



## Economy & Skills O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

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### 1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 As per City Council on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 the Committee's Terms of Reference is 'to fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning strategic economy; skills and apprenticeships; inward investment; land use planning; business improvement districts and the Local Enterprise Partnership'.

### 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee:
- 2.2 Considers the draft work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and agrees any amendments required.

### 3 Background

- 3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive, member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run."* (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).
- 3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.
- 3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.



## 4 Work Programme

- 4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the proposed draft work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. This also includes items to be programmed where dates are still to be confirmed, and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.
- 4.2 The work programme will be brought to each Committee meeting for review and to be updated.

## 5 Joint working across Committee Work Programmes 2022/23

- 5.1 As the work programmes for the Committee have developed a number of cross cutting issues have been identified. To avoid duplication members will be invited to attend different Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings for relevant reports as set out below:

| Lead Committee   | Meeting and Agenda Item   | Members to be invited and reason  |
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| Resources O&SC   | 17 November 2022:<br>Monitoring recommendations from Council Asset Inquiry  | Economy and Skills O&SC<br>The Economy and Skills OSC undertook the inquiry, however this work now falls within the remit of the Resources O&SC   |
| Education and Children's Social Care O&SC              | 30 November 2022:<br>Report from Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP)<br>Report from Birmingham Children's Trust (BCT) | Members of the CYP Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Adult Care O&SC<br>Information from the BSCP and BCT will inform the CYP mental health inquiry.  |
| Health and Adult Care OSC                              | 14 October 2022<br>Report from Forward Thinking Birmingham  | Members of the Education and Children's Social Care OSC<br>It was agreed at Co-ordinating OSC on the 8 July 2022 that the Health and Adult Care O&SC undertakes scrutiny of children's mental health (under the overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) and members of the Education and Children's Social Care Committee will be invited to attend as mental health is included within the Committee's terms of reference. |
| Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC | Meeting: TBC<br>Report on employment and skills Legacy of the Commonwealth Games  | Members of the Economy and Skills OSC<br>At the meeting on the 8 <sup>th</sup> July Co-ordinating O&SC decided that this issue falls within the remit of the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity OSC, and as it has been identified during the work planning for the   |



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|                    |  | Economy and Skills O&SC as an issue of interest<br>Members of this Committee would be invited to the relevant meeting.   |
| Co-ordinating O&SC | 14 October 2022<br>Report on Devolution Trailblazer Deal | Members of the Employment and Skills Inquiry Task and Finish Group<br>The Deputy Leader will report to Co-ordinating OSC on the devolution deal and this discussion will inform the work of the Employment and Skills Inquiry. |

## 6 Inquiry Proposal

- 6.1 The Inquiry proposal from the Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee was agreed at the meeting of the Co-ordinating Scrutiny Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. The Terms of Reference for this Inquiry on Employment and Skills will be considered at the Committee meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

## 7 Other Meetings

### Call in Meetings

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*None  
scheduled*

### Petitions

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*None  
scheduled*

### Councillor Call for Action requests

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*None  
scheduled*

It is suggested that the Committee approve Wednesday at 1000 hours as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

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## 8 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee's remit. **Please note this is correct at the time of publication.**

| Reference   | Title  | Portfolio                              | Proposed Date of Decision |
|-------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| 010142/2022 | Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Refresh  | Finance & Resources                    | 11 Oct 2022               |
| 009892/2022 | The Birmingham Plan Issues and Options Document Consultation   | Leader                                 | 11 Oct 2022               |
| 010173/2022 | Our Future City Plan 2040 – Draft Central Birmingham Framework   | Leader                                 | 11 Oct 2022               |
| 010468/2022 | Full Business Case for the Legacy Developments following The Commonwealth Games at Alexander Stadium, Perry Barr | Leader                                 | 11 Oct 2022               |
| 010533/2022 | Digital Strategy 2022-25 Technology Roadmap  | Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism | 08 Nov 2022               |
| 010484/2022 | A Digitally Connected City - Enabled for Future Growth   | Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism | 13 Dec 2022               |
| 009663/2022 | Promotion of Council Owned Land within Bromsgrove  | Leader                                 | 13 Dec 2022               |
| 010266/2022 | Our Future City Framework and Delivery Plan  | Leader                                 | 13 Dec 2022               |
| 010416/2022 | NEC Masterplan   | Leader                                 | 13 Dec 2022               |
| 010446/2023 | Business Rates Income 2023/24  | n/a                                    | 17 Jan 2023               |
| 010589/2022 | Ladywood Regeneration Estate   | Leader                                 | 14 Feb 2023               |
| 010635/2023 | Paradise Phase 3   | Leader                                 | 14 Feb 2023               |
| 009445/2022 | City Centre Public Realm Improvement Scheme (CCPR) Full Business Case (FBC) phase 2                              | Transport & Environment                | 14 Feb 2023               |