are undertaking work looking at the existing school estate, and assessing provision against future demand/need. This is very much a work in progress but will underpin a new school estate approach, linked to the Council’s developing Property Strategy.</p> <p>The High Needs Block that provides funding for students with SEND is under severe pressure nationally and the Council is working with the Schools Forum to understand how the limited funding available can be better used to support children with SEND. However, the funding is not matching rising demand.</p> <p>Work is also underway to assess what places are required to respond to the specific needs of children, and rising demand for support related to Social, Emotional and Mental health and Autism.</p> <p>Officers will be returning to Scrutiny in September with details of sufficiency planning. [August update]</p>

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
1c	12 June 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> response to flooding including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an investigation into the flooding under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010; and Overview and Scrutiny to carry out a complementary investigation into the flood of May 2018 and to return to City Council 	<p>Cabinet Member, Transport & Environment / Waheed Nazir, Corporate Director, Economy (Kevin Hicks)</p> <p>Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee /Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services</p>	<p>The Section 19 report will develop as responses to the questionnaire¹ are received and any mitigation actions to prevent further flooding will be taken or progressed as necessary as information becomes available. It is likely (given previous examples) that the final version of the Section 19 report relating to this incident will be available by Spring 2019 [August update]</p> <p>COMPLETED: Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee held evidence gathering in July 2018 and report to City Council presented September 2018. [October update]</p>
2b	10 July 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> resolves to help food banks across the city highlight the growing concerns and calls on the Government to recognise that it has a moral and practical duty to protect people from poverty and to provide a safety net... the council calls upon the Government to provide local government with the resources to deal with this crisis</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equality / Jacqui Kennedy, Corporate Director, Place</p>	<p>COMPLETED: A letter was sent by the Cabinet Member to Rt hon Amber Rudd MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, to highlight growing concerns and to ask for the resources to deal with this issue [February 2019]</p>

¹ A key element in the production of the Section 19 report is to send questionnaires to locations where flooding might have occurred. Over 1800 properties have been identified to receive questionnaires regarding whether flooding occurred at to the property on 27th May. This figure is significantly above the number of properties known to have flooded as the process of identifying potential flooding locations involves seeking information from properties immediately around those known flooded locations. Currently over 1700 properties have been contacted to obtain information from the property owners, tenants, etc.

Where potential mitigation measures are being identified in the collection of this information we are seeking to deliver “quick wins” and immediate works as the issues are identified. As an example, on the River Cole working in partnership with The Environment Agency the river has been cleared of debris, in addition to cutting back overhanging vegetation and removing significant obstruction which could impede flows. These actions were mobilised 3 weeks ago.

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2c	10 July 2018	<i>Motion for Debate:</i> a working group to review, identify and address issues they face and help make Birmingham City Council an exemplar parent friendly employer, including reviewing staff parental leave policy. This review should explore bringing maternity pay (including shared parental leave) at least into line with the 6 months full pay now offered to non-SRA councillors and be completed in time for the 2018/19 budget process.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources / Dawn Hewins, Director of HR	Benchmarking with other Local Authorities and Public Sector organisations has taken place. A review of all family friendly policies is being carried out and a cost benefit analysis to establish the potential costs and budget pressure that will be incurred in increasing maternity/shared parental leave benefits. An options appraisal is being discussed with members. Completion: Spring 2019 [November update]
3e	11 September 2018	<i>Motion for Debate:</i> calls for action at a city level so Birmingham makes a significant contribution to reducing disposal of plastics and cleaning up the environment / calls on the Executive to ask the Transport and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee to explore the opportunities and the options available to the City so it can become a Plastic Free City / asks the Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs urging him to bring the United Kingdom into line with the European Union's 2030 target for phasing out single use plastics / commits to working with partners within the Combined Authority to develop a complimentary regional strategy on this issue to ensure greater collaboration and to leverage more support from Government for innovative schemes to help support the Government's own strategy to reduce plastic pollution	Chair, Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services Cabinet Member Clean Streets, Waste and Recycling / Jacqui Kennedy, Corporate Director Place	Scrutiny: Inquiry into plastic free city scheduled for January and February 2019, report to Council proposed April 2019 . [October update]

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4b	06 November 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council welcomes the Government announcement of a new campaign to tackle Mental Health – Every Mind Matters / therefore calls on the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update local plans to reflect new opportunities arising from recent Government policy announcements - Bring the area action plan back to full Council for formal adoption and debate - Once adopted, ask Scrutiny to track progress against the Action Plan, reporting back to Full Council if the committee believes it necessary to update. 	Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Becky Pollard, Interim Director of Public Health	Revised action plan scheduled for Scrutiny in February 2019 .
5b	04 December 2018	<p>Women & Democracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the attached Statement of Intent is agreed; • That Cabinet Members and named officers are asked to implement the action plan included within the report in order to tackle the many barriers to women’s representation in Local Government; • Add the following to action plan:- Noting the small proportion of women representing the new single member wards, to lobby the Boundary Commission for a further review of city wards to tackle this issue. 	Deputy Leader / Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	Action plan implementation underway [January 2019]

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5c	04 December 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the Health and Well-Being Overview & Scrutiny Committee to work with relevant Cabinet Members, officers and partners to explore how sanitary products can be made available free of charge to female students in Birmingham’s schools and colleges and to women employed in or visiting council run buildings; • Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking the Government to provide the necessary funding to cover the cost of providing free sanitary products to girls and women in council workplaces, schools and colleges and scrap the VAT levied on female sanitary products as soon as is practicable and, in the meantime, to use the VAT collected on these products to fund the provision of free sanitary products for girls and women in need 	<p>Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Becky Pollard, Interim Director of Public Health</p> <p>Chair, Health and Social Care O&S Committee</p>	<p>The Chair of the Health and Social Care O&S Committee is meeting Cllr Brennan and Jenkins in the new year to discuss; and the committee will agree how to take this forward at their January meeting. [January update]</p>

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5d	04 December 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> this Council calls for Scrutiny to examine with the Armed Forces Champions and reported back to Full Council to look at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Council currently supports veterans ... • To look specifically at the current housing offer ... • How the Council currently works with partners .. • Identify any extra areas of support that the Council can provide either itself or in partnership • Identify areas where we can help build better understanding amongst the wider community • Identify any areas where the council can constructively feedback to national government for policy changes or additional support <p>In addition the Council also calls on the Executive, at the end of this Review, to write to all armed forces and key armed forces organisations (such as the Royal British Legion) setting out the Birmingham offer, along with details on how to access support to encourage full take up for all eligible individuals.</p>	Chair, Co-ordinating O&S committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services	To be discussed at the Scrutiny Chairs meeting in February [February update]

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5e	04 December 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> The Council recommends that the executive engages with scrutiny to review its policies for regeneration areas to ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regeneration is planned to meet the City's housing need. 2. Residents living in a regeneration area have the opportunity to shape and influence plans. 3. The executive's proposed 'right to return' policy is comprehensive and balanced. 4. The implications of a residents ballot on regeneration projects is fully explored 		To be discussed at the Scrutiny Chairs meeting in February [February update]
6a	15 January 2019	<p>That approval be given to retain the current Council Tax Support Scheme for the next financial year (2019/20) notwithstanding any prescribed changes set by Government and/or annual uprating.</p> <p>Where there is a recommendation subsequently made in future years, that there are no changes required to the scheme, for the preceding year that Delegated Authority is granted to the appropriate Senior Officers to authorise the scheme within the Benefit Service</p>	-	-
6b	15 January 2019	<p>That the City Council approves the Statement of Gambling Principles and authorises:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the City Solicitor to update the list of Policy Framework Plans to include the same; and ii. the Acting Director of Regulation and Enforcement to do what is necessary to publish and comply with the same. 	Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	Changes to Constitution to be made as part of refresh – May 2019 [February update]

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6c	15 January 2019	That the City of Sanctuary policy statement (Appendix 1) is approved as the City Council's new commitment to supporting the resettlement and integration of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Birmingham. In addition that the Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health be authorised to publish and disseminate the document as appropriate	Cabinet Member, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equality / Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care & Health	
6d	15 January 2019	Brexit: That the City Council note the contents of the report	-	-
6e	15 January 2019	<i>Motion for Debate:</i> Council expects the Cabinet Member for Education, Schools and Culture and the Cabinet Member for Social inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities to report back progress on [the motion] to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Cabinet Member for Education, Schools and Culture / Cabinet Member for Social inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities / Dr Tim O'Neill, Director Education & Skills / Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care & Health	

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6f	15 January 2019	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> Birmingham City Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call on the Government to end to all ‘hostile environment’ policy measures, stating opposition to the criminalisation of Windrush families • Call on the Government to enable the Windrush generation to acquire British citizenship at no cost and with proactive assistance throughout the process. • Welcome the Government’s announcement to make 22 June each year an annual celebration to recognise and honour the enormous contribution of those who arrived between 1948 and 1973. • Press the Prime Minister to call for an independent public enquiry into the Windrush scandal. • Demand the Government provides advice and support to all Birmingham residents of the Windrush generation (and compensation for all losses, injury and damages to date where necessary). • Review our existing migration work to ensure we support those affected. • Support the call for fees for naturalisation to be waived for all those who have been affected. 		

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6g	15 January 2019	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> The Council therefore calls on the Executive to place into the public domain all documents relating to the GMB payment including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the ACAS deal itself • Copies of all delegated decision reports • Copies of any briefings or correspondence with any cabinet member, previous or current, regarding the deal • Copies of any correspondence between the Council and GMB in the run up to and after the Unite settlement regarding the proposed settlement and any objections GMB had to that • Copies of any correspondence concerning the decision to exclude GMB from talks after the Unite settlement • Copies of minutes from all meetings between the Council and any Union concerning implementation of the Nov 2017 settlement • Full details of all costs involved, including the total payment itself and any legal costs • Copies of any correspondence regarding how and why the deal should be kept secret and not included in usual processes such as the requirement to publish all spend over £500 • The Council also calls for an immediate review into the use of delegated powers within the constitution 	Leader / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	

Other Actions from City Council Meetings

Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member	Request/Question	Action taken
15-Jan-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Kate Booth	To confirm to Cllr Alex Yip that the information on Birmingham's website regarding EHCP assessments is accurate and up to date.	
15-Jan-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Jayne Francis	To confirm to Cllr Timothy Huxtable the cost of installing self-enforcing traffic measures referred to the in the budget consultation.	