

Scrutiny Planning 2023-24

Proposed Arrangements

Rationale and Impact

- Retain Eight O&S Committees retained but modified to address concerns in the present arrangements.
- Housing and Neighbourhoods OSC split into two separate Committees – Homes OSC and Neighbourhoods OSC to enable sufficient focus to be given to key issues identified by Members of Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee.
- CWG legacy integrated across thematic O&S Committees, with the proposed Neighbourhoods OSC given a role in ensuring this objective.
- CWG OSC deleted. Arts and Culture split between Co-ordinating and Economy & Skills OSCs.
- Physical Activity, which under the present arrangements sits with CWG but is included in the present HOSC terms of reference through the health improvement and inequalities remit. The community aspects of physical activity are introduced into the terms of reference of Neighbourhoods OSC.
- Finance and Resources OSC maintains a focus on resources but finance scrutiny will need to be improved by building on budget scrutiny training delivered in December 2022.

Slightly reduces the number of O&S Committees to which Cabinet Members report (4 Cabinet Members reporting to 2 OSCs, 3 Cabinet Members reporting to 2 OSCs, 2 Cabinet Members reporting to 2 OSCs, 1 Cabinet Member reporting to 2 OSC: Total 20)

If there is more than one Cabinet Member identified to report to an O&S Committee, it may be possible for the Cabinet to identify a lead Cabinet Member to report to specific meetings after consultation with other relevant Cabinet Members – this to be agreed by individual O&S Committee chairs.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - social cohesion and inclusion, equalities - third sector organisations and partner agencies contribution to social cohesion and equalities - refugees, migration and City of Sanctuary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - open data - digital inclusion, data protection, cyber security - arts, museums and tourism - Library of Birmingham and community library services - promotion of the city's heritage and investment in the city. <p>These functions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - giving such guidance to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in any cases of uncertainty as to work which they should or should not be undertaking, as may be necessary to achieve such co-ordination, including the allocation of "call-in" to the appropriate Committee - determining, in any cases of uncertainty, the allocation of responsibility for specific tasks between the Overview and Scrutiny Committees - ensuring (by means, for example, of issuing appropriate guidance and/or instructions) that the Overview & Scrutiny Committees pay proper attention in their work to the consideration of key cross cutting issues, in particular equalities, transparency and improvement - overseeing the development and delivery of a balanced work programme of Scrutiny Committees using a range of scrutiny methodologies and reporting regularly to City Council - considering Overview & Scrutiny development, working practices and constitutional arrangements. 		<p>Cabinet Member for Social Justice, community Safety & Equalities</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage & Tourism</p>
<p>Economy and Skills OSC</p> <p>To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:</p>		<p>Number: 3</p>

<p>The Overview and Scrutiny Committee dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Church of England diocese representative (one) - Roman Catholic diocese representative (one) - Parent Governor representatives (two). 		
<p>Finance and Resources OSC</p> <p>To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council Business Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan/Budget - oversight of Council-owned land and property facilities, amenities and services including markets - overall financial direction within the Financial Strategy developed by the Leader, including Best Value and appropriate financial, accounting and audit controls and procedures - Business Charter for Social Responsibility - commercial opportunities available to the Council - Revenues and Benefits service - procurement management - contract management policy - management of all internal trading operations - commissioning approach that supports the Council's wider social objectives - collection of rent/recovery of rents from Council tenants/former tenants and overpayments of Housing Benefit from Council tenants - organisational development function for shaping the future workforce of the Council - change/transformational programmes deployed corporately - Member development programmes - processes and procedures to support good staff performance and equality objectives - human resources, staffing structures at JNC level and personnel procedures - oversight of the use of consultants with particular focus on their duration, renewal and cost. 		<p>Number: 3</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities</p>

<p>Health and Adult Social Care OSC</p> <p>To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of Health & Well Being Board and relationship with NHS and private providers - social care services and safeguarding for adults - public health services - healthy living - discharge of the relevant overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the appointment of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees with neighbouring authorities • the exercise of the power to make referrals of contested service reconfigurations to the Secretary of State as previously delegated to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Council. 	<p>HOSC and Joint HOSC Statutory function.</p>	<p>Number: 1</p> <p>Cabinet Member Health & Social Care</p>
<p>Homes OSC</p> <p>To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council Housing management services, repairs and maintenance programmes - Best use of housing stock across all housing providers - neighbourhood management initiatives and the housing growth agenda (Birmingham Social Housing Partnership) - private rented sector, licensing and regulation - tenancy engagement in the management and development of social housing and Housing Liaison Boards - exempt accommodation - Housing Options for vulnerable adults, children, young people and offenders - temporary accommodation provision - homelessness and rough sleeping - supply of homes to meet housing need. 		<p>Number: 2</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness</p> <p>Leader</p>

<p>Neighbourhoods OSC</p> <p>To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collection and removal of waste from residential and other properties within the city - pest control - street cleansing, litter prevention, fly tipping/placarding removal and enforcement, graffiti removal, scrap yard and motor salvage operator enforcement - parks and allotments - local events held in parks - community safety, anti-social behaviour, fear of crime, support for victims of crime - relationships with Police & Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Police - youth offending - domestic abuse - cemeteries and crematoria, mortuary and Coroners Court services, Register Office services - Local Development Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, Development Briefs, localisation - Commonwealth Games Legacy Framework (with the Leader). <p>This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee (Police and Justice Act 2006). Birmingham City Council Constitution Part B Roles, Functions and Rules of Procedure May 2022 B11 Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p>	<p>Statutory Function: CDRP / CSP Scrutiny</p>	<p>Number: 4</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism</p>

Sustainability and Transport OSC To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sustainable transportation policy and programmes, projects and initiatives - strategic highways matters - maintenance of roads and streets, traffic management and car parks and enforcing rights of way - cooperation with the WMCA and Mayor in relation to the key route network - an Air Quality Strategy for Birmingham - a financially and environmentally sustainable waste strategy - a robust re-use and recycle strategy - a strategy for sustainability, liveability and environmental improvements - city-wide and national policy development to tackle the causes and consequences of climate change. 		Number 2: Cabinet Member for Transport Cabinet Member for Environment