



Economy & Skills O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

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1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 As per City Council on 24th May 2022 the Committee's Terms of Reference is 'to fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning strategic economy; skills and apprenticeships; inward investment; land use planning; business improvement districts and the Local Enterprise Partnership'.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee:
- 2.2 Considers the draft work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and agrees any amendments required.
- 2.3 Notes the inquiry proposal, attached at Appendix 2, and receives a verbal update the meeting following the decision of Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 8th July.

3 Background

- 3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive, member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run."* (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).
- 3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.



- 3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.

4 Work Programme

- 4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the proposed draft work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. This also includes items to be programmed where dates are still to be confirmed, and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.
- 4.2 The work programme will be brought to each Committee meeting for review and to be updated.

5 Inquiry Proposal

- 5.1 Appendix 2 sets out the Inquiry proposal from the Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee that was agreed at the meeting of the Co-ordinating Scrutiny Committee on the 8th July. The Terms of Reference for this Inquiry on Employment and Skills will be considered at the Committee meeting on the 14th September.

6 Other Meetings

Call in Meetings

*None
scheduled*

Petitions

*None
scheduled*

Councillor Call for Action requests

*None
scheduled*

It is suggested that the Committee approve Wednesday at 1000 hours as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

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7 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee's remit. **Please note this is correct at the time of publication.**

Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
007686/2020	Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document	Leader	06 Sep 2022
009407/2022	Enterprise Zone Investment Plan 2022	Leader	06 Sep 2022
009663/2022	Promotion of Council Owned Land within Bromsgrove	Leader	06 Sep 2022
010150/2022	Adoption of Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Leader	06 Sep 2022
010142/2022	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Refresh	n/a	11 Oct 2022
009892/2022	The Birmingham Plan Issues and Options Document Consultation	Leader	11 Oct 2022
010173/2022	Our Future City Plan 2040 – Draft Central Birmingham Framework	Leader	11 Oct 2022
010266/2022	Our Future City Framework and Delivery Plan	Leader	11 Oct 2022
009445/2022	City Centre Public Realm Improvement Scheme (CCPR) Full Business Case (FBC) phase 2	Transport & Environment	14 Feb 2023