

Birmingham City Council

Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed work programme for the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2023-24. Following the findings and recommendations from the independent Governance Review of the Council, and specifically recommendation 5, the Committee has reframed its work programme to be aligned to the Council's improvement and recovery priorities. Appendix 1 outlines the topics identified, aims and objectives as well as the preferred method of scrutiny to achieve these objectives.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 also provides information on other topics, which had previously been identified by the Committee. In light of the reframing of this work programme, these topics will be deferred by the Committee for future consideration at the right time.
- 1.3 The Committee intends to commence a Road Safety inquiry. This scope of this inquiry has been reconsidered to ensure synergy with improvement and recovery priorities. Appendix 2 sets out the inquiry's proposed terms of reference.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee:
 - Notes the information set out in Appendix 1 and identifies if any further topics need to be added aligned to the Council's improvement and recovery priorities.

- Agrees, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair, the issues that the Committee will consider during March – May 2024, the proposed aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny.
- Reviews and agrees, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair, the proposed Terms of Reference in relation to Road Safety (Appendix 2).
- Notes, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair outside of the meeting, its proposed work programme will be submitted to Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee to enable work to be planned and co-ordinated throughout the year.

3 Background

3.1 The [statutory guidance for local government overview and scrutiny](#) sets out the role it can play in holding an authority's decision makers to account. This makes it fundamentally important to the successful functioning of local democracy.

3.2 Effective Overview and Scrutiny should:

- Provide constructive 'critical friend' challenge.
- Amplify the voices and concerns of the public.
- Be led by independent people who take responsibility for their role.
- Drive improvements in public services.

3.3 The role and functions of Overview and Scrutiny Committees are outlined in [The City Council's Constitution | Birmingham City Council](#) They will:

- Make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council, the Executive and/or other organisations in connection with the discharge of the functions specified in their terms of reference.
- Consider any matter covered in their terms of reference that may affect or be likely to have an effect on the citizens of Birmingham; relevant to the Council's strategic objectives; relevant to major issues faced by officers in managing a function of the Council; and likely to make contribution to moving the Council forward and achieving key performance targets.

3.4 Effective scrutiny needs to add value. A well planned and timely work programme enables Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be involved at the right time and in the right way, and ensure their involvement is meaningful and can influence the outcome.

3.5 Members often have a number of topics suggested to them and are therefore required to **prioritise** matters for consideration. The Scrutiny Framework sets out the following factors to be considered:

- Public interest: concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen.

- Ability to change: priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically influence.
- Performance: priority should be given to areas in which the Council and Partners are not performing well.
- Extent: priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or a large part of the city.
- Replication: work programme must take account of what else is happening to avoid duplication.

Looking Ahead

- 3.6 Since June 2023, Overview and Scrutiny Committees have identified a 'menu' of issues (including policy development, policy review, issues of accountability and statutory functions). Each Committee has then regularly reviewed their 'menu' and decided which issues needed to be examined further, and how that work would be undertaken.

Scrutiny Methods

- 3.7 There are a range of ways to undertake scrutiny. The approach for 2023-24 enables flexible scrutiny and outlines a shift from monthly formal meetings to a combination of approaches. The Committee will choose the most effective scrutiny method to achieve the desired aims and objectives for each topic.
- 3.8 Scrutiny activities should be thorough and undertaken in a timely manner.
- 3.9 Based on Statutory Guidance published in 2019, different scrutiny methods include (but are not limited to):
- A single item, or items, on a committee agenda – this method fits more closely with the "overview" aspect of the Scrutiny function and provides limited opportunity for effective scrutiny. It is most appropriate for specific issues where the committee wants to maintain a watching brief.
 - A single item meeting, either as the committee or a more limited number of Members. It has the capacity to enhance the previous option by taking evidence from a number of witnesses.
 - A task and finish day - provided that these are properly focused, they ensure Councillors can swiftly reach conclusions and make recommendations and are effective even for complex topics.
 - A task and finish review – this is an enhancement of the previous option being held over four or six meetings spread over a limited number of months.

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- 3.10 The Committee's Terms of Reference is to fulfil its functions as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:

- 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
- Citywide and national policy development to tackle the causes and consequences of climate change

3.11 The Committee is chaired by Cllr Lee Marsham, and its membership comprises Cllrs Saima Ahmed, David Barker, Martin Brooks, Timothy Huxtable, Colin Green, Richard Parkin and Waseem Zaffar

4 The Governance Review – Reframing the Work Programme 2023-24

4.1 The Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 December 2023 acknowledged the recommendations in the Governance Review of Birmingham City Council agreed by Cabinet on 12 December 2023. Recommendation 5 stated the need to reframe scrutiny work programmes on the Council's improvement and recovery priorities, and that alignment of work programmes should focus on:

- a) Having an active part in the 2024/25 budget development process.
- b) The safe and effective delivery of key services supporting vulnerable people.
- c) Critical performance issues emerging "by exception".
- d) Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 Budget, the Emergency Budget (to be identified by exception), and other priority scrutiny activity relating to the Budget.
- e) Culture, behaviour change and organisational development.

4.2 On 11 January 2024, the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee met informally to consider the developing Improvement and Recovery Plan and the findings and recommendations of the Governance Review. The Committee reconsidered its work programme for February – April and reframed it to ensure it aligns with the issues set out above.

4.3 Appendix 1 sets out the updated work programme. The Committee also proposed to meet in May 2024 to replace the cancelled Committee in October 2023. This will be critical to ensure it can cover the topics it has identified.

- 4.4 Appendix 1 also provides information on topics which have now been deferred by the Committee as a result of these discussions.
- 4.5 The Committee may decide to add further items to the work programme during the remainder of the year. When considering this, the Committee is advised to consider where it can best add value through scrutiny aligning to the Council's priorities and improvement journey, and how it can prioritise topics for consideration based on the Scrutiny Framework referred to in paragraph 3.5 above.
- 4.6 The Council's latest [January 2024 Forward Plan \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com) may assist Members in identifying future topics. The following reports are of particular relevance to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
011742/2024	Draft Financial Plan 2024-2028	Finance & Resources	13 Feb 2024
010416/2022	NEC Masterplan and Property Strategy	Leader	13 Feb 2024
011743/2024	Financial Plan 2024-2028	Finance & Resources	27 Feb 2024
011969/2023	Transportation and Infrastructure Partnership Procurement Strategy Report	Finance & Resources	19 Mar 2024
010756/2023	A45 Birmingham to Airport and Solihull SPRINT Phase 2 – Full Business Case	Transport	19 Mar 2024
010763/2023	A34 Walsall to Birmingham Sprint Phase 2 – Full Business Case	Transport	19 Mar 2024
011429/2023	Southside Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Revised Financial Appraisal	Transport	19 Mar 2024
007686/2020	Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document	Leader	23 Apr 2024
010173/2022	Our Future City Plan 2040 – Draft Central Birmingham Framework	Leader	14 May 2024
012296/2024	Birmingham Local Plan – Preferred Options Consultation	Leader	14 May 2024
010635/2023	Paradise Phase 3	Leader	25 Jun 2024

- 4.7 Overview and Scrutiny Chairs are advised to maintain regular engagement with Cabinet Members to enable flexibility to be built into the Overview and Scrutiny work programme, so as to respond to the Council's policy priorities in a timely way.

5 Road Safety Inquiry

- 5.1 The Committee agreed to undertake a Road Safety Inquiry in 2023-24 to respond to increasing public concerns. It was agreed that this would commence following the conclusion of the Active Travel Inquiry.
- 5.2 A cross party inquiry task and finish group was set up comprising Cllrs David Barker; Izzy Knowles; Richard Parkin and Waseem Zaffar. The group has been chaired by Cllr Barker. Although not a member of the Committee and to balance capacity and interests, Cllr Knowles has been co-opted to the inquiry group.
- 5.3 The Road Safety inquiry has reconsidered its original scope in light of the wider Committee need to reframe its work programme. The inquiry Task and Finish group met on 23 January 2024 to finalise a revised terms of reference. An evidence gathering schedule was also progressed.
- 5.4 If agreed, the inquiry intends to commence its evidence gathering phase in late February; this will coincide with the anticipated end of the Active Travel Inquiry. It plans to conclude evidence gathering in May. The inquiry also intends to report to Council in 2024-25.

6 Any Finance Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

7 Any Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

8 Any Equalities Implications

- 8.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
 - eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 8.2 The protected characteristics and groups outlined in the Equality Act are Age; Disability; Gender Reassignment; Marriage and Civil Partnership; Pregnancy and Maternity; Race; Religion and Belief; Sex, and Sexual Orientation.
- 8.3 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering how policy issues impact

on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; and whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

- 8.4 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

9 Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1: Work Programme 2023-24, February

- 9.2 Appendix 2: Terms of Reference – Road Safety

10 Background Papers

- 10.1 [Birmingham City Council Constitution](#)

- 10.2 Birmingham City Council Overview and Scrutiny Framework April 2021

Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24

Month	Item/Topic Link with Corporate Priorities	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
8 th February	Highways and Highways PFI Corporate Priorities: 1, 3 and 9 CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Critical performance issues emerging “by exception”.	Receive a progress update on the Highways PFI contract and arrangements for 24-25.	Committee meeting single item: 2pm, Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House Deadline for Papers: 25 January 2024	Mark Shelswell, Assistant Director, Highways and Infrastructure	Stephen Walton, Head of Highways PFI Procurement	The Committee has requested this report is provided monthly until further notice.
8 th February	Performance Management Indicators CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Culture, Behaviour Change and Organisational Development	Understand what Performance Management is, how it works in the Council and specifically how it informs Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s in other areas Consider existing relevant corporate performance measures and identify potential new measures.	Workshop	Angela Storer, Head of Corporate Performance	Syeda Akhtar, Corporate Performance Manager Marie Dobinson, Improvement and Change Partner Paul Kitson, Strategic Director, Place, Prosperity and Sustainability	Aligned to Improvement and Recovery Plan (IRP) workstreams. All O&S Committees will participate in this workshop. Informed by practice in other Local Authorities, as advised by LGA officer.

					<p>Phil Edwards, Assistant Director, Transport & Connectivity</p> <p>Mark Shelswell Assistant Director, Highways & Infrastructure</p>	
7 th March	<p>Active Travel Inquiry</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 9, 13 and 14</p>	Review and agree the Active Travel Inquiry Report and its recommendations.	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 2pm Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House</p> <p>Deadline for Papers: 22 February 2024</p>	Amelia Wiltshire, Overview and Scrutiny Manager		
7 th March	<p>Highways and Highways PFI</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 1, 3 and 9</p> <p>CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Critical performance issues emerging “by exception”.</p>	Receive a progress update on the Highways PFI contract and arrangements for 24-25.	<p>Committee meeting single item: 2pm, Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House</p> <p>Deadline for Papers: 22 February 2024</p>	Mark Shelswell, Assistant Director, Highways and Infrastructure	Stephen Walton, Head of Highways PFI Procurement	The Committee has requested this report is provided monthly until further notice.

7 th March	<p>Budget Challenge and Financial Recovery</p> <p>CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 Budget, the Emergency Budget (to be identified by exception), and other priority scrutiny activity relating to the Budget.</p>	<p>Track the progress on savings made to date.</p> <p>Consider the impact of savings on policy and service delivery.</p> <p>Consider how relevant services are mobilising to delivery budget savings for 24-25 and agree how the Committee will monitor these savings.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 2pm Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House</p> <p>Deadline for Papers: 22 February 2024</p>	<p>Paul Kitson Strategic Director, Place, Prosperity & sustainability</p> <p>Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations</p>	<p>Phil Edwards, Assistant Director, Transport & Connectivity</p> <p>Mark Shelswell Assistant Director, Highways & Infrastructure</p>	<p>This will be specific to the remit of this Committee.</p> <p>This will be a standard agenda across all Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p>
11 th April	<p>Budget Challenge and Financial Recovery</p> <p>CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 Budget, the Emergency Budget (to be identified by exception), and other priority scrutiny</p>	<p>Track the progress on savings made to date.</p> <p>Consider the impact of savings on policy and service delivery.</p> <p>Consider how relevant services are mobilising to delivery budget savings for 24-25 and agree how the Committee will monitor these savings.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 2pm Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House</p> <p>Deadline for Papers: 25 March 2024</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Majid Mahmood</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Transport, Cllr Liz Clements</p> <p>Paul Kitson Strategic Director, Place, Prosperity & sustainability</p>	<p>Phil Edwards, Assistant Director, Transport & Connectivity</p> <p>Mark Shelswell Assistant Director, Highways & Infrastructure</p>	<p>Cabinet Members to be invited specifically to consider how this will impact on policy in service areas.</p> <p>This will be specific to the remit of this Committee.</p> <p>This will be a standard agenda across all Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p>

	activity relating to the Budget			Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations		
11 th April	<p>Highways and Highways PFI</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 1, 3 and 9</p> <p>CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Critical performance issues emerging “by exception”.</p>	Receive a progress update on the Highways PFI contract and arrangements for 24-25.	<p>Committee meeting single item: 2pm, Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House</p> <p>Deadline for Papers: 25 March 2024</p>	Mark Shelswell, Assistant Director, Highways and Infrastructure	Stephen Walton, Head of Highways PFI Procurement	The Committee has requested this report is provided monthly until further notice.
11 th April	<p>Customer Service Programme</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 6 and 21</p> <p>CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 Budget, the Emergency Budget (to be identified by exception), and other priority scrutiny</p>	<p>Monitor the progress and impact of the recommendations from the Customers Services programme (as previously undertaken by Co-ordinating O&S Committee)</p> <p>Understand how the Customer Services programme has been impacted by budget savings. Consider if and how the impact of the budget savings can be mitigated to deliver better outcomes for citizens</p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 2pm</p> <p>Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House</p> <p>Deadline for Papers: 25 March 2024</p>	Wendy Griffiths, Assistant Director Customer Services and Business Support	TBC	<p>Aligned to Improvement and Recovery Plan (IRP) workstreams.</p> <p>Co-ordinating O&S Committee convened Task and Finish groups to identify, and monitor progress of, recommendations to improve customer services in 4 areas including Highways Repairs.</p> <p>A final Task and Finish group took place on 7 July 2023, and a report presented to Co-ordinating O&S in July. It was agreed that Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee takes forward this</p>

	activity relating to the Budget					work for Highway Repairs in the future.
May	<p>Annual Flood Risk Management Plan</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 11 and 17</p> <p>CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 Budget, the Emergency Budget (to be identified by exception), and other priority scrutiny activity relating to the Budget</p>	<p>Review the plan and work undertaken to mitigate against flooding within the city over the past 12 months</p> <p>Consider the Flood Risk management plan for 24-25 and specifically, the impact of the budget challenge and financial recovery programme.</p>	Date & Time TBC	Hannah Hogan, Flood Risk Manager	TBC	<p>As the October session had to be cancelled due to clash with Extraordinary Council meeting, the Committee will hold a further meeting in May.</p> <p>This is an annual report. Latest report to the Committee is here.</p>
May	<p>Highways and Highways PFI</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 1, 3 and 9</p> <p>CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Critical performance issues emerging “by exception”.</p>	Receive a progress update on the Highways PFI contract and arrangements for 24-25.	Date and time tbc	Mark Shelswell, Assistant Director, Highways and Infrastructure	Stephen Walton, Head of Highways PFI Procurement	The Committee has requested this report is provided monthly until further notice.

May	Budget Challenge and Financial Recovery CGFS Independent Governance Review recommendation 5: Equality and equity issues arising from the development of the 24/25 Budget, the Emergency Budget (to be identified by exception), and other priority scrutiny activity relating to the Budget	Track the progress on savings made to date. Consider the impact of savings on policy and service delivery with specific regard to Net Zero.	Committee Meeting single item: 2pm Venue: Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House Deadline for Papers: 3 April 2024	Paul Kitson Strategic Director, Place, Prosperity & sustainability Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations	Phil Edwards, Assistant Director, Transport & Connectivity Mark Shelswell Assistant Director, Highways & Infrastructure	This will be specific to the remit of this Committee. This will be a standard agenda across all Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
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*Outcome: This will be populated once the item/topic has been completed. It will highlight the added value and impact.

Menu of Options for Future Consideration

The following items had been identified as potential topics for future consideration. This approach enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to remain flexible and respond in a timely manner to emerging issues.

This is a live work programme work programme. New items may be added, or items removed during the course of the year. Proposed aims and objectives as well as scrutiny methodology may also be subject to change.

Item/ Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
Recycling and Waste Reduction	To be determined.	To be confirmed	No further information at this time
Route to Net Zero	Consider how the Council is supporting community leadership. Other aims and objectives to be determined.	To be confirmed	If this is an in-depth piece of work, to be scheduled following the completion of the Road Safety topic.

Item/ Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
Public Transport	To be determined by the Committee	Committee Meeting	The intention is to consider information from multiple bus providers as well as the rail sector and WMCA. It may be followed by visits to public transport facilities

Scrutiny Method Options:

Committee meeting - single item

Committee meeting - single theme

Task and Finish Group (outline number of meetings)

On location

Other - (describe)

Corporate Priorities, Performance and Outcomes

Corporate Priorities 2022 – 26:

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| 1 Support inclusive economic growth | 11 Increase affordable, safe, green housing |
| 2 Tackle unemployment | 12 Tackle homelessness |
| 3 Attract inward investment and infrastructure | 13 Tackle health inequalities |
| 4 Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games | 14 Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living |
| 5 Tackle poverty and inequalities | 15 Champion mental health |
| 6 Empower citizens and enable citizen voice | 16 Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people |
| 7 Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture | 17 Improve street cleanliness |
| 8 Support and enable all children and young people to thrive | 18 Improve air quality |
| 9 Make the city safer | 19 Continue on the Route to Zero |
| 10 Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens | 20 Be a City of Nature |
| | 21 Delivering a Bold Best in Class Council |

Information on the Corporate Priorities, Performance and City Outcomes was reported to the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee OSC in June 2023: [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](#)



Work Outline / Terms of Reference

Road Safety Inquiry

Reporting to Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Our key question:	How can the Council deliver better road safety outcomes while also meeting its budget challenges and moving towards financial recovery?
1. How is O&S adding value through this work?	<p><i>Improving road safety is always a priority for communities across the city, and this is reflected in members' caseloads for road safety and parked related issues. Over the past year, community concerns have significantly increased across the city. This follows several tragic incidents on Birmingham's streets where cyclists, pedestrians and motorists, both adults and children, have died or been injured. This resulted in strong public interest to ensure roads are safer for all users in the future together with significant local media coverage.</i></p> <p><i>The Council, West Midlands Mayor and the Police and Crime Commissioner have all responded to this public interest through stakeholder engagement and commitments for the future. For the Council specifically, citizens are asking for physical measures (for example, speed bumps) and more effective enforcement. Birmingham City Council is currently developing a new Road Harm Reduction Strategy for the Council, which will drive forward a new strategic vision for how these issues can be addressed. The proposed new strategy is currently under public consultation to close in April 2024. This strategy will be underpinned by a delivery plan, which aims to deliver change in the short, medium and long term.</i></p> <p><i>The intention of this Inquiry is not to duplicate existing work. With the advent of this new Road Harm Reduction strategy, the inquiry seeks, at this time, to shine a particular focus on enforcement. The inquiry acknowledges a successful local approach towards road safety encompasses a range of strands, and enforcement is one of many interconnecting themes. However, the inquiry considers there are opportunities to add value to the impact of the proposed new strategy by influencing the development of new enforcement approaches through this inquiry's key findings and recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>As the scope for this inquiry has been developed, the budget challenges for the Council has emerged and a financial recovery plan has been developed. The inquiry has therefore considered how to best respond within the new financial context to address these important community concerns. Despite these challenges, the inquiry believes that there are opportunities for the Council to better use remaining resources to deliver better road safety outcomes for communities. This approach has been welcomed by officers in the respective service areas to complement their budget recovery work.</i></p> <p><i>The inquiry has considered carefully how it meets recommendation 5 of the Governance Review (Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, Nov 2023). This ensures all future Overview and Scrutiny activity contributes towards the</i></p>



	<p><i>Council's financial recovery and improvement journey. This inquiry meets the following criteria, as outlined in recommendation 5:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> equality and equity issues arising from the budget and other priority scrutiny activity relating to the budget – <i>this inquiry will contribute specifically towards priority scrutiny activity relating to the budget.</i> Culture, behaviour change and organisational development <p><i>In summary this inquiry meets the criteria outlined in the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Framework (2021) to ensure inquiries add value, as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A high degree of public interest, political importance or sensitivity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Issue identified by members as a key issue for public;</i> <i>Public interest issue covered in local media</i> Policy Overview work <i>(where Cabinet Members are developing or seeking to develop new policy).</i>
2. What needs to be done?	<p><i>This inquiry will encompass a broad range of issues affecting pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, and all of which contribute to road safety concerns. This includes speeding vehicles; inconsiderate and dangerous parking; and illegal dropped kerbs.</i></p> <p><i>The Inquiry will receive evidence from a range of stakeholders to consider the following key issues:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What is an acceptable level of compliance with the rules of the road? What enforcement activity is required to achieve this?</i> <i>What are the roles and responsibilities for individual organisations and their services? How are the Council and partner organisations currently working together?</i> <i>What is the financial modelling for Council enforcement activity?</i> <i>How are the Council using data and information to deliver a better service? How does the Council use information from citizens to inform their service?</i> <i>What does an effective cross-Council enforcement (including reporting) approach look like? What are the key measures which make a difference? What is their cost base? What can we learn from other Local Authorities and their partner organisations to deliver better outcomes on enforcement?</i> <i>What are the legislative tools available to the Local Authority, and how are they currently being used? How do these tools differ from those available to other partner organisations?</i> <i>How can the Council build support within neighbourhoods and communities for enforcement?</i>
3. What timescale do we propose to do this in?	<p>Scoping: <i>Revised outline Terms of Reference and delivery plan: to be agreed at the Overview and Scrutiny on 8 February 2024.</i></p> <p>Evidence Gathering: <i>Evidence gathering is anticipated to commence in February 2024 (subject to the conclusion of the Active Travel Inquiry) and will continue until May 2024.</i></p>



	<p>Key Findings and Recommendations: <i>The Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee intends to report and make recommendations to Council. A date will be confirmed for this report once evidence gathering has been completed.</i></p>
<p>4. What outcomes are we looking to achieve?</p>	<p><i>This inquiry anticipates making recommendations which will contribute towards:</i></p> <p><i>Outcome 1: Safer roads for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.</i> <i>Outcome 2: Service transformation for Highways</i> <i>Outcome 3: Contribute towards the Council's financial recovery programme</i> <i>Outcome 4: Build trust and confidence in Birmingham citizens to effectively address road safety issues</i></p> <p>Birmingham City Council's Corporate Plan 2022-2026 <i>Priority 9: Make city safer</i></p>
<p>5. What is the best way to achieve these outcomes and what routes will we use?</p>	<p><i>A Task and Finish Group has been the recommended approach by the Committee to gather and review evidence for this inquiry. This Task and Finish group will comprise cross party membership.</i></p> <p>Stakeholders <i>The following stakeholders will be requested to provide information to this inquiry:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Birmingham City Council – Community Safety, Highways and Infrastructure and Transportation, and contracted services.</i> <i>Community groups</i> <i>Other Local Authorities -to provide examples of best practice.</i> <i>Police and Crime Commissioner (West Midlands)</i> <i>Residents</i> <i>West Midlands Fire Service</i> <i>West Midlands Police</i> <i>West Midlands Combined Authority</i> <p><i>Other stakeholders may be identified as evidence gathering commences.</i></p> <p><i>The inquiry recognises that the recommendations it makes will be for the Council. However, it will consider evidence from other statutory organisations to inform these recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>The inquiry also welcomes suggestions for additional stakeholders to seek evidence from all stakeholders listed above and Members of the Council. All suggestions should be highlighted to the lead officer listed below.</i></p> <p>Members <i>All Members of the Council will also be invited to provide evidence through a survey.</i></p> <p><i>In addition to this, all members of the Council may request to attend evidence gathering sessions. If a Member is interested in this, they are invited to contact the lead officer for further information.</i></p>



	<p>Evidence</p> <p><i>Stakeholders will be invited to provide evidence in a variety of formats. This will be finalised as part of the scoping stage. In general terms:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>For organisations and community groups, this may be information in writing and/or a face-to-face presentation. Organisations will be advised of the relevant format for their evidence individually when invited to provide information to the inquiry.</i>• <i>The inquiry group may also undertake site visits, if appropriate, to support their inquiry.</i>
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Member / Officer Leads

<i>Lead Member:</i>	<i>Chair: Cllr. David Barker</i>
<i>Members of the Task and Finish Group:</i>	<i>Councillors Izzy Knowles; Richard Parkin and Waseem Zaffar</i>
<i>Lead Officer and support:</i>	<i>Lead Officer: Amelia Wiltshire Support Officer: Baseema Begum</i> <i>Key directorate support will be provided through City Operations Directorate – Highways and Infrastructure.</i>