

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 06 DECEMBER 2023 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chair to advise/meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-I microsite ([please click this link](#)) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

3 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

To note the appointment of Councillor Darius Sandhu in place of Councillor Deidre Alden for the period ending with the Annual meeting of the City Council in 2024.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

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| <u>5 - 12</u> | <p>5 <u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>To confirm the minutes for the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 1 November 2023.</p> |
| <u>13 - 18</u> | <p>6 <u>ACTION TRACKER</u></p> <p>To note the action tracker.</p> <p>7 <u>COMMISSIONERS REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA</u></p> <p>To note that no comments have been received from the Commissioner on this agenda.</p> |
| <u>19 - 44</u> | <p>8 <u>BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP'S ANNUAL REPORT</u></p> <p>Cllr Nicky Brennan, Chair, Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities, Chief Superintendent Richard North, Vice Chair, Pamela Powis, Senior Service Manager, Safer Places, and Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience in attendance.</p> |
| <u>45 - 50</u> | <p>9 <u>IMPACT OF S114 SPEND CONTROL ON THE LEVEL OF MISSED WASTE COLLECTIONS</u></p> <p>Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member, Environment, and Les Williams, Principal Operations Manager, Street Scene, in attendance.</p> |
| <u>51 - 72</u> | <p>10 <u>WORK PROGRAMME</u></p> <p>Members to agree the work programme.</p> <p>11 <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>To note the date of the next meeting on 10 January, 2024 at 1400 hours in Committee Room 6.</p> <p>12 <u>REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)</u></p> |

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

13 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

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.

14 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

Chair 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

NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

1400 hours on Wednesday, 1 November 2023,

Committee Room 6, Council House

Minutes

Present:

Councillor Shabrana Hussain

Councillors: Deirdre Alden, Marcus Bernasconi, Kerry Brewer, Marje Bridle, Ray Goodwin, and Izzy Knowles

Also Present:

Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services & Business Support (online)

Revinder Johal, Commissioning Manager, Adults Social Care

Shirin Marashi, Senior Commissioning Officer, Adults Social Care

Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager

Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement

Nic Reid, Principal Operations Manager (online)

Carl Thomlinson, Interim Finance Business Partner, City Operations (online)

Amanda Simcox, Scrutiny Officer

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2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for lateness was received on behalf of Cllr Ray Goodwin.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting, and none were declared.

4. MINUTES

(See document No. 1)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. COMMISSIONERS REVIEW AND COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA

The Chair advised that all reports needed to be sent to the Commissioners for review and to provide comments on the agenda, and it was agreed that the comments for item 7 would be picked up under that item.

In response to the question as to whether the Commissioners would be attending or watching the committee meeting, the Overview and Scrutiny Manager responded Scrutiny had not been advised of this.

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted the comments received from the Commissioner on this agenda and agreed to discuss the comments under item 7.

6. ACTION TRACKER

(See document No. 2)

The Chair advised the Committee the outstanding actions for waste including the workshop, and localisation were being progressed with officers. Also, other outstanding actions would be forwarded and progressed with the appropriate officers for resolution.

RESOLVED:

That the action tracker was noted.

7. SCRUTINY OF DELIVERY OF 2023/24 BUDGET SAVINGS

(See document No. 3)

Carl Thomlinson, Interim Finance Business Partner, City Operations (online), Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services & Business Support (online), Nic Reid, Principal Operations Manager (online), and Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement, were in attendance for this item.

In response to the Commissioners comments the Committee was provided with additional commentary and details of the rationale for the original four non-deliverable cross cutting savings and reasons why they were deemed undeliverable. It was acknowledged part of the problem had been due to lack of co-ordination and duplication. Assurance was provided that this mistake would not be repeated as there had been a move away from cross cutting initiatives and savings, Directorates were responsible for their own budget and savings and were working collectively to bridge the budget savings gap.

The Committee was provided with details of the original governance and decision making process relating to the four non-deliverable savings and the Committee requested they were provided with an audit trail of the process for how these savings were signed off, to include timelines, responsible officers, and supporting paperwork for the next committee meeting.

The Commissioners concerns were echoed by the Committee, and further concerns were raised about the slow pace of the budget savings in light of the significant saving decisions that would be needed. Comments were made about how the Committee might open a dialogue with the Commissioners, and the Chair agreed to ask the Commissioners if they would like to attend a future meeting.

The Committee was updated on progress made towards achieving the medium and high risk savings, and it was highlighted the savings rated amber was because they had not undertaken full financial monitoring. This was underway and would be reported to both Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet.

The Committee was assured there has been no significant impact at present on the Pest Control Service.

The meeting discussed missed green waste collections and the work to drive down missed collections. It was confirmed the 55 households could request a rebate for the full amount of £50 which totalled £2,750. It was suggested the number of complaints about missed collections that did not reach the rebate threshold would provide a bigger picture. The meeting was informed deliberations were ongoing in relation to the viability of the redevelopment of the Lifford Lane depot.

The Chair advised the Committee there will be a Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group led by Finance and Resources O&S Committee to look at the budget and savings across the council in further detail. The Finance and Resources Budget Task and Finish Group will include the Chairs of all the O&S Committees and the Chair undertook to provide feedback to the Committee.

The Committee requested that the £710,000 non-delivery savings for Council Services – Bereavement was picked up when the Bereavement item was discussed at the January committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

That:

- The information was noted.
- The establishment of the Finance and Resources Budget Task and Finish Group was noted.
- The Chair agreed to ask the Commissioners if they would like to attend a future committee meeting to open a dialogue with the Commissioner overseeing the portfolio.
- An audit trail of the process for how the four non-deliverable savings were signed off, to include timelines, responsible officers, and supporting paperwork is provided for the next committee meeting.
- The £710,000 non-delivery savings for Customer Services – Bereavement to be picked up when the Bereavement item was discussed at the January committee meeting.

8. DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION STRATEGY

(See document No. 4)

Shirin Marashi, Senior Commissioning Officer, Adults Social Care and Revinder Johal, Commissioning Manager, Adults Social Care were in attendance for this item.

The presentation was given which included the context, scope of the strategy, background of the current strategy, Scrutiny involvement to date, the drafting of the Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2024+, including the overall approach, the Strategy Working Group (SWG), draft content of the new strategy, the six priorities for change, what success looked like, and the consultation and engagement plan.

During the discussion and in response to queries raised by Members, the main points included:

The Budget to Deliver the Strategy

The Committee was informed the previous strategy had no budget apart from the £3.1m the Council received from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). This was for supporting victims and children who reside in safe accommodation and will continue as it was a statutory duty. The rest was reliant on partners. It was recognised by partners that domestic abuse drives demand for their services and so, it will be a Birmingham Strategy led by strategic partners.

Action Plan

In responding to the question on how the vision will be delivered the Committee was informed officers were currently collaborating with partners on developing the action plan.

Data

There was a wealth of data and insight to help target resources. However, domestic abuse is a hidden crime, and officers were collaborating with specialist providers to ascertain where they can intervene earlier.

Domestic abuse was increasing and there could be a variety of reasons if the data was showing it was decreasing in a particular area.

Family Hubs

There will be 10 Family Hubs in Birmingham funded by the Department for Education.

Cuckooing

Cuckooing was a form of abuse and has parallels with domestic abuse. However, the government definition of domestic abuse refers to family members, partners, or ex-partners, and this may not be the case with incidences of cuckooing.

The Committee was informed the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report will be discussed at the December committee meeting and attendees could be asked for a response on how cuckooing cases were addressed.

Priority 6 - Hold Perpetrators to Account

They were preparing a good practice guidance to support this priority and holding perpetrators to account is not reliant on the Council but working in partnership.

Training to Councillors

The special training to Councillors was discussed and officers undertook to explore whether more sessions could be provided.

The Chair requested the Committee promote the consultation within their communities and networks, and it was agreed the Scrutiny Officer will forward the weblink.

The Committee agreed they wanted a report back on the draft strategy prior to Cabinet and they would review implementation of the strategy annually.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee:

- Commented on the draft Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2024+.
- Requested a written report is provided prior to the final Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2024 presentation to Cabinet.
- Agreed to review implementation of the Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy on an annual basis.
- Requested the weblink for the consultation be e-mailed to Committee Members to disseminate.
- Requested Officers explore whether additional special training sessions could be provided to Councillors.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document No. 5)

The Committee discussed the work programme and:

December 2023 Committee Meeting

- Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings Item:
 - An audit trail of the process for how the four non-deliverable savings were signed off, to include timelines, responsible officers, and supporting paperwork to be provided for the next committee meeting (agreed under item 7).
 - The Committee was concerned about the impact of S114 spend controls on the level of missed waste collections, which is an essential service. A request was made for the Strategic Director to attend and provide statistics on missed collections for the individual depots before and after spending controls measures, and also statistics on missed green waste collections.
- The Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: The Committee requested information is provided on measures to tackle cuckooing, and an update on the operation and impact of the introduction of localised community safety officers.

January 2024 Committee Meeting

- Draft Litter Prevention Strategy: The Committee's recommendation one (page 245 in the papers) included a fly tipping prevention plan and this should be discussed alongside the draft litter prevention strategy.
- Customer Services – Bereavement Services, the £710,000 non-delivery savings should be discussed (agreed under item 7).

To be added to the Menu of Topics

The Committee discussed adding a topic to examine the perceived rise in incursions onto parks and green spaces, to include enforcement powers and the security of green spaces. Members were advised that it was not possible to put a cost on specific events due to a number of factors. The Assistant Director undertook to share a copy of the report going to Licensing and Public Protection Committee in November 2023.

RESOLVED:

That:

- The information set out in Appendix 1 was noted and the Committee identified the perceived rise in incursions onto parks and green spaces to be added to the menu of topics for the Committee to explore over the coming year.
- A progress report on the implementation of recommendations made by the Co-ordinating Task and Finish Group on Bereavement Services - Customer Service, be presented in January 2024.
- The progress towards the implementation of recommendations made by the Co-ordinating Task and Finish Group on Waste Management Services - Customer Services is examined at the Committee Member workshop (date to be arranged).
- Agreed, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair the issues that the Committee will consider during December 2023 – January 2024, the proposed aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny.
- Subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair outside of the meeting, its proposed work programme will be submitted to Co-ordinating O&S to enable work to be planned and co-ordinated throughout the year was noted.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted that the next formal meeting will be held on 6 December 2023 at 1400 hours in Committee Room 6.

11. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

12. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

13. AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED:

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

The meeting ended at 15.30 hours.

NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE
ACTION TRACKER 2023/24

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes / Update
7 Jun 2023	Action Trackers	The 'slab in the cab' will be discussed at a committee meeting, with this information then being available to all Members.	workshop is being organised.
7 Jun 2023	Developing the Neighbourhoods O&S Committee's Work Programme 2023/24	The cleaner streets paper, and recommendations made to the Cabinet Member to be e-mailed to the Committee.	E-mailed on 20 June 2023.
		Officers to report back on how the Council can measure how localisation is having an impact and is making improvement to services.	Awaiting information.
		The Commonwealth Games Legacy Framework to be e-mailed to Members.	E-mailed on 21 June 2023.
		A copy of the briefing paper for the Cabinet Member regarding the Community Safety Partnership review day to be e-mailed to the Committee.	This information was provided in the presentation at the 5 July 2023 committee meeting.
		Cleaner Streets and Fly Tipping – a position paper to include an update on the meeting with officers from legal services, and performance on fly tipping.	Information provided at the October 2023 committee meeting.
5 Jul 2023	Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BSCP)	A list of the local managers for the six locations to be provided.	E-mailed the information on 7 September 2023.

NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE
ACTION TRACKER 2023/24

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes / Update
5 Jul 23	Fly Tipping Enforcement	The key points from the discussion will be developed into recommendations by Fiona Bottrill and agreed by the Committee following the committee meeting.	The key points from the discussion have been made into recommendations which have been shared with the Committee and have been incorporated into the relevant agenda item for the October 2023 committee meeting. A further update and workshop is currently being arranged.
		The requested data and information to be provided for discussion at the next committee meeting.	As per the above.
		Darren Share to confirm whether the ward information is, or if not, whether it can be shared with the City Observatory.	As per the above.
6 Sep 23	Scrutiny Contribution to the Budget Savings and Recovery Plan	The level of missed garden waste collections and the scale of income being lost through the refund process to be provided.	At the October committee meeting the Cabinet Member highlighted that there were 55 properties with three or more missed consecutive collections that were entitled to a refund. At the November committee meeting it was confirmed this refund totalled £2,750.

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ACTION TRACKER 2023/24

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes / Update
		The position on the redevelopment of the Lifford Lane depot and whether this would still be going ahead to be provided.	The Committee were informed on 1 November 2023 that deliberations were ongoing.
6 Sep 23	Work Programme	Members to let scrutiny officers know if they have any further comments on the recommendations to be incorporated into the report for the October meeting.	No further comments received.
4 Oct 2023	Cleaner Streets Tracking	The street cleaning schedules to be shared with all Councillors.	
		The wards contacts for street cleaning and waste collection to be provided to all Councillors.	
		The Cabinet Member to present the draft litter prevention strategy to the Committee before the end of the year for comment and feedback.	This has been added to the work programme.
4 Oct 2023	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings and Update on the Council's Response to the S114 Notice and Financial Recovery Plan	The pro-forma for each saving to be provided.	Information has been added to the papers for the November committee meeting.
		Relevant officers provide fully developed presentations to future committee meetings.	The relevant officers attended the November committee meeting.
		Relevant officers attend future committee meetings to provide the details of the savings and respond to Members questions.	The relevant officers attended the November committee meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE
ACTION TRACKER 2023/24

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes / Update
4 Oct 2023	Fly Tipping Enforcement	Sajeela Naseer to provide a report when appropriate on selective licensing and the positive effect on reducing fly tipping.	
		Paul Pritchard to provide the standard letter sent when addresses were found in fly tipping to the Committee.	Emailed to the Committee on 23 October 2023.
		Cabinet Member to provide all Councillors with the point of contact to report business and trade waste on the public highway and fly tipping on private land.	
		A future report and separate demonstration / workshop to be arranged to address the fly tipping recommendations made by the Committee as set out in the work programme.	The workshop is being organised.
4 Oct 2023	Work Programme	<p>The Bee Friendly Brum initiative (Petition – Ban Use of Pesticides) be added to the menu of topics for the Committee to explore over the coming year.</p> <p>The Localisation item be moved to the December agenda.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to present the draft litter prevention strategy to the Committee for comment and feedback (as discussed under the Cleaner Streets Item).</p>	Work Programme updated.
1 Nov 2023	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings	An audit trail of the process for how the four non-deliverable savings were signed off, to include timelines, responsible officers, and supporting paperwork is provided for the next committee meeting.	This will be picked up by the Budget T&F Group.

NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE
ACTION TRACKER 2023/24

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		The £710,000 non-delivery savings for Customer Services – Bereavement to be picked up when the Bereavement item was discussed at the January committee meeting.	Work programme updated.
		The Chair agreed to ask the Commissioners if they would like to attend a future committee meeting to open a dialogue with the Commissioner overseeing the portfolio.	
1 Nov 2023	Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy	A written report to be provided to the Committee prior to the final Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2024 presentation to Cabinet.	
		The weblink for the consultation be e-mailed to Committee Members to disseminate.	E-mailed to Committee Members on 3 November 2023.
		Officers to explore whether additional special training sessions could be provided to Councillors.	
1 Nov 2023	Work Programme	<p>December 2023 Committee Meeting: Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings Item:</p> <p>An audit trail of the process for how the four non-deliverable savings were signed off, to include timelines, responsible officers, and supporting paperwork to be provided for the next committee meeting (agreed under item 7).</p> <p>The Committee was concerned about the impact of S114 spend controls on the level of missed waste collections, which is an essential</p>	This action will be picked up by the Budget Task & Finish Group.

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ACTION TRACKER 2023/24

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		service. A request was made for the Strategic Director to attend and provide statistics on missed collections for the individual depots before and after spending controls measures, and also statistics on missed green waste collections.	This action is to be discussed at the December 2023 committee meeting.
		December 2023 Committee Meeting - The Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: The Committee requested information is provided on measures to tackle cuckooing, and an update on the operation and impact of the introduction of localised community safety officers.	Officers informed this will need to be covered in the report or during the discussion at the committee meeting.
		January 2024 Committee Meeting - Draft Litter Prevention Strategy: The Committee's recommendation one (page 245 in the papers) included a fly tipping prevention plan which should be discussed alongside the draft litter prevention strategy.	
		Customer Services – Bereavement Services, the £710,000 non-delivery savings should be discussed (agreed under item 7).	Work Programme updated.
		The perceived rise in incursions onto parks and green spaces, to include enforcement powers and the security of green spaces to be added to the Menu of Topics. The Assistant Director to share a copy of the report going to Licensing and Public Protection Committee in November 2023.	Work Programme updated. The report and the weblink to the recording of the meeting was e-mailed on 21 November 2023.

Birmingham City Council

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6 December 2023



Subject: Annual Report of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

Report of: Cllr Nicky Brennan, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities

Report author: Pam Powis, Acting Head of Service, Birmingham Community Safety Team

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an overview of activity linked to the work of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) for 2022/23.
- 1.2 The report includes more recent information and activity and includes information regarding the refreshing of the governance structure and priorities of the BCSP.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note and approve the 2022/23 annual report of the BCSP.

3 Any Finance Implications

- 3.1 None

4 Any Legal Implications

- 4.1 None

5 Any Equalities Implications

- 5.1 None

6 Appendices

- 6.1 Annual Report of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

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1. Foreword

Welcome to the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) annual report for 2022/23.

This report reflects on the challenges and achievements so far across community safety in Birmingham and provide information with regards to how we intend to continue to improve and plan for the future.

By working in partnership, we can achieve better outcomes for communities. In developing community safety plans, we have considered the City's vision as outlined in Birmingham's Corporate Plan 2022-2026 for 'A Safe Birmingham': through a focus on making the city safer, safeguarding vulnerable citizens, increasing affordable housing, and tackling homelessness.¹

Our vision is to work in partnership to reduce the level and impact of crime and anti-social behaviour to keep our neighbourhood's safe, so that people can lead healthy productive lives. We want to make Birmingham a safer city for our communities to live in, whilst also making it undesirable for offenders and perpetrators, whose only interest is to have a negative impact within communities.

Whilst we work within the statutory duties as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, we have utilised the findings from our strategic assessment, partnership intelligence and community feedback to identify priorities that will have the greatest impact for Birmingham. We understand that we cannot deliver this response alone and partnership working with and across all other local statutory partnership boards is key.

The priorities for Birmingham Community Safety Partnership are:

- Violence Reduction
- Building Safer Neighbourhoods
- Protecting People from Harm
- Reducing Offending

This report will detail the work of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership, including partnership working with statutory and non-statutory partners and our communities.

Councillor Nicky Brennan – Chair, Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

¹ [Corporate Plan | Birmingham City Council](#)

2. Introduction

The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) mandated all local authority areas to establish Crime and Disorder Partnerships. In Birmingham, this partnership is referred to as the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP).

The core membership of the BCSP includes all Responsible Authorities. These include Birmingham City Council; Birmingham Children's Trust; West Midlands Police; West Midlands Fire Service; National Probation Service; and Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board. Co-opted members are Birmingham Social Housing Partnership, West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP), Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for the West Midlands and the Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust.

The BCSP has responsibility for discharging the following statutory requirements:

- Work together to form and implement strategies to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse. This will include producing an annual plan.
- Produce plans to reduce re-offending by adults and young people.
- Manage the ASB Case Review.
- Commission Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- To work in partnership to reduce serious violence – new duty came into effect in January 2023 and involves the introduction of an Offensive Weapon Homicide Review.
- Consult and engage with the community.

In addition to the above, the BCSP will also support partner organisations to discharge their legal duties for:

- Prevent
- Modern Slavery
- Contextual Safeguarding
- Domestic Abuse. The BCSP are leading on the development of a Violence Against Woman and Girls Strategy.

The BCSP Executive Board is accountable for the work of the BCSP. Four thematic groups have been established to co-ordinate activity around each of the priorities above. Each thematic group is led by members of the Board and supported by officers within the Birmingham City Council Community Safety Team (BCC CST). Each thematic group will set up working groups as needed.

As part of the governance of the BCSP, there are six Local Community Safety Partnerships Groups (LCSPs) which help co-ordinate tactical and operational activity in neighbourhoods.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for the West Midlands is also represented at the Executive Board. The OPCC provided £660k in 2022-2023 for the BCSP to

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support its work programme. All projects delivered through this funding were aligned with the OPCC priorities, as well as the BCSP priorities. The OPCC and the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) also commission services and projects. The BCSP are linked in to both the VRP and OPCC to ensure collaborative working and reduce duplication.

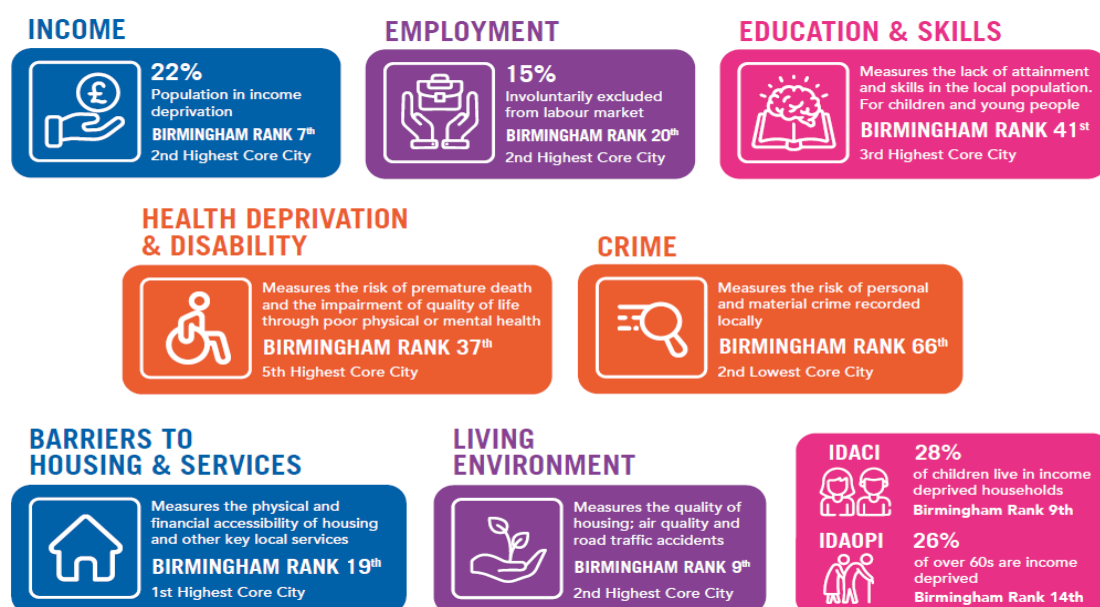
Birmingham City Council hosts the BCSP and Councillor Nicky Brennan, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities, is Chair of the Executive Board. Chief Superintendent Richard North, NPU Commander West Midlands Police acts as Vice-Chair of the Executive Board.

3. Birmingham Context

3.1 Birmingham Context

Birmingham has a population of 1.15 million people, forecasted to increase by 7.7% by 2032, Birmingham is the second largest city in the country and the largest single Local Authority. The size of our city brings about its own challenges and complexities, and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis has led to an increase in the number of vulnerable individuals and households who face significant challenges. It is often the case that vulnerabilities and societal factors can combine to increase the opportunity for crime and anti-social behaviour to exist.

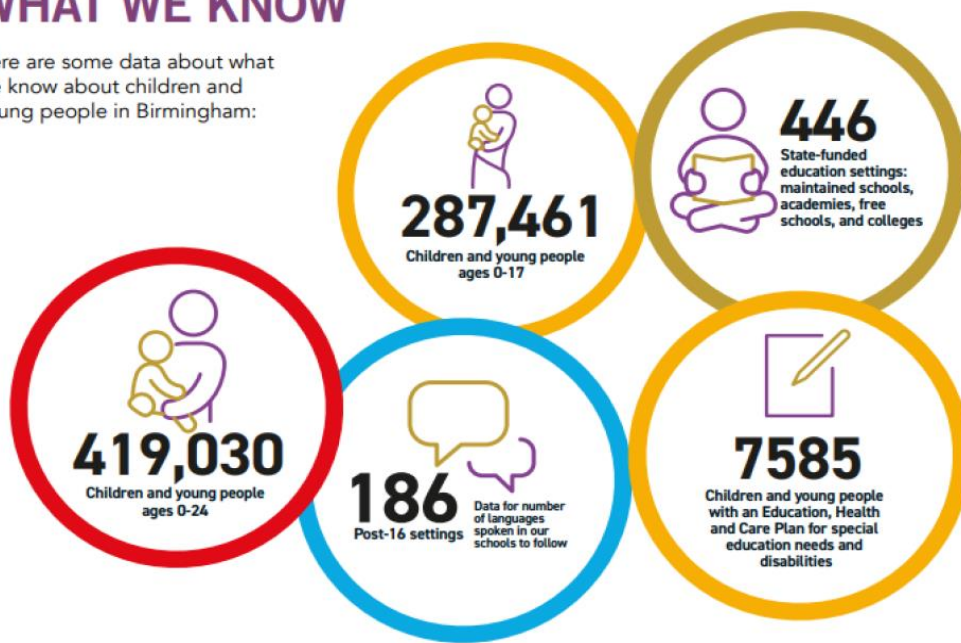
The city is made up of areas which are both the 10% most deprived and 10% least deprived areas in England. Under-25s account for nearly 40% of the population.



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WHAT WE KNOW

Here are some data about what we know about children and young people in Birmingham:



3.2 Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Violence

During Quarter 1: April to June 2023, and Quarter 2: July to September 2023 several measures have displayed a reduction. 17/18 out of 22 measures including Total Recorded Crime have decreased.

Yearly comparisons continue to show a reduction in violence-related offences. Despite a reduction in total recorded crime, offences related to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents, theft from shop/ stall and theft (other) have recorded increases on both a yearly and quarterly basis.

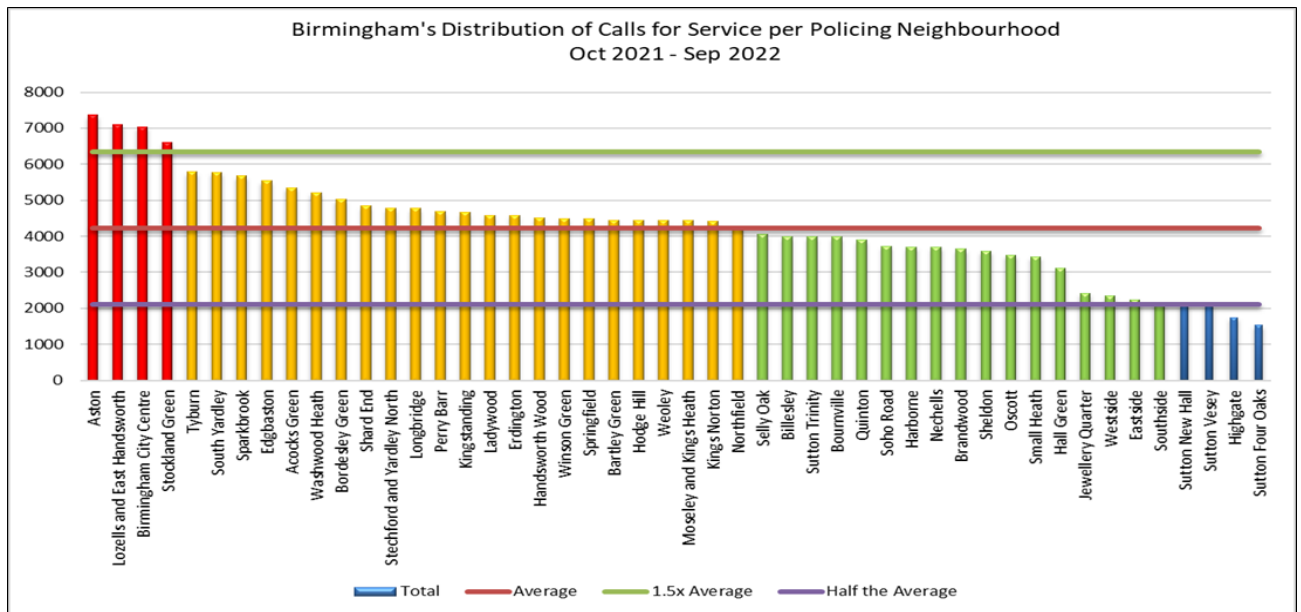
Violence-related offences have sharply decreased by comparison to last year and have continued to display a downward trend in both Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2023/24.

The yearly and quarterly comparisons highlight continued reductions in Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime.

Measure (All crime figures are based on Date Recorded)	Q2 Jul - Sep 2022	Q2 Jul - Sep 2023	Q1 Apr - Jun 2023	YTD 2023/24 (Apr 23 - Mar 24)	YTD 2022/23 (Apr 22 - Mar 23)	Year Difference & Direction (2022/23 v 2023/24)			iQuanta Grouping (12 months ending Jul 2023) Most Similar Group = 15 in total			
						Difference	% Difference	Travel	MSG Rank	Group Rate/1000	Birmingham Rate/1000	WMP Rank
Total Recorded Crime	41,880	36,302	37,994	74,296	82,757	-8,461	-11.3%	↓	10	137.919	137.175	7
Theft from Shop/ Stall	1,479	2,146	2,073	4,219	2,948	+1,271	+30.1%	↑	5	9.616	6.912	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2,207	1,588	1,728	3,316	3,985	-669	-16.7%	↓	13	4.650	6.957	6
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1,498	1,196	1,216	2,412	2,842	-430	-15.1%	↓	13	3.221	5.229	4
Theft Other	1,554	1,594	1,583	3,177	3,041	+136	+5.1%	↑	8	10.773	10.504	7
Violence Against the Person	17,396	14,866	15,908	30,845	34,877	-4,032	-11.5%	↓	12	53.352	56.501	7
Violence with Injury	4,652	4,215	4,478	8,693	9,317	-624	-6.6%	↓	11	14.781	15.126	7
Violence with Injury under 25 (non-DA) (Serious Youth Violence)	885	790	942	1,732	1,911	-179	-9.3%	↓				
Assault Occasion ABH	2,629	2,363	2,590	4,953	5,305	-352	-6.6%	↓				
Common Assault	5,037	4,852	4,805	9,657	9,880	-223	-2.2%	↓				
Drug Offences	1,041	956	833	1,789	2,001	-212	-10.5%	↓	6	4.649	3.267	6

Deliberate Fires (WMFS)	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available	N/A	NB: No data available from WMFS due to change in IT systems.			
Honour Based Abuse	72	32	42	74	134	-60	-81%	↓				
Female Genital Mutilation	1	1	0	1	1	0	0%	↔				
Modern Slavery	121	59	59	118	209	-91	-43%	↓				
Forced Marriage	2	6	7	3	13	-10	-59%	↓				
Knife Crime	904	817	910	1,727	1,809	-82	-4.5%	↓				
Robbery (Personal)	1,008	1,029	1,111	2,140	2,025	-115	-5.3%	↓	15	1.869	3.758	7
Burglary Residential	1,342	1,315	1,216	2,531	2,538	-7	-0.2%	↓	Per 1,000 Households			
									11	2.855	3.824	7
Domestic Abuse (Crime)	7,155	6,051	6,159	12,210	14,319	-1,873	-9.9%	↓				
Hate Crime	1,225	1,189	1,509	2,414	2,926	-512	-21%	↓	Racially / Religiously aggravated offences			
									12	2.228	3.086	7
ASB Incidents	2,493	3,332	2,951	6,283	5,143	+1,140	+22%	↑				
ASB Non-Crime Investigations	601	498	493	991	1,191	-200	-16.7%	↓				

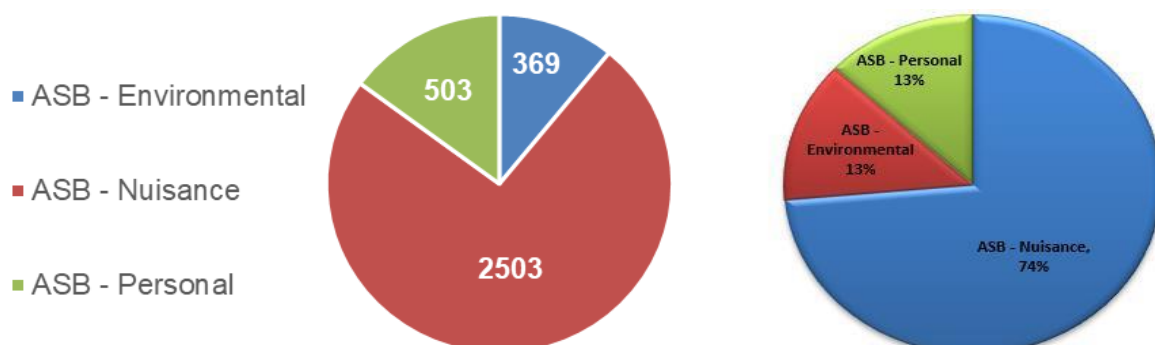
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ASB increased significantly during Quarter 1 (2023/24) notably, for the first time since the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. ASB continues to rise in Quarter 2 (2023/24) with an increase of 22% (1,140 incidents) compared to Quarter 2 of 2022/23 and a rise of 381 incidents since Quarter 1 of this year.

The largest increases occurred in July, followed by September and August. This correlates with the WMP seasonality profile which indicates that ASB is highly likely to increase during the Spring and Summer months April to August due to the warmer weather, although this does not fully explain the substantial rise during this calendar year, the majority related to general ASB and disorder. It is likely recent rises in ASB are linked with prevailing economic trends as families struggle with the increasing cost of living.

The highest number of reported incidents occurred in the neighbourhoods of Lozells and East Handsworth (152 incidents), Ladywood (132) and South Yardley (125). Incidents were primarily classified as ASB Nuisance accounting for 74% (2,503) of all incidents.



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3.3 Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Governance

The BCSP has 4 thematic groups, these are partnership groups that help to discharge the statutory duties of the BCSP. Each thematic group leads on the statutory responsibilities appropriate within their theme and associated priorities agreed upon by the BCSP. A list of the projects and commissioned services that support the thematic work is provided in section 3 of this report.



The Contextual Safeguarding Board, Domestic Abuse Partnership Board, Youth Justice Board and Prevent Board also help to discharge key statutory duties linked to community safety.

4. Birmingham Community Safety Team Activities 2022/23

4.1 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

The PSPO was introduced in the ASB Act 2014 (amended in March 2023) and is one of the tools that can be used to support the reduction of ASB. A PSPO is an order that is used in a public space and restricts certain actions. An evidence pack must be produced that meets a civil legal standard.

The Birmingham Community Safety Team (BCST) have 3 currently active PSPOs in place, these are:

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- I. Erdington High Street – conditions include an alcohol restriction area, groups gathering and being in possession of intoxicating substances.
- II. City Centre - Groups causing Anti-Social behaviour, being under the influence of intoxicating substances and/or alcohol while in a public place and damage or destruction of property (graffiti).
- III. Station Road Abortion Clinic - Protesting, namely engaging in any act of approval or disapproval with respect to issues related to abortion services. Interfering, or attempting to interfere, whether verbally or physically, with a Robert Clinic service user, visitor, or member of staff. Intimidating or harassing, or attempting to intimidate or harass, a Robert Clinic service user, visitor, or a member of staff. Recording or photographing a Robert Clinic service user, visitor or member of staff or displaying any text or images relating directly or indirectly to the termination of pregnancy.

In the past 12 months there have been 178 breaches. 27 breaches from Erdington High Street, 4 from Station Road Clinic and 147 have been within the City Centre.

At the time of writing there are 2 PSPO applications pending for Soho, Lozells and East Handsworth (consultation ends on 29th October 23) and Moseley and Kings Heath, consultation has been completed responses are being reviewed, with a view to implement. Both PSPO have had positive responses from the consultation, and we are in the process of implementation.

It is also worth noting that there are 2 PSPO's in place for dog fouling and noise related ASB in the city centre that are managed by the Regulations and Enforcement Division of the Council.

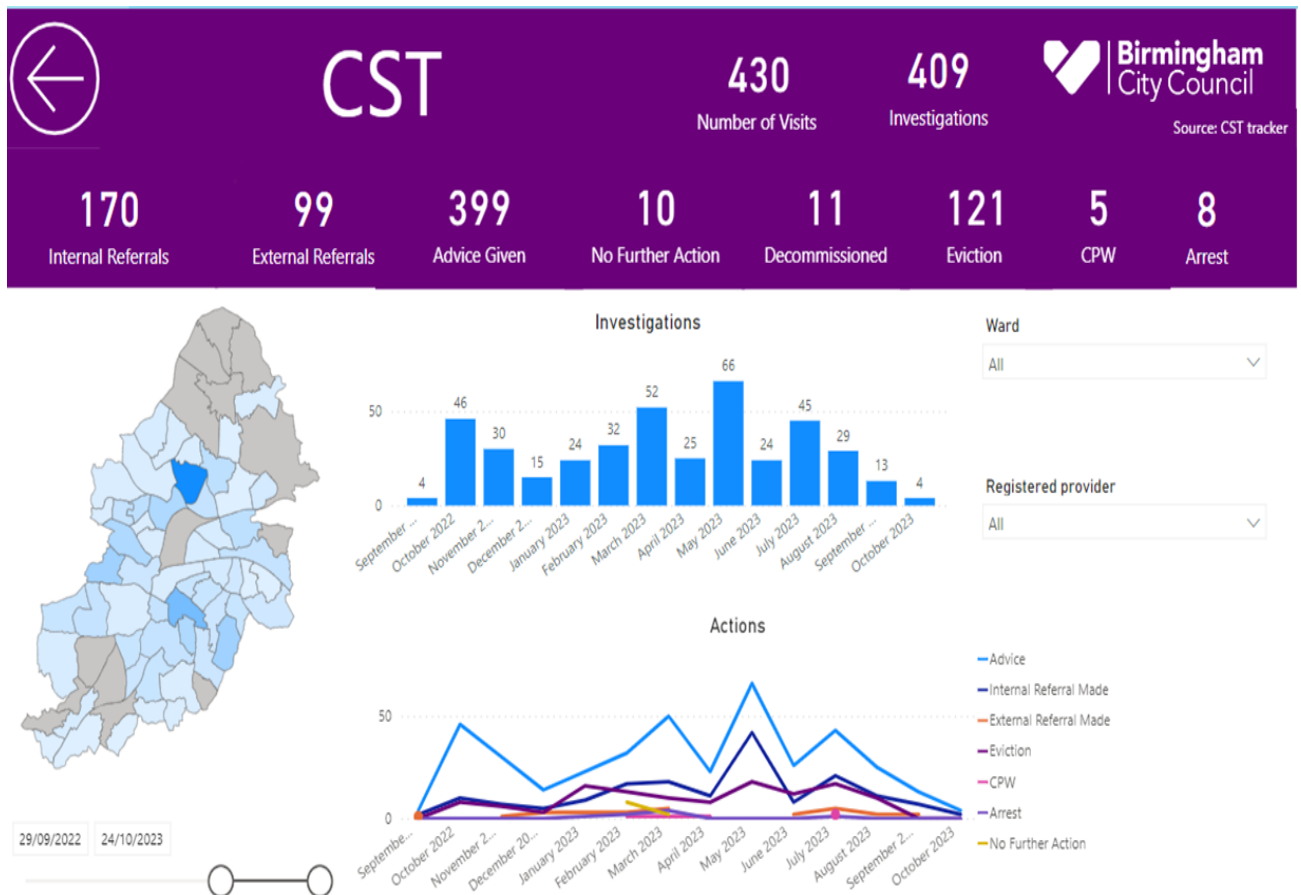
4.2 Supported Housing Project

The Community Safety Team are working in partnership with BCC City Housing, Adult Social Care, Planning and the Housing Benefit team on a Supported Housing (also known as Exempt Accommodation) Pilot. The community safety element involves the introduction of a small team with a focus on crime and ASB in exempt accommodation. The team also includes a seconded Police Officer which enables the community safety team to work very closely with the West Midlands Serious and Organised Crime Team.

In the past 12 months, the Community Safety Team have carried out 839 visits/inspections with partners, in addition to 409 investigations, which have resulted in; 5 community protection warnings being issued, 121 evictions, and supported information that has led to 8 arrests and the decommissioning of 11 properties.

The Community Safety Team continue to manage a weekly partnership tasking meeting and introduced a weekly new business process and ASB policy for providers/landlords to use as part of their tenancy conditions.

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4.3 Partnership Street Tasking (PST)

The partnership street tasking (PST) receives referrals from outreach services when ASB issues related to begging have occurred and engagement and outreach services can no longer support, or the individuals are no longer engaging with services. The PST meets fortnightly, and partners include the BCC Community Safety Team, Trident Reach, BCC Housing Solutions and WM Police. The Community Safety Team have 3 Intervention Officers who engage with the street community to offer support and signpost to appropriate services, as well as undertaking enforcement action if required when all other options have been exhausted.

In the quarter 1 and 2 of 2023 the Community Safety Intervention Officers have:

- Dealt with 1,260 interactions.
- Completed 403 referrals to support services.
- Issued 122 warnings these include Community Protection Notices.
- Issued 6 Injunctions

All referrals to the PST have had an element of complexity, be that mental health, substance misuse, homelessness, criminal activity, anti-social behaviour, or a combination of these

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factors. The partnership assesses each referral, and a plan is put in place for each referral with agreed actions.

4.4 Operation Hercules

Operation Hercules is the operational name for the partnership work being delivered around car cruising in the West Midlands, the CST hold the responsibility for the Section 222 injunction. West Midlands Police carry out enforcement and the CST progress the breaches through Court. Due to the amendments heard at the London High Court with regards to Section 222 Injunctions and the use of 'persons unknown', Birmingham's injunction was put on hold. In the past 12 months the BCST have attended Court several times to ensure the injunction remains, currently we have an interim injunction in place and have made a number of amendments and delivery activities based on the Courts request E.g. – advertising the order to satisfy the court request. The BCST continues to work with regional partners including West Midlands Police, Wolverhampton LA, Sandwell LA, and Dudley LA including their legal departments and West Midlands Fire Service to deal with car cruising issues across the West Midlands. In the past 4 months the BCST have taken 4 people to court for breaching the order and have been successful with the Judge ordering sentences 28 days imprisonment suspended for 12 months and made to pay £1700 costs.

As part of the above partnership, we introduced a diversionary scheme which is based on the speed awareness approach. West Midlands Police carry out enforcement under Section 59 and/or S222 Injunction and offer the scheme instead of taking criminal action. They are referred to the Birmingham Community Safety Team where we manage the payment and booking for the course which is delivered by West Midlands Fire Service. To date 109 people have attended the course and this has generated an Op Hercules income of £5,450. Of the income received, 5% is given to charities and the remainder supports the ongoing partnership work under Op Hercules.

4.5 ASB Case Review

The ASB Case Review is an ASB case review process that is triggered when a person who has reported ASB to any partner, including a landlord, Police or Regulation and Enforcement, feels that their complaint/report has not been dealt with appropriately. The threshold for a review in Birmingham is 3 reports in the previous 6 months, with the last report being in the last month. In the past 12 months the Community Safety Team have received 63 ASB Case Reviews with 34 having met the threshold. A panel meeting has taken place with 4 having been processed through the appeal process. Each panel will produce an action plan with clear timescales for actions which can include referrals to statutory and/or 3rd sector services, or directly to organisations E.g. Police, Local Authority, Registered Providers, to make changes in their policies or approaches to support victims of ASB.

Using the learning and feedback from applicants we have taken from the ASB Case Review cases in the past year, we have reviewed our process and have introduced a 7-stage process which has been highlighted as good practice by organisations like Janine Green ASB, Resolve and ASB Help and is being adopted by other local authority areas. The following shows the stages:

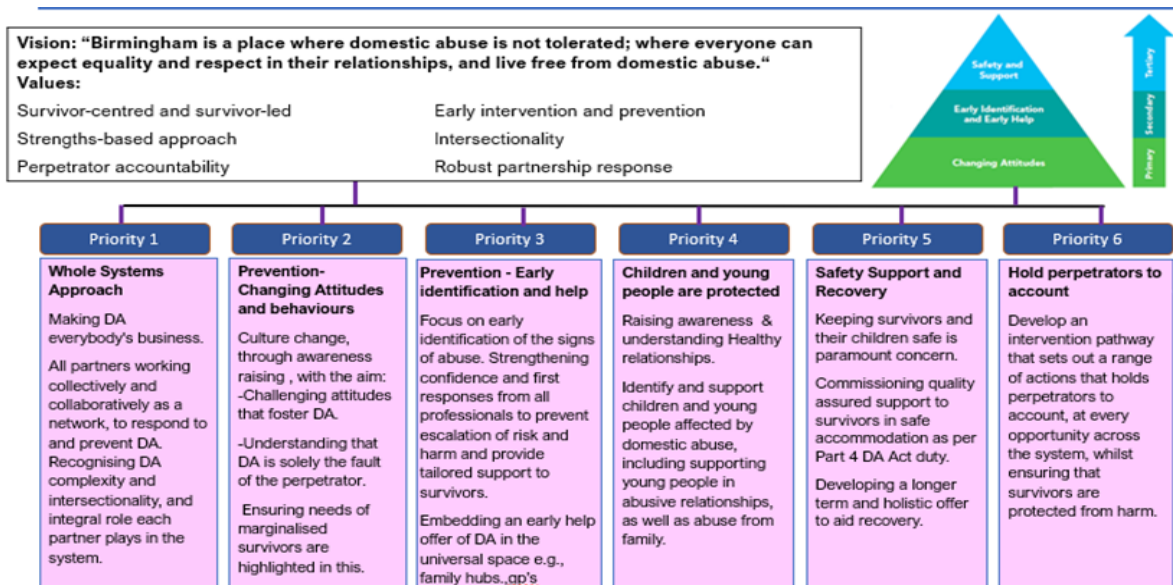
- Pre-assessment – notification is received. The application is contacted by a Community Safety Officer and a pre-assessment questionnaire is completed. The questionnaire is based on finding out what the applicant wants to resolve the issues.
- Stage 1 – Scoping. We reach out to all partners involved and request information. This includes advising the application of their point of contact within the Community Safety Team (all applicants are appointed their own case officer)
- Stage 2 – Threshold assessment is completed.
- Stage 3 – Panel meeting. This is done with an independent chair which we either commission or we have volunteers (volunteers must go through a recruitment process and we have developed a training pack) All panel members are also independent of the case, and we also have a representative from the ICB.
- Stage 4 – Customer satisfaction survey
- Stage 5 – Appeal.
- Stage 6 – On going monitoring. This may include the case being dealt with within one of our Local Community Safety Partnerships

4.6 Partnership Consequences Management Meeting (CMM)

West Midlands Police carry out a CMM process in response to a serious incident. Working with the Community Safety Team the process has been further developed during 2022/23 with the involvement of additional partners. This allows partners within a certain neighbourhood to be involved in a discussion around the incident and offer information and support. Since January 2023 we have supported 28 CMM processes, these have been related to reports of gunfire, gang related stabbings (injury and deaths) funerals of gang members, and the death of an infant.

4.7 Domestic Abuse

We continue to work in partnership at a strategic and local level to reduce domestic abuse and increase awareness. The six Local Community Safety Partnerships continue to focus on a partnership approach to dealing with offenders and supporting victims at a local level. We support and work in partnership with the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board and the 6 priorities.



Officers within the Community Safety Team have established a working group that will help develop the Birmingham Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy (VAWG), this includes working with 3rd sector providers. We have also developed a lived experiences group that provides support and guidance to ensure the VAWG Strategy is always victim/survivor focused.

4.8 Community Safety Locality working

The BCST manages 6 Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSP) Each LCSP meets monthly, and partners include – WM Police, who chair 4 of the six meetings, Registered Providers, who chair 2 of the meetings, WM Fire Services, Birmingham Children Trust including the youth offending team and family support, BCC Housing, BCC Regulation & Enforcement, the Violence Reduction Partnership, Local Councillors and the voluntary and community sector.

Following a review of the local partnerships which concluded in May 2023 a new term of reference is now in place, each LCSP has a monthly performance dashboard in place, have developed delivery plans and an escalation process is being developed.

The BCST has also secured Community Safety Intervention Officers (CSIO) in 2023 using internal and external funding to enhance the locality working. The role of these officers is to be the front-line community safety officer, to engage, intervene and work with communities but when needed they have the Community Safety devolved powers to enforce. We work in partnership with all existing Council services to offer a joined-up approach. The CSIO work on several functions across the team.

Locality Working

- 6 Local Community Safety Partnerships
- Problem solving partnership
- Place and People Based

CS Intervention Officers

- 2 City Centre (PCC)
- 3 Supported Housing (DLUHC)
- 2 Street Community (outside CC)
- 5 Patch based



4.9 Intervention Officers

Within the Community Safety Team, there are 3 intervention officers that operate within the city centre and selected areas outside the city centre. They work in partnership with West Midlands Police, Trident Reach, Business Improvements Districts (BID), outreach services and BCC Regulation & Enforcement Team including City Centre operations. Their focus is to intervene at an early stage to reduce crime and ASB related to issues within the street community. The officers carry out daily patrols and, in some cases, this is with other partners e.g. WM Police, BID Wardens, and Outreach Services.

In the past 12 months the Community Safety Intervention Officers have engaged with 1820 individuals, which results in referrals to outreach and support services in the first instance, if ASB behaviour is problematic then the officer will use civil enforcement powers held within the Community Safety Team. In the past 12 months the Intervention Officers have issued:

- 91 warnings
- 18 Community Protection Notices
- 6 Injunctions.

The City Centre Intervention Officers also issue breaches of the city centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

Locality-based Community Safety Intervention Officers have only been in place since August 2023. They work within the priorities of the LCSP and have already had some good outcomes.

Working with partners and communities to reduce ASB in Fox Hollies Park, vandalism, off-road bikes, misuse of park facilities.

Northfield Highstreet and surrounding locations. Issues to be addressed -street community associations with increased. Shop thefts, Youth ASB, Street drinking. Arranged partnership ALL out days

Welsh House Farm: 3 drop-in residents meetings organised for Autumn/Winter; these are so tenants can come to us with any issues regarding ASB/housing.

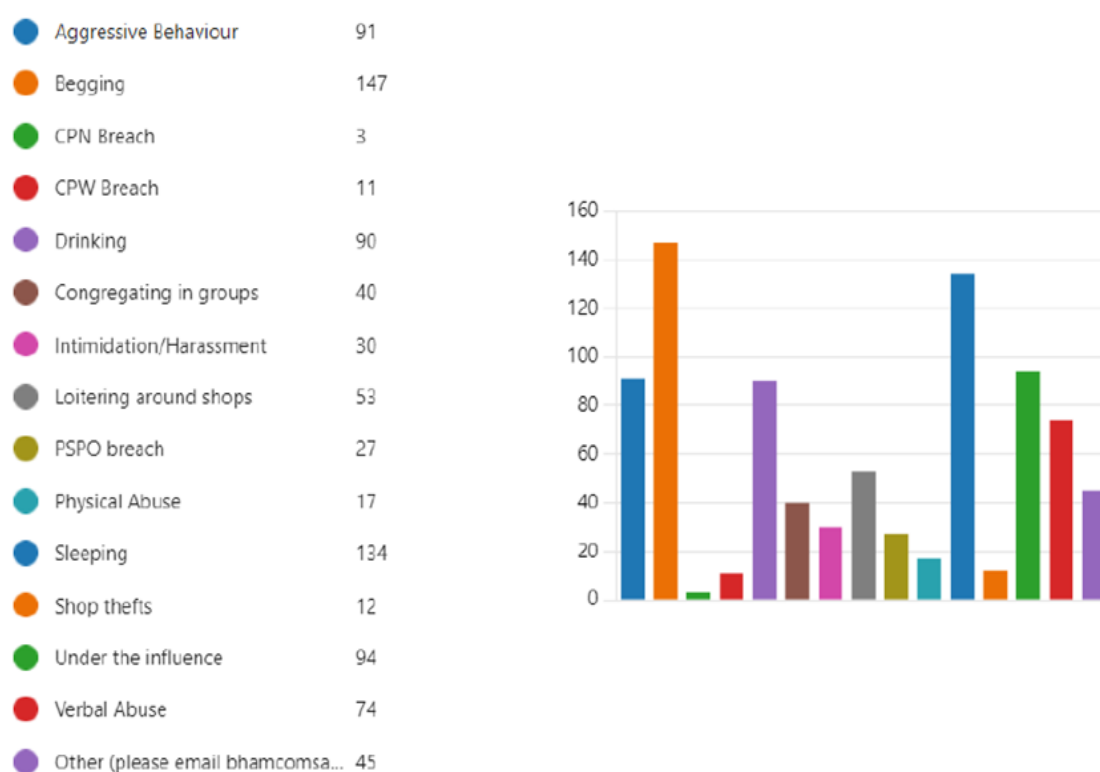
Working with partners on priorities- robbery hotspots in Brookvale, Witton Lakes and Sutton Parade, sex workers at Wilton Market.

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4.10 Network Rail Community Safety Intervention Project

Due to the success of the Community Safety City Centre Intervention Officers Network Rail reached out to commission the team to deliver this service within New Street Station.

From the date of inception on 14th August 2023, the BCC Network Rail intervention officer has been well received and welcomed across the city centre by partners and the public using the Network rail facilities. During the pilot period, the officers have undergone training in administering Naloxone in cases of overdose within the Street Community, Personal Safety Training and Modern Slavery awareness. In total there have been 898 interventions since the start date of the project which have been recorded, the category of interactions are shown below.

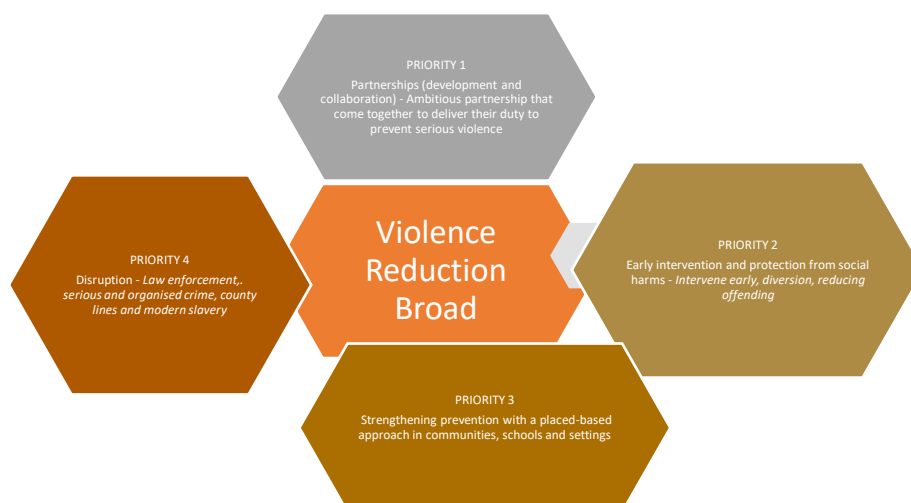


During 2022/23 the BCSP Board commissioned several interventions to support the BCSP priorities and delivery programmes. These are set out below.

The projects delivered are overseen by the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Board and monitored and evaluated within the thematic boards.

5. Thematic Group Activities 2022/23

5.1 Violence Reduction Board (VRB)



The VRB is chaired by West Midlands Police at Superintendent level. The projects commissioned reflect the priorities of the VRB board and support to discharge the statutory duties for the Community Safety Partnership Board

5.1.1 VRB Funded initiatives included:

- **Youth Inspector Programme** - delivered through Birmingham Children's Trust EMPOWERU team. This programme worked with children and young people (13-18 years) from the local areas of Newtown/Lozells and Handsworth, directly impacted by serious youth violence and exploitation. The programme built on a successful youth engagement sessions (supported by the VRB) by delivering a new accredited youth leaders programme to empower children and young people to participate in the community, and solution drive initiatives for themselves by inspecting youth provision in the area, identifying any gaps and working with local services to respond to gaps through potentially commissioning new provision.
- The VRB sought to commission a single organisation to develop and deliver differing levels of training for a multiagency audience with a specific focus on **'Supporting Girls and Young Women Affected by Gangs.'** The training would improve knowledge and skills, ensuring practitioners and community leaders understand how young women and girls are affected by gangs as they remain a hidden group in our communities. This would enable services to understand their experiences and enhance their ability to keep them safe, as well as improve the relationships between young women and professionals, through improved understanding.
- **South Birmingham Young Woman's Group** - co-designed the programme and influenced issue-based discussions that impact their lives e.g., sexual health, healthy

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living, self-worth, knife crime. The funding provided initially also assisted in ensuring that young people from surrounding areas of Druids Health and Kings Norton could attend the sessions; these young people are now travelling independently and attending regularly.

- **Youth Inspectors pilot Initiative** - The VRB provided funding to develop the Youth Inspector Programme delivered through EMPOWERU. This programme worked with children and young people (13-18 years) from the local areas of Newtown/Lozells and Handsworth directly impacted by serious youth violence and exploitation. The training was open to all children and young people and was intended to assist and build confidence by ensuring young people are equipped to share experiences and have a voice in meetings.

5.1.2 Proposals being developed and delivered include:

- In January 2023 the serious violence duty was introduced. The VRB has been working with partners to ensure we meet our statutory duties. This has resulted in the development of the **Birmingham Reducing Serious Violence Strategy**; and the **Birmingham Violence Problem Profile** being completed. This was used to formulate the information to develop the Birmingham Serious **Violence Strategic Needs Assessment Dashboard**. The VRB has also developed the Birmingham Delivery Plan 2023-2026, which will feed into the WMVRP Regional Serious Violence Strategy.
- **The STEP Together Programme** is a West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership (WMVRP) led programme, originally funded as a pilot by the Home Office and the Youth Endowment Fund. The programme was launched in Birmingham in 2021, and places detached youth workers or ‘chaperones’ in busy areas, where lots of pupils commute to and from, acting as trusted adults and a point of contact. The programme has grown from initially 8 routes to a total of 11 routes by 2022. The VRB Commissioning Sub-Group will support the provision of youth engagement to young people on the journey to and from school. This would sustain some of the WMVRP Step Together routes beyond December when WMVRP funding ceases.
- **Preventing Root Causes of Youth Violence** – the VRB Commissioning Sub-Group will support local violence reduction projects through an open call to local organisations to deliver interventions between December 2023 and March 2024. The projects funded will need to include sustainability plan to continue the project as part of business of usual or a plan to acquire funding.

Supplementary activities and resources that complement the core curriculum within Alternative Provisions i.e. half term programmes. This holistic approach aims to enhance the educational experience for excluded children and promote their overall well-being.

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Through the WMVRP Birmingham Local Delivery budget the Community Safety VRB have worked to increase and enhance outreach work and activities within School holidays.

5.1.3 Offensive Weapon Homicide reviews

Since 1st April 2023, the community safety team have been leading the Offensive Weapon Homicide Review (OWHR) pilot, which is being delivered in Birmingham and Coventry. To date, we have received 6 Notification for Birmingham 4 of which have been commissioned 2 have been decommissioned due to not fitting the criteria, this rationale was produced by the RRP's (Relevant review partners) and accepted by the Home Office, and 4 which have been received in Coventry and all have been commissioned. Birmingham has by default become the lead agency alongside West Midlands Police for the Offensive Weapon Homicide Review pilot.

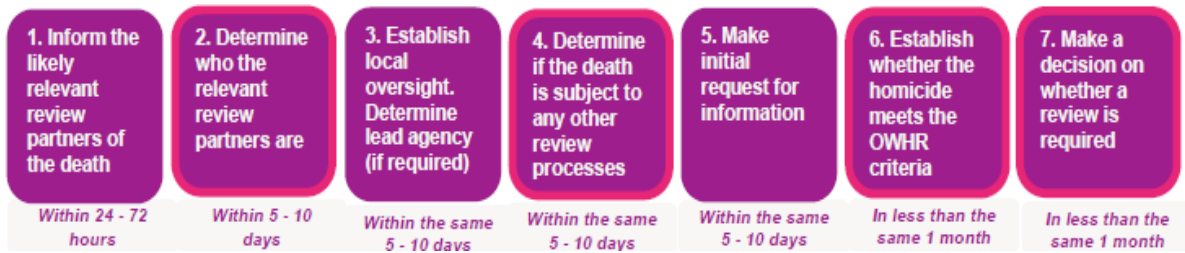
An offensive weapon is anything made or adapted to cause injury or is intended to be used as a weapon. This may include, for example, knives, firearms, acids and other corrosives, glass bottles, bricks, and baseball bats. It captures items which are offensive per se (i.e., items made for the use of causing injury to the person, such as a butterfly knife), which are adapted for use (e.g., a bottle deliberately broken) and an item intended by the person who possesses it to use it to cause injury. The list set out here is not intended to be exhaustive, given the nature of the test in the definition. So far, the weapons that have been featured in OWHR are a Knife, machete, rope, scissors, gun, and cars.

The criteria set out in the legislation confirms that for a homicide to be considered for an OWHR the victim must be over 18. An alleged perpetrator can be included in a review at any age, including those under 18. Since April 2023 the Offensive Weapon Homicide Team have dealt with a few cases in which the Alleged Perpetrators are 18 years or below, the youngest being 16 and was on Home Detention Curfew.

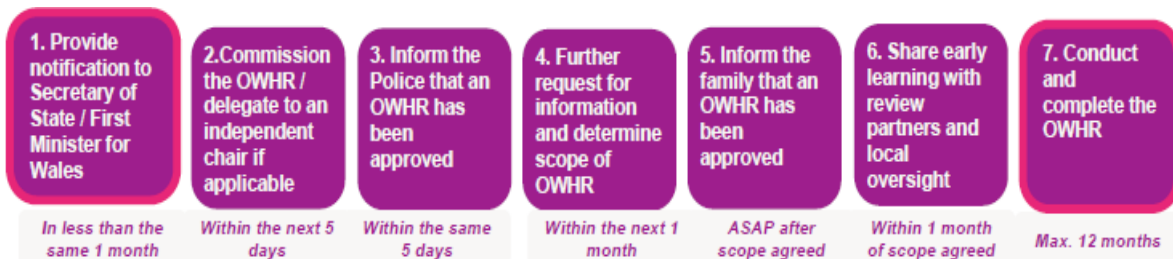
All cases within the OWHR Pilot have been commissioned by the home office and Authors have been appointed to each case and work closely with the Team. By the end of December 2023, all 8 Notifications that the Home Office has accepted and commissioned will have completed the first Panels and will meet the tight deadline set aside by the Home Office timeline.

There are 3 Main processes to follow when completing an OWHR:

1. ESTABLISHING OWHR APPLICABILITY



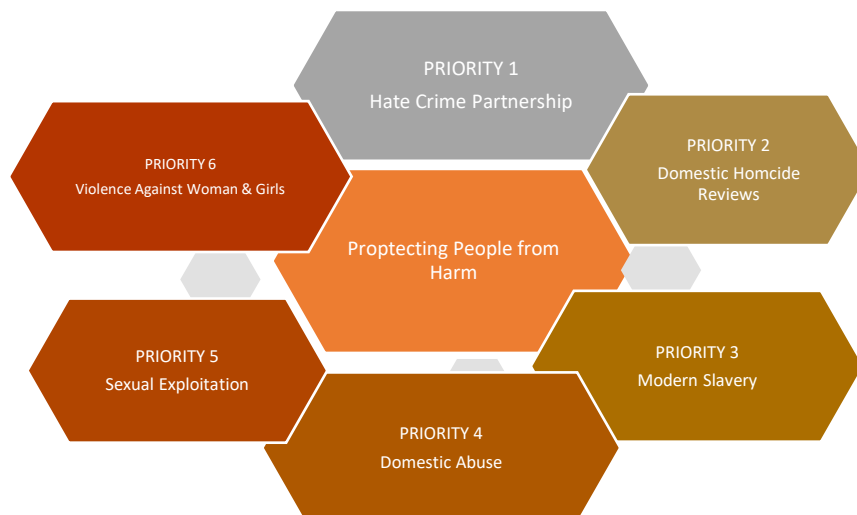
2. DELIVERING AN OWHR



3. FOLLOWING THE REVIEW



5.2 Protection People from Harm (PPfH)



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The PPfH board is chaired by the Director for Nursing - Quality and Safeguarding within the NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board (ICB). The projects commissioned reflect the priorities of the PPfH board and support to discharge the statutory duties for the Community Safety Partnership Board

5.2.1 Proposals being developed and delivered include:

- **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's)** - Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) – Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) came into effect in April 2011 under section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victim Act 2004. Since then, Birmingham has received 63 notifications, currently we have 20 DHR's in progress.

Throughout 2023 we have reviewed the DHR process to ensure we are effective; part of this process has included working with the Home Office to trial a rapid review process. We have in place a well-established steering group chaired by a strategic director from the ICB.

In 2023 we have delivered 13 learning events, 11 virtual and 2 in person sessions. In total 290 people attended. A further 13 learning events are planned before April 2024.

- **Modern Slavery** - Within the Community Safety Team, there is a dedicated and externally funded Modern Slavery Coordinator (MSC). During the last 12 months there have been a number of successful outcomes achieved under this project. The coordinator has continued to provide a strategic and operational support and is the point of contact for Birmingham City Council with regards to partnership related work. As part of this the MSC represents Birmingham at strategic forums across the region, including the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Strategic Board and the Local Authority Modern Slavery Leads forum.
 - Coordinator has provided second-tier advice for 57 individual cases.
 - Delivered training and input to 232 persons.
 - Prepared a first draft of a review and sustainability plan for the Modern Slavery Champion model. The draft has been shared with CST management for approval.
 - Prepared and delivered a presentation at the West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network meeting about the work undertaken within the LA Forum and Public Health Approach to modern slavery (Prevention Pillar).
 - Supports Adult Social Care with safeguarding enquiries relating to modern slavery.
- **Domestic Abuse** - Domestic Abuse, Forced Marriage, Honour Based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Engagement – the Community Safety team commissioned BSWAD to deliver a project to raise awareness, give 121 support to victims and increase of knowledge among professionals. Individual support is provided to women/victims which is tailored to their needs including health, psychological, housing, as well as legal and immigration support. This work is done in partnership with an NHS midwife with

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responsibility for FGM. Community Champions have now been recruited and trained offering support/advice and signposting in their neighbourhoods.

- **Hate Crime Partnership** – The partnership has over 80 members taking forward a comprehensive delivery and action plan. A 10-point plan was completed with regards to hate crime within the gay quarter, this delivery plan has been used in other night time economy locations.
- **Sex Worker Project** - Turnaround have been commissioned in 2023 and have delivered the first stage of the project which is to deliver training to professionals and front-line services with regards to the complex needs and reason people get involved within the sex worker trade. This is so that professional can better support.

The second part of the program works directly with the sex worker, assessing their needs and working to identify if they are victims of a crime E.g. modern slavery or if they are doing this work because of poverty or if it is their choice. The offer of support will be tailored to their needs.

The project brings in other partners to offer support or if needed enforcement. We work with communities to identify locations and assess the best approach.

5.3 Building Safer Neighbourhoods (BSN)



The BSN board is chaired by the BCC Strategic Director for City Operations. The projects commissioned reflect the priorities of the BSN board and support to discharge the statutory duties for the Community Safety Partnership Board.

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5.3.1 Proposals being developed and delivered include:

- **Safer Streets 5 (SS5) Proposal** - The community safety team made application to SS fund and have been successful, receiving a grant for £333k. The funding will be used to increase safety in and around the city centre and develop projects that we can lift into other night-time economy (NTE) locations. The fund will enable the community safety team to increase Intervention Officers in the city centre, deliver training and awareness around women's safety in the NTE, increase projects like Ask Angela. Increase the sex worker project and increase support for the business improvement districts (BID).
- **ASB Hotspot Pilot** - The community safety team are part of a west midlands pilot following the release of the Government ASB Action Plan. For Birmingham this brings in a grant of £220k for both 2023 and 2024. The pilot will focus on a joint approach to dealing with ASB in neighbourhoods. As part of the pilot the community safety team will be recruiting Intervention Officers and have commissioned BCC youth service to deliver outreach and engagement activities, west midlands police (who have also received funding) have dedicated officers. This mini team will work together in the identified locations, these being – Aston, Weoley, Billesley and Ladywood. These locations have been identified using BCC and Police ASB data and also BCC fly tipping data. Within these Wards we will be working within 26 hotspots.
- **Re-deployable CCTV** - The Community Safety Team currently have access to 11 re-deployable cameras and 2 automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) (ANPR are used exclusively for Op Hercules) cameras that are used in line with Government legislation to reduce the impact of Crime and ASB in a neighbourhood.
- **Safer Estates Group WEB partnership case management system (SEGWEB)** - SEGWEB is a case management tool utilised by BCSP partners for crime and ASB partnership work around individuals. It is the only partnership software platform in Birmingham that both internal (BCC) and external partners can jointly case manage. The LCSP's and the Street Tasking Partnership use SEGWEB to introduce, manage, monitor, and take joint action against individuals and groups who are having an impact in a neighbourhood. In the first 2 quarters of 2023 106 new cases were opened.
- **ASB Case Review** - The BSN oversees and monitors the ASB case review process to ensure that all cases are dealt with within timescale and to ensure all partners are fully engaged. They monitor the outcome of the cases and make decisions on learning events. As needed services will be commissioned to deliver the learning events with a view to amend services approach and policies towards dealing with ASB and ensuring the victim is put first.

- **Community Resilience Framework** – The community safety team are leading on developing a community resilience framework. Using guidance for the locality agenda and working with communities, the BCSP want to introduce a framework that all partners adopt when working with communities in local areas to ensure that they are at the heart of the work we do and help shape and influence the outcomes achieved for each locality. The community safety team have introduced a community reference group to support this project and have commissioned external services to bring the information from wider communities together.

4.5 Reducing Offending



The Reducing Offending board is chaired by the Head of Birmingham Partnerships for the West Midlands Probation Service. The projects commissioned reflect the priorities of the BSN board and support to discharge the statutory duties for the Community Safety Partnership Board

The Reducing Offending Board is a newly formed thematic group, and their work plan has recently been signed off.

An early intervention and prevention approach to reduce offending has been developed. The draft recommendations were presented to the Community Safety Partnership Board in October 2023 are currently out for consultation amongst members of the Reducing Offending Board. This will form the basis of the new Reducing Offending Strategy.

Preventative measures can reduce harm in a way that is superior to later interventions and achieves wider economic and social benefits. Despite this far too little is currently done to

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prevent crime and wider harm. The key reason why so many opportunities are currently missed is we lack a systemic approach to early intervention and prevention. This will form the projects and programmes being currently developed by the reducing offending board.

The reducing offending board will also be working with partners regarding the Victims and Prisoners Bill which is currently being discussed within the House of Commons. This will have implications for all BCSP thematic groups. This will place a new statutory duty on criminal justice bodies to help strengthen the rights of victims of crime and improve their treatment.

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Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6 December 2023



Subject: Impact of S114 Spend Control on the level of missed waste collections

Report of: Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member, Environment

Report author: Les Williams, Principal Operations Manager, Street Scene

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Scrutiny chair asked, at the meeting in November 2023, for a report on the impact of S114 spend controls on the level of missed waste collections. This report to include statistics on missed collections for the individual depots before and after spending controls measures, and also statistics on missed green waste collections.
- 1.2 The Committee wished to discuss why local Members are not being informed of missed collections.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That information contained in the report be noted.

3. Missed Collections

- 3.1 Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny are asked to note there is no discernible “across the board” spike in missed collections and complaints since the instigation of spend control measures, as there has not been a reduction in resources or service levels, at present due to spend controls. Whilst there has been some short delay in getting relevant spend control requests approved, these delays have not impacted on the delivery of the service. Where some depots have experienced localised issues, these are due to the impact of seasonal sickness/absence, rather than there being a lack of financial resource (see Appendices A, B and C). Where these impacts were being felt, recovery plans were put into operation to catch up with dropped rounds.

4. Communication with Ward Councillors

- 4.1 It is noted that elected members are not routinely informed of missed collections. This operational data is collected, analysed and used to inform performance against KPIs and provide on-the-ground intelligence that informs recovery planning when addressing dropped. The desire shown by elected members for data on which roads or properties in their ward have had missed collections is fully understood, as that would help them (and the council more widely) keep residents informed about service disruption. A solution is being explored as part of the wider transformation of street scene services and the customer services function. Any development on this front will need to integrate into the wider priorities that are being reviewed and shaped as part of the best value recovery plan being delivered following the arrival of commissioners to support the city council with its current challenges.

5. Any Finance Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report as it is an update on performance levels.

6. Any Legal Implications

- 6.1 Not applicable

7. Any Equalities Implications

- 7.1 No equalities implications

8. Appendices

Appendix A Garden Waste dropped rounds 1 June to 15 November 23

Appendix B Residual and Recycling dropped rounds 1 June to 15 November 23

Appendix C Complaints 1 June to 15 November 23

Appendix A Garden Waste Dropped Rounds 1 June to 15 November 2023

	Total Missed	Not recorded	Atlas	Lifford	Perry Barr
Total	3869	214	540	2030	1085
06/2023	897	31	90	415	361
07/2023	554	55	81	216	202
08/2023	538	42	101	267	128
09/2023	998	33	104	685	176
10/2023	722	47	142	357	176
11/2023	160	6	22	90	42

Note: The column where the depot isn't recorded is usually in instances where worksheets have been created manually and staff don't add the route. This is being addressed via improved practices.

Appendix B Residual and Recycling Dropped Rounds 1 June to 15 November 2023

	Total Missed	Not recorded	Atlas	Lifford	Perry Barr
Total	22362	1676	5113	10091	5482
06/2023	3671	369	1299	1074	929
07/2023	2716	276	892	986	562
08/2023	3486	289	1261	913	1023
09/2023	4625	330	796	1868	1631
10/2023	4093	264	675	2283	871
11/2023	3771	148	190	2967	466

Note: The column where the depot isn't recorded is usually in instances where worksheets have been created manually and staff don't add the route. This is being addressed via improved practices.

Appendix C Complaints 1 June 2023 to 15 November 2023

	Atlas	Lifford	Perry Barr	Unknown Depot	TOTAL
06/2023	29	51	67	49	196
07/2023	51	68	47	50	216
08/2023	63	61	63	24	211
09/2023	47	65	73	40	225
10/2023	34	79	53	26	192
11/2023	14	33	15	43	105

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Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6 December 2023



Subject:	Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme
Report of:	Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services
Report author:	Sarah Fradgley, Overview and Scrutiny Manager Sarah.fradgley@birmingham.gov.uk 07927 665 829

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed work programme for the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) for 2023-24, based on the Committee's meetings to date. Appendix 1 outlines the topics identified, aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny to achieve these objectives.
- 1.2 At Co-ordinating OSC on 15 September 2023, it was acknowledged that Overview and Scrutiny work programmes will need to refocus, giving priority on issues around the Section 114 Notice, the Council's financial situation and recovery.
- 1.3 A Finance and Resources OSC Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group has been set up to consider proposals to close the 2023/24 budget gap and contribute to the development of the 2024/25 Budget proposals and the Council's future financial plans.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee:
 - Notes the information set out in Appendix 1 and identifies if any further topics need to be added to the menu of topics for the Committee to explore over the coming year.
 - Agrees, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair, the issues that the Committee will consider during January 2024 – March 2024, the proposed aims and objectives and the preferred method of scrutiny.
 - Notes, subject to further input from the Chair and Deputy Chair outside of the meeting, its proposed work programme will be submitted to Co-ordinating OSC to enable work to be planned and co-ordinated throughout the year.
 - Notes the update on the Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

3 Background

3.1 The [statutory guidance for local government overview and scrutiny](#) sets out the role it can play in holding an authority's decision makers to account. This makes it fundamentally important to the successful functioning of local democracy.

3.2 Effective Overview and Scrutiny should:

- Provide constructive 'critical friend' challenge.
- Amplify the voices and concerns of the public.
- Be led by independent people who take responsibility for their role.
- Drive improvements in public services.

3.3 The role and functions of Overview and Scrutiny Committees are outlined in [The City Council's Constitution | Birmingham City Council](#) They will:

- Make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council, the Executive and/or other organisations in connection with the discharge of the functions specified in their terms of reference.
- Consider any matter covered in their terms of reference that may affect or be likely to have an effect on the citizens of Birmingham; relevant to the Council's strategic objectives; relevant to major issues faced by officers in managing a function of the Council; and likely to make contribution to moving the Council forward and achieving key performance targets.

3.4 Effective scrutiny needs to add value. A well planned and timely work programme enables Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be involved at the right time and in the right way, and ensure their involvement is meaningful and can influence the outcome.

3.5 Members often have a number of topics suggested to them and are therefore required to **prioritise** matters for consideration. The Scrutiny Framework sets out the following factors to be considered:

- Public interest: concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen.
- Ability to change: priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically influence.
- Performance: priority should be given to areas in which the Council and Partners are not performing well.
- Extent: priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or a large part of the city.
- Replication: work programme must take account of what else is happening to avoid duplication.

Budget Task and Finish Group

3.6 In October 2023, a cross-party Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group was established by Co-ordinating OSC to examine the follow key issues:

- How the Council will close the in-year budget gap during 2023/24.
- How Scrutiny can contribute to the development of the Budget proposals for 2024/25 and financial plans for the following years
- Comments and recommendations the Task and Finish Group will report to Cabinet when the 2024/25 budget proposals are considered.

3.7 The membership of the Group comprises all Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Cllr Robert Alden, Cllr Alex Yip and Cllr Paul Tilsley.

3.8 At the Task and Finish Group meeting on 20 November 2023, the Chair raised the Neighbourhoods OSC request for an audit trail into the decision-making process relating to the establishment of cross-directorate projects. It was noted that reassurance was given by the S151 Officer that this issue had been captured in lessons learnt for establishing clear accountabilities for savings in future cross directorate projects and that the Task and Finish Group would consider this during the meetings in December and January.

Looking Ahead

3.9 Overview and Scrutiny Committees will identify a 'menu' of issues (including policy development, policy review, issues of accountability and statutory functions) at the start of the year. Each Committee should then regularly review their 'menu' and decide which issues need to be examined further, and how that work would be undertaken. Scrutiny activities should be thorough and undertaken in a timely manner.

Scrutiny Methods

3.10 There are a range of ways to undertake scrutiny. The approach for 2023-24 enables flexible scrutiny and outlines a shift from monthly formal meetings to a combination of approaches. The Committee will choose the most effective scrutiny method to achieve the desired aims and objectives for each topic.

3.11 Based on Statutory Guidance published in 2019, different scrutiny methods include (but are not limited to):

- A single item, or items, on a committee agenda – this method fits more closely with the “overview” aspect of the Scrutiny function and provides limited opportunity for effective scrutiny. It is most appropriate for specific issues where the committee wants to maintain a watching brief.
- A single item meeting, either as the committee or a more limited number of Members. It has the capacity to enhance the previous option by taking evidence from a number of witnesses.
- A task and finish day - provided that these are properly focused, they ensure Councillors can swiftly reach conclusions and make recommendations and are effective even for complex topics.
- A task and finish review – this is an enhancement of the previous option being held over four or six meetings spread over a limited number of months.

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3.12 The Committee's Terms of Reference is to fulfil its functions as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning:

- The collection and removal of waste from residential and other properties within the city.
- Pest control.
- Street cleansing, litter prevention, fly tipping/placarding removal and enforcement, graffiti removal, scrap yard and motor salvage operator enforcement.
- Parks and allotments.
- Local events held in parks.
- Cemeteries and crematoria, mortuary and Coroners Court services, Register Office services.
- Local Development Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, Development briefs, localisation.
- Commonwealth Games Legacy framework.

3.13 This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee (Police and Justice Act 2006) as referred to in the [Council Constitution](#). The [Crime and Disorder \(Overview and Scrutiny\) Regulations 2009](#) provides information to Local Authorities about how this function should be carried out. In fulfilling this function, the Committee will fulfil its functions as it relates to:

- Community safety, anti-social behaviour, fear of crime, support for victims of crime.
- Relationships with the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Police.
- Youth offending.
- Domestic abuse.

3.14 The Committee is chaired by Cllr Shabrana Hussain, and its membership comprises Cllrs. Gurdial Singh Atwal, Marcus Bernasconi, Kerry Brewer, Marje Bridle, Ray Goodwin, Izzy Knowles, and Darius Sandhu.

4 Work Programme 2023-24

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the topics the Committee will consider over the next few months, and also outlines future items for consideration.

4.2 The Committee may decide to add further items to the work programme during the course of the year. When considering this, the Committee is advised to consider

where it can best add value through scrutiny, and how it can prioritise topics for consideration based on the Scrutiny Framework referred to in 3.5.

- 4.3 The Council's latest [Forward Plan](#) may assist Members in identifying future topics. The following reports are of particular relevance to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

ID Number	Title	Proposed Date of Decision
	None at present.	

- 4.4 Overview and Scrutiny Chairs are advised to maintain regular engagement with Cabinet Members to enable flexibility to be built into the Overview and Scrutiny work programme, so as to respond to the Council's policy priorities in a timely way.
- 4.5 The work programme, as set out in Appendix 1, also cross references the work of the Committee with the Council's Corporate Priorities 2022-26. During the period June – December 2023 the work of this Committee will contribute to 7 Corporate Priorities.

5 Any Finance Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

6 Any Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

7 Any Equalities Implications

- 7.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act.
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 7.2 The protected characteristics and groups outlined in the Equality Act are Age; Disability; Gender Reassignment; Marriage and Civil Partnership; Pregnancy and Maternity; Race; Religion and Belief; Sex, and Sexual Orientation.
- 7.3 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering how policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant

protected characteristic; whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; and whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

- 7.4 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

8 Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Work Programme 2023-24 – December

9 Background Papers

- 9.1 [Birmingham City Council Constitution](#)
9.2 Birmingham City Council Overview and Scrutiny Framework April 2021

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
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; Enforcement approach and how this is developing; and 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 and consider whether to undertake a more detailed inquiry.</p> <p>Related work from 2022-23: Reducing Fly tipping (April 2023) Cleaner Streets (April 2023) Performance Information (presented to Neighbourhoods OSC, June 2023 by Programmes, Performance and Improvement) Co-ordinating O&S Customer Services (waste)</p> <p>Outcome: Following meeting committee members prepared two recommendations 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</p>

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						<p>locality during Love Your Environment Days. The report to the Committee should include a map 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 OSC 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 OSC at the October 2023 meeting to agree</p>

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						the level on detail that should be provided. Further work should then be undertaken to make this information available on the City Observatory and that this is circulated to elected members.
July	Community Safety Localities Approach Corporate Priorities: 9	To inform the committee on the development of a new localities approach and how ward councillors can contribute towards identifying local priorities, problem solving and reviewing impact	Committee Meeting single item: 5 July 2023 at 2pm Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline for Papers: 22 June 2023	Pamela Powis, Acting Head of Partnership, Community Safety Team		Six Local Partnership Delivery Groups operate across the city. An all-day partnership event took place on 22 May 2023 to inform this new approach. Members were invited to attend. The Neighbourhoods OSC is the designated Crime and Disorder Committee for Birmingham. This will contribute towards discharging its duties. The statutory requirements, as Crime and Disorder Committee, are outlined here . Outcome: The Committee discussed the development of the new localities approach and the engagement with Councillors. The Committee were reassured that Annual

Month	Item/Topic	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
						Delivery Plans and contacts for local managers would be shared with Ward Councillors. It requested contact details of all local managers and their areas.
August	Youth Justice Corporate Priorities: 8 and 9	To inform the annual Youth Justice Plan	Other - Briefing: 9 August 2023 at 2pm Venue: Committee Room 2 and on-line (hybrid)	Janine Saleh, Head of Birmingham Youth Offending Service, Birmingham Children's Trust	Dionne McAndrew, Assistant Director Vulnerable Young People, Birmingham Children's Trust	This is an annual report previous approved by Council in October 2022. Report The draft report went to pre-decision Scrutiny a hybrid briefing with Members of the Education, Children and Young People OSC was held. Outcome: The Neighbourhoods and Education Children and Young People OSC Members contributed to the development of the Annual Youth Justice Plan.
September	Scrutiny Contribution to Budget Savings and Recovery	To consider the Medium-Term Financial Plan, and the Q1 2023-24 budget saving position relating to services within the remit of the Neighbourhoods OSC	Committee Meeting standing item: Agenda at Neighbourhoods OSC Committee Meeting on 6 September 2023	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods	Chris Jordan, AD, Neighbourhoods Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services & Business Support	In July Co-ordinating OCS agreed that Scrutiny Committees would consider the implications of the Medium-Term Financial Plan at the September Committee meetings.

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		Provide Committee members with training materials relating to financial scrutiny.	Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 25 August 2023		Richard Lloyd-Bithell, AD, Financial Strategy Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head of Financial Strategy	The Committee received a verbal update on the S114 notice issued on 5 September 2023 Outcome: Members examined that Q1 2023/24 budget savings position for the areas relating to the Committee remit. Sought clarification on criteria for determining the 'RAG' status of savings and gave consideration as to how scrutiny might contribute to budget savings and recovery work. Members made suggestions for additional savings.
October	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings and Update on the Council's Response to S114 Notice and Financial Recovery Plan	To examine the current and future budget savings and the Recovery Plan Provide information on Quarter 1 and 2 2023/24 budget savings position to enable the committee to examine progress of delivery of the 2023/24 savings within the remit of the Committee's terms of reference.	Committee Meeting standing item: 4 October 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 26 September 2023 Committee Meeting single	Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience Darren Share, Director, Street Scene Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement	Outcome: The Committee requested attendance of relevant officers to provide further clarification and reassurance on the classification of savings identified as potential write-offs. The Committee noted findings of research into role of scrutiny in other local authorities that had been subject to S114

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		To consider 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.	item: 4 October 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 26 September 2023		Ekbal Hussain, Interim Business Partner Mohammed Sajid, Interim Head, Financial Strategy Carl Thomlinson, Interim Finance Business Partner, City Operations	Notices and Government intervention
October	Cleaner Streets Corporate Priorities: 17	To consider the progress made towards implementation of 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 OSC agreed 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 provided a formal response to the recommendations, and agreed to report progress to future committees. Outcome: The Committee examined the progress made on the recommendations and Members called for improved

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						<p>communications with ward councillors, including access to street cleaning schedules, ward contacts for street cleaning and waste collection, and point of contact to report business and trade waste on the public highway and fly tipping on private land.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member invited the Committee to comment on draft litter prevention strategy when available.</p>
October	Fly Tipping Enforcement Corporate Priorities: 17	Provide further information in fly tipping initiatives and their impact, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grime Watch • Legal interventions and enforcement activity • Analysis of locality-based data and intelligence for fly tipping (as per recommendation 1 arising from the July O&S Committee) • Land Audit Management System (LAMS) ward information (as per 	Committee Meeting single item: 4 October 2023 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 26 September 2023 <i>Other: Workshop demonstration of LAMS and Slab in</i>	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	Darren Share, Director, Street Scene	Outcome: Information relating to fly tipping was reported and a further request for information relating to analysis of data and impact of activities to fully respond to the two committee recommendations developed in July 2023. A separate demonstration to be held to build member knowledge of the Land Audit Management System and the capabilities and reliability of the in-cab tablet.

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		<p>recommendation 2 arising from the July O&S Committee)</p> <p>To understand the impact of S114 Notice on any activities.</p>	<p><i>the Cab technology on 10 January 2024</i></p>			
November	Scrutiny of Delivery of 2023/24 Budget Savings	To examine the 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 Finance Business Partner, City Operations</p> <p>Wendy Griffiths, AD, Customer Services & Business Support</p> <p>Nic Reid, Principal Operations Manager</p> <p>Sajeela Naseer, Director, Regulation and Enforcement</p>	<p>Outcome: The committee noted the establishment of the Finance and Resources Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>Following reports on high levels of missed waste collections, the Committee sought assurances that spend controls were not impacting on waste collections.</p> <p>Further examination by the committee with officers into the four non-deliverable savings associated with the customer services programme in bereavement, garden waste, markets and pest control found that whilst projects delivered improved customer service outcomes and an enhanced customer experience, savings</p>

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						<p>had been duplicated in service areas by other cross cutting proposals.</p> <p>Members suggested an audit trail of the decision-making processes for cross-departmental projects. The issue has been captured in lessons learnt for establishing clear accountabilities for savings in future cross directorate projects and that the Budget Task and Finish Group will consider this during the meetings in December and January.</p>
November	Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy Corporate Priorities: 10	Contribute to the draft Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy as part of the consultation process. Understand implications of the Council's financial situation on delivery of the 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 for Cabinet approval in January-February 2024. Co-ordinating O&S Committee held a single theme meeting in February 2023 to review the previous strategy and input in the early stages of this strategy's development. A summary is provided here .

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						<p>Outcome: The Committee commented on the draft strategy and requested a written update when finalised for Cabinet approval. The Committee agreed to review implementation of the strategy on an annual basis. To assist with the consultation exercise, members agreed to disseminate the consultation weblink.</p> <p>The Committee asked officers to explore whether additional domestic abuse training sessions could be provided to all Councillors.</p>
December	Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report Corporate Priorities: 8, 9 and 10	To review the 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: 20 November 2023	Cllr Nicky Brennan, Chair, Community Safety Partnership and Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	Chief Superintendent Richard North, Vice Chair Pamela Powis, Senior Service Manager, Safer Places	The Neighbourhoods OSC is the designated Crime and Disorder Committee for Birmingham. The Housing and Neighbourhoods OSC discussed this on 15 December 2022. The report is available here and the action notes are available here .

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				Waqar Ahmed, AD, Community Safety and Resilience (TBC)		In November, Members requested additional information on measures to tackle cuckooing, and an update on the operation and impact of the introduction of localised community safety officers.
December	Examining any impact of S114 Spend Control on Services	<p>To provide information as to whether S114 spend controls have impacted on the level of missed waste collections.</p> <p>Members have asked for statistics on missed collections before and after spending controls measures and statistics on missed green waste collections.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting standing item: 6 December 2023</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p> <p>Deadline: 20 November 2023</p>	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member, Environment	Les Williams	<p>This item was requested at the November 2023 committee following reports of missed collections in several areas of the City.</p> <p>The Committee sought assurances about any impact of S114 spend controls on the essential services.</p>
January 2024	Waste Workshop	<p>To build Members' understanding of the technology used within the department.</p> <p>Demonstration of Land Audit Management Survey and 'Slab in the Cab' technology</p>	<p>Other - Workshop: 10 January 2024 at 2pm</p> <p>Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House</p>	<p>Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member, Environment TBC</p> <p>Craig Cooper, Strategic Director, City Operations, Neighbourhoods TBC</p>	<p>Neil Griffiths, Director, Neighbourhoods TBC</p> <p>Paul Pritchett, Acting Operations Manager (Environmental Crime) TBC</p> <p>Mohammed Qudeer</p>	<p>This informal workshop will provide members with the opportunity to view the operation of the LAMS and the capabilities and reliability of the in-cab tablet to understand what data is collected and how it is used.</p>

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					Senior Waste Prevention/Inspection officer TBC Nick Massey, ICT Project Development Manager TBC	
February 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, including a permanent digital autopsy scanner.	Committee Meeting single item: 7 February 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 22 January 2024	Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement TBC	Bev Nash, Head of Service will be attending on behalf of Sajeela Naseer TBC	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.
February 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)	Committee Meeting single item: 7 February 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House	Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement TBC	Bev Nash, Head of Service TBC	Co-ordinating OSC convened Task and Finish groups to identify and monitor progress of recommendations to improve customer services in 4 areas including Bereavement Services. A final Task and Finish group report was presented to Co-

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			Deadline: 22 January 2024			ordinating O&S on 14 July 2023. here minutes are available here . It was agreed that Neighbourhoods OSC takes forward this work for Bereavement Services in the future.
March 2024	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 March 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House Deadline: 19 February 2024	Cllr John Cotton, Leader (TBC)		The Housing and Neighbourhoods OSC discussed this item in April 2023. Related strategies, policies and plans can be found here .
March 2024	Draft Litter Prevention Strategy and Fly Tipping Prevention Plan TBC	To inform the draft litter prevention strategy and fly tipping prevention plan.	Committee Meeting single item: 6 March 2024 Venue: Committee Room 6, Council House	TBC	Selena Ellis, Engagement & Performance Officer, Neighbourhoods	To inform the draft litter prevention strategy is an outcome from the Cleaner Streets item discussed at the October 2023 committee meeting. The fly tipping prevention plan is an outcome from the Fly Tipping Enforcement item

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	Corporate Priorities: 17		Deadline: 19 February 2024			discussed at the October 2023 committee meeting.

*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	TBC	Co-ordinating OSC convened Task and Finish groups to identify, and monitor progress of, recommendations to improve customer services in four areas including Waste. The Task and Finish report was presented to Co-ordinating OSC 14 July 2023. The papers are available here and the minutes are available here . It was agreed that Neighbourhoods OSC takes forward the work.
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 .
The perceived rise in incursions onto parks and green spaces. Enforcement and security of green spaces to be included.	To be confirmed.	To be confirmed.	November Licensing and Public Protection Committee report on work to manage unauthorised encampments, including data trends on number of incursions in the city was forwarded to Committee members. Birmingham

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			City Council and West Midlands Police have a Joint Protocol on the Management of Unauthorised Encampments.
Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy	To review the implementation of the new strategy on an annual basis.		This was agreed at the committee meeting on 1 November 2023.

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 | 19 Continue on the Route to Zero |
| 10 Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens | 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 in June 2023 and available [here](#).

