



CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2018/19 – May 2019

To include:

- Policy framework plans
- Executive and Scrutiny reports
- Appointments
- City Council Resolutions Tracker (Appendix 1)

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| 7 May 2019 | Proportionality |
| | City Council Appointments |
| | Annual Review of the City Council's Constitution |
| | Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad |
| (tbc) May 2019 | Order of Notices of Motion at City Council |
| | Appointment of Sub-Committee and Other Bodies – Personnel Appeals Committee |
| | Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance) |
| | Reports not on the Forward Plan – Annual Report |
| 24 June 2019 | Petitions Update |
| | Recommendation to appoint citizen representatives – Independent Remuneration Panel (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services) |
| 27 August 2019 | Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad |
| | Petitions Update |
| 21 October 2019 | Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad |
| 18 November 2019 | |

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| 21 May 2019 | Annual General Meeting |
| | • Election of Lord Mayor |
| | • Annual appointments |
| | • Annual review of the Constitution |
| 11 June 2019 | Review of the Constitution |
| | Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2019/20 |
| | Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee: Single Use Plastics |
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| 09 July 2019 | |
| | The Refreshed Council Plan 2019 - 2022 |
| | Co-ordinating O&S Committee: City Council Inquiry |
| | Recommendation to appoint citizen representatives – Independent Remuneration Panel |
| 15 September 2019 | Recommendation to appoint independent members – Standards Committee |
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| 3 November 2019 | |
| 1 December 2019 | |

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| 16 December 2019 | Petitions Update |
| 21 January 2020 | |
| 10 February 2020 | Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad Provisional City Council and CBM dates for 2019/20 |
| 23 March 2019 | Petitions Update Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel tbc (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services) |
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Four Yearly or ad-hoc items:

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman

Appointment of the Leader

* Pre-meeting of members to select Lord Mayor elect

** Annual Council Photograph

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| 12 January 2020 | |
| 2 February 2020* | |
| 23 February 2020 | |
| 13 April 2020 | Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel |
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| 25 May 2020 | Annual Meeting |
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Items to be scheduled / proposed:

Waste Strategy – 2019

Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

| Ref no | Date | Summary of Council Resolution | Lead Cabinet Member / officer | Update |
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| 1b | 12 June 2018 | <i>Motion for Debate:</i> council would support school expansion where it meets the requirement for additional places; and calls for re-direction of government funding for emotional, mental health and special educational needs support for those who need it most | Cabinet Member, Education, Skills & Culture / Tim O'Neill Director, Education & Skills | <p>Council Officers are undertaking work looking at the existing school estate, and assessing provision against future demand/need. This is very much a work in progress but will underpin a new school estate approach, linked to the Council's developing Property Strategy.</p> <p>The High Needs Block that provides funding for students with SEND is under severe pressure nationally and the Council is working with the Schools Forum to understand how the limited funding available can be better used to support children with SEND. However, the funding is not matching rising demand.</p> <p>Work is also underway to assess what places are required to respond to the specific needs of children, and rising demand for support related to Social, Emotional and Mental health and Autism.</p> <p>Scrutiny considered this in September with details of sufficiency planning. [August update]</p> |

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| 1c | 12 June 2018 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> response to flooding including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an investigation into the flooding under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010; and Overview and Scrutiny to carry out a complementary investigation into the flood of May 2018 and to return to City Council | Cabinet Member, Transport & Environment / Waheed Nazir, Director, Inclusive Growth (Kevin Hicks) | <p>The Section 19 report will develop as responses to the questionnaire¹ are received and any mitigation actions to prevent further flooding will be taken or progressed as necessary as information becomes available. It is likely (given previous examples) that the final version of the Section 19 report relating to this incident will be available by Spring 2019 [August update]</p> <p>COMPLETED: Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee held evidence gathering in July 2018 and report to City Council presented September 2018. [October update]</p> |
| 2c | 10 July 2018 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> a working group to review, identify and address issues they face and help make Birmingham City Council an exemplar parent friendly employer, including reviewing staff parental leave policy. This review should explore bringing maternity pay (including shared parental leave) at least into line with the 6 months full pay now offered to non-SRA councillors and be completed in time for the 2018/19 budget process.</p> | Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources / Dawn Hewins, Director of HR | <p>Benchmarking with other Local Authorities and Public Sector organisations has taken place. A review of all family friendly policies is being carried out and a cost benefit analysis to establish the potential costs and budget pressure that will be incurred in increasing maternity/shared parental leave benefits. An options appraisal is being developed with a report due back at CBM in May 2019.</p> <p>Completion: Spring 2019 [March update]</p> |

¹ A key element in the production of the Section 19 report is to send questionnaires to locations where flooding might have occurred. Over 1800 properties have been identified to receive questionnaires regarding whether flooding occurred at to the property on 27th May. This figure is significantly above the number of properties known to have flooded as the process of identifying potential flooding locations involves seeking information from properties immediately around those known flooded locations. Currently over 1700 properties have been contacted to obtain information from the property owners, tenants, etc.

Where potential mitigation measures are being identified in the collection of this information we are seeking to deliver “quick wins” and immediate works as the issues are identified. As an example, on the River Cole working in partnership with The Environment Agency the river has been cleared of debris, in addition to cutting back overhanging vegetation and removing significant obstruction which could impede flows. These actions were mobilised 3 weeks ago.

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| 3e | 11 September 2018 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> calls for action at a city level so Birmingham makes a significant contribution to reducing disposal of plastics and cleaning up the environment / calls on the Executive to ask the Transport and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee to explore the opportunities and the options available to the City so it can become a Plastic Free City / asks the Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs urging him to bring the United Kingdom into line with the European Union's 2030 target for phasing out single use plastics / commits to working with partners within the Combined Authority to develop a complimentary regional strategy on this issue to ensure greater collaboration and to leverage more support from Government for innovative schemes to help support the Government's own strategy to reduce plastic pollution</p> | <p>Chair, Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services</p> <p>Cabinet Member Clean Streets, Waste and Recycling / Jacqui Kennedy, Director, Neighbourhoods</p> | <p>Scrutiny: Inquiry into plastic free city underway, report to Council proposed June 2019. [February update]</p> |
| 4b | 06 November 2018 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council welcomes the Government announcement of a new campaign to tackle Mental Health – Every Mind Matters / therefore calls on the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update local plans to reflect new opportunities arising from recent Government policy announcements - Bring the area action plan back to full Council for formal adoption and debate - Once adopted, ask Scrutiny to track progress against the Action Plan, reporting back to Full Council if the committee believes it necessary to update. | <p>Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive (Justin Varney, Director of Public Health)</p> | <p>Birmingham Public Health and NHS England/PHE are planning a City Wide Multi Agency Suicide Prevention Workshop in May to which Councillors are invited. This is part of developing the action plan for the City, ensuring a joined up approach to delivering against Multi-Agency Suicide Prevention Plans.</p> <p>The Health O&S Committee is receiving regular updates [April 2019 update]</p> |

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| 5b | 04 December 2018 | <p>Women & Democracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the attached Statement of Intent is agreed; That Cabinet Members and named officers are asked to implement the action plan included within the report in order to tackle the many barriers to women's representation in Local Government; Add the following to action plan:- Noting the small proportion of women representing the new single member wards, to lobby the Boundary Commission for a further review of city wards to tackle this issue. | Deputy Leader / Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor | Action plan implementation underway [January 2019] |
| 5c | 04 December 2018 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask the Health and Well-Being Overview & Scrutiny Committee to work with relevant Cabinet Members, officers and partners to explore how sanitary products can be made available free of charge to female students in Birmingham's schools and colleges and to women employed in or visiting council run buildings; Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking the Government to provide the necessary funding to cover the cost of providing free sanitary products to girls and women in council workplaces, schools and colleges and scrap the VAT levied on female sanitary products as soon as is practicable and, in the meantime, to use the VAT collected on these products to fund the provision of free sanitary products for girls and women in need | <p>Cabinet Member Health and Social Care /Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive (Justin Varney, Director of Public Health)</p> <p>Chair, Health and Social Care O&S Committee</p> | The Health and Social Care O&S Committee agreed terms of reference for this work in February, with the first evidence gathering session to be held in June. [March update] |

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| 5d | 04 December 2018 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> this Council calls for Scrutiny to examine with the Armed Forces Champions and reported back to Full Council to look at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Council currently supports veterans ... • To look specifically at the current housing offer ... • How the Council currently works with partners .. • Identify any extra areas of support that the Council can provide either itself or in partnership • Identify areas where we can help build better understanding amongst the wider community • Identify any areas where the council can constructively feedback to national government for policy changes or additional support <p>In addition the Council also calls on the Executive, at the end of this Review, to write to all armed forces and key armed forces organisations (such as the Royal British Legion) setting out the Birmingham offer, along with details on how to access support to encourage full take up for all eligible individuals.</p> | Chair, Co-ordinating O&S committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services | To be discussed at a future Scrutiny Chairs meeting. This work is likely to be commenced in the new municipal year [February update] |

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| 5e | 04 December 2018 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> The Council recommends that the executive engages with scrutiny to review its policies for regeneration areas to ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regeneration is planned to meet the City's housing need. 2. Residents living in a regeneration area have the opportunity to shape and influence plans. 3. The executive's proposed 'right to return' policy is comprehensive and balanced. 4. The implications of a residents ballot on regeneration projects is fully explored | Leader / Jacqui Kennedy, Director, Neighbourhoods | The draft Option to Return - Policy for Housing Regeneration Schemes was discussed informally with the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee in February 2019 and will be brought to committee in March 2019, ahead of the Cabinet decision [February update] |
| 6b | 15 January 2019 | <p>That the City Council approves the Statement of Gambling Principles and authorises:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. the City Solicitor to update the list of Policy Framework Plans to include the same; and ii. the Acting Director of Regulation and Enforcement to do what is necessary to publish and comply with the same. | Kate Charlton, City Solicitor | Changes to Constitution to be made as part of refresh – July 2019 [February update] |
| 6c | 15 January 2019 | That the City of Sanctuary policy statement (Appendix 1) is approved as the City Council's new commitment to supporting the resettlement and integration of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Birmingham. In addition that the Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health be authorised to publish and disseminate the document as appropriate | Cabinet Member, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equality / Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care & Health | Policy statement being readied for publication [March 2019] |

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| 6e | 15 January 2019 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council notes with concern the increase in violent injuries arising from assaults in the city - including a reported increase of nearly 20% in cases of knife crime in the West Midlands. Council also notes that low-cost bleed control first aid kits can help save lives, especially when used by trained bystanders [..]</p> <p>Council expects the Cabinet Member for Education, Schools and Culture and the Cabinet Member for Social inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities to report back progress on [the motion] to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Council requests that Licensing and Public Protection Committee carry on its efforts to support the Bleed Control Kit initiative by continuing to encourage licensed premises to equip themselves with the kit and the necessary training</p> | Cabinet Member for Education, Schools and Culture / Cabinet Member for Social inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities / Dr Tim O'Neill, Director Education & Skills / Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care & Health | To be scheduled possibly as part of the Community Safety Annual Report to Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee (July 2019) [April 2019] |

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| 6g | 15 January 2019 | <p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> The Council therefore calls on the Executive to place into the public domain all documents relating to the GMB payment including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the ACAS deal itself • Copies of all delegated decision reports • Copies of any briefings or correspondence with any cabinet member, previous or current, regarding the deal • Copies of any correspondence between the Council and GMB in the run up to and after the Unite settlement regarding the proposed settlement and any objections GMB had to that • Copies of any correspondence concerning the decision to exclude GMB from talks after the Unite settlement • Copies of minutes from all meetings between the Council and any Union concerning implementation of the Nov 2017 settlement • Full details of all costs involved, including the total payment itself and any legal costs • Copies of any correspondence regarding how and why the deal should be kept secret and not included in usual processes such as the requirement to publish all spend over £500 • The Council also calls for an immediate review into the use of delegated powers within the constitution | Leader / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor | Motion will be monitored regarding release of documentation, earliest possible date Feb 2020 [February 2019 update] |

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| 7b | 05-Feb-19 | <p>That Council adopts the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2018/19, taking into account the financial implications and the priority actions identified.</p> <p>This Council asks the Executive to bring forward the 19/20 youth justice plan to Council in June 2019 for adoption</p> | Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equality / Jacqui Kennedy, Director, Neighbourhoods | Scheduled for 11 June 2019 [March update] |
| 7c | 05-Feb-19 | <p>This Council believes that public open space and parkland is vital to the physical and mental health of residents, to protecting the environment and to improving air quality [...]</p> <p>This Council also calls on the Executive to listen to the residents and users of Burford Road Playing Fields and Dugdale Crescent and balance any concerns against the wider interests of the city and Birmingham's growing population</p> | Leader / Waheed Nazir, Director, Inclusive Growth | Cabinet considered this on 26 th March; Dugdale Crescent was not one of the sites included. Burford Road Playing Fields was considered as part of the call-in request to Resources O&S Committee on 8 th April |
| 7s | 05-Feb-19 | <p>This council welcomes Ofsted's recognition of the improvements to children's social care services in Birmingham and commends the outstanding efforts of staff and all who contributed to bringing about this positive news. [...]</p> <p>Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging the Government to address the funding crisis facing children's services in next year's Spending Review, by delivering a long-term sustainable funding solution that enables councils to protect children at immediate risk of harm while also supporting early intervention to prevent problems escalating in the first place</p> | Cabinet Member, Education, Skills & Culture / Tim O'Neill Director, Education & Skills | |

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| 8a | 02-Apr-19 | The recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel on Page 4 of its Annual Report be accepted and implemented with effect from 21 May 2019 | Leader / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor | COMPLETED: Members' Allowance Scheme updated |
| 8b | 02-Apr-19 | The Council accepts the statutory recommendations of Grant Thornton made under section 24 of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the responses and actions set out in section 3 of this report | - | - |
| 8c | 02-Apr-19 | <p>That Council notes the final formal assessment of the Council's improvement journey prior to the Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel (BIIP) stepping down at the end of March 2019 and notes the City Council's priorities for improvement 2019/20+.</p> <p>The Council adds its thanks to the Improvement Panel for its support over the last 5 years and regrets that "years of public denial, defensiveness and push-back has prevented the Council taking all the necessary steps to deliver real and lasting change."</p> <p>The Council commits to working positively and openly from the outset with whatever form of support the Secretary of State decides to put in place following the Improvement Panel's recommendation for continued intervention</p> | - | - |

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| 8d | 02-Apr-19 | <p><i>Motions for Debate:</i></p> <p>This Council notes that: Government changes to the Schools national funding formula are having a detrimental impact on the education of Birmingham children - in particular those with additional needs.</p> <p>...</p> <p>The Council therefore requests that the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing write to the Secretary of State for Education Damian Hind MP and the Chancellor of the Exchequer Phillip Hammond MP, urging them to ensure that our City's education budget is sufficient to cover increasing Special Educational Needs demands to call for the Notional Funding Formulae be adjusted so that allocations can be determined by the City Council; to ensure that this Council is able to allocate funds (above the limited 0.5%) from other Schools funding blocks.</p> <p>The Council also calls on the Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing to continue lobbying against the Government's ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be invested in the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for education, ensuring that all our City's Children have the funding provision sufficient to meet their needs.</p> | Leader / Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing / Tim O'Neill Director, Education & Skills | |
| 8e | 02-Apr-19 | <p><i>Motions for Debate:</i></p> <p>This Council expresses its very serious concern at the rise in knife crime in the city. Every violent incident, every injury, every life lost is a tragedy</p> | | |

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| | | <p>that has devastating consequences for all involved.</p> <p>...</p> <p>This Council therefore calls on the Executive to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to the Government to request a review into licensing and other powers available to councils to restrict knife sales, particularly assault and combat knives designed to inflict the most serious damage • Call on government to carrying out a sentencing review to ensure tougher sentences for repeat offences • Write to the Home Secretary urging him to provide the £1m funding urgently needed to scale up the work of Violence Prevention Alliance. • Urge the Government to keep to its commitment to use the forthcoming comprehensive spending review to ensure sufficient local public sector funding and to ensure that this takes into account relative needs and resources so that Birmingham and the West Midlands gets the money it needs to increase the police presence on our streets and invest in early intervention • Lobby the Government to prioritise funding for youth services in the comprehensive spending review and ask that it urgently seeks to legislate for a statutory youth service, with dedicated ring fenced funding, provided by a core of JNC qualified youth workers, from the statutory and voluntary sector, working with trained and supported volunteers. • Call on the West Midlands Police and Crime | | |

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| | | <p>Commissioner – to continue to prioritise funding on frontline police over back office functions and consultants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redouble efforts with partners to find more collaborative ways to tackle the knife carrying culture by building on the work led by the Children’s Trust, the Violence Prevention Alliance and The City Board. • Maximise the opportunity afforded by hosting the Knife Angel sculpture. And to Work with partners, youth groups and local media organisations to promote the national #goknifefree campaign in Birmingham, adapting and targeting the message where necessary. • Calls for an immediate injection of sustainable funding into police forces and local authorities to increase the capacity for responding to knife crime; • Reaffirms the Council support, agreed in January, for the rolling out of bleed control training, in particular as part of efforts to tackle the knife-carrying culture in schools and educational institutions. | | |
| 8f | 02-Apr-19 | <p><i>Motions for Debate:</i></p> <p>In light of recent events at schools and mosques in Birmingham, this Council condemns hateful behaviour of all kinds.</p> <p>...</p> <p>This Council resolves to adopt the APPG definition of Islamophobia:</p> <p>Further, this Council believes that the best way to</p> | | |

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| | | tackle all types of hate is through education. The No Outsiders Programme developed in this City and other similar education programmes used in schools have an essential role to play in ending discrimination against all protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010 and as such should be given this Council's full support. | | |

Other Actions from City Council Meetings

| Date | Agenda Item | Cabinet Member | Request/Question | Action taken |
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| 15-Jan-19 | Oral Questions | Cllr Jayne Francis | To confirm to Cllr Timothy Huxtable the cost of installing self-enforcing traffic measures referred to the in the budget consultation. | COMPLETED: Cllr Huxtable emailed on 29 March 2019 |
| 05-Feb-19 | Oral Questions | Cllr Sharon Thompson | To give a written response to Cllr Diane Donaldson on the demolition of Warstone tower block (that external demolition will take place over the summer holidays) | |
| 05-Feb-19 | Oral Questions | Cllr Ian Ward | To give further information in response to Cllr Tilsley's question on the implementation of the "no-idling" policy | |
| 02-Apr-19 | Oral Questions | Cllr Kate Booth | To provide to Cllr Yip a clearer breakdown on the use of taxis for home to school transport, including the numbers of young people covered by the costs outlined in the written question; and cost per month for taxi use for home to school transport. | |

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| 02-Apr-19 | Oral Questions | Cllr Sharon Thompson | To provide all councillors with a briefing on the works undertaken to date, works outstanding and latest financial position in relation to Warstone Lane and Key Hill Cemeteries. | |
| 02-Apr-19 | Oral Questions | Cllr Waseem Zaffar | To provide a response in respect of the trees planted on Bristol Road and their cost-effectiveness, and any lessons to be learned for the future. | |
| 02-Apr-19 | Oral Questions | Cllr Jayne Francis | To respond to Cllr David Pears request to livestream Schools Forum meetings | |