



## CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2019/20 – June 2019

To include:

- Policy framework plans
- Executive and Scrutiny reports
- Appointments
- City Council Resolutions Tracker (Appendix 1)

CBM	
7 May 2019	Proportionality
	City Council Appointments
	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
28 May 2019	Order of Notices of Motion at City Council
	Appointment of Sub-Committee and Other Bodies
	Reports not on the Forward Plan – Annual Report
24 June 2019	Petitions Update
	Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance)
	Recommendation to appoint citizen/independent representatives – Independent Remuneration Panel /Standards Committee (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
27 August 2019	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
	Petitions Update
21 October 2019	
18 November 2019	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
16 December 2019	Petitions Update
20 January	

City Council	
21 May 2019	Annual General Meeting
	• Election of Lord Mayor
	• Annual appointments
	• Amendments to the Constitution
11 June 2019	Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee: Single Use Plastics
	Reports not on the Forward Plan
09 July 2019	The Refreshed Council Plan 2019 - 2022
	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2019/20
	Appointment of citizen/independent representatives – Independent Remuneration Panel /Standards Committee
10 September 2019	Review of the Constitution
	Co-ordinating O&S Committee: City Council Inquiry
5 November 2019**	Health and Social Care O&S Committee: Period Poverty
3 December 2019	
07 January 2020	
4 February	

CBM	
2020	
10 February 2020	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad Provisional City Council and CBM dates for 2020/21
23 March 2020	Petitions Update Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel tbc (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
05 May 2020	Proportionality City Council Appointments Annual Review of the City Council's Constitution Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
(tbc) May 2020	Appointment of Sub-Committee and Other Bodies – Personnel Appeals Committee Order of Notices of Motion at City Council Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance) Reports not on the Forward Plan / Reports for Immediate Implementation – Annual Report

**Four Yearly or ad-hoc items:**

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman

Appointment of the Leader

\* Pre-meeting of members to select Lord Mayor elect

\*\* Annual Council Photograph

City Council	
2020*	
25 February 2020	
07 April 2020	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel
19 May 2020	Annual Meeting
09 June 2020	Reports not on the Forward Plan / Reports for Immediate Implementation – Annual Report

**Items to be scheduled / proposed:**

Waste Strategy – 2019

## Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
1b	12 June 2018	<i>Motion for Debate:</i> council would support school expansion where it meets the requirement for additional places; and calls for re-direction of government funding for emotional, mental health and special educational needs support for those who need it most	Cabinet Member, Education, Skills & Culture / Tim O'Neill Director, Education & Skills	<p>Council Officers are undertaking work looking at the existing school estate, and assessing provision against future demand/need. This is very much a work in progress but will underpin a new school estate approach, linked to the Council's developing Property Strategy.</p> <p>The High Needs Block that provides funding for students with SEND is under severe pressure nationally and the Council is working with the Schools Forum to understand how the limited funding available can be better used to support children with SEND. However, the funding is not matching rising demand.</p> <p>Work is also underway to assess what places are required to respond to the specific needs of children, and rising demand for support related to Social, Emotional and Mental health and Autism.</p> <p>Scrutiny considered this in September with details of sufficiency planning. [August update]</p>

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1c	12 June 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> response to flooding including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an investigation into the flooding under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010;</li> <li>and Overview and Scrutiny to carry out a complementary investigation into the flood of May 2018 and to return to City Council</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member, Transport & Environment / Waheed Nazir, Director, Inclusive Growth (Kevin Hicks)	<p>COMPLETED: Sustainability &amp; Transport O&amp;S Committee held evidence gathering in July 2018 and report to City Council presented September 2018.</p> <p>The section 19 investigation report is now available: <a href="https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/12736/flooding_section_19_investigation_-_may_2018">https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/12736/flooding_section_19_investigation - may 2018</a></p> <p>[June update]</p>
2c	10 July 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> a working group to review, identify and address issues they face and help make Birmingham City Council an exemplar parent friendly employer, including reviewing staff parental leave policy. This review should explore bringing maternity pay (including shared parental leave) at least into line with the 6 months full pay now offered to non-SRA councillors and be completed in time for the 2018/19 budget process.</p>	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources / Dawn Hewins, Director of HR	<p>COMPLETED: A working group has been formed to undertake benchmarking with other local authorities and public sector organisations, along with further research. A review of all family friendly policies is being carried out. The City Council is committed to achieving the WMCA Thrive at Work Award and is currently going through the application process, along with refreshing our work on workplace wellbeing. A report will be considered at CBM (which includes a sample comparison of BCC family friendly policies to others) on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019. [June update]</p>

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
3e	11 September 2018	<i>Motion for Debate:</i> calls for action at a city level so Birmingham makes a significant contribution to reducing disposal of plastics and cleaning up the environment / calls on the Executive to ask the Transport and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee to explore the opportunities and the options available to the City so it can become a Plastic Free City / asks the Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs urging him to bring the United Kingdom into line with the European Union's 2030 target for phasing out single use plastics / commits to working with partners within the Combined Authority to develop a complimentary regional strategy on this issue to ensure greater collaboration and to leverage more support from Government for innovative schemes to help support the Government's own strategy to reduce plastic pollution	Chair, Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services  Cabinet Member Clean Streets, Waste and Recycling / Jacqui Kennedy, Director, Neighbourhoods	COMPLETED: Scrutiny Inquiry into plastic free city underway, reported to Council <b>June 2019</b> . [June update]

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4b	06 November 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council welcomes the Government announcement of a new campaign to tackle Mental Health – Every Mind Matters / therefore calls on the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update local plans to reflect new opportunities arising from recent Government policy announcements</li> <li>- Bring the area action plan back to full Council for formal adoption and debate</li> <li>- Once adopted, ask Scrutiny to track progress against the Action Plan, reporting back to Full Council if the committee believes it necessary to update.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive (Justin Varney, Director of Public Health)	<p>Birmingham Public Health and NHS England/PHE co-hosted a City Wide Multi Agency Suicide Prevention Workshop in May which has helped finalise the Birmingham Suicide prevention Strategy which is now starting the process of sign off through the Health and Wellbeing Board. The workshop also helped to develop the Suicide Prevention Action Plan with partners and this will be overseen by the suicide prevention group. As part of this work the City is developing a new partnership with Warsaw, Poland, to developed shared learning around suicide prevention in eastern European populations.</p> <p>The Health O&amp;S Committee is receiving regular updates [June 2019 update]</p>
5b	04 December 2018	<p>Women &amp; Democracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the attached Statement of Intent is agreed;</li> <li>• That Cabinet Members and named officers are asked to implement the action plan included within the report in order to tackle the many barriers to women's representation in Local Government;</li> <li>• Add the following to action plan:- Noting the small proportion of women representing the new single member wards, to lobby the Boundary Commission for a further review of city wards to tackle this issue.</li> </ul>	Deputy Leader / Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	Action plan implementation underway [January 2019]

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5c	04 December 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ask the Health and Well-Being Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee to work with relevant Cabinet Members, officers and partners to explore how sanitary products can be made available free of charge to female students in Birmingham's schools and colleges and to women employed in or visiting council run buildings;</li> <li>Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking the Government to provide the necessary funding to cover the cost of providing free sanitary products to girls and women in council workplaces, schools and colleges and scrap the VAT levied on female sanitary products as soon as is practicable and, in the meantime, to use the VAT collected on these products to fund the provision of free sanitary products for girls and women in need</li> </ul>	<p>Cabinet Member Health and Social Care /Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive (Justin Varney, Director of Public Health)</p> <p>Chair, Health and Social Care O&amp;S Committee</p>	<p>The Health and Social Care O&amp;S Committee agreed terms of reference for this work in February, with the evidence gathering sessions to be held in June/July, with a view to taking a report to City Council in November. [March update]</p>

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5d	04 December 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> this Council calls for Scrutiny to examine with the Armed Forces Champions and reported back to Full Council to look at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Council currently supports veterans ...</li> <li>• To look specifically at the current housing offer ...</li> <li>• How the Council currently works with partners ..</li> <li>• Identify any extra areas of support that the Council can provide either itself or in partnership ....</li> <li>• Identify areas where we can help build better understanding amongst the wider community ....</li> <li>• Identify any areas where the council can constructively feedback to national government for policy changes or additional support .....</li> </ul> <p>In addition the Council also calls on the Executive, at the end of this Review, to write to all armed forces and key armed forces organisations (such as the Royal British Legion) setting out the Birmingham offer, along with details on how to access support to encourage full take up for all eligible individuals.</p>	Chair, Co-ordinating O&S committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services	<p>Cllr Rice, Chair of Co-ordinating O&amp;S Committee, is holding meetings to determine the scope of any scrutiny work.</p> <p>The Council Public Health Division is leading a deep dive health and wellbeing needs assessment for the veterans for the Health and Wellbeing Board which will be completed by Autumn 2019</p> <p>[June update]</p>



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6b	15 January 2019	<p>That the City Council approves the Statement of Gambling Principles and authorises:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the City Solicitor to update the list of Policy Framework Plans to include the same; and</li> <li>ii. the Acting Director of Regulation and Enforcement to do what is necessary to publish and comply with the same.</li> </ul>	Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	Changes to Constitution to be made as part of refresh – September 2019 [February update]
6c	15 January 2019	That the City of Sanctuary policy statement (Appendix 1) is approved as the City Council's new commitment to supporting the resettlement and integration of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Birmingham. In addition that the Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health be authorised to publish and disseminate the document as appropriate	Cabinet Member, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equality / Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care & Health	Policy statement being readied for publication [March 2019]

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6e	15 January 2019	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council notes with concern the increase in violent injuries arising from assaults in the city - including a reported increase of nearly 20% in cases of knife crime in the West Midlands. Council also notes that low-cost bleed control first aid kits can help save lives, especially when used by trained bystanders [..] Council expects the Cabinet Member for Education, Schools and Culture and the Cabinet Member for Social inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities to report back progress on [the motion] to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Council requests that Licensing and Public Protection Committee carry on its efforts to support the Bleed Control Kit initiative by continuing to encourage licensed premises to equip themselves with the kit and the necessary training</p>	Cabinet Member for Education, Schools and Culture / Cabinet Member for Social inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities / Dr Tim O'Neill, Director Education & Skills / Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care & Health	<p>COMPLETED: Cabinet Member for Social inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities emailed update on Bleed Kits to all Members and MPs on 14<sup>th</sup> May [May 2019]</p> <p>A new pilot scheme, equipping city centre businesses and late night venues with specialist first aid kits, was launched by in Birmingham 4 June 2019.</p> <p>To be scheduled as part of the Community Safety Annual Report to Housing and Neighbourhoods O&amp;S Committee (date to be confirmed 2019)</p>

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6g	15 January 2019	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> The Council therefore calls on the Executive to place into the public domain all documents relating to the GMB payment including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A copy of the ACAS deal itself</li> <li>• Copies of all delegated decision reports</li> <li>• Copies of any briefings or correspondence with any cabinet member, previous or current, regarding the deal</li> <li>• Copies of any correspondence between the Council and GMB in the run up to and after the Unite settlement regarding the proposed settlement and any objections GMB had to that</li> <li>• Copies of any correspondence concerning the decision to exclude GMB from talks after the Unite settlement</li> <li>• Copies of minutes from all meetings between the Council and any Union concerning implementation of the Nov 2017 settlement</li> <li>• Full details of all costs involved, including the total payment itself and any legal costs</li> <li>• Copies of any correspondence regarding how and why the deal should be kept secret and not included in usual processes such as the requirement to publish all spend over £500</li> <li>• The Council also calls for an immediate review into the use of delegated powers within the constitution</li> </ul>	Leader / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	Motion will be monitored regarding release of documentation, earliest possible date Feb 2020 [February 2019 update]

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7b	05-Feb-19	<p>That Council adopts the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2018/19, taking into account the financial implications and the priority actions identified.</p> <p>This Council asks the Executive to bring forward the 19/20 youth justice plan to Council in June 2019 for adoption</p>	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equality / Jacqui Kennedy, Director, Neighbourhoods	COMPLETED: Scheduled for July 2019 Council
7s	05-Feb-19	<p>This council welcomes Ofsted's recognition of the improvements to children's social care services in Birmingham and commends the outstanding efforts of staff and all who contributed to bringing about this positive news. [...]</p> <p>Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging the Government to address the funding crisis facing children's services in next year's Spending Review, by delivering a long-term sustainable funding solution that enables councils to protect children at immediate risk of harm while also supporting early intervention to prevent problems escalating in the first place</p>	Cabinet Member, Education, Skills & Culture / Tim O'Neill Director, Education & Skills	

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8d	02-Apr-19	<p><i>Motions for Debate:</i></p> <p>This Council notes that: Government changes to the Schools national funding formula are having a detrimental impact on the education of Birmingham children - in particular those with additional needs.</p> <p>...</p> <p>The Council therefore requests that the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing write to the Secretary of State for Education Damian Hind MP and the Chancellor of the Exchequer Phillip Hammond MP, urging them to ensure that our City's education budget is sufficient to cover increasing Special Educational Needs demands to call for the Notional Funding Formulae be adjusted so that allocations can be determined by the City Council; to ensure that this Council is able to allocate funds (above the limited 0.5%) from other Schools funding blocks.</p> <p>The Council also calls on the Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing to continue lobbying against the Government's ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be invested in the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for education, ensuring that all our City's Children have the funding provision sufficient to meet their needs.</p>	Leader / Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing / Tim O'Neill Director, Education & Skills	

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1a	11-Jun-19	<p>That the report be noted.</p> <p>This Council also notes with concern the increasing use of decisions authorised for immediate implementation and reports not on the forward plan.</p> <p>This Council believes that decisions taken in this way inhibit the opportunity for full and proper scrutiny and that as such both should be used only in the very rarest and most exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call on the Executive to ensure that future annual reports to full council setting out late reports and reports authorised for immediate implementation should provide detail next to each one setting out the reasons why it was necessary in those circumstances</li> <li>• Request that Scrutiny Chairs, via the Coordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee, give consideration to how their role in challenging decisions taken in this way can be strengthened.</li> </ul>	Leader / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	The Co-ordinating O&S Committee to consider this at a future meeting [June update]
1b	11-Jun-19	That the recommendations R01 to R08 be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment / Waheed Nazir, Director Inclusive Growth	To be programmed in the Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee work programme [June 2019]

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1c	11-Jun-19	<p>This Council notes that The Climate Crisis is an existential threat that requires us to change the way we invest in, grow and sustain our cities and regions ....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To constitute a Climate Emergency Task Force to support the Council move from declaration to delivery drawing in cross sector, expertise, capacity and capability to capture the investment and economic opportunity arising from a low carbon future.</li> <li>• To quickly set in place a process of engagement and collaborative action that enables the Task Force to bring forward to Full Council in January 2020 a plan that sets out how the aspiration for the City and the ambition of the Council to be net zero carbon by 2030 can be best achieved.</li> <li>• As a matter of urgency to review planned Transport, Housing, Waste and Energy Investment plans and policies to ensure they are fit to support a transition to a zero-carbon future with Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny monitoring progress and to provide an update to Council in November 2019 and annually thereafter.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment / Waheed Nazir, Director Inclusive Growth	

### Other Actions from City Council Meetings

Date	Agenda Item	To Respond	Request/Question	Action taken
05-Feb-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To give further information in response to Cllr Tilsley's question on the implementation of the "no-idling" policy	
02-Apr-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Kate Booth	To provide to Cllr Yip a clearer breakdown on the use of taxis for home to school transport, including the numbers of young people covered by the costs outlined in the written question; and cost per month for taxi use for home to school transport.	
02-Apr-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Waseem Zaffar	To provide a response in respect of the trees planted on Bristol Road and their cost-effectiveness, and any lessons to be learned for the future.	COMPLETED: responded to Cllr Alden, April 2019
02-Apr-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Jayne Francis	To respond to Cllr David Pears request to livestream Schools Forum meetings	
11-Jun-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Phil Davis	To provide a response to Cllr Majid Mahmood on whether an equalities impact assessment was carried out with regards to the Clean Air Zone charges.	
11-Jun-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	The Leader undertook to write to the director General to ask them to reverse the decision to charge over-75 year olds for TV licences.	