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BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ERDINGTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2015 AT 14:00 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

AGENDA

1 <u>ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER AND VICE CHAIR FOR</u> <u>ERDINGTON DISTRICT</u>

To elect a Chair (EM) and Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2015/16

2 NOTICE OF RECORDING

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3 APOLOGIES

4 <u>MINUTES</u>

To confirm and sign Minutes of the last meeting of the Erdington District Committee held on 17 March 2015.

5 MEMBERSHIP OF ERDINGTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

To note the membership of the Committee as follows:-

Councillors :- Robert Alden, Bob Beauchamp and Gareth Moore (Erdington Ward) Councillors :- Des Hughes, Gary Sambrook and Ron Storer (Kingstanding Ward) Councillors :- Penny Holbrook, Josh Jones and Mick Finnegan (Stockland Green Ward) Councillors :- Lynda Clinton, Mick Brown and Mike Sharpe (Tyburn Ward). Co-opted Members: Andrew Burnham, Stati**DagenhotaA**er, West Midlands Fire Service Superintendent Brandon Langley, West Midlands Police.

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6 **LEAD OFFICER ARRANGEMENTS**

Lead Officer - Mike Davis, District Head (Erdington) Support Officers:-District Contact Lawyer – Stuart Evans District Finance Officer – Sukvinder Kalsi/Parmjeet Jassal Committee Manager – Sarah Stride

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting. If a 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.

11 - 12 ⁸ <u>CODE OF CONDUCT</u>

To note the Code of Conduct at District Committee meetings.

9 DISTRICT COMMITTEES FUNCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

To note the executive powers, rules of governance and functions for District Committees (Article 10 of the Constitution).

10 DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2015/16

- (i) To appoint a District Councillor Champion for the following:
 - a) Youth Champion (previously Councillor Josh Jones)
 - b) Looked After Children's Champion (previously Councillor Mick Brown)
 - c) Older Person's Champion (previously Councillor Mick Finnegan)
 - d) District Parent Partnership Champion (previously Councillor Mick Brown)
 - e) Heritage Champion (previously Councillor Mike Sharpe).
- (ii) To appoint Members to serve as a board representatives on the following Community organisations:-
 - Witton Lodge Community Association

 (2 representatives 1 Councillor (last year Councillor Peter Kane) and to note that one officer will be nominated by the Strategic Director, Place Directorate)
 - Erdington Town Centre Partnership Ltd (1 Erdington Ward Councillor).

11 ERDINGTON DISTRICT - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR

Joint report of the Service Directors District Services, Housing Transformation, Sport Events and Parks, and the Director of Finance. To note the report. Page 2 of 42

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12 EXTENDING LICENSING FOR THE PRIVATE RENTED HOUSING SECTOR

Presentation by Peter Hobbs, Service Head, Housing Transformation and Mary Latham, regional representative from West Midlands National Landlords Association.

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13 POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE DISTRICT

Report of the District Head (Erdington). To note the report.

14 LOCAL COMMUNITY SAFETY

Presentation by Pamela Powis, Safer Neighbourhood Partnership Manager in conjunction with Superintendent Brandon Langley, West Midlands Police.

15 LOCAL FIRE ISSUES

Station Commander Andrew Burnham, West Midlands Fire Service has been invited to attend.

16 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2015/2016

To agree the following schedule of meeting's for the Erdington District Committee. All meetings will be held on the following Tuesday's at 1400 hours in Committee rooms 3 and 4, The Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham:

27 October 2015	26 January 2016
1 December 2015	29 March 2016

17 FUTURE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS/DISTRICT WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman to advise Members on the future working arrangements for District Committees.

18 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (REPORTS BY OFFICERS)

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

19 AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

Chairman to move:-

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

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ERDINGTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ERDINGTON DISTRICT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2015 AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT : - Councillor Josh Jones in the Chair;

Councillors Bob Beauchamp, Mick Finnegan, Penny Holbrook, Peter Kane, Gareth Moore, Gary Sambrook, Mike Sharpe and Ron Storer.

ALSO PRESENT :-

Mike Davis – District Head (Erdington) Sukvinder Kalsi – Assistant Director, Finance John Mole – District Support Officer Carol Dawson – Senior Service Manager, Housing Sarah Stride – Committee Manager Peter Richmond – Chief Executive, Castle Vale Community Housing Association.

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APOLOGIES

263 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Robert Alden, Mick Brown and Lynda Clinton and Andrew Burnham, West Midlands Fire Service and Sergeant Ron Winch, West Midlands Police for their inability to attend the meeting.

MINUTES

264 **<u>RESOLVED</u>:-**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 January 2015, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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ERDINGTON HOUSING PANEL UPDATE

Peter Richmond, Chief Executive Castle Vale Community Housing Association (CVCHA) gave the following power point presentation:-

Erdington: A History of Effective Physical Housing Regeneration

- 1980s and 1990s historical legacy of obsolete and poorly designed council housing produced neighbourhoods in crisis.
- The response involved investment partnerships which:
 - > Rebuilt defective property in Pype Hayes and Perry Common;
 - Redesigned and rebuilt Castle Vale;
 - Focussed resources on Wyrley Birch;
 - > Smaller scale demolition and removal of obsolete Council Housing.
- This built on the private sector renewal of the 1980s.
- The result of this is that there is no sense that the local housing market is experiencing crisis in the existing stock. There are however, some serious weaknesses which in the medium term could undermine the quality of neighbourhoods in Erdington with long term socio-economic costs.

So what does the evidence say about the drivers of change in Erdington?

- Deprivation has progressively worsened.
- The gap between employment rates and skills in the UK has widened.
- Given recent trends owner occupation levels have now probably fallen below 50%.
- The private rented sector will be larger than the social housing sector by 2021.
- 54% of private renters claim Housing Benefit compared to 40% at the City level.

Market Failure – The Twin Issues

- 1. Outside Kingstanding, Erdington's Housing Market
- Fails to produce adequate new supply
- The growing rented sector imports poverty and people without the income to secure a market solution
- A failure to maintain property in vulnerable neighbourhoods due to a combination of:
 - Loss of confidence by owners
 - > Profit maximisation by some landlords.
- 2. Kingstanding:
- Is no longer a social housing estate it is multi tenure, in slow decline, with no obvious mechanism to create confidence to lever investment.

Labour Market

- Low levels of employment in a jobs-rich area
- Insufficient income to support households to live independently without state support
- Complex social issues impede labour market participation. Page 6 of 42

Erdington District: A Diverse Place

- Different drivers in different places
- Geographical diversity requires tailored approaches to different neighbourhoods
- Erdington is unique in having 2 community based housing organisations which can work alongside Birmingham City Council a legacy of previous regeneration programmes.

Key Birmingham City Council Context

- Birmingham Development Plan
- Housing growth plan for Birmingham
- Strategic land availability assessment
- Community Governance Review
- Social Innovation Zones
- Employment and skills
- Existing housing: Private rented sector.

Initial Action Programme

- Work with Regeneration Team around land supply and use to deliver change
- Private rented sector (including licensing)
- Birmingham City Council older people's housing support for change
- Identifying leads for areas that require policy action
- Links with employment and skills.

The Chairman thanked Peter Richmond for an interesting and comprehensive report and congratulated him on progress made with partner agencies.

Members made the following comments and concerns:

- It was felt that Wryley Birch had been badly let down as the area consisted of lots of different housing types with no structure.
- Very little room for development in the Kingstanding Ward. Do not want to utilise parkland for housing development.
- Erdington Ward housing stock is split to the East and West with housing of multiple-occupation (HMO's) and the private sector. Both areas had their own set of problems which it was felt must be controlled.
- The unemployment statistics were four years out of date. It was important that the most recent statistics be incorporated into the presentation.
- Youth unemployment had reduced in the Erdington Ward quicker than any other area in the City. However, it was felt that there were other high areas of unemployment in the City that required attention.
- It was suggested that agencies liaise with the community before building new housing developments and ask the local community what they want in order to strengthen community cohesion.

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In response to comments made Peter Richmond, (CVCHA) gave the following information:

- He agreed that Kingstanding should be excluded from the successful model as the Ward had a number of housing problems in the area private landlords in abundance and housing tenants claiming benefits.
- He agreed that parkland in Kingstanding should be protected but the vast majority of parkland was not utilised by the public and was often misused.
- There was a need to ensure that young people find employment but it was equally important that they have a decent home to live in in their area of employment. If people are given decent homes they will then have an incentive to find employment and improve their standard of living.
- Employment statistics will be updated and sent to Members via email.
- He agreed that any housing development should be community led to ensure that the standard offered is the standard required.

The Chairman thanked Peter Richmond for his attendance and it was -

265 **<u>RESOLVED</u>:-**

That the verbal update report on the Erdington Housing Panel be noted.

ERDINGTON REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15 – MONTH 10 (APRIL – JANUARY 2015)

The following joint report of the Service Directors Neighbourhoods and Housing Transformation, Assistant Director Sport Events and Parks and the Director of Finance was submitted:-

(See Document No. 1)

Sukvinder Kalsi, Assistant Director Finance, introduced the report and highlighted the salient points.

It was -

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the latest revenue budget position at the end of January (Month 10) and year-end projected balanced budget as detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report, be noted;
- (ii) That the latest Community Chest allocations and the current financial position as detailed in Appendix 2 attached to the report, be noted;
- (iii) That the position with regard to the Savings Programme for 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix 3 attached to the report, be noted;
- (iv) That the position with regard to the Capital Projects for 2014/15 as detailed in Appendix 4 attached to the report, be noted.

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PLACE DIRECTORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 3

The following performance report from the Service Director, Place Directorate was submitted:-

(See Document No. 2)

Members questioned the accuracy of the statistics shown in the report, particularly in relation to Fleet and Waste Management and the Youth Service.

The Chairman requested that officers revisit the figures and respond to Members on the outcome of their investigations.

It was -

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<u>RESOLVED</u>:-

That the Place Directorate Performance report Quarter 3 be noted.

HOUSING TRANSFORMATION BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 3 2014/2015 AND PERFORMANCE NARRATIVE

The following performance report from the Service Director, Housing Transformation was submitted together with a performance narrative that was circulated at the meeting:-

(See Document No's 3 and 4)

Carol Dawson, Senior Service Manager introduced the report and detailed the points stated in the performance narrative. She confirmed that one statistic listed in the report was incorrect and that she would confirm the correct figure with Members via email.

Members requested further information with relation to families living in Bed and Breakfast accommodation and also the gas repairs service contractor. Carol Dawson stated that she would liaise with the Manager dealing with the gas repairs service, investigate the reports of poor service provision and inform Members of the outcome accordingly.

It was -

268 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Housing Transformation Board Performance report Quarter 3 2014/2015 and performance narrative be noted.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2015 / 2016

269 It was noted that future meetings of the meetings of the Erdington District Committee be **provisionally** scheduled on the following dates at 1400 hours in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, The Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham:-

> 30 June 2015 28 July 2015 27 October 2015 1 December 2015

26 January 2016 29 March 2016

The Chairman stated that this would be the last District Committee attended by Councillor Peter Kane. He wished him well for the future and thanked him for all the hard work that he had undertaken in the Erdington District.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (REPORTS BY OFFICERS)

270 No issues of other urgent business were submitted.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

271 **<u>RESOLVED</u>:-**

That the Chairman is hereby authorised to act until the next meeting of the Committee except that, in respect of the exercise of the Council's Executive functions delegated to it by the Cabinet, the appropriate Chief Officers are hereby authorised to act in consultation with the Chairman and that the Director of Legal and Democratic Services is authorised to affix the Corporate Seal to any document necessary to give effect to a decision of the said officers acting in pursuance of the power hereby delegated to them; further that a report of all action taken under this authority be submitted to the next meeting and that such report shall explain why this authority was used.

The meeting ended at 1515 hours.

CHAIRMAN

CODE OF CONDUCT AT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE

- 1. This code applies to all persons present at the District Committee.
- 2. The Chair of the meeting is responsible for the good conduct of the meeting.
- 3. The purpose of the meeting is to transact the business of the District in relation to the functions, operational powers and duties delegated by Cabinet.
- 4. The meeting's format is set out in the Agenda. The Chair of the meeting may vary the order of items.
- 5. The Chair will decide if members of the public can address the meeting. Anyone wishing to do so should raise their hand, and may speak **only** at the invitation of the Chair.
- 6. Members of the public may ask questions on an item by raising their hand, but <u>only</u> at the invitation of the Chair.
- 7. Reports will be presented by City Council officers or other invited guests. These presenters are representing their organisations and may be bound by the decisions taken by those organisations.
- 8. The good conduct of the meeting is controlled by the Chair of the meeting. Those people wishing to speak should try to inform the debate currently in discussion. The Chair having invited a person to speak, has the final say and can order a person to discontinue their speech.
- 9. If the Chair of the meeting feels that a person(s) is persistently disregarding the good conduct of the meeting or if disorder breaks out then the Chair may order the person(s) to leave, suspend the meeting until in his/her opinion the meeting can restart or close the meeting.



<u>VOLUME A</u> THE CONSTITUTION

Website Updated May 2015

Article 10 - District Committees and Ward Committees/Forums

This Article sets out details with regard to District Committees and Ward Committees consisting of the Members of that District or Ward.

10.1. Ten District Committees have been established by the Council and the relevant Ward Members have been appointed to serve on them:-

Dis	trict Committee:	Area:	Members from the following Wards:
1.	Edgbaston	South	Bartley Green, Edgbaston, Harborne and Quinton,
2.	Erdington	North	Erdington, Kingstanding, Stockland Green and Tyburn
3.	Hall Green	East	Hall Green, Moseley & Kings Heath, Sparkbrook and Springfield
4.	Hodge Hill	East	Bordesley Green, Hodge Hill, Shard End and Washwood Heath
5.	Ladywood	Central	Aston, Ladywood, Nechells and Soho
6.	Northfield	South	Kings Norton, Longbridge, Northfield and Weoley
7.	Perry Barr	Central	Handsworth Wood, Lozells & East Handsworth, Oscott and Perry Barr
8.	Selly Oak	South	Billesley, Bournville, Brandwood and Selly Oak
9.	Sutton Coldfield	North	Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton New Hall, Sutton Trinity and Sutton Vesey
10.	Yardley	East	Acocks Green, Sheldon, South Yardley, Stechford & Yardley North

- 10.2 Ward Committees/Forums will be constituted in each District to encourage and facilitate dialogue, between the Council and local people within their Ward. Cabinet has delegated the functions, operational powers and duties to the relevant Ward Committee / Forum as set out in Volume B (B6).
- 10.3 The membership of District and Ward Committees shall consist of those Members elected to serve that District and that Ward. The co-option of up to five partner members without voting rights is permitted in respect of each District Committee. Once Committees have been established, only the City Council can dissolve them. The Member of Parliament for the District should be invited to attend Ward and District Committee as an observer with the right to speak and there will be no co-opted members of the Ward Committee. Where a Ward Committee does not exist, the functions, powers, duties and terms of reference rest with the relevant District Committee.

EXECUTIVE POWERS DEVOLVED TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES

10.4 Cabinet has delegated the functions, operational powers and duties to the relevant District Committee(s) as set out in **Volume B (B6)**. These Terms of Reference may be amended by Cabinet from time to time to reflect the shape of the Future Council. District Committees have a right to consider and respond to consultations on planning briefs and frameworks and major development proposals. Any such responses are to be given to the Planning Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.

10.5 Meetings

Each District and Ward Committee shall meet at the start of each Municipal Year, and, thereafter usually bi-monthly, alternating between District and Ward Committees. District Committee Meetings will take place at the Council House or as may be necessary at some other central Birmingham location to be determined by the Chief Executive.

Executive Members will be appointed by each District Committee at the first meeting of the municipal year. Deputy Executive Members are elected at the same meeting for the purpose of substituting for the Chair if absent. In the event of a District Committee failing to appoint, the matter will be determined by the Leader of the Council. They will have a leadership responsibility for 'place' matters within their District including:

- (i) Effective discharge of the local executive remit, through delegations, of their District Committee.
- (ii) Production of a Community Plan out locally determined priorities and policies for approval by the District Committee.
- (iii) Attendance at Cabinet meetings to voice local matters in relation to the Executive decisions taken.
- (i) Attend Overview and Scrutiny to account for delegated responsibilities for the District Committee, and policy priorities as set out in policy statements and development plans.

Each District Committee will also hold an annual District Convention with input from community groups, partners and other stakeholders, to inform on District priorities arising from the Local Service Community Plans.

10.6 **Quorum**

- (a) The Quorum for a District Committee shall be 6 Elected Members.
- (b) The Quorum for a Ward Committee shall be 2 members.

10.7 The Council will establish (or dissolve) Ward Committees on the recommendation of the Council Business Management Committee.



VOLUME B SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Website Updated – May 2015

B6 – District and Ward Committee Functions

- 1. THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF DISTRICT COMMITTEES IS MORE PARTICULARLY SET OUT WITHIN THE "TERMS OF REFERENCE" BELOW. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT BY CABINET OR BY COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE, TO REFLECT THE EMERGING SHAPE OF THE FUTURE COUNCIL.
- 2. The following functions are devolved to District Committees:
 - Enforcement of litter prevention.
 - Enforcement relating to fly-posting, placarding, graffiti and fly-tipping.
 - Local community safety (local CCTV and local neighbourhood tasking issues taken forward usually in partnership with the police).
 - Power to authorise the picking up of stray dogs, and relating to scavenging in alleyways and fouling of land.
 - Street Cleansing local decisions on services and the specific role of working with local communities and social enterprises to encourage additional services such as community clean ups and anti-litter campaigns.
 - Grants to Neighbourhood Forums from the budget approved for this purpose.
 - The right to consider and respond to consultations on planning briefs and frameworks and major development proposals and for any such response to be given to the Planning Committee for consideration at the appropriate time.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR DISTRICTS AND WARDS

Background

These terms of reference form part of a three pronged approach to defining the role and remit of the Council's community governance structure at both district and ward level. This also includes a schedule of functions that are to be delegated to these committees or forums, amending section B6 from the 2014/15 City Council Constitution; an article recognizing the existence of district committees and ward committees or forums and granting authority and powers to both and the terms of reference set out in this document.

This builds on, consolidates and amends the guidance agreed at Cabinet in July 2012 (*Meeting Arrangements for District Committees*) and constitutional refinements made in 2012,

2013 and 2014. Updated guidance on the operation of district committees and ward committees or forums will be issued by Cabinet early in the new municipal cycle for 2015/16.

Principles

The City Council is committed to the retention and the ongoing development of its devolved approach to community governance, given the scale, size and diversity of challenges, opportunities and needs across the city.

The operation of new arrangements at the district and ward level must be consistent with the new resource framework for local governance and services, with a dramatic reduction since the council introduced its devolved arrangements over ten years ago. This means that the support and administration of the refined model needs to take account of this and focus on the key priority of protecting front line service delivery, whilst also helping to shape new approaches to service delivery at a local level through partnership working and co-production.

The new model demands a particular set of cultural, organisational and individual behaviours, values and technical competencies. A key priority for its future operation is to shape a systematic, whole organisation approach to getting this right. This will be incorporated within the wider Future Council programme.

Overall purpose of the districts

Work at the district level will promote democratic accountability and support councillors in their community leadership role. It will also drive forward service improvement, community empowerment, active citizenship and local partnership working, and ensure maximum influence over the use of service budgets and resources, to ensure they are aligned with local needs, with the ultimate outcome of improving the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the local area.

The roles of district committees

In conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Members, the role of district committees is to:

- Develop and support the community leadership role of councillors and others in the area. This includes roles in relation to governance, community planning, local dialogue, partnership, commissioning and accountability
- Promote and influence service improvement, service integration and a focus on prevention across the whole of the local public sector in the district
- Work in partnership with all local stakeholders to further the needs and priorities of local residents in the district
- Ensure that city wide and city regional levels of decision making have a good understanding of local needs and priorities in different parts of the city

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- Promote community empowerment and active citizenship and a diversity of local service provision, including community and voluntary organisations and social enterprises (e.g. through the Standing up for Birmingham campaign) and to develop positive working relationships with parish, neighbourhood or community councils
- Take local decisions on local issues as specified in the constitution and this Terms of Reference

Functions delegated to district committees (Executive Members for District)

Within each Committee's area:

(Council functions)

- 1. To adopt and review a Community Plan
- 2. To make Elected Member appointments to outside bodies; where such appointments relate solely to one Ward within the District, the appointment should be made by the relevant Ward Committee Members.
- 3. To advise or make representations to the Council, the Executive or an Overview and Scrutiny Committee on all matters affecting community interests, including the exercise of a "Neighbourhood Challenge" function, working in conjunction with Cabinet Members to provide improved accountability in council and other public services within the district
- 4. To consider and respond to consultations on planning briefs and frameworks and on major development proposals affecting the district, within appropriate planning timescales
- 5. To consider proposals referred to the committee by the Council, the Executive or an Overview and Scrutiny committee and to report back the committee's views to the referring body
- 6. To consider the performance, integration and co-ordination of public services in the district and make recommendations to the Executive and to the council's partners as appropriate

(Executive functions)

- 7. To promote and improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area
- 8. To exercise any executive functions that may be delegated in section B6 of the constitution specifically to exercise the following duties and delegated functions in conjunction with designated officer responsibilities, relevant ward councillors and the relevant Cabinet Member:
 - a) A duty to ensure tenant engagement in the management and development of social housing, in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Member

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- b) A duty to promote safer neighbourhoods, including local CCTV and neighbourhood tasking issues taken forward in partnership with the police and in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Member
- c) A duty to promote cleaner neighbourhoods, in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Member, specifically:
 - Street cleansing taking local decisions on service delivery in conjunction with appropriate officers and working with local communities and social enterprises to encourage additional services such as community clean ups and anti-litter campaigns
 - Enforcement of litter prevention
 - Enforcement relating to fly posting, placarding, graffiti, and fly-tipping
 - Power to authorise the picking up of stray dogs, scavenging in alleyways, Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act
- d) A duty of "Neighbourhood Challenge" to investigate, review and gather data on the performance of all local public services, working in a collaborative but challenging way with all service providers and seeking out and promoting new ways of improving services, in conjunction with the all Cabinet Members as appropriate
 - Approval of grants from the Local Innovation Fund (from April 2016)
 - Bidding for external funding to support neighbourhood and service improvement
- e) A duty to promote effective neighbourhood management
- f) A duty to promote and support active citizenship, community empowerment and a diverse and dynamic civil society, in conjunction with the relevant Cabinet Member
- g) A duty to ensure effective ward level governance arrangements, in Conjunction with the Leader of the Council
 - Approval of neighbourhood forum grants

The roles of ward committees or forums

Members will also provide community leadership at the ward level to take forward the functions of the district committees, in particular through engaging the local community and identifying very local issues and priorities (for example through Ward Litter Plans or Neighbourhood Tasking meetings). The ward committees or forums will:

- 1. Provide a forum for community engagement in decisions affecting the local area (through regular meetings including neighbourhood forums, residents associations, parish, community or neighbourhood councils and other local organisations)
- 2. Make representations to the district committee, the Executive or to Council on matters affecting the ward and to support the work of Overview and Scrutiny committees as appropriate
- 3. Make comments on behalf of residents on significant planning applications within the ward or which have an impact on the ward, subject to the appropriate planning timescales
- 4. Co-ordinate the work of councillors with neighbourhood forums, residents associations and neighbourhood, community or parish councils to enable local community engagement, debate and action in relation to local issues and priorities
- 5. Plan work with the other wards in the district to support the functions of the district committee and to engage with partners such as the police

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Report to:	rt to:	
Report of:	rt of:	SERVICE DIRECTORS DISTRICT SERVICES HOUSING TRANSFORMATION, SPORT EVENTS AND PARKS, AND
Date	Date of Decision:	THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
SUBJECT:	ECT:	ERDINGTON DISTRICT - INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015
Key D	Key Decision: No	Relevant Forward Plan Ref:
If not	If not in the Forward Plan:	Chief Executive approved
(pleas	(please "X" box)	O&S Chairman approved
Relev	Relevant Executive Member	COUNCILLOR JOSH JONES
Relev	Relevant O&S Chairman:	COUNCILLOR WASEEM ZAFFAR
Ward	Wards affected:	ERDINGTON, KINGSTANDING, STOCKLAND GREEN, TYBURN
.`	Purpose of Report:	
د د	This report sets out the p	This report sets out the provisional Outturn Income and Expenditure for 2014/15 on the
	Services that are the resp	Services that are the responsibility of Erdington District Continuities.
1.2	The figures are still subje Council's Financial Stater	The figures are still subject to change as part of the overall preparation of the City Council's Financial Statements for 2014/15 as well as audit by the City Council's
	approved external auditors	م of 42
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2	Decision(s) Recommended:	
	The District Committee is requested to :	
2.1	Note the net underspend in Appendix 1, compared	Note the net underspend of £0.056m for Directly Managed and SLA Services as detailed in Appendix 1, compared to a breakeven position at month 10, after taking into account
	£1.151m. The net undersp forward deficit position as	£1.151m. The net underspend has been utilised to manage the year end and brought forward deficit position as approved by Cabinet on 16 March 2015.
2.2	Note the financial position £0.047m, as detailed in A approved commitments.	Note the financial position on the Community Chest projects of an underspend of £0.047m, as detailed in Appendix 2, which will be carried forward into 2015/16 to fund approved commitments.
2.3	Note that an appropriation to reserves of £0.040 in 2015/16 relating to an externally funded post.	Note that an appropriation to reserves of £0.040m has been made to meet commitments in 2015/16 relating to an externally funded post.
Lead (Lead Contact Officer(s): S	Sukvinder Kalsi, Assistant Director of Finance
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မ်	Consultation
3.1 3.1	Internal
	The overall Revenue and Capital Outturn position for the City Council is being approved by Cabinet on 29 June 2015. The Executive Member for Local Services (Erdington District) and The District Head of Erdington District have been consulted in the preparation of this report and support the report proceeding to an executive decision.
3.2	External
	There are no additional issues beyond consultations carried out as part of the budget setting process for 2014/15.
4 .	Compliance Issues:
4.1	Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?
	The budget is integrated with the Council Business Plan and Budget 2014+ and the resource allocation is directed towards policy priorities.
4.2	Financial Implications (Will decisions be carried out within existing finances and Resources?)
	There are no specific implications arising from this report. The outturn report shows teppervisional end of year variations against the budget for 2014/15. Overdrawn balances and reserves at the end of year have been managed corporately as part of the overall fin柔ncial strategy to resolve the legacy financial issues across all and individual Districts as part of the transition to the future operating model for Districts (as approved by City Council March 2015 and 19 May 2015).
4.3	Legal Implications
	Section 151 of the 1972 Local Government Act requires the Director of Finance (as the responsible officer) to ensure proper administration of the City Council's financial affairs. Budgetary control, which includes the regular monitoring of and reporting on budgets, is an essential requirement placed on Cabinet Members, District Committees and Members of Corporate Management Team by the City Council in discharging the statutory responsibility. This report forms the concluding part of the Council's budgetary control cycle for 2014/15.
4.4	Public Sector Equality Duty
	There is no additional specific Equality Duty or Equality Analysis issues beyond any already assessed and detailed in the budget setting process and monitoring issues that have arisen in the year to date. Any specific assessments needed will be made by Directorates and District Committees, in the management of their services.

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Relevant Background/Chronology of Key Events:

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The outstanding overdrawn reserves at the end of March 2015 have been written off and funded corporately (as approved by Cabinet on 16 March 2015) as part of the transition t future operating model for Districts.	Reserves Outstanding March 2015	Reserves Written Off at Year End	Overdrawn Reserve Outstanding March 2015	The position on the District's prior year revenue reserves is set out in the table	Reserves	The savings required by this District in 2014/15 total £0.728m and were incorporated in the budget. The final year end position had an underachievement of £0.014m for the Schord Crossing Patrol Service (as detailed in Appendix 3). This has been funded through comparate resources as part of the transition to the future operating model for Districts.	<u>Savings Programme 2014/15</u>	Community Chest – A total of £0.153m has been spent against the budget allocation of £0.200m including balances brought forward from 2013/14. This has resulted in an under spend of £0.047m. This underspend will be carried forward into 2015/16 to fund committed projects.	Other Devolved Services (Sport and Leisure, Life Long Learning, and Housing Management) – The over/under spends generated by Sport and Leisure, Lifelong Learning and Youth Services and Housing Management have been managed centrally.	Sport and Leisure Services - The responsibility for managing District Sport and Leisure facilities, including financial responsibility transferred to Strategic Sport from 1 July 2014, a per the change in Districts Constitution and agreement with Trades Unions. The Sport and Leisure service is now reflected within the Other Devolved Services heading.	The District was projecting a breakeven position at Month 10.The outturn shows an underspend position of £0.056m, which is before the use of underspend balances of £0.207m and before the corporate write off. The movement relates primarily to a reduction in the projected spend against Employees and Premises.	The District finances have been managed effectively during the year and the managem actions that have been implemented have been explained in the reports during the year. Some specific financial issues are highlighted in the following paragraphs 5.7 to 5.13.
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5.13 The position on the District's prior year revenue balances is set out in the table below.

	The report does not seek consideration of alternative options as it formally reports the historical spending for 2014/15.	6.1
Paç	Evaluation of Alternative Option(s):	6.
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nental Works om 2013/14). has an 42 of 42	In addition the District has been allocated Capital Neighbourhood Environment resources of £0.172m as part of the HRA (Including slippage of £0.086m from These are to be used to fund improvements to HRA properties. The district has expenditure of £0.032m resulting in an underspend of £0.140m.	5.15
9m (Including e funded from a orudential oendix.	The capital projects that are being undertaken within the District total £0.199m (Ir Environmental Works), full detailed list are set out in Appendix 4. These are funds combination of earmarked receipts, corporate resources, section 106 and pruden borrowing. The amendments to the original budget are explained in the appendix.	5.14
	Capital	
ge the year end erating model for	The net credit balance at the end of March 2015 has been utilised to manage and brought forward deficit position as part of the transition to the future opera Districts as approved by Cabinet on 16 March 2015.	
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207	Credit Balances utilised at Year End	
(207)	Net Credit Balances at Year End 2014/15	
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The report concludes the financial reporting cycle for the 2014/15 financial year. It considers the outturn position and any impact on the resourcing of the District Committee's 2014/15 budget.

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Reasons for Decision(s):

Report Version XX Dated XXX June 2015	List of Appendices accompanying Report (if any): 1. Summary of 2014/15 Outturn 2. Community Chest 2014/15 Outturn 3. District Savings Programme 2014/15 4. Summary of Capital Projects	List of Background Documents used to compile this Report: Erdington District Committee Revenue Budget 2014/15.	Date:	Jon Warlow Director of Finance	Ifor Jones Service Director District Services	Steve Hollingsworth Service Director Sports	Robert James Service Director of Housing Transformation	Councillor Josh Jones Executive Member for Local Services	Signatures (or relevant Cabinet Member(s) approval to adopt the Decisions recommended):
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 Summary of 2014/15 Outturn Community Chest 2014/15 Outturn District Savings Programme 2014/15 Summary of Capital Projects Summary of Capital Projects 	List of Appendices accompanying Report (if any):	Erdington District Committee Revenue Budget 2014/15.	List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:	Date:	Jon Warlow Director of Finance	Ifor Jones Service Director District Services	Steve Hollingsworth Service Director Sports	Robert James Service Director of Housing Transformation	Councillor Josh Jones Executive Member for Local Services	recommended):	Signatures (or relevant Cabinet Member(s) approval to adopt the Decisions
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SUMMARY ERDINGTON DISTRICT FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW - OUTTURN 2014-15

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ERDINGTON DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST - Outturn 2014/15

	Current Budget 2014/15	Current Budget to Date	Actuals to date	Variance
		- 01	57	77
Erdinaton Revenue Budaet				
Unallocated	600	600	0	(600)
New Oscott Village	4,000	4,000	4,304	304
Youth4Em	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
YMCA - Weekly Sessions	3,250	3,250	3,250	0
Weekly Luncheons	2,950	2,950	2,950	0
Baptist Church	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Life Education Centres	400	400	400	0
TCP - Environmental	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Stone Mason	8,000	8,000	8,000	0
Urban Devotion Youth	3,000	3,000	3,000	0
Dunvegan Security Gating	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Orphanage Envirinmental Planting	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Action4bullying	300	300	300	0
Highway Improvements	9,000	9,000	1,385	(7,615)
Positive Prospects	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Disability Hand Rail	1,000	1,000	0	(1,000)
The Cube	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Lundhurst Team - Family Day Trip	0	0	8	8
Malcolm Locker	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Erdington Leisure Centre Gating	20	0	0	1 000
Erdington Village Green	0	0	(1,600)	(1,600)
Erdington Net Revenue Expenditure	50,000	50,000	39,497	(10,503)
Kingstanding Revenue Budget				of 4
Unallocated	0	O		3ec
District Ward Support Officer	16,000	16,000	0	(16,000)
KRT Youth Worker	7,500	7,500	7,500	le
Wyrley Birch Youth Club	3,725	3,725	3,725	æ
Because of Our Sarah	1,959	1,959	1,959	P
Age UK	2,900	2,900	2,900	0
Hawthorn Traders	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Armed Forces Day	500	500	500	0
WM Life Education Drug & Health	570	570	570	0
Teddy Bears Picnic	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
The Underground	5,000	5,000	5,000	0
Trees at Edmonton Avenue	2,200	2,200	2,168	(32)
Kingstanding Gardening Project	1,033	1,033	1,033	0
Positive Prospects	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
Carers UK Hub Project	500	500	500	0
Domestic Abuse Support	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Litter Bins	3,113	3,113	3,113	0
External Funding Support Officer	0	0	102	102
Kingstanding Net Revenue Expenditure	50,000	50.000	34,070	(15,930)

ERDINGTON DISTRICT COMMUNITY CHEST - Outturn 2014/15

(47.301)	152.699	200 000	200.000	Endinaton Total Nat Revenue Evnenditure
(2,368)	47,632	50,000	50,000	Tyburn Net Revenue Expenditure
0	1,200	1,200	1,200	Grounds Works
89	195	106	106	Castle Vale Pool equipment
(1,620)	0	1,620	1,620	Monument Works
0	1,000	1,000	1,000	CVCRA - Youth
0	2,000	2,000	2,000	Social Life Ex Gunners
d	500	500	500	Bracebridge Security / Environmental
(224)	775	1,000	1,000	Gravelly Hill Security Fencing
g	1,160	1,160	1,160	MLEC
.	10,000	10,000	10,000	Pool Users
34	7,000	7,000	7,000	TRA - Financial Crisis
0	3,500	3,500	3,500	Envitonmental Trust
fæ	500	500	500	The Lighthouse Group
42	1,500	1,500	1,500	Bethany Church
0	2,000	2,000	2,000	Rise & Shine 4U
0	5,552	5,552	5,552	Urban Devotion - Detached Work
(500)	0	500	500	Armed Forces Day
0	7,000	7,000	7,000	TRA - Legal Outreach
0	2,000	2,000	2,000	St Mary Church Tea Dance
0	1,750	1,750	1,750	YMCA - Youth
(112)		112	112	Unallocated
			-	Tyburn Revenue Budget
(18,500)	31,500	50,000	50,000	Stockland Green Net Revenue Expenditure
0	0	0	0	District Ward Support Officer? Duplicate see above
0	500	500	500	Stockland Green WAB
0	4,100	4,100	4,100	Festive Lights
0	500	500	500	Eid Mela
0	2,500	2,500	2,500	Legal Advice Outreach
0	2,400	2,400	2,400	Older Persons Projects at Highcroft
0	1,000	1,000	1,000	Erdington Baptist Church
0	23,000	23,000	23,000	Youth Activities throughout the Ward
(18,500)	(2,500)	16,000	16,000	District Ward Support Officer
0		0	0	Unallocated
				Stockland Green Revenue Budget
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Variance	Actuals to date	Current Budget to Date	Current Budget 2014/15	

Erdington District 2014/15 Savings Tracker

Actions in Actions in place to Actions in Original Revised place to fully Achieve place but may Savings Amendments Savings achieve savings in be some risk Actions not yet 2014/15 2014/15 2014/15 Savings year only to delivery in place Description £000 £000 £000 £000 £000 £000 £000 **Business Support** Car Parking Childrens Play Community Arts Community Chest Community Development Community Libraries District Support Engineers Neighbourhood Advice Parks SLA Public Convenience School Crossing Sutton Town Hall Ward Support Your City Your Birmingham Youth Services Use of Credit Balances/Repayment Provisions/Rationalisation of Assets Contingency (66) (66) (66) Citywide Sub-Total Sport and Leisure Total

The Savings schedule includes step up savings of £18k and 2014/15 saving af f7195 as reprized to the District Committee on 12/03/2014

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APPENDIX 4

ERDINGTON DISTRICT CAPITAL PROJECTS - OUTTURN 2014/15

			Adjustments								
	Fund	Original Budget	Slippage b/f	Slippage c/f Future years	Underspend	New Resources	Budget Adjustments	Current Budget	Actuals to date	Variance	Comments
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Erdington											
CC SecurityGatingERD	Unsupp Borrowing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
ShortHthParkRailings	Section 106	0	0	0	0	19	0	19	17	(2)	New approval Delegated Authority Dec 2014 - S106 Goosemoor Lane 2011/05787/PA account
Erdington Capital Expenditure		0	0	0	0	19	0	19	18	(1)	
				111175							
Stockland Green											
Local Improvement Budget - Brookvale Park	Cor Res - New Bids	32		0	0	0	(32)	0	0		Budget removed, This is a People Directorate project.
Abbey&StThomasAlley	Section 106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	New approval Jan 2015 - Broomfield Rd Highway works S106 account
Witton Pool Safety Works	Cor Res - New Bids	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0	(8)	Slippage B/F Reservoir & Pool safety works - Inclement weather over the winter period caused the sites unsafe for contractors to work on. This has led to delays in completion.
Stockland Green Capital Expenditure		32	8	0	0	0	(32)	8	8		
Tyburn											
DNB5CValePool-DOJO	Cor Res - New Bids	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(0)	
DNB5CValePool-DOJO	Corporate resources	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Famborough Rd PA Feasibility	Cor Res - New Bids	7		0	0	(7)	0	0	0	C	Removal of residual balance, scheme completed
Tyburn Capital Expenditure		7	0	0	0	(7)	0	0	1	1	
Erdington Wide											
The Circle Centre	Unsupp Borr - Dir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	31	Sport & physical activity Reviewfor New Builds as per Financial Strategy. Budget profiler in future years.
Envl Works Erdington	DRF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28		HLB and Aerials will be funded from the 2015/16 revenue budget
Envl Works Erdington	Deptl Cap Financing	0	86	0	0	second and the second s		172	Intel Address of the owner of the owner of the owner.		
Erdington Wide Capital Expenditure		0	86	0	0	86	0			(81	
Total Capital Expenditure		39	94	0	0	98	(32)	199	118		
						50	[52]	133	110	(01	
Funding Sources		Original Budget		Slippage c/f Future years	Underspend	New Resources			Actuals to date	Variance	
Funding Sources		1							and the second sec	Contraction of Contra	
Corporate resources		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Corporate Resources - New Bids		39	8	0	0	(7)	Providence of the second	and the second se			a allower and a second s
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Section 106		0	0	0	0	19			and the second second second second second	Might be and the second s	
Unsupp Borrowing		0	0	0							
Deptl Cap Financing		0	listing and the second				and the second sec		Contract of Contract of Contract		
								.12	52	(140	
Total Funding Sources		39	94	0	0	98	(32)	199	118	(81	

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Erdington District Policy Statement

1. Introduction - District Executive Member, Councillor Josh Jones

Having been the chair of the Erdington District Committee and its Executive Member for the last year, my aim is to continue and build on the foundations put in place by Councillor Penny Holbrook when she was the chair of Erdington District and to take Erdington District 'forward in partnership,' through our working with our many great partner organisations and community groups.

Erdington continues to be a vibrant and diverse district, rich in community, people and social engagement. We have a wide range of economic activity with a vast array of businesses, communities and active groups. Our sense of community and pride is often hidden by statistics and a humility that prevents us from celebrating our abilities.

Together in partnership we are stronger and more resilient to face the considerable challenges across the district. Birmingham is facing its biggest cuts in history and this means some services will remain and some will be lost. The Government's Austerity agenda means there have been constant cuts to services and budgets since 2010, with even greater cuts to come, that has removed and continue to remove support for some of those most in need and limiting the opportunity to influence change.

Our collective vision for Erdington, formed by residents, community groups, businesses, Birmingham City Council and its district officers and elected representatives is of a "prosperous and vibrant community, where everyone has equality of opportunity and where fairness is at the heart of everything we do and those most in need are supported."

Our guiding principles are that everyone has a right to a decent, affordable, warm home in pleasant and safe surroundings, access to a good standard of education and the opportunity to have a decent paid job or career and, above all, a community where no one is left behind and everyone is valued. Progress toward these aims will be delivered through five work streams:

- Employment, Skills & Enterprise
- Clean and Green
- Housing
- Health
- Community Safety

Of personal concern to me is the fact that residents across Erdington District live, on average, 8 years less than residents of neighbouring Sutton Coldfield District just a few miles away. I applied to the Leader of the Council for Erdington to be recognised as a Social Innovation Zone which may give the district more freedom and flexibility in the way it operates and this request has been granted. My ambition is to improve the health and well-being of Erdington residents to match that of our neighbours but this will not happen overnight and is a 20 year vision and objective I will work towards. This challenging agenda, and indeed all the other priorities set out above, cannot be delivered by the council alone. Collectively, with all our partners, and led by the residents, we firmly believe we can move towards the above vision.

This District Policy Statement has been developed with our friends and partners and sits alongside our District Development Plan. Both documents are vital in identifying the direction we need to take, and who can play a role in helping to deliver the vision.

This District Policy statement will cover the following:

- Context the Leaders Policy Statement
- Erdington District Policy Statement
- Erdington District Priorities
- Erdington District Involving Local People and Neighbourhoods

2. Context - Leaders Policy Statement.

Each year the Leader of the City Council presents a policy statement to a meeting of the full City Council. The statement sets out progress on the plans announced the year before and new actions for the year ahead. It provides a political statement of the council's priorities and objectives and also enables people to see what progress has been made.

The emphasis in the Leaders Policy Statement is on the following:

A Fair City – where people are safe, especially the most vulnerable, from crime, violence and abuse. Where health and wellbeing, housing quality and life expectancy are all at national levels for all and where older people are able to stay in their own homes and communities. Children are protected and young people are able to access opportunities regardless of background or special needs. Poverty amongst children and families is down to national averages – Birmingham has an ethical approach as a "Living Wage City" and no social groups or local areas are blighted by extreme levels of unemployment and low incomes.

A Prosperous City – where people have access to a good education and opportunities to equip them for a career, where jobs and the economy are growing, with affordable suitable housing in clean and sustainable neighbourhoods where people of all backgrounds get along. A city that fulfils its role as the regional capital and provides a quality of life that attracts more investors, visitors and employees.

A Democratic city – creating a new model of governance - to help local people from all backgrounds engage in local democracy, and have more influence on local decisions and localised services. To assist communities and individuals to make their contribution to the life of the city and with governance arrangements based on openness and transparency.

3. Erdington District Priorities

For each of the key themes of employment, health, housing, clean, green and safe there are more detailed and specific action plans containing delivery activities and desired outcomes within the *Erdington District Development Plan* available from the Erdington District Office. However in brief, the priorities for Erdington are as follows:

Employment, Skills & Training:

Helping young people achieve their potential by reducing youth unemployment and NEETS

- Reducing levels of worklessness, particularly in neighbourhoods and with families experiencing complex multiple barriers to the labour market
- Increasing self-employment, social enterprise development and the establishment of small businesses.

Health:

• Increasing smoking cessationage 41 of 42

- Tackling alcohol and substance misuse
- Reducing obesity levels in children and adults
- Helping older people improve their general health including falls prevention
- Contributing to improved mental health and well-being

Housing:

- Future housing development best use of land and quality homes for all
- Private rented sector improving the sector through new models, development of a registration scheme and options for bringing flats above shops into use
- District housing panel maintain an all tenure strategically influential panel supporting housing improvements and shaping better neighbourhoods.

Clean, Green & Safe:

- Developing the green partnership with representation from all four wards.
- Enhancing green open spaces and promoting their value for physical activity
- Maintaining street cleanliness standards
- Work to ensure the wheelie bin programme is successfully implemented
- Maintaining a coordinated approach to engaging and working with young people and providing interventions that contribute toward the reduction of crime and anti social behaviour.
- To raise awareness of domestic abuse issues and contribute toward interventions designed to reduce the occurrence of domestic abuse
- To create a coordinated approach to dealing with drug and alcohol abuse.
- Building engaged and informed neighbourhoods right across the district

4. Erdington District – Putting People at the Heart of Everything We Do.

Key to all decisions we make are local peoples' needs, aspirations and views. All of the priorities set out in this Erdington District Policy Statement have come from what local residents and partners have told us. All can be involved and make their views count by responding to Council consultations on line (via <u>www.birmingham.gov.uk</u>) or via social media tools such a facebook and twitter that the Council is now using more frequently. You can also raise complaints, comments and compliments about council services on line or using forms available from district buildings such as libraries and neighbourhood offices.

To tackle the complex wider priorities of the district a partnership approach is required as no single agency has all the answers and much more can be accomplished by working in collaboration. The Erdington Advisory Group brings key partners together. In addition, there are sub-groups established examining the needs, priorities and interventions required to make a difference to employment, health, housing, community safety and green issues.

Erdington District elected members and officers from the Council's Erdington District team will have a key role to play in leading, shaping and influencing the outcomes from the various district partnership groups. The District Team will also aim to unblock barriers that hinder local progress. We also understand that many of our aims can only be achieved by working at a city/regional level so the District Team will work collaboratively with colleagues beyond its boundaries

As we strive to make progress on this district agenda we will maintain openness and transparency about the challenges we encounter and work collaboratively with residents and delivery partners. Together we will move *forward in partnership* toward developing an even more prosperious and vibrant Erdington District.