

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 29 JUNE 2020 AT 14:00 HOURS**  
**IN AN ONLINE MEETING, NOT APPLICABLE**

**A G E N D A**

**1     NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

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**3     APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

**4     MINUTES**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting.

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**5     MEMBERSHIP OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL'S INNOVATION NETWORK**

Report of the Leader of the Council.

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**6     INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL - MEMBERSHIP**

Report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.

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7     **PETITIONS UPDATE**

Report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

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8     **CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN**

To inform members of forthcoming items for City Council and Council Business Management Committee meeting agendas.

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9     **COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

To consider the Council agenda for the next meeting.

10    **APPOINTMENTS**

To make any necessary appointments.

11    **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.

12    **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

## Council Business Management Committee

29 June 2020



**Subject:** Membership of the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network

**Report of:** The Leader of the Council

**Report author:** Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential:

### 1 Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 1.1 **Option 1:** That the Council's Business Management Committee recommends the following motion to the City Council:

*That Council agrees to make an application to join the CCIN in July 2020; and, if the application is successful, to review the outcomes after 12 months to inform any decision as to the renewal of membership for future years [Recommended Option].*

**Option 2:** Do not agree to join the CCIN Network.

### 2 Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report provides the rationale for the Council to join the Co-operative Council's Innovation Network ('CCIN').
- 2.2 It sets out the benefits to the organisation and wider community of doing so, how membership will align with the Council's existing policy framework and the financial implications of joining the CCIN.

### **3 Background**

3.1 The CCIN is a Local Government Association (LGA) Special Interest Group and is open to all UK Councils. Its stated aim is to drive innovation and reform within the framework of Co-operative values and principles, building an equal partnership with local people.

3.2 These values and principles are as follows:-

**Values:** *self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity.*

**Principles:** *voluntary and open membership, democratic control, member economic participation, autonomy and independence (of Co-op organisations), education training and information, Co-operation among Co-operatives and concern for community.*

3.3 The Network operates to improve knowledge and practice in a wide variety of areas from working to tackle climate change at a local level to finding community based solutions to improve outcomes in the arena of Health and Social Care. The premise is that members of the CCIN share best practice and ideas within the network, to find solutions to common problems.

3.4 The practical definition of 'co-operative' is fluid which provides an element of flexibility. Some Local Authorities refer to themselves as being Co-operative Councils [such as Oldham in Greater Manchester] which is based on the set of values adopted by the organisation as opposed to being wedded to a particular model of service delivery.

### **4 How would membership align with the Council's existing policy objectives?**

4.1 In recent times we have been faced with challenges both *new* and *old*.

4.2 Covid-19 is a human tragedy, new to the world. The scale of its impact is unprecedented. The economic damage caused may take years to fully repair. In recent weeks, simmering tensions brought about by deep-rooted, generational inequalities, bubbled to the surface following the death of George Floyd.

4.3 Whilst they may seem very different issues, how we recover, rebuild and renew from both will depend on our communities. They will help define the problem; they will shape the answer and they will deliver the solution – but only with our support.

4.4 The Council is committed to promoting the principles of localisation as identified in the policy paper approved by Cabinet - *Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhood Policy White Paper (Birmingham City Council January 2019)*. The essence of this policy commits the Council to supporting communities to become more sustainable by empowering them to develop local assets and build capacity. The objective is to enable citizens to improve the quality of their own lives.

4.5 Sitting under this umbrella of localisation the Council is currently engaged in two significant pieces of work around climate change and community wealth building.

In June 2019 the Council declared a Climate Emergency with the stated aim of reducing the City's carbon emissions to 'net-zero' by 2030. The Council has also embarked on an ambitious journey with partners across the city to promote 'community wealth building'. This will involve the Council and partners changing their procurement behaviours to ensure that as much spend as possible remains within the City with opportunities captured by local businesses. This agenda also requires work to build skills/capacity within our communities to allow them to capture the opportunities that changes in procurement behaviour will bring.

- 4.6 For real progress to be made substantial change is required. This will be in the areas of democratic participation, the structure of our local economy [e.g. the shift in emphasis from simply valuing financial reward to prioritising social outcome], the way current public services are delivered, and the responsibility that individual citizens/businesses assume in contributing to resolving macro problems such as climate change or poor air quality [e.g. reducing personal carbon footprints].
- 4.7 This is entirely consistent with the Co-operative values referred to above and specifically around self-help, self-responsibility, democracy and equality. Membership of the CCIN can assist in providing the 'tools' to make further progress in delivering the localisation agenda and shaping the post-Covid world.

## 5 What are the benefits of joining the CCIN?

- 5.1 These are as set out below:

BENEFITS:	COSTS:
The principles and values of the CCIN align with current Birmingham City Council policy context around localisation. <sup>1</sup> This work is being influenced by the New Local Government Network (Chaired by Donna Hall CBE, a current Non-Executive Adviser to the Council) and its policy paper the "The Community Paradigm" <sup>2</sup>	There is a resource implication of £7,900 for one year's membership and there will be an ongoing resource implication for future years should a decision be made to continue membership on an ongoing basis.
Membership will allow for best practice and innovative ideas to be shared with Birmingham City Council and communities from across the country	
Limited cost of membership	

<sup>1</sup> *Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhood Policy White Paper* (Birmingham City Council January 2019)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.nlgn.org.uk/public/2019/the-community-paradigm-why-public-services-need-radical-change-and-how-it-can-be-achieved/>

Provides a focus and means of joining up existing agendas that require the Council to think differently in terms of how it engages with communities e.g. Community Wealth Building, Covid Recovery and the work around Climate Change which will require significant 'grassroots' participation;	
There is potential to bid for funding (up to £10,000) from CCIN to support innovative practice.	

- 5.2 Joining the CCIN will provide a useful insight into best practice from other areas relating to community engagement and empowerment. It will provide resources to both elected members and Council Officers which will be particularly useful in supporting the existing policy direction around localisation and help support the development of innovative policy solutions.

## 6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 The cost of a full-year membership is £7,900. It is proposed that this would be funded from the Corporate Subscriptions Budget which sits within the Partnership, Insight and Performance Directorate. The Assistant Chief Executive has approved this spend.

### Background Papers/Information:

- Co-op Council's Innovation Network Strategy 2018-2020 - [CCIN Strategy 2018-20](#)
- Centre for Local Economic Strategies - Community Wealth Building – Birmingham Anchor Network Update [21 March 2019] <https://cles.org.uk/news/birmingham-anchor-network/>
- *Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhood Policy White Paper* (Birmingham City Council January 2019) – can be viewed [here](#).
- Climate Change Emergency – All Party Notice of Motion 11 June 2019 – can be viewed [here](#).
- The Community Paradigm [New Local Government Network – 17 March 2019] – can be viewed [here](#).

# Birmingham City Council

## Council Business Management Committee

29 June 2020



**Subject:** Independent Remuneration Panel - Membership  
**Report of:** Catherine Parkinson, Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer  
**Report author:** Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential :

### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the re-appointment of one of the appointed members of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council's Business Management Committee appoints the following person to the Independent Remuneration Panel as follows:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>	
Sajid Shaikh	1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021	<i>Re-appointment</i>

### 3 Background

- 3.1 Councillors receive allowances to support them in carrying out their work as elected representatives. The amount of the allowance for the various Councillor roles is decided by the City Council. In taking this decision, the Council must consider a report from an Independent Remuneration Panel.
- 3.2 The Panel was established by the City Council at its meeting on 2nd July 2001. Current membership consists of:
- Four Citizen Representatives;

- Two appointed panel members;
- Two co-opted panel members drawn from former Councillors of the City Council who are no longer Members of the Council.

#### **4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal**

- 4.1 The term of office of one of the appointed members expires on 31 August 2020. Given that the Council is still in response mode during the Covid-19 pandemic, and the restrictions the lockdown imposes on any recruitment exercise, it is proposed to re-appoint the current member for a period of 12 months. Sajid Sheikh was originally appointed in 2017, following an interview process.
- 4.2 Alternatively, CBM could decide to:
- Not re-appoint and leave the position vacant;
  - Hold a recruitment exercise for a new member.
- 4.3 Temporary changes to the Constitution, agreed on 28 April, delegated appointments to committees and other bodies to CBM (until no later than 25 May).



# Birmingham City Council

## Council Business Management Committee

29 June 2020



**Subject:** Petitions Update

**Report of:** Catherine Parkinson,  
Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 To update Committee on progress made in responding to petitions presented to full Council

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee note this quarterly report.

### 3 Protocol

- 3.1 The current protocol for responding to petitions presented to City Council was agreed by this Committee in May 2007 and is set out below:
1. Petition presented at City Council.
  2. Petition referred to the appropriate Director for response within 3 working days.
  3. Director to write to the Council or presenting the petition and the first named petitioner to acknowledge receipt within 14 days of the City Council.

4. Progress of investigation into petition to be notified by the relevant Director to Committee Manager for inclusion in the monthly Petitions Update by no later than 10 working days before the next City Council.
  5. Final response to petition included in Petitions Update by the Committee Manager.
  6. Director to notify the Councillor who presented the petition and the first named petitioner of the outcome within 14 days of the relevant City Council meeting discharging the same.
- 3.2 It should be noted that the protocol applies only to petitions sent internally and not to those which are referred to outside bodies for action.

#### **4 Action Taken**

- 4.1 In accordance with minute No. 2044 of this Committee the petition schedule has been split into City Council related petitions (currently 19) and those which are the responsibility of external organisations (currently 66).
- 4.2 Of the outstanding City Council related petitions 4 were presented in 2019.
- 4.3 Since May 2005, 2183 out of a total of 2202 City Council related petitions received have been discharged – 99%.
- 4.4 Of the 25 petitions presented in the last six months 10 have been discharged – 40%.

#### **5 Appendices**

- 5.1 The current City Council Petition Schedule is at appendix 1.

**PETITIONS RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL FUNCTIONS PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL**

<b><u>DATE OF RECEIPT/ PRESENTED BY CATEGORY</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION/SENT TO</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSE</u></b>
2163 Councillor Bruce Lines 10.09.2019 <b>COMM</b>	From residents of Loftus Close, Weoley Castle, Birmingham, B29 5PG objecting to the proposed plans to construct a roadway from Loftus Close into the proposed housing development site off Long Nuke Road – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	This relates to current Planning Application and it has been assigned to a Planning Officer. 24.10.2019 Current Planning Application. 13.03.2020 <b>Current Planning Application. 18.06.2020</b>
2173 Councillor Neil Eustace 05.11.2019 <b>COMM</b>	From residents of Yardley East Ward objecting to the development of 117 properties in Barrows Lane, Yardley, B26 1SA – <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	This relates to current Planning Application and it has been assigned to a Planning Officer. 03.01.2020 Current Planning Application. 13.03.2020 <b>Current Planning Application. 18.06.2020</b>
2174 Councillor Majid Mahmood 05.11.2019 <b>COMM</b>	From residents of Bromford and Hodge Hill Ward objecting to Planning Application No. 2019/07911/PA – 18 Brockhurst Road, Hodge Hill – change of use from dwelling house to 8 bed HMO – <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	This relates to current Planning Application and it has been assigned to a Planning Officer. 03.01.2020 Current Planning Application. 13.03.2020 <b>Planning Application has been withdrawn by the Council on the 16 June 2020. 18.06.2020</b>  <b>Petition to be discharged</b>
2176 Councillor Sybil Spence 05.11.2019 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Alexandra Avenue, Handsworth calling upon Birmingham City Council to maintain the trees in the road – <i>Director of Inclusive growth</i>	Forwarded to Inclusive Growth. 03.01.2020 Referred to Highways for investigation and response. Response due April 2020. 13.03.2020 <b>Waiting for a update. 19.06.2020</b>
2178 Councillor Ewan Mackey 14.01.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Roughly Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to permanently withdraw the proposed sale of the green space adjacent to 47 Withy Hill Road – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Property Services for investigation and response. 14.02.20 Response due April 2020. 13.03.2020 <b>Discussion between Council Officers and Councillor Ewan Mackey took place in January</b>

		<b>2020.</b> <b>Site has been withdrawn from consideration for surplus declaration and sale and Councillor Ewan Mackey is aware of the situation. 18.06.2020</b>  <b>Petition to be discharged</b>
2181 Councillor Peter Fowler 14.01.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Birmingham calling upon Birmingham City Council to save Birmingham Wheels Sports Stadium in Bordesley Park from being closed down – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Development Planning Manager for investigation and response. 14.02.20 Response due April 2020. 13.03.2020 <b>Response letter was emailed to Councillor Peter Fowler on the 13 May 2020. 18.06.2020</b>  <b>Petition to be discharged</b>
2184 Councillor John O'Shea 14.01.2020 <b>COMM</b>	From residents of Frederick Road, B33 8AE, Mary Road and nearby roads in B33 objecting to Planning Application No 2019/06951 concerning the proposed use for Laurels Court Ltd – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	This relates to current Planning Application and it has been assigned to a Planning Officer. 14.02.20 Current Planning Application. 13.03.2020 <b>Current Planning Application. 18.06.2020</b>
2186 Councillor Fred Grindrod 04.02.2020 <b>COMM</b>	From residents of Selly Oak objecting to Planning Application No 2020/00376/PA and calling upon the Council not to approve any plans for Elliot Road in Selly Oak that include student halls of residence – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	This relates to current Planning Application and it has been assigned to a Planning Officer. 14.02.20 Current Planning Application. 13.03.2020 <b>Current Planning Application. 18.06.2020</b>
2188 Councillor Lou Robson 04.02.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Birmingham calling upon the Council to improve the traffic lights at Bull's Head junction in the Hall Green area – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Principal Transport PLG & Invest Officer for investigation and response. 14.02.20 Response due May 2020. 13.03.2020 <b>Response letter was emailed to Cllr Lou Robson on the 15 April 2020. 18.06.2020</b>  <b>Petition to be discharged</b>
2190 Councillor Deirdre Alden 25.02.2020	From residents of Yew Tree Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to introduce parking permits to the residents to solve on-street parking issues – <i>Acting</i>	Referred to Transport Projects for investigation and response. A response is due in May 2020. 13.03.2020

<b>EXEC</b>	<i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	<b>Draft response is to be reviewed and then submitted to Cabinet Member for approval. 18.06.2020</b>
2192 Councillor Zaker Choudhry 25.02.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Durley Road and surrounding area calling upon Birmingham City Council to introduce traffic calming measures to help alleviate the problem of speeding cars and traffic flow congestion on Durley Road – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Local Engineer for investigation and response. A response is due in May 2020. 13.03.2020 <b>Response letters emailed to Councillor Zaker Choudhry and first-named petitioner on the 15 April 2020. 18.06.2020</b>  <b>Petition to be discharged</b>
2194 Councillor Majid Mahmood 25.02.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Hodge Hill Common calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the carriageway of Hodge Hill Common due to a number of potholes causing damage to vehicles on a daily basis – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Incorrectly allocated to Neighbourhoods and will be changed to say Acting Director of Inclusive Growth. Referred to Highways for a response. A response is due in May 2020. 13.03.2020 <b>Waiting for an update. 19.06.2020</b>
2195 Councillor Majid Mahmood 25.02.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Hodge Hill Common calling upon Birmingham City Council to install white LED lights and more columns along the Common due to poor lighting making it difficult to drive safely along the road – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Highways for investigation and response. A response is due in May 2020. 13.03.2020 <b>Waiting for an update. 19.06.2020</b>
2196 Councillor Adam Higgs 25.02.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Daisy Farm Road and surrounding area calling upon Birmingham City Council to install new LED lighting along the Daisy Farm Road as was originally planned before it was dropped from Amey's programme of works – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Highways for investigation and response. A response is due in May 2020. 13.03.2020 <b>Waiting for an update. 19.06.2020</b>
2198 Mr D Hussain 09.06.2020 <b>COMM</b>	From residents of Kenilworth Road and Tewkesbury Road objecting to HMOs being created on the streets and calling on the Council and all relevant authorities to stop HMO's from operating on the streets with immediate effect – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	
2199	From residents of Wylde Green opposing a Planning	<b>This relates to current Planning Application and it</b>

Councillor Alex Yip 09.06.2020 <b>COMM</b>	Application relating to 131 Green Lanes, Wylde Green – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	<b>has been assigned to a Planning Officer. 19.06.2020</b>
2200 Councillor Alex Yip 09.06.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Wylde Green – Request for a waste bin to be installed at The Boulevard/Green Lanes cut through, Wylde Green – <i>Acting Director of Neighbourhoods</i>	
2201 Councillor Nicky Brennan 09.06.2020 <b>COMM</b>	From residents of Pickwick Road, Moseley, objecting to Planning Application No. 2020/01422/PA relating to 129 College Road – <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	<b>This relates to current Planning Application and it has been assigned to a Planning Officer. 19.06.2020</b>
2202 Councillor John Cotton 09.06.2020 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of the Meadway, Lea Hall requesting the access road outside their properties becomes one-way due to a number of road safety issues - <i>Acting Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	<b>Referred to Local Engineer for investigation and response. 19.06.2020</b>

**CATEGORIES:**     **COMM**            = Petitions relating to Committees functions     **EXEC**            = Petitions relating to the Executive functions



## CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2020/21 – June 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	Petitions Update
	Recommendation to appoint representatives – Independent Remuneration Panel (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
24 August 2020	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations from Abroad
	Petitions Update
	Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance)
19 October 2020	
	Petitions Update

City Council	
09 June 2020	Executive Business Report – Covid-19
	Reports not on the Forward Plan
14 July 2020 (tbc)	Submission of the 'Development Management in Birmingham' Development Plan Document
	Scrutiny Business Report
	Lead Member report: Transport Delivery Committee
15 September 2020 (tbc)	Street Trading Policy
	Executive Business Report
	Lead Member report: WMCA Scrutiny
	Climate Change Action Plan (tbc)
3 November 2020 (tbc)	
	Scrutiny Business Report

CBM	
16 November 2020	
21 December 2020	
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)

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

\*\* Annual Council Photograph

City Council	
1 December 2020 (tbc)	Revision of Council Tax Support Scheme (tbc)
	Lead Member report: West Midlands Police & Crime Panel
12 January 2021 (tbc)	Executive Business Report
2 February 2021* / **	Scrutiny Business Report
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

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

Annual report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Revision of Council Tax Support Scheme

Climate Change Action Plan (June/July 2020)



Scrutiny Inquiries: Customer Services (Co-ordinating); Home to School  
Transport (Education & Children's Social Care)

*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]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
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	Motion will be monitored regarding release of documentation, earliest possible date Feb 2020 [February 2019 update]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
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 [September 2019 update]
2c	09-Jul-2019	<p><i>Motion for debate:</i> This Council notes and agrees with the statement of the Deputy Leader, Councillor Brigid Jones on 14 June 2019 that Birmingham "is the statutory waste collection authority and that there is no excuse for not sorting it."</p> <p>.....</p> <p>To that end, the council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invest in new vehicles to replace an ageing fleet, considering the use of alternative fuels.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member, Street Scene & Parks / Rob James, Acting Director Neighbourhoods	<p>Update to Housing and Neighbourhoods to be scheduled for March 2020 [February update]</p> <p>Cabinet Member update report covering all the points in the motion submitted to Scrutiny members via email on 17 March 2020 (no meeting due to Covid 19 lockdown).</p>

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>invest in the depots to provide a better, more productive working environment for staff, making the depots fit for the future.</li> <li>work closely with the workforce and the unions, utilising their knowledge to drive constant improvements and efficiencies in the system.</li> <li>develop a new waste strategy, taking into account the changing nature of recycling, minimising waste generation via public campaigns and extracting maximum value from household waste - e.g. energy, biofuels and waste re-use.</li> <li>enable residents to work together to do more to help keep their own communities clean and tidy.”</li> <li>provide more timely information to residents on any service failures and what residents should expect when collections are missed.</li> </ul> <p>Council further notes the lack of clear and reliable data on service failures, noting that statistics are compiled based on resident reports and rounds that fail to leave depots, meaning that unfinished rounds are not chronicled accurately.</p> <p>Council regrets that the promised introduction of IT monitoring in 2014 has proved unable to monitor exactly where waste is collected from.</p> <p><b>Council therefore requests that the review of service be asked to advise on how robust data can be collected</b> – and welcomes any measures that show the true extent of citizen discontent or satisfaction with the service.</p>		

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
		Council believes this will enable effective monitoring of the service.		
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.</p>
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</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities / Rob James, Acting Director Neighbourhoods	Update to be brought to Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S [February 2020]

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		<p>required in law to decide whether it can tolerate the encampment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 down to recover costs through the courts from trespassers for the associated legal fees, repairs to property and cleaning costs and to report back to Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</li> <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>		

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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 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 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>	Leader / Clive Heaphy, Interim Chief Executive	

#### Other Actions from City Council Meetings

Date	Agenda Item	To Respond	Request/Question	Action taken
10-Sept-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Kate Booth	To respond to Cllr Maureen Cornish on whether the findings of the 2016 review of Travel Assist were shared with the Cabinet Member before the extension to the contract was agreed	



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14-Jan-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To respond to Cllr Bennett on why the requirement of air quality assessment on the Athlete's Village has been removed until after the CWG.	COMPLETED – sent 15/05/20
14-Jan-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To respond to Cllr Yip on progress against the motion on tax justice agreed in July 2016  The motion can be found <a href="#">here</a> (p. 2130)	
04-Feb-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Kate Booth	To respond to Cllr Deirdre Alden on the impact of the status of the ATG contract on the negotiations (Cllr Alden was asked to put the question in writing)	
04-Feb-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Kate Booth	To respond to Cllr Jenkins on how many ATG staff were found to not have had DBS checks, and what positions those staff held.	
04-Feb-20	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To speak to Cllr Debbie Clancy about the progress of Hamstead House	
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	



# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, 14 July 2020 at 1400  
hours as an on-line meeting**

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

#### **1 NOTICE OF RECORDING**

Lord Mayor to advise 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 DECLARATION 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

**Attached**

#### **3 MINUTES**

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 June 2020.

#### **4 LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(1400-1410)**

To receive the Lord Mayor's announcements and such communications as the Lord Mayor may wish to place before the Council.

#### **5 PETITIONS**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1410-1420)**

To receive and deal with petitions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 E of the Constitution).

As agreed by Council Business Management Committee a schedule of outstanding petitions is available electronically with the published papers for the meeting and can be viewed or downloaded.

#### **6 EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor Martin Straker Welds to move an exemption from Standing Orders.

#### **7 QUESTION TIME**

**(Maximum of 50 minutes allocated) (1420-1510)**

To deal with oral questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

- A. Questions from any Councillor to a Committee Chair, Lead Member of a Joint Board or Ward Forum Chair (Up to 10 minutes)
- B. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to a Cabinet Member (Up to 20 minutes)
- C. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to the Leader or Deputy Leader (Up to 20 minutes)

**Attached      8      SCRUTINY BUSINESS REPORT**

**(25 minutes allocated) (1510-1535)**

To consider a report of the              O & S Committee.

**Councillor ----- to move the following Motion:**

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**Attached      9      LEAD MEMBER REPORT - TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE**

**(20 minutes allocated) (1535-1555)**

To consider a report of the Lead Member Transport Delivery Committee.

**Councillor Kath Hartley to move the following Motion:**

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**Attached      10      SUBMISSION OF THE ‘DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT IN BIRMINGHAM’ DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

**(25 minutes allocated) (1555-1620)**

To consider a report of the -----.

**Councillor ----- to move the following Motion:**

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**Attached      11      MEMBERSHIP OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL’S INNOVATION NETWORK**

**(20 minutes allocated) (1620-1640)**

To consider a report of the -----.

**Councillor ----- to move the following Motion:**

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**12     PROVISIONAL DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the provisional date of the next meeting of City Council is 15 September 2020.

