

Birmingham City Council

Cabinet Committee

Date 17 October 2023



Subject: Proposed Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Council

Commissioner Review

Recommendation 1 is supported by Commissioners. However, Commissioners advise that no decision on commencing a review of the processes be taken at this time. Firstly, the Secretary of State has announced a review, to be run alongside the Commissioner-led intervention, which could look at wider governance issues. It would not be appropriate to commence work on the proposed review until the outcomes of the Secretary of State's initiative is known. More importantly, now that the Directions are in place, it is fundamental that the Council focusses all its resources, both Member and Officer, on documenting and delivering the agreed Improvement programme. This activity, even if it were to be a specific inclusion, is not likely to be an early area for activity. The recommendation to undertake this review should be deferred.