



CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2022/23 – May 2022

CBM	Item
31 May 2022	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel Appointments CBM Order of Motions
27 June 2022	Review of Constitution including Financial Contracts and Procurement Rules (part D) Petitions Update Provisional City Council and CBM dates for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/2026 The Lord Mayoralty Formula
30 August 2022	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Reports not on the Forward Plan – Annual Report
17 October 2022	Review of Constitution Petitions Update

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14 June 2022**	Executive Business Report Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel
12 July 2022	Review of Constitution including Financial Contracts and Procurement Rules (part D) Scrutiny Business Report Lead Member report: Transport Delivery Committee
13 September 2022	Reports not on the Forward Plan Executive Business Report Youth Justice Plan Lead Member report: WMCA Scrutiny
1 November 2022	Review of Constitution GBSLEP Scrutiny

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21 November 2022	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations	6 December 2022	Scrutiny Business Report Lead Member report: West Midlands Police & Crime Panel
19 December 2022	Petitions Update	10 January 2023	Executive Business Report Annual Report from the Chair of Audit Committee to City Council
23 January 2023		7 February 2023*	Lead Member report: West Midlands Fire Authority Annual Report from the Chair of Audit Committee to City Council Scrutiny Business Report
13 February 2023	Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations	28 February 2023	BUDGET MEETING: Financial Plan 2021-2024
20 March 2023	Petitions Update; Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations	4 April 2023	Executive Business Report
8 May 2023	Proportionality City Council Appointments Annual Review of the City Council's Constitution Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations	23 May 2023	ANNUAL MEETING
June 2023 (TBC)	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel	June 2023 (TBC)	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Four Yearly or ad-hoc items:

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman (May 2026); Appointment of the Leader (May 2026), Appointment of the Council's External Auditor (2027)

Items to be scheduled / proposed:

Executive Business Reports¹ – June, Sept/Nov, January and April; Scrutiny Business Report – July, December, February/March; Lead Member reports: West Midlands Fire Authority (February); Transport Delivery Committee (July); WMCA Scrutiny (September); GBSLEP Scrutiny (November); West Midlands Police & Crime Panel (December)

Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations (quarterly basis TBC)

Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Assistant Director, Governance) (tbc)

Councillors indemnity policy

* Pre-meeting of members to select Lord Mayor elect ** Annual Council Photograph

Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

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1a.	02-Nov-21	<p>Local High Streets / Independent Businesses</p> <p>This Council believes that Local High Streets and independent businesses are the life blood of communities, supporting not only the local economy but also helping to address issues from crime and antisocial behaviour to social isolation. Long term decline from online and out of town competition has been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic and from over a decade of austerity...</p> <p>... Council therefore calls on the executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to support local Christmas markets and events in local centres, showcasing the best of local businesses. This council has engaged with 21 areas across the city to deliver local events using the Welcome Back Fund. Two events have already been delivered (Acocks Green, Harborne) and a further 19 are expected prior to March 2022, with 11 of these held in December 2021. - Continue to facilitate Christmas and other festive light displays, building on this year's additional displays across the city - Continue to work with local Business Improvement Districts to support and promote initiatives in their areas, building on post-lockdown campaigns aimed at bringing shoppers back to local high streets 	Leader / Director, Inclusive Growth	<p>Officers continue to engage with and support the eleven Business Improvement Districts across the city, as well as develop emerging business associations in areas without BIDs.</p> <p>Through the ERDF Welcome Back Fund, Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported delivery of 18 events to date across high streets and shopping areas. A further six events are planned for March 2022. - Installed new festive lights across 11 areas. - Continued the deep cleaning and graffiti removal programme of works across the city that will cover 26 areas by the end of March 2022. - Installed, or in the process of installing, new planters and bunting across various areas. - Commissioned a Local Centres Review to help guide the future development of local centres across the city following social and economic changes wrought by Covid, with specific focus on Bordesley Green, Cotteridge, and Soho Road. This is underway and will be completed by the end of March 2022. - A Meanwhile Use Framework project is about to commence, with a contractor expected to be appointed in the coming days. This project will provide the rationale and methodology for delivering pop-up / meanwhile uses in vacant or

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue ongoing work to enable 'meanwhile use' of empty shop units - Continue to work with BIDs and other business groups on a deep clean programme (pavement washing, graffiti removal) in 24 areas of the city <p>In addition, Council will continue ongoing work to commission a review that will inform the future development and social, cultural and economic curation of Birmingham's local centres. The review will establish the principles of what makes a vibrant, resilient local centre as we emerge from multiple Covid-19 lockdowns, and then present a model/framework for identifying and assessing opportunities to enhance local centres across the city in the next 1 to 5 years due to actual and anticipated shifts in working, social and consumption patterns.</p> <p>The review will go on to provide practical outputs for delivering these opportunities across multiple local centres in Birmingham and how these can be sustained for the benefit of local communities and businesses.</p> <p>This work is to be completed alongside a refresh of the Council's relationship with existing and emerging Business Improvement Districts in the city to ensure a consistent, transparent and positive relationship between BIDs and the Council.</p>		underused spaces across the city, and will be completed by the end of March 2022.
1b.	02-Nov-21	<p>Antisocial parking on pavements:</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p>	Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment /	The Government held a consultation on proposed options to tackle pavement parking at both a national

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage local members to identify streets within their ward where nuisance or antisocial parking occurs and to report them to the relevant council officers. - Work with the West Midlands Police to take into account any new powers that the Government makes available to local authorities as a result of the national consultation on managing pavement parking. - Encourage residents to report instances of parking across dropped kerbs to the Council so that Traffic Wardens are able to take appropriate enforcement actions, and continue to support the regular patrols that are undertaken by the Traffic Wardens. 	Director, Inclusive Growth	<p>and local authority level, in late 2020. This proposed three potential options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving the Traffic Regulation Order process, which Local Authorities can use to prohibit pavement parking 2. A legislative change to allow Local Authorities with civil parking enforcement powers (such as Birmingham City Council) to enforce against 'unnecessary obstruction of the pavement'. 3. A legislative change to introduce a London-style pavement parking prohibition throughout England. <p>The Government is still considering the feedback provided to this consultation, and a decision is expected soon.</p> <p>The Highway Code was recently updated in this regard. Highway Code Rule 244 now states:</p> <p><i>"You MUST NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it.</i></p> <p><i>Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs"</i></p> <p>West Midlands Police already have powers to tackle parked vehicles where they cause an obstruction, and Birmingham City Council can use Traffic Regulation Orders (such as double yellow lines) to prevent or limit parking for a variety of reasons.</p>

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				Should the Government bring forward further restrictions on pavement and verge parking, Officers will liaise with the Department for Transport, West Midlands Police and other key stakeholders to ensure Birmingham benefits from these changes, and any new powers are applied appropriately and consistently across the city.
2a.	07-Dec-21	<p>This Council notes that the current national Government is presiding over a low growth, high tax and high price economy...</p> <p>Therefore, the Council resolves to call upon the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Abolish VAT on domestic energy bills for the next six months to help hardworking families to get through the winter months. - The abolition of VAT on domestic energy bills can be paid for through higher-than-expected VAT receipts from the first half of the year, and a temporary increase in taxes on digital services firms like Google and Facebook who have done so well out of the pandemic. - Reverse the stealth tax on self-employed people which will save 6,974 people in Birmingham from a £3,000 tax rise. - Reverse the cut to Universal Credit. Working people have taken another hit through the cuts to Universal Credit, and with inflation rising this is going to start to bite... <p>Council calls on the executive:</p>	Leader	Ongoing

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To promote Fair Tax Mark certification to local business, our contractors and in any business in which the Council has a significant stake and where Corporation Tax is due; - To develop a year round communications plan to continue promoting local small businesses and encouraging residents to shop small and shop local all year round. <p>Council further requests the Economy and Skills Scrutiny Committee to undertake an investigation into the council's approach to small businesses and small business cooperatives, recognising that the cost base and access to appropriate premises are crucial, with specific reference to the role of property management, highways and regeneration policies and impact of highways work.</p>		<p>Cabinet approved the Fair Tax Foundation's Councils for Fair Tax Declaration at Cabinet in October 2021 and there continues to be ongoing promotion of Fair Tax Mark certification</p> <p>In Development</p> <p>This has been picked up as part of scrutiny work programme development and will be considered by Economy and Skills OSC on 2 February 2022.</p>
2b	07-Dec-21	<p>This Council believes that there should be no limit to how far hard work and talent can take you and that for Birmingham to unleash its potential, every individual within it needs to be given the opportunity to unleash theirs.</p> <p>We therefore call up on Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with partners across the city and region to implement the recommendations in its report Breaking Down Barriers. This report investigated the impact of the covid pandemic on young people in the city and made ten key recommendations which would help to close the skills gap and boost employment for young people. - Work with partners across the city and region to implement the recommendations in its report 	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture	<p>Work to deliver the recommendations in the Breaking Down Barriers report is ongoing. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress being made against recommendations through the Jobs and Skills Plan, including progress on developing a 'one stop shop' online jobs and skills portal • Partnerships for People and Place (PfPP) submission in advanced stage, to secure £300k in funding for a bespoke youth employment programme in 2022/23. • Objective 4 of the SEND Improvement Transformation in establishing seamless progression ways in the 14-29 age-group

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		<p>Breaking Down Barriers. This report investigated the impact of the covid pandemic on young people in the city and made ten key recommendations which would help to close the skills gap and boost employment for young people current key industries and the businesses within them, such as the automotive industry and JLR, to encourage them to expand their operations, skill and reskill local people and grow their local workforce, building on the record levels of investment into Birmingham that this Council is attracting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build on the Council's recent Levelling Up strategy to encourage the investment needed from the Government and private sectors, continuing to maximise funding pots, so that Birmingham becomes a Green Manufacturing hub of the United Kingdom. - To commit to continuing to gifting 25% of the Levy to small and medium sized businesses who can benefit from the money whilst commending the Council for its work with GBSLEP to promote the offer and encourage organisations to apply for funding. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Risk of NEET process for improving outcomes and the experience for young people in delivering pathways and careers/curriculum offer for 22/23 post-16 education and work-based programmes • Digital Inclusion Steering Group with delivery partners from private, public and community/voluntary sectors has met and actions advancing • £1.2m funded created (in 22/23 financial year) to support affordable public transport access for 16-18-year-olds at risk of NEET • Expansion of Youth Hubs model following Pilot Phase 1 (Sept 2021 – March 2022) • Local community partners such as Pioneer supporting place-based partnerships through their programmes in East Birmingham and Anchor Partnership (bespoke employment programmes with large public employers)
3a.	11-Jan-2022	<p>Route to Zero – Annual Progress Report</p> <p>That the Leader of Birmingham City Council, on behalf of Birmingham send a letter to the Prime Minister urging the UK government to support the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty;</p>	Leader of the Council	<p>A letter has been sent to Government February 2022.</p> <p>No response received to date.</p>

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		Further that Birmingham City Council affirms its ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and the GHG reduction targets as called for by the IPCC, and aspires to meet its proportionate greenhouse gas reductions under the Paris Climate Agreement.	Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	
3b.	11-Jan-2022	<p>Improving Traffic Management & School Road Safety</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <p>1/ identify Clean Air Zone resources that can be used to support effective measures, noting the pressure on the core budgets of both Council and of schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue and improve partnership work with schools and parents to minimise the number of trips to school made by private car. - Deliver wider transport improvements, as set out in the Birmingham Transport Plan. - Continue to expand the School Streets programme. - Better link work on school admissions with work on travel to school. - Call on the government to ensure that the expanded range of powers available to local authorities to enforce moving traffic offences include options for creating and enforcing Car Free School Streets schemes. - Call on the government to provide funding to schools and local authorities to support sustainable and active travel to school. - Increase effectiveness of partnership work with West Midlands Police to ensure effective enforcement of existing rules around parking and around stationary vehicles with idling engines. 	Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet report on 22 March approved creation of the Transport & Environment CAZ (Clean Air Zone) Programme, to support the delivery of transportation and environmental projects across the city, with an allocation of £1.0m for continuation and enhancement of the Car Free School Streets programme (plus a share of a small development fund). • Approval has been granted to recruit 2 additional GR4 officers dedicated to work on school travel. • Government has announced that highway authorities may apply for powers to enforce a range of moving traffic offences. Investigatory work has begun to identify what is needed to support a successful application and implementation of camera enforcement of CFSS. Initial indications are that there is significant work required for Birmingham to be in a position to make an application, due to the very high volume of TROs held by the authority, but there is commitment to undertaking that work and taking advantage of the devolved powers.

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		<p>2/ to increase effectiveness of partnership work with West Midlands Police to ensure effective enforcement of existing rules around parking and around stationary vehicles with idling engines.</p> <p>The relevant Cabinet Member will report updates to the Transport and Education Scrutiny and Overview Committees twice per year on progress on these issues.</p> <p>Council further resolves to lobby government and local MPs for changes to legislation on schools to place duties on schools to respond to the health and safety risks posed to pupils and pedestrians outside school gates. This should include placing a duty on schools to cooperate with councils in responding to problems.</p>		<p>Further update sought following a request for an update at CBM Committee on 9 May 2022</p>
3c.	11-Jan-2022	<p>Levelling Up</p> <p>This council resolves to:</p> <p>Continue to make a compelling case for Birmingham to be at the heart of national efforts to level up the UK economy.</p> <p>Ensure that a successful Commonwealth Games will act as a springboard for future inclusive growth and success.</p> <p>Continue attracting the vital investment that will create jobs and opportunities for people in neighbourhoods right across the city.</p>	Leader of the Council	<p>Response sent to Government in response to the Government White Paper – February 2022</p>

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		And work with a wide range of partners - at community, regional and national level - to ensure that Birmingham citizens benefit from levelling up.		
4.	1-Feb-2022	The Council calls on the Executive to: Begin a conversation with arts and cultural stakeholders across the city on an annual Birmingham Festival that will be a meaningful legacy for the Games.	Leader / Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture	In progress
5.	15-March-2022	Council resolves to continue lobbying Government, alongside partners at community, local government, and parliamentary level, to secure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the current funding model for locally delivered supported housing. • A government national accreditation requirement supported with additional regulation. • Greater powers for local authorities to control provision and growth based on each council's Needs assessment. • Alignment of existing planning and HMO licencing powers to capture supported housing provision. • Strengthened definitions within current regulations relating to provision of care, support, and supervision. • Greater enforcement powers to tackle providers who do not effectively manage ASB. It ... also resolves to lobby Government to increase the delivery of new socially rented accommodation to 100,000 units a year from just 6,600 in 2019/20.	Leader / Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods	In progress Lobbying activity has continued including representations at APPG, written and verbal evidence at Select Committee, regional and other LA engagement including with LGA, Crisis etc. This has led to recent ministerial announcement of further funding for 3 years (tbc) and more importantly announcements on potential regulatory changes. More detail will be available from DLUHC in May/June Lobbying will continue alongside officers working closely with DLUHC officials on progressing the detail around the policy changes needed.

Other Actions from City Council Meetings

Date	Agenda Item	To Respond	Request/Question	Action taken