

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24

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July	Fly Tipping Enforcement Corporate Priorities: 17	<p>To outline the current position in relation to fly-tipping with specific regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying dedicated resources and which wards they are deployed in; Enforcement approach and how this is developing; How cameras are being used, and the specific impact of Grime Watch. <p>Understand if/ how this approach is making a difference to reduce fly tipping.</p> <p>Outline progress towards Cleaner Streets recommendations.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 5 July 2023 at 2pm</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline for Papers: 22 June 2023</p>	Darren Share, Director, Street Scene		<p>The Committee will review this information with a view to considering whether they wish to undertake a more detailed inquiry.</p> <p>Related work from 2022-23: Reducing Fly tipping (April 2023)</p> <p>Cleaner Streets (April 2023)</p> <p>Performance Information (presented to Neighbourhoods O&S Committee, June 2023 by Programmes, Performance and Improvement)</p> <p>Co-ordinating O&S Customer Services (waste)</p> <p>Outcome: The Committee to develop recommendations seeking to understand the analysis of fly tipping data and impact.</p>
July	Community Safety Localities Approach	To inform the development of a new localities approach with particular focus on how ward councillors can contribute	Committee Meeting single item: 5 July 2023 at 2pm	Pamela Powis, Acting Head of Partnership,		This refers to the Local Partnership Delivery Groups which operate across the city.

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	Corporate Priorities: 9	towards identifying local priorities, problem solving and reviewing impact	Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline for Papers: 22 June 2023	Community Safety Team		<p>An all-day partnership event took place on 22 May 2023 to inform this new approach. Members were invited to attend.</p> <p>The Neighbourhoods O&S Committee is the designated Crime and Disorder Committee for Birmingham. This will contribute towards discharging its duties.</p> <p>The statutory requirements, as Crime and Disorder Committee, are outlined here.</p> <p>Outcome: The Committee discussed the development of the new localities approach.</p> <p>A list of the local managers for the six locations was provided to the Committee.</p> <p>The Delivery Plans together with contact details to be shared with Ward Councillors.</p>
August	Youth Justice Corporate Priorities: 8 and 9	To inform the annual Youth Justice Plan	Other - Briefing: 9 August 2023 at 2pm	Janine Saleh, Head of Birmingham Youth Offending Service,	Dionne McAndrew, Assistant Director Vulnerable	This is an annual report. The most recent report was approved by Council in October 2022.

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			Venue: Committee Room 2 and on-line (hybrid)	Birmingham Children's Trust	Young People, Birmingham Children's Trust	The draft report went to pre-decision Scrutiny. As there were no Committee meetings scheduled in August, the Chair requested a hybrid briefing. Members of the Education, Children and Young People's O&S Committee were also invited. Outcome: Annual Plan updated.
September	Scrutiny Contribution to Budget Savings and Recovery	For the Committee to consider a report on current and future Budget Savings and Recovery Plans and implications for Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Committee Meeting standing item: Agenda at Neighbourhoods OSC Committee Meeting on 6 September 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 25 August 2023	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods	Chris Jordan, AD, Neighbourhoods Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services & Business Support Richard Lloyd-Bithell, AD, Financial Strategy Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head of	It was agreed at Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July that all Scrutiny Committees would consider the implications of the Medium-Term Financial Plan at the September Committee meetings. Outcome: Members were informed of the Q1 budget savings position for the areas relating to the Committee remit. Members made suggestions for additional savings.

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					Financial Strategy	
October	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings and Update on the Council's Response to S114 Notice and Financial Recovery Plan	<p>For the Committee to consider a report on current and future Budget Savings and Recovery Plan and implications for Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Quarter 1, 2 and 3 2023/24 savings to be presented to enable the committee to examine progress of delivery of the 2023/24 savings within the remit of the Committee's terms of reference.</p> <p>Committee invited to consider the implications of Council's response to the Section 114 Notice and Financial Recovery Plan, Secretary of State DLUHC statement to House of Commons, Section 5 Notice and supplementary Section 114 Notice on the scrutiny work programme.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting standing item: 4 October 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 26 September 2023</p> <p>Committee Meeting single item: 4 October 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 26 September 2023</p>	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods	<p>Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment</p> <p>Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience</p> <p>Darren Share, Director, Street Scene</p> <p>Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement</p> <p>Ekbal Hussain, Interim Business Partner</p> <p>Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head, Financial Strategy</p>	Outcome: Committee requested additional information is made available to them to inform its scrutiny of the savings.

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					Carl Thomlinson, Interim AD, Finance Business Partnering	
October	Cleaner Streets Corporate Priorities: 17	Outline progress towards the Cleaner Streets recommendations, and impact to date. To understand the impact of the S114 Notice on any activities relating to the recommendations.	Committee Meeting single item: 4 October 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 26 September 2023	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	Darren Share, Director, Street Scene	In February 2023, the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee agreed key findings and recommendations for Cleaner Streets. This had followed informal best practice sessions with Derby, Rochdale and Wigan Local Authorities. In April 2023, Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Majid Mahmood attended O&S Committee to provide a formal response to the recommendations, and agreed to report progress to future committees. Outcome: the progress of the Committee's recommendations for cleaner streets was discussed. Members to be invited to comment on draft litter prevention strategy when

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						available. Members called for improved information to all councillors including street cleaning schedules ward contacts for street cleaning and waste collection.
October	Fly Tipping Enforcement Corporate Priorities: 17	<p>Provide further information on how the Grime Watch initiative is progressing, and its impact.</p> <p>Provide further information on the enforcement approach (with specific regard to legal interventions).</p> <p>Analyse locality-based data and intelligence for fly tipping (as per recommendation 1 arising from the July O&S Committee)</p> <p>Share a snapshot of the Land Audit Management System (LAMS) ward information (as per recommendation 2 arising from the July O&S Committee)</p> <p><i>A separate demonstration of LAMS and 'Slab in the Cab' tablet to be organised so members can</i></p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 4 October 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 26 September 2023</p> <p>Other: Workshop demonstration of LAMS and Slab in the Cab technology</p> <p>Date: TBC</p>	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	Darren Share, Director, Street Scene	<p>The Committee developed the following recommendations seeking to understand the analysis of fly tipping data, how it's being used to develop interventions and the impact.</p> <p>Recommendation 1: The Street Scene Service undertakes an analysis of Locality based hotspot data and 'intelligence' – what's being dumped, who's likely to have dumped it and what's being done to try and stop them. Specifically, we also request the map data by Ward of waste items collected by locality during Love Your Environment Days. We request this is presented to the meeting of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee in October 2023. The report to the Committee should include a map</p>

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		<p><i>understand the mapping technology and data associated with fly tipping as well as the capabilities and reliability of the in-cab tablet.</i></p> <p>Members will want to understand the impact of S114 Notice on any activities.</p>				<p>of fly tipping hot spots across the city at ward level, the number of fly tipping incidents reported to or otherwise known to the Council, and the number of fines and prosecutions. Based on this analysis of this information the Street Scene Service should develop a fly tipping prevention plan in consultation with the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee that will aim to change behaviour and stop fly tipping occurring.</p> <p>Recommendation 2: Ward level information from the Land Audit Management System (LAMS) is shared with all relevant ward members. In the first instance, information on the snapshot of ranked wards and also the trend across wards for the previous 12 months will be shared with the members of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the October 2023 meeting to agree the level on detail that should be provided. Further work should then be undertaken to</p>

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						<p>make this information available on the City Observatory and that this is circulated to elected members.</p> <p>Outcome: Information relating to fly tipping was reported and a further request for information relating to analysis of data and impact to fully respond to the 2 recommendations.</p> <p>A workshop/demonstration on the technology used by the directorate to be arranged.</p>
November	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings	To consider a report on current position on 2023/34 Budget Savings relating to the remit of the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	<p>Committee Meeting standing item: 1 November 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 16 October 2023</p>	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods	<p>Carl Thomlinson, Interim AD, Finance Business Partnering</p> <p>Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services & Business Support</p>	

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					Darren Share, Director, Street Scene Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement	
November	Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy Corporate Priorities: 10	Consider the proposed Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy	Committee Meeting single item: 1 November 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 16 October 2023	Kalvinder Kohli, Assistant Director	Shirin Marashi, Senior Commissioning Officer, Adults Social Care Revinder Johal, Commissioning Manager, Adults Social Care	A new Domestic Abuse Strategy is scheduled to be discussed at Cabinet for approval in January-February 2024. This had initially been earmarked for December, but this will be too late as the strategy will be nearly complete. Co-ordinating O&S Committee held a single theme meeting in February to review the previous strategy and input in the early stages of this strategy's development. A summary is provided here . A roundtable with service providers had also taken place to inform this review.
December	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24	TBC	Committee Meeting standing	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City		

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	Budget Savings and Update on the Council's Response to S114 Notice and Financial Recovery Plan		item: 6 December 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 13 November 2023	Operations, Neighbourhoods		
December	Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report Corporate Priorities: 8, 9 and 10	Review the annual Birmingham Community Safety Partnership annual report. The Committee may identify specific areas they wish to consider at future meetings	Committee Meeting single item: 6 December 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 13 November 2023	Cllr Nicky Brennan, Chair, Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience	Chief Superintendent Richard North, Vice Chair Pamela Powis, Senior Service Manager, Safer Places	The Neighbourhoods O&S Committee is the designated Crime and Disorder Committee for Birmingham. The statutory requirements, as Crime and Disorder Committee, are outlined here . The Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee discussed this on 15 December 2022. The report is available here and the action notes are available here .
December	Localisation Corporate Priorities: 6, 7, 9, 17 and 21	To ascertain how the Leader proposes to take forward the localisation agenda (TBC)	Committee Meeting single item: 6 December 2023	Cllr John Cotton, Leader (TBC)		The Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee discussed this item in April 2023. Related strategies, policies and plans can be found here .

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			Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 13 November 2023			This item was deferred in October in view of the S114 Notice and proposed government intervention to allow further discussion.
January 2024	Draft Litter Prevention Strategy Corporate Priorities: 17	To inform the draft litter prevention strategy.	Committee Meeting single item: 10 January 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 18 December 2023	Selena Ellis, Engagement & Performance Officer, Neighbourhoods		This is an outcome from the Cleaner Streets item discussed at the October 2023 committee meeting.
January 2024	Delays in Births and Deaths Registrations	Provide an overview of, and demonstrate the impact of, the current engagement and work undertaken with the Coroner, partners and communities on steps to eliminate delays within the service. Outline the current progress towards developing a new mortuary facility for the city,	Committee Meeting single item: 10 January 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 18 December 2023	Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement	Bev Nash, Head of Service will be attending on behalf of Sajeela Naseer	Following Council Resolution on 14 June 2022, a report responding to the Motion was presented to Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on 26 September 2022. A summary of the discussion is here . The Committee requested a further update in 4-6 months' time.

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		including a permanent digital autopsy scanner.				
January 2024	Customer Services – Bereavement Services	Monitor the progress and impact of the recommendations from the Customers Services programme (as previously undertaken by Co-ordinating O&S Committee)	<p>Committee Meeting single item: 10 January 2024</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 18 December 2023</p>	Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement	Bev Nash, Head of Service	<p>Co-ordinating O&S Committee convened Task and Finish groups to identify, and monitor progress of, recommendations to improve customer services in 4 areas including Bereavement Services.</p> <p>A final Task and Finish group took place on 12 June 2023, and a report presented to Co-ordinating O&S in July. It was agreed that Neighbourhoods O&S Committee takes forward this work for Bereavement Services in the future.</p>

*Outcome: This will be populated once the item/topic has been completed. It will highlight the added value and impact.

Menu of Options for Future Consideration

The following items had been identified as potential topics for future consideration. This approach enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to remain flexible and respond in a timely manner to emerging issues.

This is a live work programme work programme. New items may be added, or items removed during the course of the year. Proposed aims and objectives as well as scrutiny methodology may also be subject to change.

Item/ Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
Customer Services – Waste	Monitor the progress and impact of the recommendations from the Customers Services O&S programme	This will be part of the workshop which is currently being arranged.	Co-ordinating O&S Committee convened Task and Finish groups to identify, and monitor progress of, recommendations to improve customer services in 4 areas including Waste. A final Task and Finish group took place on 9 June 2023, and report presented to Co-ordinating O&S in July. It was agreed that Neighbourhoods O&S Committee takes forward this work for Waste in the future.
Bee Friendly Brum Initiative – Ban Use of Pesticides	Update on the progress of the Petition	To be confirmed.	The petition was discussed at the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on 26 September 2023 and the papers are available here and the minutes are available here .

Scrutiny Method Options:

Committee meeting - single item, Committee meeting - single theme, Task and Finish Group (outline number of meetings), On location, Other - (describe)

Corporate Priorities, Performance and Outcomes

Corporate Priorities 2022 – 26:

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| 1 Support inclusive economic growth | 11 Increase affordable, safe, green housing |
| 2 Tackle unemployment | 12 Tackle homelessness |
| 3 Attract inward investment and infrastructure | 13 Tackle health inequalities |
| 4 Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games | 14 Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living |
| 5 Tackle poverty and inequalities | 15 Champion mental health |
| 6 Empower citizens and enable citizen voice | 16 Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people |
| 7 Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture | 17 Improve street cleanliness |
| 8 Support and enable all children and young people to thrive | 18 Improve air quality |

9 Make the city safer

10 Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens

19 Continue on the Route to Zero

20 Be a City of Nature

21 Delivering a Bold Best in Class Council

Information on the Corporate Priorities, Performance and City Outcomes was reported to the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee OSC in June 2023 and available [here](#).