



Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23

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1 Terms of Reference

- 1.1 As per City Council on 24th May 2022 the Committee's Terms of Reference is to "plan and co-ordinate the work of all the Overview & Scrutiny Committees. To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning governance (including transparency, regional working and partnerships); citizens (including communications and public engagement); performance; customer services; social cohesion; equalities and emergency planning." These functions include:
- giving such guidance to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in any cases of uncertainty, as to work which they should or should not be undertaking, as may be necessary to achieve such co-ordination, including the allocation of "call-in" to the appropriate Committee;
 - determining, in any cases of uncertainty, the allocation of responsibility for specific tasks between the Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
 - ensuring (by means, for example, of issuing appropriate guidance and/or instructions) that the Overview & Scrutiny Committees pay proper attention in their work to the consideration of key cross cutting issues, in particular equalities, transparency and improvement;
 - publishing each year an Annual Programme of major scrutiny inquiries as suggested by individual Overview and Scrutiny Committees following consideration of the Council Plan and priorities;
 - agreeing the establishment of any task & finish groups; and



- considering overview and scrutiny development, working practices and constitutional arrangements.

2 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To enable the Committee to:
- 2.2 Review the work programme for the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee and update members on the work programmes of the other Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Inquiries that will be carried out during 2022/23.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee:
- 3.2 Reviews and agree any amendments to the work programme for the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 Reviews the work programmes for the Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity, Education and Children's Social Care, Economy and Skills, Health and Adult Care, Housing and Neighbourhoods, Resources, Transport and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committees as set out in Appendix 2
- 3.4 Notes the update on the Scrutiny Inquiries in section 7 of the report.

4 Background

- 4.1 Each Scrutiny Committee has developed a work programme and any cross cutting issues have been considered by Co-ordinating OSC to decide how these will be managed. The Inquiries for 2022/23 have been agreed and the Task and Finish Groups established to undertake this work.

5 Co-ordinating Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

- 5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the draft work programme for 2022/23 as agreed at the September meeting of the Co-ordinating OSC and in consultation with the Chair. Members are asked to review the work programme and the items to be scheduled and agree any amendments.

6 Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes

- 6.1 The Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee terms of reference include the duty to plan and co-ordinate the work of all the Overview & Scrutiny Committees. The work programmes for the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees are attached as Appendix 2



to enable Members to consider the range and scope of issues that will be scrutinised and identify any gaps or duplication to be raised with Committee¹. The cross-cutting issues relating to future work are set out below:

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

¹ Scrutiny Work Programme are live documents and may be updated prior to further Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings in October.



Co-ordinating O&SC	14 October 2022 Report on Devolution Trailblazer Deal	Members of the Employment and Skills Inquiry Task and Finish Group The Deputy Leader will report to Co-ordinating OSC on the devolution deal and this discussion will inform the work of the Employment and Skills Inquiry.
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7 Scrutiny Inquiries 2022/23

- 7.1 Work is progressing for the Scrutiny Inquiries and the following meetings of the Task and Finish Groups have been held to agree the terms of reference which will then be reported to the Lead Committee:

Inquiry	Task and Finish Group	Lead Committee
Children and Young People's Mental Health	7 October 2022	18 October 2022
Commonwealth Games Health and Wellbeing Legacy	20 September 2022	12 October 2022
Employment and Skills	30 September 2022	12 October 2022
Child Criminal Exploitation	TBC	30 th November 2022

- 7.2 Once the terms of reference have been approved by the Lead Committee all members will be invited to contribute to the Inquiry and a public call for evidence will be made.

8 Request(s) for Call In / Councillor Call for Action / Petitions Received (if any)

- 8.1 There are no other meetings scheduled at this time.

Call in Meetings:

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests



None scheduled

It is suggested that the Committee approves Friday at 10.00am as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions

9 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

- 9.1 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in identifying potential agenda items.
- 9.2 The Committee may wish to consider whether issues currently listed on the Forward Plan require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny. This can be viewed in full via Forward Plans (cmis.uk.com).

10 Legal Implications

- 10.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

11 Financial Implications

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

12 Public Sector Equality Duty

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.



- 12.3 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.

13 Use of Appendices

- 13.1 Appendix 1 – Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2022/2023
- 13.2 Appendix 2 – Scrutiny Committee Work Programme