

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE O&S

COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

1030 hours on 26th July 2017, Committee Room 2 – Action Notes

Present:

Councillor Randal Brew (Chair)

Councillors Mohammed Afzal, David Barrie, Changese Khan, Paul Tilsley, Rob Pocock ,
Waseem Zaffar

Also Present:

Cllr John Clancy, Leader of the Council

Iram Choudry, Research & Policy Officer, Scrutiny Office

Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chairman advised the meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.birminghamnewsroom.com) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq

3. APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, CHAIR, DEPUTY CHAIR AND MEMBERS

RESOLVED:-

(I) To note the resolution of the City Council appointing the Committee, Chair and Members to serve on the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018:-

Labour Group

Councillors Afzal, Aikhlaq (Chair), C Khan, Mosquito, Pocock, Seabright, Spence and Zaffar.

Conservative Group

Councillors Barrie, Brew and Mackey.

Liberal Democrat Group

Councillor Tilsley

(ii) To elect Cllr Randal Brew as Deputy Chair of the committee.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

5. CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE 2017/18

(See document No 1)

RESOLVED

To note the Committees Terms of Reference

6. CORPORATE RESOURCES & GOVERNANCE -ACTION NOTES**RESOLVED**

(See document No 2)

To note the action notes from May 2017

7. REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(See document No 3)

The Leader outlined his vision and key priorities as;

- Children-a great city to grow up in
- Housing-a great city to live in
- Jobs and Skills- a great city to succeed in
- Health- a great city to grow old in.

The discussion also covered other aspects of his portfolio including Housing, Brummie Bonds, Service Birmingham, West Midlands Pension Fund, Children's Trust, West Midlands Combined Authority, The evolution of devolution.

In addition the committee heard that:

- Following the Grenfell towers tragedy the council will prioritise council spending on ensuring fire safety prevention measures are in place across Council tower blocks.
- Following checks across the city, no tower blocks have been found to contain the cladding found in Grenfell Towers.
- With the success of the first tranche of Brummie Bonds, further bonds will be issued over the next 12 months.
- The Leader welcomed the committees work into Parish Councils and would further welcome scrutiny's assistance on driving forward new models of local governance.
- In relation to Ward Plans, these will be produced based on the existing ward boundaries.
- 10,000 new homes will be built in the city centre over the next 10-12 years.
- In relation to the on- going Waste services industrial action, the Leader reassured members they would see significant improvements over the course of the next week.

8. CORPORATE RESOURCES WORK PROGRAMME JULY 2017

(See document No 4)

The work programme was noted and the terms of reference for the Finance Sub-Committee were agreed by the Committee.

Cllr Brew raised the matter relating to the potential outsourcing of ACIVICO. It was suggested that the committee carry out an overview to explore the key issues and report these back to the Deputy Leader. Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services suggested either a full day session or couple of shorter sessions in September to take this piece of work forward.

Cllr Afzal raised matters relating the Bereavement Service and it was suggested that these should be directed to the Cabinet Member for Transparency, openness and accountability when he attend the committee in September.

Cllr Brew Suggested inviting the Assistant Leaders to the meeting in September to discuss their priorities with the Committee.

9. CORPORATE RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE- DATES OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the committee meets on the following Wednesdays at 1030am in the Council House:

2017	2018
6 September	3 January

4 October	7 February
1 November	1 March
13 December	4 or 11 April

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

None

11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None

12. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Agreed

The meeting finished at 1225 hours.