

# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **ECONOMY AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2019 AT 10:30 HOURS**  
**IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,**  
**BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

### **A G E N D A**

#### **1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

The Chairman to advise/meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site ([www.civico.net/birmingham](http://www.civico.net/birmingham)) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

#### **2 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMAN**

To note the resolution of the City Council appointing the Committee Chairman and Members to serve on the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2020, as follows:-

**Labour (5):-**

Councillors Tahir Ali (Chairman), John Clancy, Chaman Lal, Lou Robson and Lucy Seymour-Smith.

**Conservative (2):-**

Councillors Simon Morrall and Ken Wood.

**Green Party (1):-**

Councillor Julien Pritchard

#### **3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

To elect a Deputy Chair to substitute for the Chair if absent.

#### **4 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

**5 ACTION NOTES/ISSUES ARISING**

To confirm the Action Notes of the meeting held on 24 April 2019.

**6 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

**7 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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; land and property; inward investment; land use planning; business improvement districts and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

**8 SMITHFIELD PETITION**

Richard Cowell, Assistant Director, Development/James Tucker - Petitioner/Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education Skills and Culture.

**9 WORK PROGRAMME DISCUSSION ON KEY ECONOMY AND SKILLS ISSUES**

Committee discussion.

**10 ECONOMY AND SKILLS WORK PROGRAMME**

To note the work programme.

**11 DATES OF MEETINGS**

To approve a schedule of dates for the Committee's meetings during 2019/2020.

(A) The Chairman proposes that the Committee meets on the following Wednesdays at 1030 hours in the Council House (unless otherwise stated):-

<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
19 June	29 January
10 July	26 February
11 September	25 March
9 October	22 April
6 November	
4 December	

(B) The Committee is also requested to approve Wednesdays at 1030 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.

12 **REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

13 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

14 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Chairman to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chairman jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.





**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**ECONOMY, SKILLS & TRANSPORT O&S COMMITTEE –  
PUBLIC MEETING**

**10.30AM hours on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019, Committee Room 2, Council House –  
Action Notes**

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**Present:**

Councillor Tahir Ali (Chair)

Councillors John Clancy, Phil Davis, Fred Grindrod, Simon Morrall, Julien Pritchard, Lou Robson and Ken Wood

**Also Present:**

Councillor Ian Ward, Leader

Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture

Anne Ainsworth, Assistant Director, Skills and Employability

Andrew Barnes, Employment Manager

Uyen-Phan Han, Planning Policy Manager

Alison Jarrett, Assistant Director, Development and Commercial Finance

Katie Trout, Director, GBSLEP

Baseema Begum, Research & Policy Officer

Rose Kiely, Group Overview & Scrutiny Manager

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**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

The Chairman advised the meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **3. APOLOGIES**

None.

### **4. ECONOMY AND SKILLS ACTION NOTES**

The Committee agreed the action notes for the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### **5. CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE: ANNUAL REPORT**

(See document No. 1)

Councillor Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture outlined the key points from the presentation and during discussion the following points were raised:

During the meeting the following issues and comments were made:-

- How are young people tracked and are there outcome figures for the Youth Promise Plus programme (YPP)? What happens to those that the YPP has failed to engage with?
- Concern that young people aren't aware of the opportunities on offer.
- Who is delivering the World of Work programme and who is responsible for identifying and ensuring that the correct people use the programme and how is it being advertised to local people?
- The city has above-average unemployment levels and benefit claimants. It would be useful to understand how long people are in in these categories and explore what the Council is doing to reach out to these people and the interventions being put in place for the future.
- How are different parts of the community finding out about employment opportunities where they live and how are those with no/low qualifications being targeted (with a breakdown of the backgrounds of those people to help understand where the issues are and if things are improving and to help)?
- How can these people are matched with opportunities on offer to improve their skills and to provide businesses with employees that they need so there is a need to understand the growth sectors so that these can be promoted.
- Concerns were raised about access to opportunities in relation to internet poverty as not everyone has the means to have a computer at home. Therefore there has to be some understanding of the deprivation that exists in neighbourhoods across the city not just in the inner cities.

In response it was explained that:

- Outcomes are monitored for those young people that are on the YPP (a breakdown can be provided to members). Between April 2016 and March 2019 there were 965 young people who had successfully gone onto employment, education or training (EET). During the 2018/19 municipal year a cumulative total of 4,214 between the ages of 15-29 had gone onto EET.

This includes progression with training/education and employment. A total of 13,000 young people (from a target of 16,000) have been engaged resulting in a conversion rate of 44% over that timeframe with 7,000 positive outcomes. The YPP programme has been extended until to 2021.

- Those young people that the YPP fails to engage with are followed up with where possible however the timeframe for engagement is limited to 4 weeks due to European funding and the process for formal tracking. Attempts are made after this period but it is down to in-house staff to do this. Work is however taking place with the Princes Trust in re-engaging young people after the programme and there are plans at how this can become a localised service.
- The World of Work is an in-house programme being delivered by the Employment Access Team. Employment development workers work with employers to develop progression pathways. There is also an external communication process for vocational training posts and community engagement contracts are in place with the objective being to ensure local people get to hear about opportunities.
- In addition the 4 Employment and Skills Boards across the city are being reviewed. A review is also taking place of the World of Work programme with further contracts awarded in the next couple of months.

Cllr Ali confirmed that a sub-group of members are considering the issue of careers advice in schools. A report of their findings will be presented to the Committee for further discussion in due course however a future discussion on skills is needed.

**RESOLVED:-**

1. Anne Ainsworth to provide Members with a briefing note on the apprenticeship levy including:
  - a. how it is being utilised within the City Council;
  - b. the current spend (and any underspend and what actions are being taken to ensure the funds are kept by the city);
  - c. how the public sector quota for apprenticeships of 2.3% of the workforce is being met by the Council (and a comparison with other public sector organisations in the city); and
  - d. the work being undertaken with partners (does this include small and medium businesses) across the city to increase its use.
2. Cllr Morrall requested further details on outcomes of young people who have taken part in the Youth Promise Plus programme including which wards in the city those young people reside in.
3. Cllr Pritchard requested that future updates on unemployment claimant count are provided with further details within wards due to the variance between neighbourhoods to ensure that interventions can appropriately targeted.

**6. LOCAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY**

(See document No. 2)

The Leader, Cllr Ian Ward gave an overview of delivering a Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) for Birmingham and made the following points:

- The West Midlands is a very successful global economy and generates £92bn (in the region of 6% of the total UK output). Output across the West Midlands is up by 23.5% in the last 5 years and a record number of people are in work.
- The LIS sets out the vision to drive economic growth to enable a happier, healthier, better connected and more prosperous population across the area. It is based upon 10 commitments which will guide the work of the public, private and voluntary sector delivery partners covering all 3 Local Enterprise Partnership areas.
- In order to be successful the strategy will have to be uniquely of the area to build on the existing and emerging strengths of the West Midlands to unlock potential and maximise the impact of the opportunities coming such as HS2, Commonwealth Games and the City of Culture award to Coventry.
- The LIS has been put together following the UK 2016 National Industrial Strategy 'Building a Better Britain' that sets out the government's aim to boost productivity throughout the UK by investment in skills, industry and infrastructure.
- The opportunity to produce a LIS was through a pilot of 3 areas of which the West Midlands was one. The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) is responsible for the strategy and it is responsible to the region and not Government. The focus is on regional economic planning and investment and as a funnel for more devolved funding from Government especially through the Shared Investment Prosperity Fund (that will replace EU funding). The intention is to use the LIS as a lever in the spending review that Government are bringing forward later in the year. The strategy aims to ensure all communities contribute to and benefit from the economic prosperity generated.
- The strategy sets out to capture existing sectorial strengths and emerging industries to take advantage of new and upcoming opportunities coming to the region and to address the key challenges that exist in skills, transport and productivity.
- The draft LIS was consulted on between October and November 2018 with over 120 responses received with the majority of positive comments from the business community.
- The strategy was due to be launched in March 2019 but there has been a delay due to Brexit however the WMCA will begin implementing the strategy and a launch will be re-scheduled.
- Four market opportunities for growth have been identified in the strategy:-
  - 1) Future mobility;
  - 2) Data driven Life Sciences;
  - 3) Modern Services; and
  - 4) Creative Content, Technologies and Techniques.
- A cross cutting theme in the strategy is to recognise that all areas will benefit from growth and devolution but not all at the same time and not in the same way.

During a discussion with Members the following points were made:

- There are challenges to be met most crucially as set out in the Birmingham Development Plan in terms of housing where current demand is exceeding supply and in industrial land. Moreover there are also targets for creating jobs as the population grows and for the West Midlands the target is 215,000 by 2031. This equates as a target of 100,000 jobs to be created in Birmingham alone.
- Consideration also needs to be given to what is being done to attract and engage businesses. Intelligence held by the WMCA needs to be shared with local Members and the Council's Executive.
- Some thought needs to be given to local sustainable investment to ensure that there is an alternative to overseas involvement and also because the West Midlands is competing for the same sources of funding as others city regions.
- The LIS needs to include issues such as the impact of climate change and the potential growth areas of arts/culture/heritage. Consideration should also be given as to how co-operatives can be supported and helping people to become more entrepreneurial with an emphasis on creating a space for local innovation.
- Poor public transport is a critical issue. A multi-modal and integrated public transport infrastructure is needed. The Council, neighbouring authorities and partners need to work together to get more involvement from the Government for example on how HS2 will benefit people and businesses across the city.
- Culture compact(s) are to be created and the WMCA will be co-ordinating this work in line with the events in the region (City of culture 2021 and Commonwealth Games 2022).
- Birmingham has signed up to the Euro Cities 2050 long-term climate strategy with the objective of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.
- The use of older buildings in Digbeth and premises in the Jewellery Quarter are available to attract a wide range of new businesses into the city.
- A devolution of resources from the Government is needed to make a LIS work for Birmingham. If Birmingham were to have its own LIS it would need local investment and be market-led. Local authorities have the power to make the change. An absence of a local spatial strategy is a real concern.
- An environment needs to be created and more work done to make Birmingham a complete living wage city.

**RESOLVED:-**

The report was noted.

**7. GREATER BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP (GBSLEP)  
– FUTURE OPERATION MODEL**

(See document No. 3)

Katie Trout explained the process that the GBSLEP is undertaking to become independent of the City Council and how it will be working in the future.

Members welcomed the process.

In response to why capital funding is being received and managed by the City Council on behalf of the GBSLEP it was explained that the City Council has a strong background in this area and that the government manage risk associated with funding by not paying public funds directly to a private company.

Cllr Grindrod added that it would be useful to receive a future briefing on the work of GBSLEP and its future strategy and Cllr Ali suggested that Members could meet with Katie and bring any issues to a future meeting for discussion by all members.

**RESOLVED:-**

The report was noted.

**8. WORK PROGRAMME – APRIL 2019**

(See document No. 4)

Members thanked Cllr Ali for his chairing of Committee meetings during the year and expressed a request for continuity in the chair-ship.

Councillor Ali requested that draft meeting dates for next year's meetings are circulated.

Cllr Robson suggested that the Committee may wish to look further into the impact of the night time economy in the city and also the impact of musical heritage to the city. Cllr Robson added that she was aware of a positive experience of the apprenticeship levy being applied and the SME involved would be happy to come and talk to the Committee at any point in the future about the good experience.

Cllr Morrall requested that the Committee might be interested in inviting partners such as the GBSLEP, WMCA and others in the region to discuss a media strategy that will help to communicate the wealth of opportunities across the region to young people.

**RESOLVED:-**

Members' comments were noted.

**9. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL-IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

None.

**10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

## 11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Agreed.

### **RESOLVED:-**

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

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The meeting finished at 12:28 hours.





Presenting this petition for a park @ Smithfield,  
 Co-ordinated by James Tucker - Harborne  
 resident - but with signatures from  
 residents on a city-wide basis.  
 Petition is to put a public park at  
 the heart of the place Smithfield site  
 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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 CityPark4Brum  
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 Harborne  
 Birmingham  
 B17 9DP

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Dear Jayne

As we arranged previously, please find enclosed the petition for a signature park at Smithfield, which has gained 10,675 signatures as of today. You have all the details that you need to present it on my behalf at the council meeting this Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Further information regarding the history of the petition can be found at <https://www.change.org/p/birmingham-city-council-petition-to-create-a-public-park-in-the-centre-of-birmingham> (or simply google the following words: Park Petition Birmingham and you will get to the website). It has been submitted previously, the first time was in 2015. This resulted in the council deciding to put a small park in the site (at the time the petition had about 2000 signatures) but as explained in the attached cover letter and on the website, the proposed park is simply too small and not the focus that it should be for the site.

Our alternative plan (see [www.citypark4brum.com](http://www.citypark4brum.com)) puts a larger park at the heart of Smithfield. What we are now asking of the council is that they consider our plan and that CityPark4Brum (and its representatives) are given the opportunity to work with the council and Lendlease (the chosen developer) to develop the Smithfield plans further. With over 10,000 people supporting this campaign, we believe we have earned the right to have a place at the table.

My wife, Janet Culley-Tucker, has also requested to ask a question at the council meeting on Tuesday on my behalf (unfortunately I am unable to attend for work reasons). The question is given below:

*I am here representing over 10,000 people who have signed the CityPark4Brum petition to create a new public park on the Smithfield site. Parks are vital for a city's public health, for social cohesion and for improving air quality as well as for delivering economic benefits. We believe that the petition gives us a mandate from the people of Birmingham to act on their behalf to help deliver a park that is larger and more transformative than the one proposed in the 2016 Masterplan, which is much smaller than the size stipulated in the council's own guidelines for public open space in new developments. So will the council now assure us that representatives of this campaign for greening the city centre will be invited to join the city council and developer's team which will plan the design for Smithfield?*

Thanks again for volunteering to present the petition on my behalf. I look forward to hearing from you and the council in due course on what the response to the petition is and want the next steps for Smithfield will be.

Yours sincerely,



Jim Tucker



# Smithfield Park Pethon

10,675  
signatures

13/1/2019

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Name	City	Postal Code	Country	Signed On
James Tucker	Birmingham	B17 9DP	UK	03/04/2015
Margaret O'Hara	Birmingham	B17 9JL	UK	03/04/2015
Igor Cusack	Birmingham	B17 9HR	UK	03/04/2015
Tessa Lawrence	Harborne	B17 9SD	UK	03/04/2015
Stuart green	Birmingham	B17 9JL	UK	03/04/2015
Lucy Pearson	Birmingham	B17 9HA	UK	03/04/2015
Richard James	Birmingham	B31 5DS	UK	03/04/2015
James Thomson	Birmingham	B26 3BD	UK	03/04/2015
Carl Durose	Birmingham	B17 9HP	UK	03/04/2015
Paul Hardiman	Sutton Coldfield	B73	UK	03/04/2015
Dan Birch	Birmingham	B32 2HA	UK	03/04/2015
<del>Linda Smallwood</del>	<del>Auckland</del>	<del></del>	<del>NZ</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Robin Jones	Birmingham	B13 9PX	UK	04/04/2015
Ann Gelderd	Birmingham	B27 9HU	UK	04/04/2015
Diana Mentor	Auckland		NZ	04/04/2015
<del>Tania Rogers</del>	<del>Thiviers</del>	<del>24800</del>	<del>France</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
<del>Claire Strudwick</del>	<del>Halesowen</del>	<del>B62 9BP</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Irena Wiecezrzynska	Birmingham	B15 2GA	UK	04/04/2015
Jonny Cooper	Sutton Coldfield	B73 6HW	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Andy Lewis</del>	<del>Radstock</del>	<del>BA3 4TQ</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Tricia Cusack	Birmingham	B17 9HR	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Kevin Ready</del>	<del>Smethwick</del>	<del>B67 5HG</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
<del>Carolyn Jones</del>	<del>Manchester</del>	<del>M21 7GQ</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Elizabeth Thomson	Birmingham	B17 9dp	UK	04/04/2015
Julia cain	Quinton	b32 2dh	UK	04/04/2015
<del>margaret Turner</del>	<del>Wolverhampton</del>	<del>WV3 8LN</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Barrie oldridge	Birmingham	B14 6DT	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Andrew Pence</del>	<del>Wolverhampton</del>	<del>WV11QH</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Michael Clifford	Birmingham	B67 5DT	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Hannah Boylan</del>	<del>Faringdon</del>	<del>sn7 7dt</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Rickie Lovell	Birmingham	B17 0HT	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Clara Allen</del>	<del>Leicester</del>	<del>LE2 7QT</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Ria Moeyens	Birmingham	B17 9QR	UK	04/04/2015
Frances Jones	Birmingham	B1 2SN	UK	04/04/2015
Luke Towers	Birmingham	B30 2TG	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Honor Needham</del>	<del>Stourbridge</del>	<del>DY8 3UJ</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Simon Outhwaite	Birmingham	B14 7sd	UK	04/04/2015
Grace Tucker	Birmingham	B17 9DP	UK	04/04/2015
Peter Leadbeter	Birmingham	B17 8QA	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Omar Munip</del>	<del>Scarborough</del>	<del>YO11 2PX</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Inès Elsa Dalal	Birmingham	B14 7EU	UK	04/04/2015
Selina Liang	Birmingham	B18 5SL	UK	04/04/2015
Eliska Robenn	Birmingham	B13 9TP	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Phoebe King</del>	<del>Colechester</del>	<del>CO4 3DS</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Tasneem Najmudin	Birmingham	B14 7ND	UK	04/04/2015
richard quarmby	Birmingham	B17 0PE	UK	04/04/2015
Janet Culley-Tucker	Birmingham	B17 9DP	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Andrew Nixon</del>	<del>Smethwick</del>	<del>B67 5AQ</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
John Davies	Sutton Coldfield	B74 3PE	UK	04/04/2015
mark purcell	Birmingham	B20 1AJ	UK	04/04/2015
Phil baum	Birmingham	B23 5FF	UK	04/04/2015
Matt Barron	Sutton Coldfield	B755NH	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Rob Jones</del>	<del>High Wycombe</del>	<del>HP10 9QP</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Chris Jones	Birmingham	b36 0tg	UK	04/04/2015
Josephine Beard	Birmingham	B37 6UL	UK	04/04/2015
Boota Singh Sivia	Birmingham	B16 0TF	UK	04/04/2015
Michelle Marie Rafferty	Birmingham	B24 9NR	UK	04/04/2015
alex hurley	Sutton Coldfield	b73 5qn	UK	04/04/2015
<del>Tom Highton</del>	<del>Shardlow</del>	<del>DE72 2GZ</del>	<del>UK</del>	<del>04/04/2015</del>
Andy Rouse	Birmingham	B30 2LA	UK	04/04/2015



brian holland	birmingham	b23 7bx	UK	04/04/2015
Matt Bourne	Sutton Coldfield	B74 4DN	UK	04/04/2015
Ronald Bishron	Birmingham	B42 1lf	UK	04/04/2015
Dafydd davis	Birmingham	b18 6bu	UK	04/04/2015
Matt Swindale	Smethwick	B67 5hs	UK	04/04/2015
Caroline manders	Wednesbury	ws10 9ba	UK	04/04/2015
Meil Hine	Burnham-on-Sea	Ta81ht	UK	04/04/2015
Paul Sherrington	Birmingham	B24 9er	UK	04/04/2015
erica huddleston	Birmingham	B30 1TJ	UK	04/04/2015
dawn clews	Birmingham	B18 6NR	UK	04/04/2015
Trinity Ballintine	Birmingham	b29 7jq	UK	04/04/2015
Laurence Smith	Birmingham	B14 7DU	UK	04/04/2015
James Myers	Birmingham	B30 3DX	UK	04/04/2015
Sarah Takakura		67400	France	04/04/2015
Linda Bartlett	Birmingham	B32 2BG	UK	04/04/2015
Lewis Turner	Antwerpen	B15 1qs	UK	04/04/2015
Richard Thornton	Birmingham	B38 8AQ	UK	04/04/2015
nicki allen	Birmingham	b30 2he	UK	04/04/2015
Helena Barron	Sutton Coldfield	B75 5NH	UK	04/04/2015
David Tucker	Birmingham	B179DP	UK	04/04/2015
Laura Rollason	Birmingham	B321EG	UK	04/04/2015
carla Huxley	Birmingham	b37 7ua	UK	04/04/2015
Mithuni Dharmasena	Birmingham	B30 3na	UK	04/04/2015
Bob Phillips	Birmingham	B15 2BG	UK	04/04/2015
Hedda bourne	Sutton Coldfield	b744dn	UK	04/04/2015
Rebecca Lea	Sutton Coldfield	B755BE	UK	04/04/2015
Robert Meredith	Birmingham	B28 0EL	UK	04/04/2015
Aimee thompson	Birmingham	b26 2lh	UK	04/04/2015
Liz Baker	Wolverhampton	wv30dy	UK	04/04/2015
Rosemary Robenn		3011	Australia	04/04/2015
Emma Tennant	Birmingham	B27 7RE	UK	04/04/2015
violet schischka	Birmingham	B128bn	UK	05/04/2015
Sue McKinnon	Birmingham	B17 9SH	UK	05/04/2015
Claire Inman	Birmingham	B330qh	UK	05/04/2015
Louise Davies	Birmingham	B3 1pw	UK	05/04/2015
Karen byrne-Smith	Birmingham	b36 9hb	UK	05/04/2015
Toby Lea	Hinckley	LE10 1UT	UK	05/04/2015
Jacqueline ryan	Birmingham	b26 3yf	UK	05/04/2015
Dan Burford	Sutton Coldfield	B721SR	UK	05/04/2015
Alexa Guy	Birmingham	B23 7AX	UK	05/04/2015
ben homer	Birmingham	b294rb	UK	05/04/2015
Islay mcewan	Nantwich	ew56al	UK	05/04/2015
Rachel Pearce	Birmingham	B170EP	UK	05/04/2015
Rob Waldron	Tamworth	b77 2Ah	UK	05/04/2015
Ruth Brill	Birmingham	b25ee	UK	05/04/2015
Tracey patterson	Wilnecote	b77 4lj	UK	05/04/2015
Robert Eastwood	Longford	CV6 6QR	UK	05/04/2015
martin Holmes	Sutton Coldfield	B74 3sh	UK	05/04/2015
Andrea cross	Birmingham	b43 6dp	UK	05/04/2015
Edie Gossage	Birmingham	B17 0QA	UK	05/04/2015
Gareth roe	Birmingham	b448de	UK	05/04/2015
Shevata dhamija	Birmingham	b32 2xe	UK	05/04/2015
Lee bowlet	Sutton Coldfield	b72 1nd	UK	05/04/2015
Aamna Awan	birmingham	B28	UK	05/04/2015
Philip Stanfield	Birmingham	B5 4TL	UK	05/04/2015
Lisa Ewings	Walsall	WS8 6by	UK	05/04/2015
Barry Koutsoudi	Birmingham	B5 4TL	UK	05/04/2015
Katie Connolly	Birmingham	B13 9DH	UK	05/04/2015
Michael Finister-Smith	Sutton Coldfield	B744jd	UK	05/04/2015
Charlotte Tomlinson	Redditch	B97 6WV	UK	05/04/2015
Elizabeth O'Halloran	Kettering	NN16 0DA	UK	05/04/2015



## **Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee Birmingham Smithfield - City Park 4 Brum Petition**

### **The development and delivery of Birmingham Smithfield Inclusive Growth Directorate June 2019**

#### **Purpose**

This report sets out information for the committee to consider in relation to the City Park 4 Brum Petition. The report covers the background to the Birmingham Smithfield redevelopment, the strategic policy context and the activity to procure a development partner to deliver the scheme. Two appendices are also included providing links to the policies and frameworks that are in place for the Birmingham Smithfield redevelopment (appendix 1) and a plan showing the boundary of the Birmingham Smithfield site (appendix 2).

The report is also supported by a presentation which will be made available at the committee session.

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Birmingham Smithfield is one of the City's most significant development opportunities and a key strand of the transformational plans for the City Centre. The site covers 17 hectares of land bringing together a comprehensive site including the former site of wholesale markets and environs, the Bull Ring Markets, Moat Lane gyratory (plan attached). The City Council owns 8 hectares of the site.
- 1.2 The site is on the doorstep of many major assets including the Bullring, New Street Station, Grand Central, Digbeth Creative Quarter, Knowledge Hub, Southside and is in close proximity to the location for the City Centre terminus station for the national High Speed 2 rail network at Curzon.
- 1.3 The relocation of the Wholesale Markets to new premises within the city at The Hub in Witton has provided the opportunity to comprehensively plan and redevelop this area to create a once in a lifetime opportunity to deliver one of the largest redevelopment schemes in the city. The Birmingham Smithfield redevelopment will reconnect the area with its surroundings and create new activities and environments.
- 1.4 In 2015 the City Council launched the Smithfield Visioning Document as the starting point for discussion and consultation on the future of what would become the former site of the Wholesale Market. This was then followed by the publication of the Birmingham Smithfield Masterplan in 2016 which was adopted by the City Council as its vision for the site to inform future redevelopment.
- 1.5 In December 2018, the City Council selected Lendlease Europe Holdings Ltd (Lendlease) as their preferred development partner for the Birmingham Smithfield Development.

## **2. Strategic Policy Context**

- 2.1 The plans for Birmingham Smithfield fit within the city's overall growth agenda that is delivering 51,000 new homes, 100,000 jobs and billions of pounds worth of investment in infrastructure to support the city's growing population. This growth agenda is established in the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) which is the City's statutory development plan, adopted in 2017.
- 2.2 The BDP identifies Birmingham Smithfield as part of the wider Southern Gateway which is a major growth area in the City Centre. The BDP identifies that the "Southern Gateway... will be the focus for the expansion of the City Centre Core southwards through the comprehensive redevelopment of the wholesale markets site delivering a vibrant new destination for the City. Development will be supported that diversifies the City's offer as a retail and leisure destination including niche retail, improved markets, food and leisure space. Residential development will be supported as part of the future mix of uses with opportunities to stimulate the regeneration of the wider area. The redevelopment will require high quality public spaces and routes to be incorporated with a new public event space creating a centre piece for the area. Integral to creating a new destination will be the creation of exemplar development in terms of its architecture and sustainability credentials, the reinterpretation of the historic moat and manor house, the creation of a gateway to the Digbeth creative quarter and space for a new cultural facility..."
- 2.3 The strategy in the BDP builds upon the vision for the City Centre that was established through the Big City Plan (BCP) published in 2010. The Big City Plan identified the Southern Gateway as a key growth area recognising the opportunity that the redevelopment of the wholesale markets could bring to deliver a new destination for Birmingham through a major mixed-use scheme.
- 2.4 The City Council has produced detailed guidance for the Birmingham Smithfield redevelopment to translate the strategic policy into a vision for the site to inform the future development. The first step in setting out this site based vision was the publication, in 2015, of the Smithfield Visioning Document. This document was the starting point for discussion and consultation on the future of what would become the former site of the Wholesale Market. The feedback from the Visioning Document demonstrated that the main aspirations were for:
- The function of the retail markets (Indoor, Rag and Outdoor) to be at the heart of any redevelopment as a fundamental part of the City's history and diversity.
  - New connections through the site to bring together the surrounding Digbeth, Chinatown and Gay Village areas.
  - A major new event square for the city centre.
  - The potential for a new city cultural and visitor quarter.
  - A series of green routes and spaces to promote biodiversity, health and wellbeing,
- 2.5 Building on the work of the visioning document the City Council published the Birmingham Smithfield masterplan, which was adopted by the City Council's Cabinet in September 2016 following public consultation. The masterplan set out five Big Moves that would be central to creating a sustainable, green and inclusive place that has people at the heart, delivering 300,000sq.m of new mixed-use floorspace and over 2,000 new homes. The Big Moves included:
- Vibrant markets and leisure - to create a range of leisure uses supported by cafes, independent shops, restaurants and hotels alongside the new home for the retail markets which will become a destination in its own right, with a mix of activity across a multi-layered building bringing life throughout the day and night.



- Festival Square - a major new public space for the city that is a hub for cultural, community and arts events, activities and festivals.
  - Pedestrian boulevard - a wide, green pedestrian boulevard to create wider pedestrian connections into the site allowing people to easily walk through the area and connect to other parts of the city centre
  - Integrated public transport - bringing the Midland Metro Tram Network, bus and sprint (rapid transit bus) to the site ensuring wider connectivity.
  - Residential neighbourhood - delivery a mixture of new, modern sustainable homes in a green setting supported by a range of community facilities.
- 2.6 A key part of the masterplan is for Birmingham Smithfield to deliver radical improvements to accessibility and reconnect the site to the wider city. The future redevelopment will need to deliver major enhancements of the walking, cycling and public transport, and the creation of a consistent, high quality public realm and a network of green infrastructure throughout the site. A sequence of spaces and places around which different activities can take place throughout the day and at all times of the year is key to the future success and long term resilience of the place. This includes a Market Square providing the setting for the new markets and St Martins Church; Festival Square with a capacity of up-to 20,000 people, which can be adapted for numerous large-scale (e.g. Pride, St. Patricks Day, Chinese New Year) and smaller events – and the space forms a grand setting for new cultural buildings; a tree-lined pedestrian link running through the site as core spine to a wider network of pedestrian routes and spaces; a new green space as a setting for the residential community.
- 2.7 The approach to the urban realm and structure is intended to have a scale to allow for play and informal recreation and have sufficient over-looking and active edges to provide a feeling of safety and security for users. The variety of public realm provision will ensure that the development complements and adds a balanced offering to the existing and future city centre public realm network creating spaces that are active and lively and can be managed and maintained in the long term.
- 2.8 The masterplan recognises the importance of delivering public and semi-public spaces of a range of types and characters. Green infrastructure will need to be an integral part of the site, through the use of green walls, green and brown roofs and the provision of habitat features, supporting the network of squares and spaces. The masterplan emphasises the use of roof spaces for productive uses and amenity space. Green streets with trees and other features will be key in highway design, enhancing air quality and reducing noise pollution.
- 2.9 The streets and spaces as proposed in the Birmingham Smithfield masterplan will form part of the wider network that is planned across the City Centre. This is captured in Big City Plan which establishes a network of green spaces and connections reaching out from the city centre core to the areas beyond the Ring Road.
- 2.10 Delivering Birmingham Smithfield will also be central to unlocking a much wider area for transformation along the River Rea corridor. The City Council launched, in May 2019, the Rea Valley Urban Quarter Supplementary Planning Document. This sets out a framework to guide the transformation of the River Rea which runs through the city centre. The River Rea will form the centrepiece of a network of green routes and spaces creating a resilient environment, rich in biodiversity, promoting the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors alike. The Big Moves for the area include:
- Transforming the River Rea into a unique natural public space.

- Park Link - forming part of a network of green routes and spaces and providing a major pedestrian route linking Smithfield to Highgate Park.
  - St David's Place - a vibrant mixed use neighbourhood, offering a mix of workspace and living in a high quality environment, around the transformed River Rea.
  - Cheapside - important local employment uses will be integrated alongside new city centre living, including a mix of apartments in new build development and converted industrial buildings.
  - Highgate Park neighbourhood - focussed around a transformed Highgate Park, with a family housing area.
- 2.11 The City Council has been working in partnership with the Environment Agency and Severn Trent Water to develop the vision for the River Rea and how the surrounding 68 hectares of land can be transformed into a series of distinctive neighbourhoods, as a diverse and vibrant place to live and work.
- 2.12 Recognising the important economic opportunity that Birmingham Smithfield represents the site was identified in the Greater Birmingham and Solihull LEP (GBSLEP) Enterprise Zone Investment Plan in 2014 as a priority area for investment. The GBSLEP, via the Enterprise Zone, has allocated capital funding to support the site's development and the delivery of infrastructure.

### **3. Delivering Birmingham Smithfield**

- 3.1 Having established the vision and policies for the transformation of the 17ha strategic city centre site the City Council commenced the process to appoint a development/investment partner who could bring the appropriate finances and expertise to deliver the redevelopment scheme.
- 3.2 On 25 July 2017, the City Council Cabinet gave approval to procure a Development/Investment Partner(s) through the OJEU Competitive Dialogue procurement process and agreed the project objectives covering the Concept (Use and Design), Delivery, Operation, Social Value and Commerciality to be used in evaluating bidder's proposals.
- 3.3 Following an extensive dialogue process the City Council announced on 11 December 2018 that Lendlease had been selected as the preferred development partner for the Birmingham Smithfield Development. The procurement process is currently at Preferred Bidder Stage, with the City Council working closely with Lendlease to refine and optimise the final tender proposal, confirm commitments and develop a Business Plan, Outline Business Case, and Joint Venture Partnership Agreement for the Council's approval in late 2019. This will then lead to the formal appointment of Lendlease as the Smithfield Development Partner.
- 3.4 With a current estimated development value of £1.5bn, it will be a transformational partnership and define a whole new urban quarter right in the heart of the city centre delivering the vision of the Birmingham Smithfield Masterplan.
- 3.5 Along with the physical regeneration Birmingham Smithfield will provide over 3,500 end-use jobs, providing an annual net additional GVA impact of circa. £220m once the proposed scheme is complete. The scheme will also deliver significant skills and training opportunities including apprenticeships, work placements, and support the hard to employ back into sustainable employment. There is also a commitment to

provide support to local schools in the city and invest in community organisations and local supply chain.

- 3.6 Lendlease will deliver the scheme in four phases. The phasing approach is based on the key principles set out in the masterplan (2016) of achieving the early delivery of the new market complex and major infrastructure and public realm, including Festival Square and a central boulevard with integrated cycle, metro and sprint bus route; and delivering different asset typologies in each phase to optimise placemaking opportunities for the city, whilst balancing market absorption and construction activity. It's currently anticipated that the delivery of the scheme will commence in 2022 with site enabling works and construction of major infrastructure, following the submission of the hybrid planning permission for the scheme. The delivery timeframe for the whole scheme is approximately 15 years.

## **Appendix 1 – List of relevant policies and frameworks for the Birmingham Smithfield redevelopment**

### **The Birmingham Development Plan**

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/5433/adopted\\_birmingham\\_development\\_plan\\_2031](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/5433/adopted_birmingham_development_plan_2031)

### **Big City Plan**

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/20054/planning\\_strategies\\_and\\_policies](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/20054/planning_strategies_and_policies)

### **The Birmingham Smithfield Masterplan**

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/943/birmingham\\_smithfield\\_masterplan](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/943/birmingham_smithfield_masterplan)

### **The Rea Valley Urban Quarter SPD**

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/rea-valley-spd/>

## Appendix 2 – boundary of the Birmingham Smithfield redevelopment





# Birmingham Smithfield

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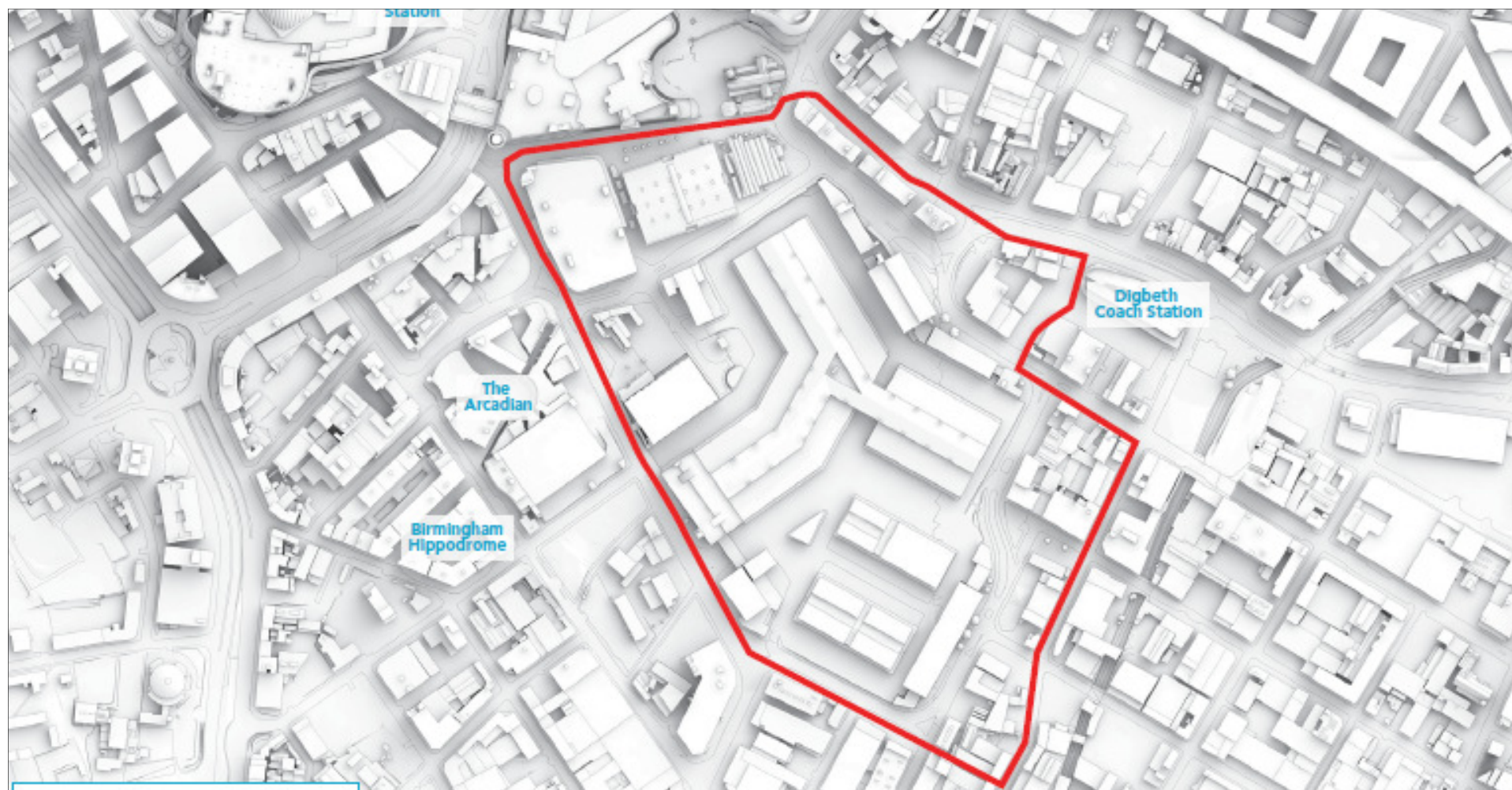




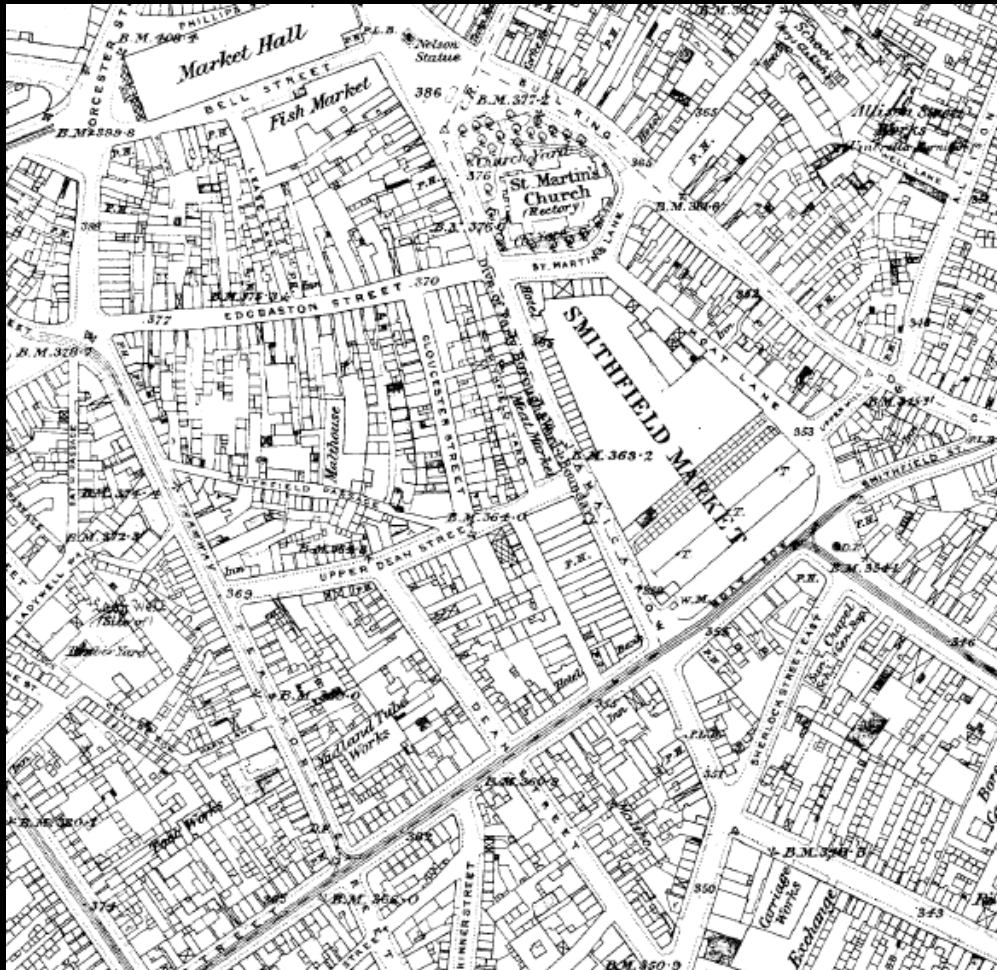


**Big City Plan - Areas of Transformation**





**Masterplan boundary**



**Rich history**



# Vision for Birmingham Smithfield



Birmingham Smithfield  
*Masterplan*

September 2016



▪ Vibrant markets and leisure



▪ Festival Square



▪ Pedestrian boulevard



▪ Integrated public transport



▪ Residential neighbourhood



## The Big Moves





**Birmingham Smithfield**

## Procuring a development partner

- Enter into a Contractual Joint Venture with Development/Investment Partner to deliver the redevelopment
- Procuring the Partner through the OJEU Competitive Dialogue procedure
- Dialogue governed by clear objectives aligned to the masterplan with quality and social value (80%) and commercial (20%) weighting
- December 2018 Cabinet approved the selection of Lendlease as the Preferred Development Partner/Bidder

# **Lendlease's role**

## **Integrated Delivery Model:**

- Significant international experience delivering complex schemes in partnership
- Depth in capability across a broad range of assets
- Long-term reliability and financial strength
- An integrated team and single point of accountability
- Leadership in sustainability across the property value chain
- Health and Safety at the heart of everything

## Summary - Birmingham Smithfield

- +2,000 new homes
- 3,500 new jobs
- New home for the retail markets
- Major public square
- Neighbourhood park
- Cultural and leisure attractions
- Metro and public transport improvements
- Training, apprenticeships and community investment
- Principles of Zero Emissions City Programme





**The Rea Valley Urban Quarter**



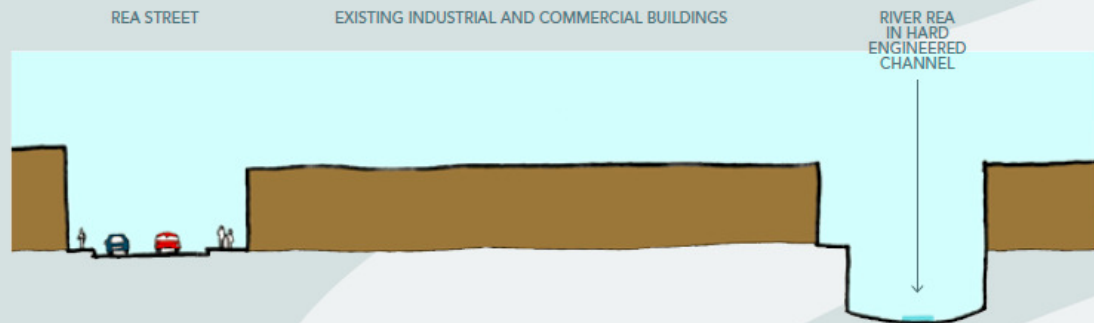


**Transforming the River Rea**

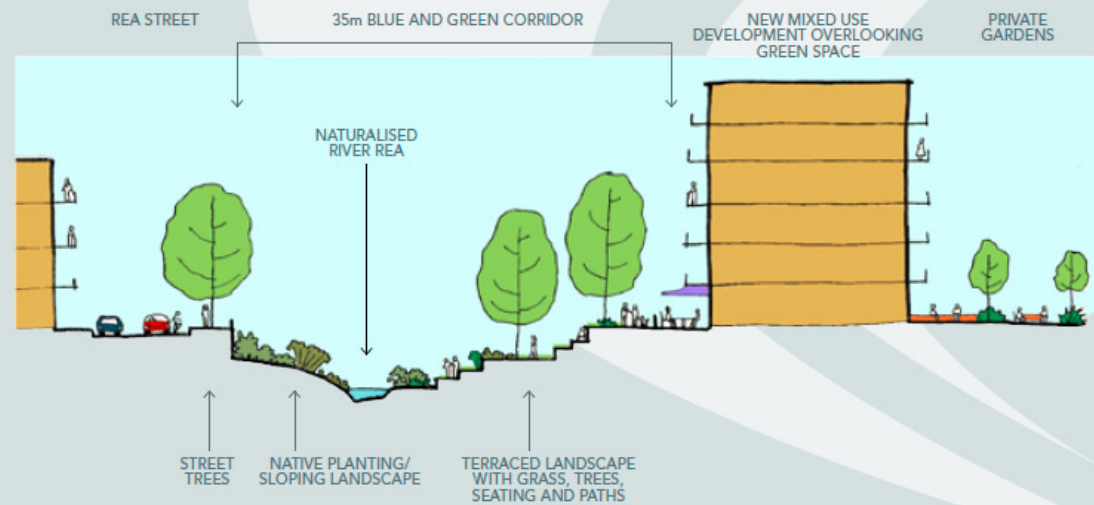


# Opening up the river

BEFORE



AFTER



# Network of streets, squares and spaces







**Green Infrastructure**







# Economy & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Report of Scrutiny Services

### 1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to set the overall direction of Scrutiny work for the year ahead and plan its work programme.

### 2 The Role of Scrutiny

- 2.1 The City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees:
- i. Provide 'critical friend' challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-makers;
  - ii. Enables the voice and concerns of the public and its communities to be heard;
  - iii. Is carried out by 'independent minded Members' who lead and own the scrutiny process;
  - iv. Drives improvement in public services.
- 2.2 The functions and remits of the scrutiny committees are set out in the Constitution and are attached in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The role of a scrutiny member is not formally defined; however the responsibility includes:
- To personally contribute time and effort to both the development and the carrying out of the scrutiny work programme by attending and contributing to committee meetings and inquiries or task & finish groups including hearing evidence, considering conclusions and making recommendations in a final report;
  - To be fair and open, not take a party political stance and not make party political points;
  - To be independent minded and to not pre-judge issues coming to scrutiny nor use the meeting to promote narrow or parochial interests;
  - To challenge the evidence by asking probing questions where necessary in order to get the information needed without being confrontational and to actively seek ideas and opinions;
  - To attend relevant training as appropriate.
- 2.4 It is for individual Scrutiny Members to declare any interests or conflicts of interest as per the Constitution.



## 3 The Committee's Remit

- 3.1 The Economy & Skills Committee's remit 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; land and property; inward investment; land use planning; business improvement districts and the Local Enterprise Partnership".
- 3.2 The Committee's remit falls mainly within three Cabinet portfolios. In summary these include:

Leader	Deputy Leader	Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture
Promotion of the city and Inward Investment  Council land use and property assets  Major projects  Business Improvement Districts  Economic growth and jobs  Land Use Planning	Impact and implications of Brexit	Employment Opportunities  Skills, expansion for key growth sectors enterprise and innovation  Provision of all-age guidance, skills development, training and work experience to meet the economic needs of the city now and in the future.

- 3.3 Transparency, equalities and improvement will be cross-cutting themes for all O&S Committees.
- 3.4 Changes in the make-up of Cabinet portfolios and O&S Committees were confirmed at the City Council's AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

## 4 Work Programming

- 4.1 Effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective Scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundation for targeted, incisive and timely work on issues of local importance where Scrutiny can add real value. Done badly, Scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any work is likely to be minimal.
- 4.2 Each Scrutiny Committee work programme is determined by the Members of that committee. The work programme is discussed at the start of each year; and is updated throughout the year. Whilst Scrutiny Committees are independent from the Executive, there are benefits in aligning priorities, particularly when resources are scarce. The following section outlines some key areas for the forthcoming year.





## Prioritisation

- 4.3 Members often have a number of topics suggested to them and are therefore required to prioritise matters for consideration. The following factors could 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.

## Reports to City Council

- 4.4 There is clearly an expectation on O&S Committees that there are regular reports to City Council meetings. Therefore, it is proposed that each O&S Committee presents a report to City Council this municipal year. Most of the Scrutiny reports that have been presented at the City Council meeting in the past have been inquiry reports. However, the Scrutiny Inquiry into the City Council Meeting, conducted by the Corporate Resources O&S Committee in April 2016, suggested that there were other ways for scrutiny to engage with the City Council meeting.
- 4.5 It was proposed that there be two new forms of report to City Council, in addition to inquiry reports, to widen the scrutiny offer to City Council:
- **Debate reports**: short reports summarising work undertaken in Committee (or on visits); not necessarily with recommendations but with a motion or suggested actions; this could include more contentious issues, or where policy is not yet resolved, and act as a way of prompting wider policy debate in the chamber;
  - **Proposal reports**: short reports introducing potential inquiry work for scrutiny to get early member input into direction, key questions and potential witnesses; the debate would inform the terms of reference and form part of the evidence base for the inquiry, rather than getting that wider member input at the end of the process.
- 4.6 It is suggested that the Co-ordinating O&S Committee agrees a programme of reports to City Council.

## 5 Priorities for the coming Year

- 5.1 In setting the work programme for the year, Members may wish to consider:
- The 2018-22 Council Plan.



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- The impact of retailing closures on High Streets and support to growth in local centres and town centres including Enterprise Zones.
- The use of the Apprenticeship Levy to upskill employees both within the Council and across the city.
- Investigating with partners how employment, training and upskilling opportunities are delivered and accessed as data collected currently is from a range of sources.
- The Council's Property Investment strategy.
- Redevelopment of Birmingham Smithfield and surrounding area.
- The impact of the introduction of the Clean Air Zone on businesses.
- Support to Small and Medium Enterprises.
- The impact of the night time economy in the city.
- Working with partners to advertise the wealth of opportunities to young people via a targeted media strategy.
- Other priorities may be identified at the meeting.

### 6 Work undertaken in 2018/19

- 6.1 The Committee considered a number of issues in the last municipal year. Members might find it helpful to consider a summary of these issues below.
- 6.2 The Council was successful in their bid to host the Commonwealth Games in 2022 and consequently the Council working with partners are carrying out a number of large scale re-developments to the Perry Barr area of the city that will not only hold many of the events (at the Alexander stadium) but also house athletes with further modernisation being made to the public highway and transport infrastructure. The Committee heard about the economic impact of the Games Village at its October meeting and Members considered the impact of the changes and developments on local residents and those in surrounding areas.
- 6.3 The Committee has kept a watchful eye on the Council's plans as the UK prepares to exit the European Union. Quarterly updates on the impact of Brexit on the city have been scheduled to enable Members to understand the key issues facing the country and how these translate locally and what the Council and other key partners in the city are doing to help businesses and residents prepare for a variety of outcomes. The Council is involved with a number of cross working groups/commissions made up of WMCA, WM LEP's, Chamber of Commerce and Universities to understand the potential likelihood of different exiting scenarios on the West Midlands region.
- 6.4 Skill levels of residents within the city and accessible employment opportunities have been a keen area of interest for the Committee during the 2018/19 municipal year. Members have been keen to understand how current and new initiatives impact residents not only in take-up but also in



upskilling and tackling the entrenched high level unemployment in inner city and some outskirts areas of the city. The East Birmingham and North Solihull Regeneration Strategy considered by the Committee is also an example of what the City Council with partners is doing to try to tackle these issues using a more holistic approach. Further updates on the Strategy as key milestones are reached will be scheduled on the future work programme. This will include the draft Growth Strategy that will need to be consulted on later this year.

- 6.5 Members have been keen to learn how new initiatives are helping people to upskill and take advantage of new job opportunities such as HS2 and HSBC bank moving into the city. As part of this the Committee held their December meeting at the National College for High Speed Rail where during a tour of the facilities the Chief Executive, Clair Mowbray explained the make-up of those attending and courses on offer and the work being done to engage different communities and young people.
- 6.6 The Committee has received regular updates on the 'Jobs and Skills' agenda including the regional skills plan and skills deal, council led skills programmes for young people (Youth Promise Plus) and opportunities for the long-term unemployed. Members have also been interested to learn how small and medium enterprises are being supported with not only taking on new workers but access to apprenticeships and upskilling employees and at their April meeting Members heard from the Leader, Cllr Ian Ward about the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) that is being led by the West Midlands Combined Authority (working with public, private and voluntary sector delivery partners). The strategy sets out to capture existing sectorial strengths and emerging industries to take advantage of new and upcoming opportunities coming to the region that can benefit local people and how the challenges that exist in skills, transport and productivity can be met.
- 6.7 Members have been keen to understand the work that the Council is doing with young people (for which they receive Government and European funding) who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) and how well the Youth Promise Plus (YPP) is doing in supporting these young people in securing a job or further training once they have completed the programme. The Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture has spoken about this when she has attended the Committee meetings in November and April. The Council has historically received EU funding for programmes to tackle unemployment issues relating to young people between the ages of 16-25 and it was confirmed that the current YPP funding has been extended to the end of the 2021/22 municipal year to ensure continuity whilst the UK negotiates its exit from the European Union.
- 6.8 Following on from the Committee considering young people who are NEET the Committee convened a sub-group (on a 2:1:1 proportional basis) to consider the issue of careers advice to young people in schools specifically looking at what help, support and interventions can be offered to young people early enough to stop them from becoming NEET and identifying possible employment and career opportunities before the age of 16. This group of Members first met in March to discuss the terms of reference and lines of enquiry. This was followed up with an initial meeting with the Assistant Director for Skills & Employability to scope out areas of further



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investigation and to identify officers and others they wish to invite to future meetings. Members are due to meet again with officers responsible for children in care/children leaving care as this group was identified in particular as being at a higher risk of becoming NEET.

6.9 In July 2017 a motion on the divestment of fossil fuels was agreed at City Council including that the City Council would "...Call on West Midlands Pension Fund (WMPF) to divest from fossil fuels by mandating its representative on the Pension Fund Committee to call for the development and adoption of Responsible Investment policies...". Members of the Committee were keen to investigate this further following an initial discussion with the Council's Auditor, Grant Thornton and recognising that the WMPF is one of the largest funds within the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), and is within the largest 25 UK pension schemes, by asset value. To this end Members felt that the Fund could utilise its assets in the local region to benefit local people (predominately those that pay into the Fund). It was therefore agreed that the Committee would convene a future meeting (proposed for 10<sup>th</sup> July) and invite representatives of the WMPF to investigate the economic aspects of how the Pension Fund assets can be used to invest in local economies. It was further agreed that the Committee would take a report based on these discussions for a full debate by all Councillors to a future City Council meeting.

- 6.10 The Committee also has areas of work that it will continue this year:
- Discussion on the how the West Midlands Pension Fund assets can be used to invest in local economies.
  - Careers Advice in Schools working group (a sub-group of Members are considering specifically what help, support and interventions can be offered to young people early enough to stop them from becoming NEET and identifying possible employment and career opportunities before the age of 16).
  - 6 monthly updates to the Committee on the Council's Youth Promise Plus programme (starting in September 2019).
  - Updates on the East Birmingham and North Solihull Regeneration Strategy.

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June 2019

**Item 5: O&S Terms of Reference**

*Extract from Constitution May 2019*

**5.5 Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

All Councillors, except Cabinet Members (and the Lord Mayor) can be members of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Chairs of these committees are appointed by the Full Council and Deputy Chairs are elected by each committee at its first meeting, for the purpose of substitution for the Chair if absent.

**General role**

Overview and Scrutiny Committees will:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) Consider any matter covered in their terms of reference that may affect or be likely to have an effect on the citizens of Birmingham; and
  - is relevant to the Council's strategic objectives; and/or
  - is relevant to major issues faced by officers in managing a function of the Council; and
  - is likely to make a contribution to moving the Council forward and achieving key performance targets.
- (iii) Exercise the "request for call-in" and "call-in" any Executive decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive.

Overview and Scrutiny Chairs should 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.

**Specific functions:**

- (i) Policy development and review

Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:

- assist the Council and / or the Executive in the development of its budget and policy by appropriate analysis of policy and budget issues;
- conduct appropriate research, community and other consultation in the analysis of policy and budget issues and possible options;

- consider and implement mechanisms to encourage and enhance community participation in the development of policy options;
- question Members of the Executive and/or Chief Officers about their views on issues and proposals affecting their areas of responsibility; and
- liaise with other external organisations operating in the city, whether national, regional or local to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

(ii) Scrutiny

Overview and Scrutiny Committees may:

- review and scrutinise the Executive decisions made by and performance of the Executive and/or Chief Officers in relation to decisions taken by them or in relation to their areas of responsibility / department;
- review and scrutinise the performance of the council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and / or particular service areas – including the areas of responsibility of the Regulatory and Non-Executive Committees, but not the actual decisions of the Regulatory and Non-Executive Committees;
- make recommendations to the Executive, Chairmen of Committees, Chief Officers and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process;
- review and scrutinise the performance of other relevant public bodies in Birmingham (including Health Authorities) and to invite reports from them by requesting them to attend and engage with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee about their activities and performance;
- question and gather evidence from any person (with their consent); and
- establish sub-committees to undertake aspects of that committee's remit, or Task and Finish Committees to carry out specific time limited enquiries as agreed with the eight Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs and subject to available resources.

### ***Terms of Reference of Overview and Scrutiny Committees***

There shall be eight Overview and Scrutiny Committees as set out in the terms of reference below.

#### ***Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee***

To plan and co-ordinate the work of all the Overview & Scrutiny Committees. To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning governance (including transparency, regional working and partnerships); citizens (including communications and public engagement); performance; customer services and emergency planning.

These functions include:

- (a) giving such guidance to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in any cases of uncertainty, as to work which they should or should not be undertaking, as may be necessary to achieve such co-ordination, including the allocation of “call-in” to the appropriate Committee;
- (b) determining, in any cases of uncertainty, the allocation of responsibility for specific tasks between the Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
- (c) ensuring (by means, for example, of issuing appropriate guidance and/or instructions) that the Overview & Scrutiny Committees pay proper attention in their work to the consideration of key cross cutting issues, in particular equalities, transparency and improvement;
- (d) publishing each year an Annual Programme of major scrutiny inquiries as suggested by individual Overview and Scrutiny Committees following consideration of the Council Plan and priorities;
- (e) agreeing the establishment of any task & finish groups; and
- (f) considering overview and scrutiny development, working practices and constitutional arrangements.

Membership of the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consist of 12 members: the chair of the committee and the seven other Overview and Scrutiny Committee chairs along with 4 places for opposition group members to ensure proportionality.

#### ***Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee***

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning finance (including strategic finance, budget setting and financial monitoring); revenues and benefits; human resources; contracting, commissioning and commercialism.



### ***Health and Social Care Committee***

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning adult safeguarding, social care and public health; and to discharge the relevant overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including:

- The appointment of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees with neighbouring authorities; and
- The exercise of the power to make referrals of contested service reconfigurations to the Secretary of State as previously delegated to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Council.

### ***Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee***

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning schools and education, the Children's Trust, vulnerable children, corporate parenting and other child social care and safeguarding functions of the council.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:

- (a) Church of England diocese representative (one);
- (b) Roman Catholic diocese representative (one); and
- (c) Parent Governor representatives (two).

### ***Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee***

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; land and property; inward investment; land use planning; business improvement districts and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

### ***Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee***

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities relating to sustainability; air pollution; transport strategy and highways.

The Committee shall undertake the authority's statutory functions in relation to the scrutiny of flood risk management (Flood and Water Management Act 2010).

### ***Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee***



To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning housing; social cohesion; waste management; neighbourhood management; parks and allotments; localisation; bereavement services and community safety.

This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee (Police and Justice Act 2006).

### ***Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee***

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning arts and culture; libraries and museums; the Commonwealth Games and sport; events.

### **Conflicts of interest – Membership of Overview and Scrutiny Committees and District and Ward Forums**

- If an Overview and Scrutiny Committee is scrutinising specific decisions in relation to the business of the Ward Forum of which an Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor is a Member, then that Councillor must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of such matter.
- Where, however, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is reviewing policy matters, generally, as opposed to a specific decision of the Ward Forum, the Member must declare his/her interest before the relevant agenda item is reached, but need not withdraw.

### ***Overview and Scrutiny Work and Non-Executive Committees***

- Overview and Scrutiny Committees are only permitted by law to scrutinise the Executive decisions of the council – Cabinet, Cabinet Committees, Cabinet Members, Ward Forums, and officers.
- In terms of the Regulatory Committees, these carry out quasi-judicial functions and, as such, appropriate appeal rights and procedures apply to the same, which do not involve the Overview and Scrutiny Committees arrangements.

### ***“Request for Call-In” and “Call-In”***

- When an Executive decision is taken by the Cabinet, Cabinet Member(s) or Chief Officer jointly with Cabinet Members or Cabinet Committees, the decision shall be published by electronic means, and copies of it shall be available at the main offices of the Council, normally within three days of being made. All Members and Chief Officers will be sent a notification of all such decisions within the same timescale, by the Committee Services Officer responsible for publishing the decision.

- The relevant notice will bear the date on which it is published and will specify that the Executive decision may be implemented, after the expiry of three working days after the publication of the decision, unless a “Request for call-in” is made of the Executive decision, by at least two Councillors (who are not members of the Cabinet). The “Request for Call In” should state the reason for call-in.
- Once a “Request for Call In” has been received, the Chair of Co-ordinating O&S Committee will agree which Overview and Scrutiny Committee should hear the call-in. That Committee must meet to consider the request. The meeting should take place not later than 15 clear working days after the original publication of the decision.
- It is for the Committee to decide whether to Call In a decision or not. The council does not expect an Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Call In an Executive decision unless one or more of the following criteria applies.
- Where the Committee does decide to call in a decision, the “re-consideration” which is then required must take place at a meeting of the full Cabinet – irrespective of who made the original decision on behalf of the Executive.

## Call-In Criteria

	<b><i>(a) Is the Executive decision within existing policy?</i></b>
1	<i>the decision appears to be contrary to the Budget or one of the ‘policy framework’ plans or strategies;</i>
2	<i>the decision appears to be inconsistent with any other form of policy approved by the full Council, the Executive or the Regulatory Committees;</i>
3	<i>the decision appears to be inconsistent with recommendations previously made by an Overview and Scrutiny body (and accepted by the full Council or the Executive);</i>
	<b><i>(b) Is the Executive Decision well-founded?</i></b>
4	<i>the Executive appears to have failed to consult relevant stakeholders or other interested persons before arriving at its decision;</i>
5	<i>the Executive appears to have overlooked some relevant consideration in arriving at its decision;</i>
6	<i>the decision has already generated particular controversy amongst those likely to be affected by it or, in the opinion of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is likely so to do;</i>
7	<i>the decision appears to be particularly “novel” and therefore likely to set an important precedent;</i>

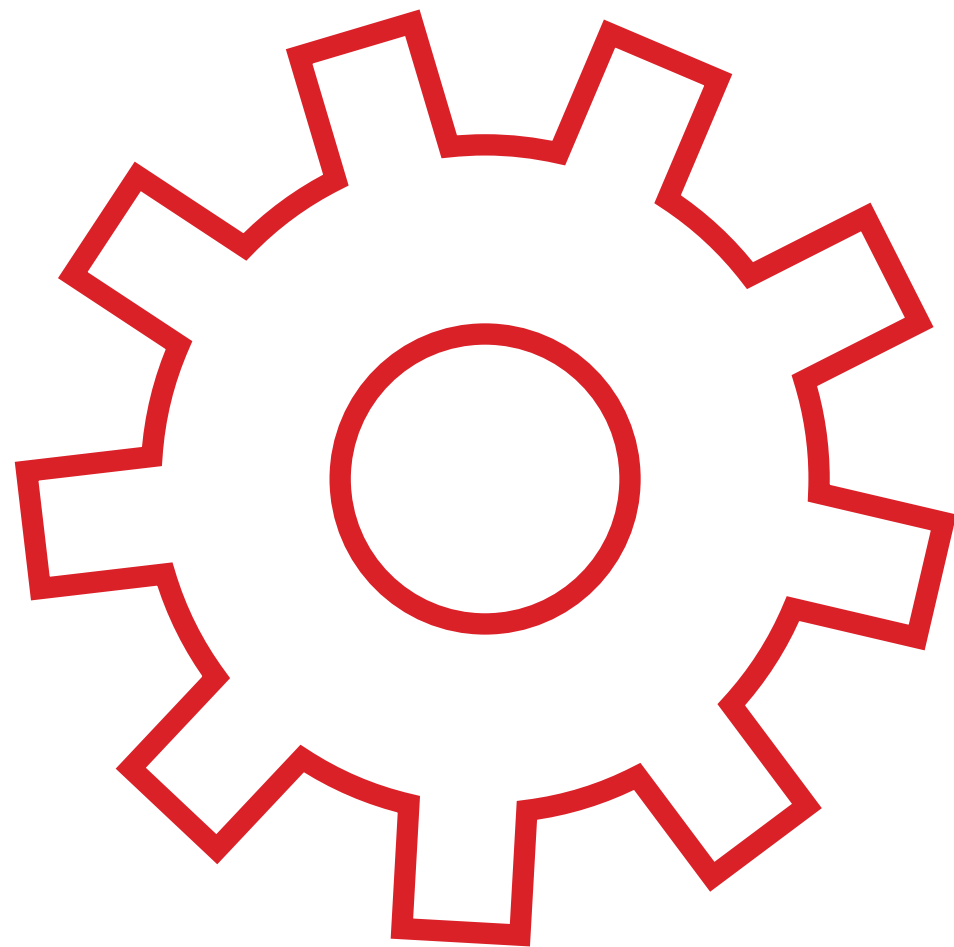
8	<i>there is a substantial lack of clarity, material inaccuracy or insufficient information provided in the report to allow the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to hold the Executive to account and/or add value to the work of the Council.</i>
	<b><i>(c) Has the Executive decision been properly taken?</i></b>
9	<i>the decision appears to give rise to significant legal, financial or propriety issues;</i>
10	<i>the notification of the decision does not appear to have been in accordance with council procedures;</i>
	<b><i>(d) Does the Executive decision particularly affect a ward?</i></b>
11	<i>the decision appears to give rise to significant issues in relation to a particular ward.</i>



# Birmingham City Council Plan: 2018-2022

## Birmingham – a city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters

What do we want to achieve?



Outcome	Why is this important?
<b>Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in</b>	We want a city that invests in its people so that everyone can have opportunities to realise their potential through lifelong learning, skills and good jobs. We want to invest in the buildings and transport connections of our city to provide better places to live and work and enable businesses to prosper. HS2 will be a key milestone in the city's development and we must make the most of this opportunity to boost our economy and key growth sectors, and enable citizens to access employment.
<b>Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in</b>	We want to respond to our unique profile as one of the youngest cities in Europe to give all children from every background and community the best start in life with a clear pathway to achieve success and realise their full potential.
<b>Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in</b>	We want citizens to live more active, longer, healthier and independent lives. We want to reduce social isolation so that people can make positive choices and take control of their wellbeing.
<b>Birmingham is a great city to live in</b>	We want Birmingham to be a sustainable city of vibrant culture, flourishing neighbourhoods with good quality housing. A city with clean air, safe and clean streets and green spaces. We want to be a city where our citizens have pride in where they live, have a strong sense of belonging and a voice in how Birmingham is run.
<b>Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games</b>	Hosting the Commonwealth Games gives us a global stage to use the transformational power of sport and culture to project a positive image of our city, promote growth and provide a long-lasting legacy to the citizens of our city.

# Birmingham City Council Plan: 2018-2022

## Challenges and opportunities

**BIRMINGHAM HAS**  
**1,141,000**  
**CITIZENS**  
**46%**  
**UNDER 30**



Our population is expected to rise to 1.31million by 2039 (15% rise from now) and 24% predicted rise in adults aged 85+ by 2028.

**90**  
**A**  
**DIFFERENT**  
**LANGUAGES**  
**ARE SPOKEN**

Birmingham has a young and richly diverse population with 25% of the population under-18 and 42% from Black and Minority Ethnic communities.

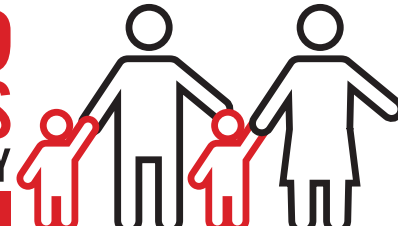
**OUTSIDE OF LONDON**  
**OUR CITY IS THE**  
**MOST**  
**ETHNICALLY &**  
**CULTURALLY**  
**DIVERSE**



**1,789**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN CARE**  
**(UNDER 18)**

1 in 3 children live in poverty and there is a gap in life expectancy between the wealthiest and poorest wards. English is not the first language for 42% of school children.

**1,836**  
**FAMILIES**  
**SUPPORTED BY**  
**FAMILY SERVICES\***



(\*THINK FAMILY)

**Unemployment** is higher than the UK average – 6.4% in Birmingham compared to 2.6% in the UK.  
**Unequal employment** rates across Birmingham – e.g. Hodge Hill at 46% compared to 78% in Sutton Coldfield.  
**Air pollution** causes up to 900 premature deaths (deaths before the age of 75) per year.

**61,818**  
**COUNCIL HOUSES**

89,000 new homes are needed by 2023: street homelessness is on the rise and 1 in 88 people (12,785) are homeless.



**MOST RAPIDLY IMPROVING CITY**

to live and work in with exciting new developments in Birmingham city centre, delivering almost 13,000 new homes, over 40,000 jobs and adding £2billion to the local economy.

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

will reposition Birmingham globally,

**GENERATING**  
**£526m**

for the regional economy and creating 1,000 new homes.




Wide ranging lively cultural offer, including world class theatres, Town Hall and Symphony Hall and a rich tapestry of festivals.

**CITIZENS' TOP PRIORITIES**

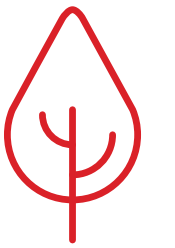
- #1** Clean Streets (57%)
- #2** Refuse Collection (55%)
- #3** Child Protection and Safeguarding (37%)
- #4** Road and Pavement Repairs (37%)
- #5** Care and Support for Older and Disabled People (36%)

**HOME TO OVER**  
**20**  
**MUSEUMS**



**571**  
**PARKS**

More than any other European city.



**4 MILLION VISITORS TO**  
**CITY'S 37**  
**LIBRARIES**  
**ANNUALLY**



**12,373**  
**ADULTS (18+)**  
**RECEIVING**  
**LONG-TERM SUPPORT**



**35 MILES**  
**OF WATERWAYS**  
**MORE CANALS**  
**THAN VENICE**



**HOME TO**  
**5**  
**UNIVERSITIES**

with 87,400 students (aged 16-64).



**IN 2017, MORE THAN**  
**12,000**  
**NEW COMPANIES**  
**OPENED THEIR DOORS**  
**FOR NEW BUSINESS**  
**IN BIRMINGHAM**



# Birmingham City Council Plan: 2018-2022

## What are we going to do?

### OUTCOME 1:

#### Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.

##### Priority 1:

We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.

##### How will we measure success?

- The number of jobs created.
- The number of Birmingham citizens supported into education, training and employment through employment support activity.
- The number of apprenticeship starts per 1,000.
- The percentage of adults with an NVQ qualification, verses national average.

##### Priority 2:

We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.

##### How will we measure success?

- Birmingham's unemployment rate verses the national average.
- Narrowing the pay gap for citizens across the city.

##### Priority 3:

We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.

##### How will we measure success?

- Small and Medium Enterprises starts and closures.

##### Priority 4:

We will develop our transport infrastructure, keep the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.

##### How will we measure success?

- The percentage of carriageways which should be considered for structural maintenance based on condition surveys.
- Increased percentage of trips taken by bicycles.

### OUTCOME 2:

#### Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.

##### Priority 1:

We will improve protection of vulnerable children and young people (including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability).

##### How will we measure success?

- Percentage of new Education Health Care (EHC) plans issued within 20 weeks, excluding exceptions.
- Percentage of pupils with a statement or EHC Plan.
- The Children's Trust meeting or exceeding its performance targets.
- Average length of time from a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family (in days).
- Percentage of care leavers who are in Education, Employment or Training (EET).
- First time entrants into the youth justice system (per 100,000 population aged 10 to 17).

##### Priority 2:

We will work with early years services and all schools to improve educational attainment and standards.

##### How will we measure success?

- The percentage of children making at least expected progress across each stage of their education – Early Years Foundation Stage (good level of development).
- Key Stage Attainment (KS2 and KS4 proportion reaching expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.)
- The average progress 8 score of Birmingham pupils compared to National pupils – average progress between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 across eight key subjects.

##### Priority 3:

We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential.

##### How will we measure success?

- The proportion of years 12 to 13 not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET).
- Proportion of the population aged 16 to 24 qualified to at least level 3.
- Proportion of the population aged 16 to 24 qualified to at least level 4.
- Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) – Progress 8 – Average progress between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 for pupils with SEN Support across eight key subjects.
- Children in Care – Progress 8 – Average progress between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 across eight key subjects.

##### Priority 4:

We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.

##### How will we measure success?

- Percentage of children overweight or obese at reception and year 6.
- Number of 2 year old children accessing

flexible free entitlement to early education (EEE).

### OUTCOME 3:

#### Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.

##### Priority 1:

We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.

##### How will we measure success?

- The proportion of people who use services who reported that they had as much social contact as they would like.
- The proportion of carers who reported that they had as much social contact as they would like.

##### Priority 2:

We will improve care for older people.

##### How will we measure success?

- Reduced number of long term admissions to residential care and nursing care (per 100,000 – 65+).
- Reduced delayed transfers of care.
- Proportion of older people (65 and over) who are still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into re-enablement/rehabilitation services.

##### Priority 3:

Citizens and communities will have choice and control over their care and improved resilience and independence.

##### How will we measure success?

- More people will exercise independence, choice and control over their care.
- Proportion of adults with a learning disability in paid employment.

### OUTCOME 4:

#### Birmingham is a great city to live in.

##### Priority 1:

We will work with our residents and businesses to improve the cleanliness of our city.

##### How will we measure success?

- Improved cleanliness – streets and green spaces.
- Increase Recycling, Reuse, and Green waste.
- Residual household waste per household (kg/household).

##### Priority 2:

We will have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens.

##### How will we measure success?

- Number of new homes completed in the city across a range of tenures.
- Number of properties improved in the Private Rented Sector as a result of Local Authority intervention.
- Number (and percentage) of homes built that are affordable.
- Minimising the number (and percentage) of households living in temporary accommodation.

##### Priority 3:

We will work with partners to tackle rough sleeping and homelessness.

##### How will we measure success?

- Reducing the number of rough sleepers across the city.
- The number (and percentage) of households where homelessness is prevented or relieved.



# Birmingham City Council Plan: 2018-2022

## What are we going to do?

### Priority 4:

We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution.

#### How will we measure success?

- Reduce Nitrogen Oxide emissions (CAZ) levels in the city's air quality management areas (Ug/M3).
- Reduce Particulate Matter levels in the city's air quality management areas.

### Priority 5:

We will work with partners to ensure everyone feels safe in their daily lives.

#### How will we measure success?

- Citizens' perception – feeling of safety outside in local area during the day.
- Citizens' perception – feeling of safety outside in local area after dark.
- Number (and percentage) of completed safeguarding enquiries which involved concerns about domestic abuse.

### Priority 6:

We will foster local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run.

#### How will we measure success?

- Citizens' perception – able to influence decisions that affect the local area.
- Citizens' perception – able to influence decisions about public services that affect the local area.

### Priority 7:

We will work with our partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.

#### How will we measure success?

- Reduce inequalities between wards e.g. health, unemployment, educational achievement.

- Percentage of gap reduction of people living in the city and working in the city.
- A new residents' survey measure about citizens' pride in the city.

### Priority 8:

We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.

#### How will we measure success?

- Increased number of international, sporting, cultural and major events in our landmark venues, shared spaces, communities and libraries.

### OUTCOME 5:

**Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.**

### Priority 1:

We will seek to maximise the opportunities for Birmingham businesses and the Birmingham economy as a result of the Games to stimulate economic and employment growth.

#### How will we measure success?

- Volume of Games contracts awarded to Birmingham/West Midlands companies.
- Volume of development of sustainable business on the back of the Games.

### Priority 2:

We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing.

#### How will we measure success?

- Creation and use of health and well-being initiatives.
- Percentage rise in young people and adults engaged in physical activity.

### Priority 3:

We will deliver high quality housing, sporting facilities and transport infrastructure for the benefit of our citizens.

#### How will we measure success?

- Delivery of the transport and sporting infrastructure on time and on budget.
- Community use of sporting infrastructure – making the master plans a reality.

### Priority 4:

We will use the Games as a catalyst for the development and promotion of apprenticeships, volunteering and leadership opportunities to enhance the skills of our workforce.

#### How will we measure success?

- Apprenticeships/skills courses/entry level employment offered to unemployed Birmingham citizens across core Games related industries – security, catering, cleaning, technology etc.
- Internships and skills development as a result offered and delivered by Games partners and/or supporting businesses.

### Priority 5:

We will work with our diverse communities to ensure that we deliver a Games for Birmingham that connects our citizens and fosters civic pride.

#### How will we measure success?

- Community volunteer projects delivered as a result of the Games (e.g. 'spring clean' of streets).
- Use the Games to create/foster active citizenship projects and ensure those volunteers play a role in the Games.
- Citizen engagement with the cultural programme.
- New residents' survey measure to link

active life-styles, culture and wellbeing with cohesion impact.

### HOW WILL WE WORK?

**We want to proactively strengthen our partnerships with key institutions and businesses to create a strong civic family to lead the city. As part of this family, we will endorse a 'Made in Birmingham' approach with the city council playing a stronger role in directly delivering services, enabling partners and leading the community.**

We want everyone to benefit from the city's success and have therefore set out a long-term approach to achieve our priorities. This includes improving our services by promoting innovation, learning from good practice and collaborating with our partners across all sectors and all communities.

#### Improving the way we work:

- Greater Efficiency – we are committed to a culture of continuous improvement.
- More Transparency – we will work openly and publish information on decisions and spending.
- Greater Equality – we will promote the needs of all of our citizens; tackle disparities between neighbourhoods; and ensure our workforce reflects the diversity of our city.

Achieving the outcomes set out in this plan requires a wide range of resources and funding, which extends beyond the council's net revenue budget. However, by having a clear set of priorities we are able to work effectively in partnership to

maximise the city's resources for the citizens of Birmingham.

### The Council's budget:

#### NET BUDGET FOR 2018/19

**£855.2m**

#### ANNUAL BUDGET REDUCTIONS OF

**£642m**  
OVER 7 YEARS TO 2017/18



#### FURTHER ANNUAL CUTS OF

**£123m**  
BY 2021/22 ARE ANTICIPATED

#### THIS MEANS

**TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS OF £765m**  
OVER 11 YEAR PERIOD

It is important to note that a significant proportion of this budget is not within the Council's control. For example, the educational funding goes directly to schools.

We are changing the way we work to ensure we are making best use of our resources whilst continuing to deliver improved outcomes for citizens:

- We will develop a sustainable financial plan which does not rely on the use of reserves.
- We will focus on priority-based budgeting to ensure our resources are used where they are most needed.
- We will seek to use innovative models to deliver better outcomes at lower cost.
- We will make better use of our assets.





## Economy & Skills O&S Committee: Draft Work Programme 2019/20

**Chair:** Cllr Tahir Ali

**Committee Members:** Cllrs John Clancy, Chaman Lal, Simon Morrall, Julien Pritchard, Lou Robson, Lucy Seymour-Smith and Ken Wood

**Officer Support:** Scrutiny Officers: Rose Kiely (303 1730) & Baseema Begum (303 1668)  
Committee Manager: Errol Wilson (675 0955)

### 1 Meeting Schedule

Date	What	Officer Contact / Attendees
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 6  Report deadline: 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Smithfield Petition  Work Programme discussion on key Economy & Skills issues	Richard Cowell, Assistant Director, Development/ James Tucker – Petitioner/Cllr Jayne Francis  Committee discussion
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b> <b>** 1630 hours **</b> Committee Room 6  Report deadline: 28 <sup>th</sup> June	West Midlands Pension Fund	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 2  Report deadline: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	6 monthly update: Youth Promise Plus programme (TBC)	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 2  Report deadline: 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept		



Date	What	Officer Contact / Attendees
<b>6th November 2019</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct		
<b>4th December 2019</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cabinet Member for Education, Skills & Culture	
<b>29th January 2020</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan		
<b>26th February 2020</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb		
<b>25th March 2020</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6 monthly update: Youth Promise Plus programme (TBC)	
<b>22nd April 2020</b> 1030 hours Committee Room 2 Report deadline: 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr		

## 2 Other Meetings

### Call in Meetings

*None scheduled*



## Careers Advice in Schools Working Group Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 4.30pm, Room 335, Scrutiny Office

26<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 4.30pm, Room 335, Scrutiny Office

## West Midlands Pension Fund Member Discussion Group

26<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 10.00am, Room 335, Scrutiny Office

## Petitions

'Park at Smithfield – Petition No:2104', Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am, Committee Room 6, Council House

## Councillor Call for Action requests

*None  
scheduled*

It is suggested that the Committee approve Wednesday at 1030 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.

## Contact Officers

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## 3 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Economy & Skills O&S Committee's remit. **Please note this is correct at the time of publication. Highlighted rows show a change to the previously listed cabinet proposed date.**

Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
006618/2019	Commissioning of Arts Activities 2019-20	Education, Skills and Culture	25 Jun 2019
005776/2019	NEC - Disposal of land for Film Studio and supporting development	Leader	25 Jun 2019
004101/2017	Enterprise Zone Investment Plan 2019	Leader	30 Jul 2019
005280/2018	Midlands Art Centre - new lease	Leader	30 Jul 2019
006004/2019	Master Plan for the Alexander Stadium	Leader	30 Jul 2019
006350/2019	Property Investment Strategy	Leader	30 Jul 2019



Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
006370/2019	Icknield Port Loop Deed of Variation	Leader	30 Jul 2019
006208/2019	HS2 Curzon Station Public Realm Project Delivery Costs	Leader	17 Sep 2019
006426/2019	Property Prospectus - Tenders	Leader	17 Sep 2019
006459/2019	Appointment of Development Partner for Birmingham Smithfield	Leader	17 Sep 2019
006461/2019	Public Consultation on the Parking Supplementary Planning Document	Leader	17 Sep 2019
005423/2018	BCC International Strategy	Leader	17 Sep 2019
005626/2018	Securing the legacy of the Commonwealth Games Village through InReach	Leader	29 Oct 2019