



## CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2020/21 – August 2020

To include:

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

CBM	
05 May 2020	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations from Abroad
	Covid-19 Temporary Governance Arrangements
28 May 2020	Reports not on the Forward Plan – Annual Report
	Proportionality
	City Council Appointments
29 June 2020	Membership of the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network
	Recommendation to appoint representatives – Independent Remuneration Panel
	Petitions Update
24 August 2020	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations from Abroad

City Council	
09 June 2020	Executive Business Report – Covid-19
	Reports not on the Forward Plan
14 July 2020	Submission of the 'Development Management in Birmingham' Development Plan Document
	Membership of the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network
	Scrutiny Business Report
	Lead Member report: Transport Delivery Committee
15 September 2020	Executive Business Report (40 mins)
	Executive: Climate Change Action Plan (40 mins)
	Scrutiny Inquiry: Home to School Transport (Education & Children's Social Care) (40 mins)
	Note: Council will also have to meet as Trustee (15 mins before the meeting)

CBM	
19 October 2020	Annual Review of Constitution
	Petitions Update
	Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance)
16 November 2020	
21 December 2020	Petitions Update
18 January 2021	
8 February 2021	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations from Abroad
	Provisional City Council and CBM dates for 2021/22
29 March 2021	Petitions Update
	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel
10 May 2020	Proportionality
	City Council Appointments
	Annual Review of the City Council's Constitution
	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations from Abroad

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

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman (May 2022)

Appointment of the Leader (May 2022)

City Council	
3 November 2020 (tbc)	Annual Review of Constitution (20 mins)
	Scrutiny Inquiry: Customer Services (Co-ordinating) (40 mins)
	Annual report of IRP (10 mins)
	Street Trading Policy (20 mins)
1 December 2020 (tbc)	Scrutiny Business Report (40 mins)
	Revision of Council Tax Support Scheme (tbc) (20 mins)
	Lead Member report: WMCA Scrutiny (15 mins)
12 January 2021 (tbc)	Executive Business Report
	Lead Member report: West Midlands Police & Crime Panel
2 February 2021* / **	Scrutiny Business Report
	Lead Member report: West Midlands Fire Authority
23 February 2021 (tbc)	BUDGET MEETING – Financial Plan 2020-2024
13 April 2021 (tbc)	Executive Business Report
25 May 2021 (tbc)	ANNUAL MEETING

**Items to be scheduled / proposed:**

Executive Business Report – June, Sept/Nov, January and April

Scrutiny Business Report – July, December, February

## CBM

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

\*\* Annual Council Photograph

## City Council

Lead Member reports: West Midlands Fire Authority (February); Transport Delivery Committee (July); WMCA Scrutiny (September); GBSLEP Scrutiny (November); West Midlands Police & Crime Panel (December)

*Update on Armed forces covenant (report of Cllr Cotton, led by Cllr Sharpe)*

# Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
5b	04 December 2018	<p>Women &amp; Democracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the attached Statement of Intent is agreed;</li> <li>• That Cabinet Members and named officers are asked to implement the action plan included within the report in order to tackle the many barriers to women's representation in Local Government;</li> <li>• Add the following to action plan: Noting the small proportion of women representing the new single member wards, to lobby the Boundary Commission for a further review of city wards to tackle this issue.</li> </ul>	Deputy Leader / Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive / City Solicitor	Action plan implementation underway [January 2019]

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

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2a	09-Jul-2019	<p><i>Motion for debate:</i> This Council recognises that it is now over 25 years since the protocol regarding officers' responses and replies to members' enquiries was established.</p> <p>Since then the communications world has radically changed, the majority of complaints and enquiries to Councillors are via email.</p> <p>This Council therefore agrees to establish a task and finish working party through the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny that would create a new protocol for responses to members' enquiries.</p> <p>This protocol should guarantee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the prompt provision of acknowledgements to Councillors' enquiries by officers; and</li> <li>• the provision of a substantive response to the enquiry within a fixed and agreed timescale, based on the issue raised; and</li> <li>• A system of chasing up Councillor enquiries that are not responded to within the target period.</li> </ul>	Deputy Leader / Chair, Co-ordinating O&S Committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services	The Co-ordinating O&S Committee has commenced work on this as part of its on-going inquiry. The inquiry was paused in the first months of the Covid-19 pandemic but a report will be presented to Full Council in November 2020 [August 2020 update]
3c	10-Sep-2019	<p>That approval be given to the revised City Council Constitution as attached and that the City Solicitor be authorised to implement the changes with effect from 11th September 2019 subject to changes being made, to set out a clear right for all members of the Audit Committee to have access to any information that is relevant to their role to be discussed by Group Leaders for the wording to be agreed.</p> <p>In 'Part B Roles, Functions and Rules of Procedure B14 Audit Committee' paragraph 14.3 ii be deleted.</p>	Leader / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services	<p>Amended Constitution published; paragraph 14.3 ii deleted.</p> <p>Provision on Audit Committee members to have access to information relevant to their role to be included as part of the Annual Review of the Constitution. Annual Review delayed due to Covid-19 but will be taken to Full Council in November 2020 [July 2020 update]</p>

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3e	10-Sep-2019	<p><i>Motion for debate: illegal encampments</i></p> <p>The Council resolves to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write to the government expressing support for the proposed new powers listed above and for making deliberate trespass a criminal offence, but raise concerns about the impact on cash-strapped local authorities of allowing neighbouring authorities to avoid their responsibilities towards the gypsy and traveller community. This letter should make the case for both of these to be implemented as soon as possible and also for additional funding to be provided to police services and local authorities to allow them to carry out this work effectively.</li> <li>• Continue to work to revise the existing protocol agreed with the West Midlands Police. The council has a legal requirement to meet its equality duty and must consider the welfare of trespassers and is required in law to decide whether it can tolerate the encampment.</li> <li>• Continue to work on building the detailed evidence base required to gain a city wide injunction against unauthorised encampments to enable the speedy removal of such encampments and prevent the practice of moving from site to site within the city boundaries.</li> <li>• Request the relevant Director and officers to see what more can be done to recover costs through the courts from trespassers for the associated legal fees, repairs to property and cleaning costs and to</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities / Rob James, Acting Director Neighbourhoods	COMPLETED: Update considered by Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S, July 2020

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		<p>report back to Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with local councillors, friends of parks and other community groups to identify areas vulnerable to trespass and prioritise those for appropriate preventative and deterrent measures as and when funding permits. A report to be provided back to Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>• Promote clearer reporting mechanisms for residents so that swift action can be taken at the first sign of unauthorised encampments being set up and that the relevant officers report back on steps taken to Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>• Considers providing sufficient legal campsites to enable the Council to apply to the Courts for a City wide injunction to prohibit unauthorised campsites and incursions as a matter of urgency.</li> </ul>		
5a	14-Jan-2020	<p><i>Birmingham Suicide Prevention Strategy 2019-2024:</i></p> <p>That Council endorses the Birmingham Suicide Prevention Strategy and calls on elected members across all parties to support the delivery of the strategy moving forward.</p> <p>That the Action Plan that underpins this strategy is circulated to all Members and that updates on progress are published on an annual basis.</p>	Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Justin Varney, Director of Public Health	An advisory group which meets bi-monthly are currently working on the action plan which will be circulated in the Summer. [February 2020 update]
6b	04-Feb-2020	<p><i>Motions for Debate – Electoral System</i></p> <p>This Council believes it is vital that the results of elections to Birmingham City Council represent the</p>	Leader / Interim Chief Executive	



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		<p>views of the communities we serve as closely as possible.</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>write to the Cabinet Office to ask Government to take part in a national debate in respect of electoral reform and commits to contributing to that debate, which could include an option for considering STV in multiple member wards in Birmingham</li> </ul>		

#### Other Actions from City Council Meetings

Date	Agenda Item	To Respond	Request/Question	Action taken
14-Jan-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	<p>To respond to Cllr Yip on progress against the motion on tax justice agreed in July 2016</p> <p>The motion can be found <a href="#">here</a> (p. 2130)</p>	
09-Jun-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To respond to Cllr Robert Alden on the time taken to release the Social Care easements report	
14-Jul-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To respond to Birmingham Pride on use of the Smithfield site (Cllr Gareth Moore)	
14-Jul-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To look into question from Cllr Ken Wood regarding a Council statement that they are not taking pro-active action to enforce minimum efficiency standards by landlords with regards to warm homes.	
14-Jul-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	Cllr Jenkins to speak to Cllr Ward on the CWG procurement question.	