

# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 26 JUNE 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 the meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.  
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#### **2 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.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct is set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>. This includes, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provides a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

	3	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>	
			To receive any apologies.
<b><u>5 - 10</u></b>	4	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b>	
			To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2023.
<b><u>11 - 18</u></b>	5	<b><u>APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES</u></b>	
			Report of the City Solicitor.
<b><u>19 - 24</u></b>	6	<b><u>THE LORD MAYORALTY FORMULA</u></b>	
			Report of the City Solicitor.
<b><u>25 - 30</u></b>	7	<b><u>DECISIONS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION</u></b>	
			Report of the City Solicitor.
<b><u>31 - 38</u></b>	8	<b><u>PETITIONS UPDATE</u></b>	
			Report of the City Solicitor.
<b><u>39 - 42</u></b>	9	<b><u>COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING</u></b>	
			To consider the Council agenda for the next meeting.
<b><u>43 - 68</u></b>	10	<b><u>CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN</u></b>	
			To inform members of forthcoming items for City Council and Council Business Management Committee meeting agendas.
	11	<b><u>COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2023/2024</u></b>	

To note that meetings of this Committee be held on Mondays at 1400 hours except where specified as follows:-

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12 **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.

13 **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

<b>COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 30 MAY 2023</b>
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 30 MAY 2023  
AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE,  
VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM**

**PRESENT:** - Councillor John Cotton in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Baber Baz, Des Hughes,  
Brigid Jones, Chaman Lal and Sharon Thompson.

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

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**APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE**

190 Members noted the appointments made to serve on the Committee for  
the municipal year 2023/24.

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**ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR**

191 Councillor John Cotton proposed that Councillor Sharon Thompson be  
appointed as Deputy Chair of the Committee for the municipal year  
2023/24. This was seconded by Councillor Des Hughes.

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**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

192 No declarations of interests were made.

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**APOLOGIES**

- 193 Apologies were received from Councillors Sir Albert Bore, Miranda Perks and Gareth Moore
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**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 194 The Committee noted the terms of reference of the Council Business Management Committee. The ongoing review of the Council constitution would review the terms of reference as a matter of routine. No changes to the terms of reference were proposed for the 2023/24 municipal year.
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**MINUTES**

- 195 Councillor Robert Alden informed the Committee that in relation to the 'Review of the City Council's Constitution' item considered at the 9 May meeting, he had expressed a view that some other Councils handled breach procedures in a different manner than as set out in the Birmingham City Council Constitution.

In relation to minute 187, the Committee noted that one speaker from each Group – Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Green should be asked to speak in relation to Srebrenica Motion at the 11 July City Council meeting.

Subject to the above amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

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**INDEPENDENT MEMBERS (STANDARDS AND INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL) RECRUITMENT**

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Robert Connelly, Assistant Director (Governance), made introductory comments relating to the report.

Members noted that the same recruitment process previously used had been utilised when recruiting Independent Members on this occasion.

The Committee further noted that due to a recent uplift, the remuneration rate for Independent Members had increased. The Assistant Director (Governance) would clarify the revised rates.

It was-

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**RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the Council Business Management Committee agreed to recruit to the following roles:

<b>Role</b>	<b>Reason for recruitment</b>
2 x IRP Citizen Representatives	Term of Offices expires (31/08/2023)
1 x Appointed IRP Representative	Resignation
2 x Independent People	Resignation / Additional Member
1 x Lay member of Standards Committee	Resignation

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**REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES – JEWELLERY QUARTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REFERENDUM**

The following report of the Assistant Director (Governance) was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

Robert Connelly, Assistant Director (Governance), made introductory comments relating to the report.

Members noted that in the future, the Constitution could be amended to delegate decision making in relation to polling districts and places to the Assistant Director (Governance). This would mean such matters would not need to be formally considered by the Committee.

The Committee was assured that Ward Members were consulted as part of any proposed changes to polling districts and places.

It was-

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**RESOLVED:-**

That the Committee agreed the proposed change and noted the situation of the other polling stations within the NPR area.

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**APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Councillor Robert Alden confirmed that the Conservative Group would be appointing Members to Sub-Committees and Other Bodies as per the 2022/23 municipal year – there were no proposed changes at this point.

The Labour and Liberal Democrat Group would submit their appointments to Sub-Committees and Other Bodies before the end of the current week

It was-

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**RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the Sub-Committees and other bodies detailed in the Appendix to the report be appointed for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

(ii) That Councillors be appointed to serve on the Sub-Committees and other bodies detailed in the Appendix to the report for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

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**ORDER OF NOTICES OF MOTION AT FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2023/24**

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

During the ensuing discussion the following was agreed/noted:-

The Review of Birmingham City Council (City Council Meetings) was still being undertaken. Therefore, the Committee agreed to continue with the allocation of Motions for 2023/24 as per the previous arrangement used for 2022/23.

The order of Motions would be amended to reflect that for the 11 June meeting, the Conservative Group would submit Motion 1 and the Liberal Democrat Group would submit Motion 2. The Senior Committee Manager would amend the Order of Motions for 2023/24 to reflect this and to confirm the order of Motions for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year. The order would be circulated to Group offices.



It was-

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**RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the Committee agreed to allocate the Order of Motions for the municipal year 2023/24 based on the system used during 2022/23 (option 1 of the report).

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**COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

During the ensuing discussion on the Council agenda the following was agreed/noted:-

It was proposed by Councillor Alden that less time be allocated to the Executive Business Report and additional time be allocated to the Housing Ombudsman Report.

Councillor Cotton expressed a view that the 55 minutes allocated to the Executive Business Report was appropriate, with 45 minutes then allocated to the Housing Ombudsman Report.

The majority of the Committee agreed to the 55/45 minute time split across both items as proposed by Councillor Cotton. Councillor Alden wished for it to be placed on record that he did not agree with the time allocation.

It was also agreed that an extraordinary meeting would be held on 13 June 2023 at 1330 in order to consider a report in relation to the Highbury Trust.

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**RESOLVED:-**

(i) That an extraordinary meeting of the Council take place on 13 June at 1330.

(ii) That the agenda for the meeting of the Council on 13 June 2023 be noted with the 55 minutes allocated to the Executive Business Report and 45 minutes allocated to the Housing Ombudsman Report.

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**PETITIONS UPDATE**

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 6)

Ben Patel-Sadler, Senior Committee Manager, made introductory comments relating to the report.

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The Committee noted that the number of outstanding petitions continued to fall.

It was-

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### **RESOLVED:-**

(i) That the Committee noted the progress made in relation to the responding to and discharging of petitions

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### **CITY COUNCIL AND CBMC FORWARD PLAN**

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The Committee noted the City Council and CBMC Forward Plan.

(See document No 7)

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### **COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2023**

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The Committee noted the Council Business Management Committee dates for 2023/24:

To be held on Mondays at 1400 hours except where specified as follows:-

<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>
	22 January
26 June	12 February
Tuesday 29 August	Tuesday 2 April
23 October	Tuesday 7 May
20 November	
18 December	

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### **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business to consider.

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### **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

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### **RESOLVED:-**

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

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The meeting ended at 14:31

**Birmingham City Council**  
**Council Business Management Committee**  
26 June 2023



**Subject:** **Appointment of Sub-Committees and Other Bodies**  
**Report of:** Janie Berry, City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer  
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential:

## **1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The instructions of the Committee were sought at the May 2023 meeting in relation to the appointment of Members to serve on Sub-Committees and other bodies.
- 1.2 The Member appointments to Sub-Committees and other bodies have now been confirmed by each Group.

## **2 Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the confirmed Member appointments to Sub-Committees and other bodies for the Municipal Year 2023/24 as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

## **3 Background**

- 3.1 The principles of Proportionality apply to the appointment of Sub-Committees except that committees are not required to have regard to the aggregate number of seats on all the Sub-Committees which they appoint. Historically, with the exception of the Election Matters Members Forum, all appointments to Sub-Committees have been subject to proportionality rules.

## **4 Legal Implications**

- 4.1 Committee proportionality is based on the provisions outlined as part of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

## **5 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

## **6 Public Sector Equality Duty**

- 6.1 There are no immediate equality implications arising from this report.

## **7 Other Implications**

- 7.1 None.

## **8 Background Papers**

- 8.1 Birmingham City Council Constitution.

## **9 Appendix**

- 9.1 **Appendix 1** - Appointment of Sub-Committees and Other Bodies

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

#### **A. MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee is requested to appoint the above Sub-Committee with the following Functions:-

1. To consider any appeal under the Rules and Regulations for the Operation of the Retail Markets.
2. To consider any other appeal(s) that are not covered by any of the other Committees or Sub-Committees of the City Council.

The Committee is requested to appoint the Chair and Members to the Sub-Committee as follows:-

**5 Members** (3 Lab: 1 Con: 1 Lib Dem) Quorum is 3 Members

#### **2022/2023**

Cllr Marje Bridle	(Lab) – Chair
Cllr Mary Locke	(Lab)
Cllr Shafique Shah	(Lab)
Cllr Gareth Moore	(Con)
Cllr	(Lib Dem)

#### **2023/2024**

Cllr Marje Bridle	(Lab)
Cllr Mary Locke	(Lab)
Cllr Shafique Shah	(Lab)
Cllr Gareth Moore	(Con)
Cllr Penny Wagg	(Lib Dem)

with Cllr Marje Bridle as Chair

#### **B. ELECTION MATTERS MEMBERS FORUM** (out of proportionality rules)

The Committee is requested to appoint the above Forum with the following Functions:-

1. To recommend further improvements to the Elections Office and/or the Elections processes;
2. To be consulted over relevant consultation papers relating to the Elections Process;
3. To discuss issues that the Returning Officer may wish to raise with the Members

Forum.

The Committee is requested to appoint the Chair and Members to the Sub-Committee as follows:-

**7 Members** (4 Lab, 2 Con, 1 Lib Dem) Quorum is 3 Members

**2022/2023**

Cllr Brigid Jones	(Lab)
Cllr Saddak Miah	(Lab)
Cllr Ian Ward	(Lab) (Chair)
Cllr Des Hughes	(Lab)
Cllr Robert Alden	(Con)
Cllr Timothy Huxtable	(Con)
Cllr Jon Hunt	(Lib Dem)

**2023/2024**

Cllr Sharon Thompson	(Lab)
Cllr Brigid Jones	(Lab)
Cllr John Cotton	(Lab)
Cllr Des Hughes	(Lab)
Cllr Robert Alden	(Con)
Cllr Timothy Huxtable	(Con)
Cllr Jon Hunt	(Lib Dem)

with Cllr John Cotton as Chair

**C. CHIEF OFFICER AND DEPUTY CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENTS,  
DISMISSALS AND SERVICE CONDITIONS SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee is requested to appoint the above Sub-Committee with the following Functions:-

1. To consider and determine the form of the employment contracts and other Terms and Conditions (including related structural issues) for the Chief and Deputy Chief Officer Posts as defined in the Constitution of the City Council.
2. To be responsible for making appointments to all posts falling within 1 above and to recommend to the Council the appointment of the Chief Executive.
3. To deal with all termination and disciplinary arrangements relating to Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer posts (including early retirement and the award of added years).

The Committee is requested to appoint the Chair and Members to the Sub-Committee as follows:-

The Leaders of the three main political parties (or their nominees) and two other members (or their nominees), subject to the proportionality rules and the Chief Executive as an advisor. Quorum is 3 Members to include the Leader of the Main Opposition Party or their nominee.

**2022/2023**

Cllr Ian Ward (Lab) (Chair)

Cllr Brigid Jones (Lab)

Cllr (Lab)\*

Cllr Robert Alden (Con)

Cllr Jon Hunt (Lib Dem)

\*To be appointed dependent on the Directorate to which the post relates.

**2023/2024**

Cllr John Cotton (Lab) (or their nominee)

Cllr Sharon Thompson (Lab) (or their nominee)

Cllr tbc\* (Lab)\* (or their nominee)

Cllr Robert Alden (Con) (or their nominee)

Cllr Roger Harmer (Lib Dem) (or their nominee)

\*To be appointed dependent on the Directorate to which the post relates.

With Cllr John Cotton as Chair

## **D. PERSONNEL APPEALS (DISMISSALS) SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee is requested to appoint the above Sub-Committee with the following Functions:-

1. To consider, with Delegated Power the appeals relating to the Dismissal of Council managed employees.
2. (the process to be followed by appellants shall be as laid down on the People Solutions website and in accordance with City Council's policy with no appeals being submitted direct to this body without first exhausting the prescribed HR process).
3. In hearing an appeal, the Sub-Committee shall not have the power to award financial compensation to any appellant.
4. The Sub-Committee shall have the right to determine whether appeals shall be dealt with, where appropriate, by means of written representations.
5. All meetings of the above Sub-Committee must be chaired by one of the three appointed Chairs of the Sub-Committee and a Quorum for the full Sub-Committee or an individual Panel hearing an appeal shall be 3. No appeal may be heard in the absence of a Quorum.
6. To authorise the Chair of the Sub-Committee or any Member thereof to give evidence at any Employment Tribunal should they be required to do so.
7. To recommend to the Council Business Management Committee and oversee any appropriate training and guidance being given to Members and Officers, as necessary, on how to manage Personnel Appeals.
8. To recommend to the Council Business Management Committee any appropriate or desirable improvements for dealing with the effective and efficient administration of future Personnel Appeals arising from case hearings.
9. To make any other recommendations to the Council Business Management Committee.

The Committee is requested to appoint the Chairs and Members to the Sub-Committees as follows in accordance with proportionality requirements

### **11 Members (7 Lab, 3 Con, 1 Lib Dem)**

#### **2022/2023**

Cllr Mick Brown (Lab)

Cllr Sir Albert Bore (Lab)

#### **2023/2024**

Cllr Mick Brown (Lab)

Cllr Sir Albert Bore (Lab)



Cllr Mahmood Hussain	(Lab)*	Cllr Mahmood Hussain	(Lab)
Cllr Basharat Mahmood	(Lab)	Cllr Basharat Mahmood	(Lab)
Cllr Bushra Bi	(Lab)	Cllr Bushra Bi	(Lab)
Cllr Mary Locke	(Lab)*	Cllr Mary Locke	(Lab)
Cllr Sybil Spence	(Lab)*	Cllr Sybil Spence	(Lab)
Cllr Darius Sandhu	(Con)	Cllr Darius Sandhu	(Con)
Cllr Kerry Brewer	(Con)	Cllr Kerry Brewer	(Con)
Cllr Rick Payne	(Con)	Cllr Rick Payne	(Con)
Cllr Penny Wagg	(Lib Dem)	Cllr Penny Wagg	(Lib Dem)

\*Chairs

\*Chairs.

#### **E. COUNCIL HOUSE CROSS PARTY WORKING GROUP**

The above Working Group has been replaced with a Cross-party Steering Committee to drive forward the development of the Council House Complex as referred to in a report earlier in the meeting with the following Membership:-

<b><u>2022/2023</u></b>	<b><u>2023/2024</u></b>
Deputy Leader (Chair)	Councillor Sharon Thompson
Leader	Councillor John Cotton
Leader of The Conservative Group or nominee	
Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group or nominee (Paul Tilsley)	Councillor Paul Tilsley
Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture	Councillor Saima Suleman
Chief Executive/s Birmingham Museums Trust or nominee	
Assistant Director Communities, Culture	
Director, Inclusive Growth/Assistant Director	
Other key representatives of external organisations as required	

#### **F. CIVIC/CEREMONIAL CROSS PARTY WORKING GROUP**

The Committee is requested to note the above Working Group was appointed recently to develop criteria for the bestowing Honorary Freeman of the City titles and Freedom of the City privileges and to develop a criteria for considering requests for the use of the Coat of Arms, with the following members:-

**5 Members** (3 Lab, 1 Con, 1 Lib Dem)

<b><u>2022/2023</u></b>	<b><u>2023/2024</u></b>
Cllr Ian Ward (Lab)	Cllr John Cotton (Lab)
Cllr Mahmood Hussain (Lab)	Cllr Mahmood Hussain (Lab)
Cllr Yvonne Mosquito (Lab)	Cllr Yvonne Mosquito (Lab)
Cllr Robert Alden (Con)	Cllr Robert Alden (Con)
Cllr Paul Tilsley (Lib Dem)	Cllr Paul Tilsley (Lib Dem)

**Birmingham City Council**  
**Council Business Management Committee**  
26 June 2023



**Subject:** The Lord Mayoralty Formula  
**Report of:** Janie Berry, City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer)  
**Report author:** Ben Patel Sadler  
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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## **1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The Committee previously received a report relating to the Lord Mayoralty Formula at the November 2022 meeting where the formula was agreed following amendments made after the completion of the June 2022 meeting (where the formula was considered and discussed).
- 1.2 Therefore, the allocation of Lord Mayor for the years 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 was agreed by the Committee at the November 2022 meeting.

## **2 Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 That it be noted that, in accordance with the agreement reached at the November 2022 meeting and the formula set out in the Appendix to the report, the Groups are entitled to put forward one of their Members to be the Lord Mayor as follows:

2024/25: Liberal Democrat

2025/26: Labour

2026/27: Conservative

### **3 Summary of Current Position**

- 3.1 The Appendix to this report (Appendix 1) shows the working of the formula from May 2022 onwards. In particular, it shows the rolling forward of the formula to reflect the election of a Labour Group Member as Lord Mayor for the current year; and the strengths of the three Party Groups at the time of the May 2022 Annual Council Meeting. It then shows the calculations for subsequent Municipal Years until the elections in 2026.
- 3.2 Under this formula the Groups are entitled to put forward one of their members to be the Lord Mayor as follows:

2024/25: Liberal Democrat

2025/26: Labour

2026/27: Conservative

### **4 Lord Mayoralty Formula Methodology**

- 4.1 The present formula was first adopted in 1993 by the former General Purposes Committee. Its purpose is to ensure that, over a period of years, the Lord Mayoralty is allocated to the various Party Groups in proportion to their numerical strength (i.e. number of Councillors) over that same period.
- 4.2 It is “rolled forward” each year, to take account of –
- the choice of Lord Mayor for the year in question is reflected by adding 1 to the “score” of the Party Group to which the Member elected as Lord Mayor belongs; and
  - the numerical strength of each of the three party Groups at the date of the Annual Council Meeting is reflected by subtracting each Group’s proportion of Councillors (of the total of 101).
- 4.3 After rolling forward the formula as above, the Party Group with the lowest score is the Group which is entitled, according to the formula, to put forward one of its Members to be the Lord Mayor for the year beginning in the following May.
- 4.4 The formula is of course no more than an informal means of allocating the Lord Mayoralty between the various Party Groups. It is not in any sense binding on the full Council. Whatever the formula may provide, a Councillor can only

become Lord Mayor by being nominated and elected at the Annual Council Meeting.

4.5 The formula has however been adhered to every year, bar two, since 1993. The two exceptions have been –

- when the Labour Group voluntarily surrendered their entitlement to the Lord Mayoralty for 1998/99 and it was taken by the Liberal Democrat Group (who had the second lowest score at the time); and
- when the nominee of the Conservative Group for 2001/02 was rejected at the Annual Council Meeting in May 2001 and instead a Liberal Democrat Group Member was elected as Lord Mayor.

## **5 Allocation of Lord Mayor in Future Years**

5.1 The numbers were re-run using the proportions at the 2021 Annual City Council meeting:

- Labour - 65 (0.6436)
- Conservative - 27 (0.2673)
- Liberal Democrat - 8 (0.0792)

5.2 The numbers in Appendix 1 provided a new baseline starting from May 2022.

5.3 Proportions at the 2022 AGM were:

- Labour 65 (0.64)
- Conservative 22 (0.22)
- Liberal Democrat 12 (0.12)

5.4 Numbers after this are based on the assumption that the proportions of Councillors remain the same every year. A recalculation will be required if the numbers change.

## **6 Legal Implications**

6.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

## **7 Financial Implications**

7.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

## **8 Public Sector Equality Duty**

8.1 There are no immediate equality implications arising from this report.

## **9 Other Implications**

9.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.

## **10 Background Papers**

10.1 None.

## **11 Appendices**

11.1 Appendix 1 – Lord Mayoralty Formula

	Labour	Conservative	Lib Dem
Numerical position at May 2020 AGM	1.29	0.73	1.36
Add One for Labour LM 21/22 (Should have been CON)	2.29	0.73	1.36
SUBTRACT to reflect Group Strengths at May 2021 AGM	0.64	0.27	0.08
CON LM 22/23	1.65	0.46	1.28
Numerical position at May 2021 AGM	1.65	0.46	1.28
Add One for Con LM 22/23	1.65	1.46	1.28
SUBTRACT to reflect Group Strengths at May 2022 AGM	0.64	0.22	0.12
LAB LM 23/24	1.01	1.24	1.16
Numerical position at May 2022 AGM	1.01	1.24	1.16
Add One for LAB LM 23/24	2.01	1.46	1.28
SUBTRACT to reflect possible Group strengths at May 2023 AGM	0.64	0.22	0.12
LIB DEM LM 24/25	1.37	1.24	1.16
Possible numerical position at May 2023 AGM	1.37	1.24	1.16
Add One for LIB DEM LM 24/25	1.37	1.24	2.16
SUBTRACT to reflect possible Group Strengths at May 2024 AGM	0.64	0.22	0.12
LAB LM 25/26	0.73	1.02	2.04
Possible numerical position at May 2024 AGM	0.73	1.02	2.04
Add One for LAB LM 25/26	1.73	1.02	2.04
SUBTRACT to reflect possible Group Strengths at May 2025 AGM	0.64	0.22	0.12
CON LM 26/27	1.09	0.8	1.92





# Birmingham City Council

## Council Business Management Committee

26 June 2023



**Subject:** Decisions Not on the Forward Plan and Those Authorised for Immediate Implementation

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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential : N/A

### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report, which is required under Part B6.2 of the Constitution, sets out key decisions not included on the Forward Plan and any decisions which were authorised for immediate implementation.
- 1.2 Following amendments to the Constitution in 2022 this is the third report to be submitted on a quarterly basis, covering the period 7 March to 15 June 2023.

### 2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the report and agrees it should be included on the agenda for consideration by Full Council in July 2023.

### 3 Background

- 3.1 Key decisions should be included on the Forward Plan not less than 28 clear calendar days in advance of the proposed decision. If a matter, which is likely to be a key decision has not been included on the Forward Plan, but it is impracticable to defer the decision, the decision may still be taken provided it meets the requirements set out in the Constitution (Part B6.2).
- 3.2 Where there is an intention for Cabinet to consider matters in private, i.e. information that is confidential or exempt, 28 days' notice must also be given. This is done through inclusion on the "Notification of intention for Cabinet to consider matters in private" form. Any report containing confidential or exempt information that is not included requires agreement from the Chair of the relevant

Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the report is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

- 3.3 There is also a requirement for the Leader of the Council to provide details on any reports authorised for immediate implementation: i.e. where the interests of the Council are jeopardised unless an executive decision is implemented immediately and when its implementation cannot wait until the expiry of the call-in period.
- 3.4 In an emergency, as set out under Part B6.6 of the Constitution, an executive decision may be agreed by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Group Leaders, as long as the requirements set out in Part E4.2 are met. However, there were no emergency or urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive for the period in question.
- 3.5 Appendix 1 provides details on all decisions not included on the Forward Plan and those that were authorised for immediate implementation for the period 7 March to 15 June 2023

#### **Late Reports Not on Forward Plan**

- 3.6 For the period in question, there was 1 key decision not included on the Forward Plan. This was: Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding and Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme Alternative Funding (21 March 2023)
- 3.7 In comparison, for the period 2021/22 in total there were 11 key decisions not included on the Forward Plan, including five urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive. Overall, this compares with nine in 2020/21, one in 2019/20 and 11 in 2018/19. Further comparative information, to include data for 2022/23, will be included as part of the next quarterly report.

#### **Reports Authorised for Immediate Implementation**

- 3.8 The same report was authorised for immediate implementation.
- 3.9 In comparison, for the period 2021/22 in total there were 8 decisions that were not subject to call in. This compares with none in 2020/21, six in 2019/20 and five in 2018/19. As above, further comparative information, to include data for 2022/23, will be included as part of the next quarterly report.

#### **Reports containing confidential or exempt information**

- 3.10 For the period in question, there were no reports, containing confidential or exempt information, that were not notified 28 days in advance of the proposed decision.

### **4 Legal Implications**

- 4.1 This report, for consideration by Full Council, is required under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

## **5 Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **6 Appendices**

6.1 Appendix 1 – Decisions Not on the Forward Plan and Those Authorised for Immediate Implementation



## APPENDIX 1

### LATE REPORTS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION<sup>1</sup>

7 MARCH 2023 – 15 JUNE 2023

**Table 1 of 3 – Key Decision Reports Not on the Forward Plan<sup>2</sup>**

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Reason for Lateness – set out in the report
21 March 2023	Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding and Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme Alternative Funding	Cabinet	<i>Formal notification of the Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding (EBSSAF) was not received until 8 February. The Government then provided revised guidance on 15 February. Legal advice needed to be sought to determine the quickest way to pay the funding to eligible households. The Council was also advised of a second scheme on 9 February the Alternative Fuel Payment Alternative Fund (AFPAF). The guidance was not issued until 24 February.</i>

**Table 2 of 3 – Reports Authorised for Immediate Implementation**

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Key Decision	Reason for Immediate Implementation – set out in the report
21 March 2023	Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding and Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme Alternative Funding	Cabinet	Yes	<i>Both mandatory schemes have been opened by the Government on 27 February 2023. Applications have been received which are awaiting payment. There are already over 800 households in Birmingham which have applied – and we want to make these payments as quickly as possible.</i>

**Table 3 of 3 – Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information (Not Notified)**

For the period in question, there were no reports containing confidential or exempt information, that were not notified 28 days in advance of the proposed decision.

<sup>1</sup> Further information on each of these decisions can be found on CMIS via: [CMIS > Meetings](#)

<sup>2</sup> For clarity, there were no Emergency or Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive across the period in question.



# Birmingham City Council

## Council Business Management Committee

26 June 2023



**Subject:** Petitions Update  
**Report of:** Janie Berry, City Solicitor (Monitoring Officer)  
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 To update the Committee on progress made in responding to petitions presented to full Council and to provide an update in relation to the continuing management of petitions.

### 2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the progress made in relation to the responding to and discharging of petitions.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines if any additional measures are required to ensure the continuing progress relating to the responding and discharging of petitions is maintained.

### 3 Background

- 3.1 During recent meetings of the Committee, Members have expressed concern with regards to the amount of time taken to respond to and subsequently discharge petitions submitted by Councillors.

- 3.2 The City Solicitor has liaised with department Directors, via consultation with the Chief Executive, to emphasise the importance of responding to petitions submitted by Members in a timely manner.
- 3.3 Following these discussions, Committee Services have recorded a month on month increase of the number of petitions being responded to and subsequently discharged.
- 3.4 Appendix 1 to this report outlines the number of outstanding petitions as of the 13 June 2023 City Council meeting.
- 3.5 Between the 23 May 2023 and the 13 June 2023 City Council meetings, approximately 9 petitions have been responded to and subsequently discharged.

#### **4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal**

- 4.1 Committee Services are in regular contact with all directorates to seek updates on any outstanding petitions to ensure they are progressed and discharged in a timely manner.
- 4.2 The following protocol applies to all petitions submitted by Members:
  - 1. Petition presented at City Council.
  - 2. Petition referred to the appropriate Director for response within 3 working days.
  - 3. Director to write to the Councillor presenting the petition and the first named petitioner to acknowledge receipt within 14 days of the City Council.
  - 4. Progress of investigation into petition to be notified by the relevant Director to Committee Manager for inclusion in the monthly Petitions Update by no later than 10 working days before the next City Council.
  - 5. Final response to petition included in Petitions Update by the Committee Manager.
  - 6. Director to notify the Councillor who presented the petition and the first named petitioner of the outcome within 14 days of the relevant City Council meeting discharging the same.
- 4.3 It should be noted that the protocol applies only to petitions sent internally and not to those which are referred to outside bodies for action.
- 4.4 The Committee may wish to agree a set period of time to monitor the progress of and discharging of petitions.



## **5 Legal Implications**

5.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

## **6 Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

## **7 Public Sector Equality Duty**

7.1 There are no immediate equality implications arising from this report.

## **8 Other Implications**

8.1 None.

## **9 Background Papers**

9.1 None.

## **10 Appendices**

10.1 Appendix 1: Outstanding petitions as of the 13 June 2023 City Council meeting.



**PETITIONS RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL FUNCTIONS PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023**

<b><u>DATE OF RECEIPT/ PRESENTED BY CATEGORY</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION/SENT TO</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSE</u></b>
2602 Councillor Shehla Moledina 06.12.2022 <b>EXEC</b>	From residents in the Balsall Heath West Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to take necessary measures to help reduce speeding cars on Hallam Street and Lincoln Street junction – <i>Inclusive Growth</i>	21.02.23 – Petition forwarded to Inclusive Growth for a response to be provided.
2619 18.04.2023 Councillor Debbie Clancy <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Longbridge and West Heath Ward calling on Birmingham City Council to install a pedestrian crossing on Groveley Lane - <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i>	Referred to Head of Transport Planning & Network Strategy Services. 23.05.2023
2621 18.04.2023 Councillor Jon Hunt	From residents of Perry Barr Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to help save and keep small businesses open on Walsall Road, B42 – <i>Director of Place, Prosperity and Sustainability</i>	Referred to Head of Major Transport Projects Inclusive Growth. 23.05.2023
2625 18.04.2023 Councillor Z Choudhry <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Bateman House calling upon Birmingham City Council to reinstall the security cameras due to ongoing issues of security and safety – Director of <i>City Housing</i>	Petition referred to Officers within Housing Management. 23.05.2023.  A site visit took place on 7 June 2023 to discuss the issues raised in the petition with the residents. 13.06.2023
2635 23.05.2023 Councillor Alex Yip	From residents of Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield calling upon Birmingham City Council to fully resurface Penns Lane and Salsbury Grove up to	26.05.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.

<b>EXEC</b>	Hallcroft Close – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area.
2636 23.05.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Hall Green South Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to install CCTV cameras at Newey Goodman Park, Hall Green to tackle vandalism and anti-social behaviour – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	26.05.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.  26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area.
2638 23.05.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Hall Green South Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the carriageway along Smirrells Road, Hall Green – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	26.05.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.  26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area.
2639 23.05.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Hall Green South Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to introduce road safety measures along Acheson Road, Delrene Road and Watwood Road, Hall Green – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	26.05.23 - acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.  26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area.
2640 23.05.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Hall Green South Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the entire section of carriageway along Highfield Road between Robin Hood Lane and the River Cole, Hall Green – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	26.05.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.  26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area.
2641 23.05.2023 Councillor Timothy Huxtable <b>EXEC</b>	From residents of Hall Green South Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to resurface the carriageway along Baldwins Lane, section between the Baldwins Lane roundabout and the Robin Hood Island, Hall Green – <i>Director of City Operations</i>	26.05.23 - Acknowledgement sent to presenting Councillor.  26.05.23 - Petition sent to service area.

**CATEGORIES:**    **COMM**       = Petitions relating to Committees functions    **EXEC**       = Petitions relating to the Executive functions



# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2023 AT 1400 HOURS**  
**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,**  
**BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

### **A G E N D A**

#### **1 NOTICE OF RECORDING**

Lord Mayor to advise 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 DECLARATION 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.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct is set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>. This includes, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provides a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

#### **3 MINUTES**

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 June 2023.

#### **4 LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1400-1410)**

To receive the Lord Mayor's announcements and such communications as the Lord Mayor may wish to place before the Council.

**5     PETITIONS**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1410-1420)**

To receive and deal with petitions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 E of the Constitution).

As agreed by Council Business Management Committee a schedule of outstanding petitions is available electronically with the published papers for the meeting and can be viewed or downloaded.

**6     QUESTION TIME**

**(70 minutes allocated) (1420-1530)**

To deal with oral questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

- A. Questions from Members of the Public to any Cabinet Member or Ward Forum Chair (20 minutes)
- B. Questions from any Councillor to a Committee Chair, Lead Member of a Joint Board or Ward Forum Chair (10 minutes)
- C. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to a Cabinet Member (20 minutes)
- D. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to the Leader or Deputy Leader (20 minutes)

**7     APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

**(5 minutes allocated) (1530-1535)**

To make appointments to, or removals from, committees, outside bodies or other offices which fall to be determined by the Council.

**8     SREBRENICA MEMORIAL DAY**

**(40 minutes allocated) (1535-1615)**

**Councillor x to move the following recommendation:**

**9     SCRUTINY BUSINESS REPORT**

**(30 minutes allocated) (1615-1645)**

**Councillor x to move the following recommendation:**

(break 1645 – 1715)



**10     LEAD MEMBER REPORT: TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE**

**(20 minutes allocated) (1715-1735)**

**Councillor x to move the following recommendation:**

**11     REPORTS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1735-1745)**

**Councillor x to move the following recommendation:**

**12     MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

**(90 minutes allocated) (1745-1915)**

To consider the attached Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 G of the Constitution).





## CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2023/24 – JUNE 2023

CBM	Item	City Council	Item
9 May 2023	Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Co-Optees and Voting Rights (verbal update) Proportionality City Council Appointments Review of the City Council's Constitution Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Petitions Update	23 May 2023	ANNUAL MEETING Annual Report of the Lord Mayor 2022/23 Presentation to Honorary Alderman Updated Pay Policy Constitution Review City Council Appointments
30 May 2023	Terms of Reference of the Council Business Management Committee Appointment of Sub-Committees and Other Bodies – Request to Appoint Recruitment to the Independent Remuneration Panel and Standards Committee Petitions Update Order of Motions for 2023/24	13 June 2023	<b>Extraordinary Meeting on Highbury Hall (to be re-scheduled)</b> Executive Business Report (Leader and Children, Young People & Families) Housing Ombudsman Update – report requested by Full Council in January 2023

CBM	Item		City Council	Item
26 June 2023	Petitions Update The Lord Mayoralty Formula Reports not on the Forward Plan Appointment of CBMC Sub-Committees and Other Bodies – to note confirmed memberships		11 July 2023	Scrutiny Business Report Lead Member report: Transport Delivery Committee Srebrenica Memorial Day (Cross Party / CBMC Motion) Reports not on the Forward Plan
29 August 2023	Petitions Update Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations IRP Member Allowances (moved from 26 June meeting)		12 September 2023	Youth Justice Plan Executive Business Report (Environment and Transport) Lead Member Report - WMCA Scrutiny IRP Member Allowances (moved from 11 July meeting) IRP Membership (Timing TBC)
23 October 2023	Petitions Update Reports not on the Forward Plan		7 November 2023	Lead Member Report - West Midlands Police & Crime Panel Scrutiny Inquiry - Children and Young People's Mental Health Reports not on the Forward Plan
20 November 2023	Petitions Update Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations		5 December 2023	Scrutiny Inquiry - Child Criminal Exploitation Standards Committee – Annual Report / Debate not Hate
18 December 2023	Petitions Update		9 January 2024	Executive Business Report (Deputy Leader and Social Justice, Community Cohesion and Equalities) Lead Member Report - West Midlands Fire Authority

CBM	Item		City Council	Item
22 January 2024	Petitions Update Budget Council – Discussion Lord Mayor Nomination – 2024/25 – Discussion Reports not on the Forward Plan		6 February 2024	Scrutiny Business Report Reports not on the Forward Plan Annual Report from the Chair of Audit Committee
12 February 2024	Petitions Update Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations Suspension of Standing Orders (Budget Council)		27 February 2024	BUDGET MEETING
2 April 2024	Reports not on the Forward Plan Petitions Update		16 April 2024	Executive Business Report (Finance and Resources and Housing & Homelessness) Reports not on the Forward Plan

#### Four Yearly or ad-hoc items:

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman (May 2026); Appointment of the Leader (May 2026), Appointment of the Council's External Auditor (2027)

#### Items to be scheduled / proposed:

Executive Business Reports – **June 2024 (Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism and Health and Social Care and Public Health)**, Sept/Nov, January and April

Scrutiny Business Report – July, December, February/March;

Lead Member reports: West Midlands Fire Authority (January); Transport Delivery Committee (July); WMCA Scrutiny (September); GBSLEP Scrutiny (date tbc); West Midlands Police & Crime Panel (November)

Scrutiny Inquiry Reports – Dates TBC

Reports not on the Forward Plan (quarterly basis)

Annual Report from the Chair of Audit Committee to City Council (early February)

Schedule of Travel and Inward Delegations (quarterly basis CBMC)

Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Assistant Director, Governance)

Balsall Heath Governance Review TBC

The Lord Mayoralty Formula (updated each June/July)

\* Pre-meeting of members to select Lord Mayor elect    \*\* Annual Council Photograph

## Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / Officer(s)	Update
1.	12 July 2022	<p><b>(Other) Changes to the Constitution</b></p> <p>That the following two areas be clarified in the next review of the constitution to reflect previous custom and practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The rules around the time available for questions (Section B 4.4) be amended to ensure that the full allocation of time, usually 70 minutes, is used for questions to ensure accountability of the executive and other office holders. This may be done by amendment to clause (v).</li> <li>- Ensure that significant changes to the constitution are reported to Full Council and that there is a clear process for gaining all party approval and notifying all councillors of changes when it is deemed that changes do not need approval of Full Council.'</li> </ul>	Leader / Deputy Leader	A cross party working group has been established, by Council Business Management Committee, to look at options ahead of reporting back to City Council. The membership is Cllr Des Hughes (Labour) with Cllr Rinkal Shergill (as a deputy); Cllr Robert Alden (Conservative) and Cllr Colin Green (Lib Dem). <b>Ongoing</b>
2.	12 July 2022	<p><b>Scrutiny Business Report</b></p> <p>Asked the Executive to consider proposals to increase the capacity of the Scrutiny Team to enable it to carry out one Scrutiny Inquiry per Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Currently capacity is limited to 4 Inquiries (at any one time).</p>	Leader / Deputy Leader	There is currently (as of May/June 2023) an advert out to recruit another Overview and Scrutiny Manager (Grade 5) while officers are reviewing other potential options following a review, carried out by Members of Coordinating OSC, which looked at developing a more flexible, effective scrutiny function. <b>Ongoing</b>

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3.	1 November 2022	<p><b>Motion A - Exempt Accommodation</b></p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the campaign led by the homelessness charity Crisis to 'Regulate the Rogues', which calls on the Government to urgently introduce new laws in England to strengthen the regulation of Supported Exempt Accommodation.</li> <li>- Welcome the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Select Committee report into Exempt Accommodation, call on Government to implement its' recommendations and place on record the Council's thanks to all those locally who contributed to the Select Committee's work.</li> <li>- Continue to lobby the Government for greater powers to control provision and growth based on the city's needs assessment.</li> <li>-</li> <li>•</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>-</li> <li>- Launch an independent public inquiry into the growth of Exempt Accommodation in the city, helping to strengthen the case for nationwide</li> </ul>		<p>The topic of Exempt Accommodation was discussed by Scrutiny on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and progress will continue to be monitored though the Exempt Accommodation Sponsor Board</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b> - work continues as part of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme to ensure legislation meets the needs of Birmingham. Crisis will be taking a lead role in regard to the independent Inquiry working with the Council.</p> <p>Press release issued in October 2022</p> <p>Work continues as part of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme to ensure legislation meets the needs of Birmingham</p> <p>A press release issued in October 2022, which included a Thank you from Councillor Sharon Thompson</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b> - Supported Housing Bill is at report stage in the House of Lords – expected to achieve Royal Assent in the Autumn following which regulations will be developed and consulted on i.e. Licensing scheme. A Review of the Bill and an initial gap analysis has been undertaken to assist with the ongoing lobbying campaign</p> <p>Chief Exec of Crisis have agreed to lead the Inquiry and Terms of Reference, approach and structure has been</p>



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		<p>legislative reform. This inquiry should be independent not only of the council but also anyone involved in any way in the exempt accommodation market, including housing providers in Birmingham and elsewhere.</p> <p>- In addition, the Council calls on the Standards Committee to update the Council Code of Conduct so that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Any elected member, or their spouse or partner, save for their primary residence, shall declare the use of all other properties they own and/or have an interest in. If the usage has potential safeguarding implications, the details shall be provided to the Monitoring Officer and held on a confidential basis as part of the Register of Interest.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Call on all Members, in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer, to ensure that existing legal requirements, as set out in the Localism Act 2011 and associated guidance, are understood and enforced so that every elected member declares all disclosable interests. This includes all land and property interests within Birmingham held by either themselves or their spouse or partner. Details of these should only be withheld where the member and the monitoring officer, who is responsible for</p>		<p>agreed in principle – final terms are to be agreed – it is intended that witness interviews will commence during the Summer.</p> <p>Briefing note circulated to All Members on progress on 24 February 2023 from Paul Langford, Strategic Director City Housing; and Janie Berry, City Solicitor</p> <p>The Council's Standards Committee met in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> February, and has agreed to commission Hoey Ainscough LTD to review the Council's Code of Conduct and associated procedures. Hoey Ainscough LTD are lead national advisors and assisted the Local Government Association in developing the Model Code of Conduct which BCC has adopted. The review will take into account the Council Motion relating to the declaration of property interests.</p> <p>The Standards Committee has also commissioned training both for the Committee and all Political Groups and key Officers across the Council to raise awareness about the importance of the Code of Conduct and the need to correctly declare and Register interests. The Committee has maintained this work on its work programme and has asked for the Training to be provided to the Committee at its May meeting prior to it</p>

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		<p>the register of members' interests, consider that disclosure of its details could lead to the member, or a person connected to the member, being subject to violence or intimidation or potential safeguarding implications.</p> <p>Council notes that commercial interests are not a legitimate reason to withhold information from the public register of members' interests.</p> <p>Council .... also resolves to lobby the Government to invest more in socially rented housing and reform the way 'Right to Buy' operates to reduce the loss of existing stock.</p> <p>Council calls on the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring a report forward before the end of the calendar year setting out a policy for the use and enforcement of covenants on properties sold and owned by the council to prevent the conversion of family homes into HMOs or Exempt Accommodation.</li> </ul>		<p>being rolled out across the Political Groups and Officers.</p> <p>This will be picked up as part of the Council's external affairs activity where this alongside other key areas of lobbying will be taken through the corporate External Affairs activity.</p> <p>Briefing note circulated to All Members on progress on 24 February 2023 from Paul Langford, Strategic Director City Housing and Janie Berry, City Solicitor</p> <p>Verbal briefing open to all Members was provided on 18<sup>th</sup> April where progress was reported. A final draft of the Policy has been completed Housing and approved by legal. It is intended that a <b>new Policy will be signed off by Cabinet Member in June.</b></p>

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		Carry out and publish an urgent review into all council owned property currently being used as exempt accommodation, converting all former family homes back into their original use and assessing the impact on other accommodation on the local area to ensure it is appropriately sited, well managed, and used to prioritise demand placed on the city council and not that of other local authorities".		A cross directorate group mobilised to focus on this area of work. Properties disposed of by the Council either by Right to Buy or commercial disposal has been identified and processes are being finalised to proceed with testing an enforcement approach following sign-off of the policy. Successful enforcement can only be tested through the courts so – test cases will be identified based on likelihood of success. Offices within Legal and officers from PRS, Benefits, property and Housing continue to develop the approach.
4.	1 November 2022	<p><b>Motion B – Educational Attainment</b></p> <p>Council ... resolves to call on the Government to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deliver on its pledge to restore education spending, in real terms. to 2010 levels.</li> <li>- End tax exemptions for independent schools, using the £1.7 billion raised to fund state school efforts to bridge the attainment gap.</li> </ul> <p>Council further resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure that 'Change For Children and Young People', Birmingham Children's Partnership (BCP) Board's emerging Children and Young People's Plan 2023-2027, identifies and addresses gaps in attainment.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	<p>Our Birmingham Children's Partnership Board brings together the city council, our Birmingham Children's Trust, NHS Integrated Care Board, NHS health providers, the police, and the voluntary sector. During 2022, the Board has overseen the development of a cohesive framework for the delivery of our Plan.</p> <p>Over 4,000 of Birmingham's children and young people told us about the outcomes that matter most to them. Our Plan: Change for Children and Young People 2023-27 will be based on what they told us. Our ambition is for Birmingham to be a great place for us to grow up, ensuring our children and young people are at the heart of everything we do.</p> <p>There continues to be progress on implementing the recommendations from Breaking the Barriers report, to</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call on the Government to adopt the solutions proposed by the cross-party Education Select Committee report and continue to review its findings.</li> <li>- Call on the City Council Executive to ensure that the report's findings and solutions where appropriate to Birmingham, are factored into existing and developing strategies including 'Everyone's Battle, Everyone's Business' and its emerging Inclusion Strategy.</li> <li>- Call on Overview and Scrutiny to incorporate these Birmingham-specific strategies into their work programmes to track outcomes and monitor actions taken to address issues, ensuring they receive full analysis of achievement by socio-economic and ethnic background</li> <li>- Work with employers to ensure opportunity is spread equally, by creating career pathways for the most disadvantaged and deprived areas of the city.</li> <li>- Build on the findings of the Breaking Down Barriers report to develop communication and social media strategies to target the many young and disenfranchised pupils, in particular NEETS, who do not normally engage with standard and legacy forms of Council communication.</li> </ul>		<p>improve the experiences of children and young people in education and employment opportunities.</p> <p>This work has continued and a report on progress on all 10 recommendations was presented at City Partnership Board on 14 December 2022. In 2023, an employers forum will be established to ensure a greater focus on this area as part of the Council's year of change for children and young people. This will be complemented by the development of our Good Employment Charter which aims to support employers in providing attractive opportunities for the citizens of Birmingham.</p> <p>Our employer forum will play a key role in encouraging local businesses and industries to expand their operations and reskill local people and grow their workforce. In addition, in partnership with the combined authority we will be refreshing our careers offer to support schools, colleges and training providers to provide the best vocational advice for young people who do not wish to pursue an academic route.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote vocational training, apprenticeships and entrepreneurship in schools.</li> <li>- Ensure that solutions are fully inclusive to ensure the city's most disadvantaged young people, including those in the care system, have access to a full range of opportunities through a school system empowered to work collectively for the benefit of all students.</li> <li>- Continue to highlight the risks to students of failure to maintain school budgets and, in particular, levels of pupil premium".</li> </ul>		
5.	6 December 2022	<p>This Council therefore calls for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A quick assessment, involving Scrutiny, of the existing programme of support provided so far in Birmingham, by the Council and its partner agencies, in terms of its timeliness and value for money. This assessment should include looking at the successes and lessons learned in other UK local authorities and the interaction with the other pressures the City is facing in areas such as Housing, Education and the Cost of Living Crisis. This assessment should also take into account wider issues around asylum and immigration and the existing Government policy that places pressure on cities like Birmingham.</li> <li>- The Government to provide enhanced support to Ukrainian Refugees, including extending the</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member, Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	Discussed at Co-ordinating OSC on 27 January 2023 who set up a Task and Finish Group to look more closely at these issues.

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		<p>maximum period of Host Support beyond a year, as part of a co-ordinated effort to avoid the use of Temporary Accommodation. In addition, we ask the Government to provide similar information and financial support for Ukrainian arrivals under visa schemes other than Homes for Ukraine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greater recognition of the massive cultural, social and economic contribution of refugees and migrants to this city and to the UK and seeks to champion this by: celebrating refugee week and working with organisations such as the Refugee Council to remove barriers and empower refugees to rebuild lives and contribute to the community.</li> <li>- Council...asks Scrutiny to bring in Birmingham host families to provide evidence when carrying out their assessment of the scheme so that concerns can be properly understood and addressed with improvements made going forward.</li> </ul> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Defend the right to seek safety from war and persecution in the UK and sign the national 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' pledge.</li> <li>- Call on the UK Government to withdraw the UK-Rwanda agreement, repeal the Nationality and Borders Act, and work with Local Authorities and</li> </ul>		Letter Sent to Government

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		communities to build a refugee protection system that treats all people with dignity and compassion.		<p>CBMC on 13/02/2023 agreed that this should remain on the tracker until work by the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group has concluded/reported back to Co-ordinating OSC in April 2023.</p> <p>This has now been completed - <a href="#">click here to 14 April Coordinating OSC</a> - and so it is <b>Recommended to Discharge</b>.</p>
6.	6 December 2022	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Write to the Chancellor to urge him not to cut funding for Domestic Abuse services through the Home Office budgets or the Justice budgets.</li> <li>- Explore what options may be available to provide specialist support for women who are survivors of domestic abuse via the Council's growing network of Warm Welcome Spaces.</li> <li>- Write to the Government in support of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Victims' Commissioner's recommendations.</li> <li>- Ensure all Council Directorates and city partners are fully engaged in the work to renew Birmingham's Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy and are clear on the part they must play in tackling</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member, Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	<p>Letter Sent</p> <p>This is currently being explored with colleagues setting up Warm Welcome Spaces (WWS). The proposal will include DA information, advice and guidance in all of the settings, signposting victims to specialist support to the commissioned DA Hub. Proposals to provide targeted support in the WWSs in known DA hotspot areas are also being considered.</p> <p>A consultation plan has been created which ensures involvement and engagement from key internal and external partners, including the Council's Domestic Abuse Cross-Directorate which has membership across the directorates. A multi-agency strategic working</p>

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		<p>and preventing domestic abuse in our communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Acknowledge the work that the co-ordinating overview and scrutiny committee have commenced to support work to renew the strategy and ask that they continue to facilitate engagement with other scrutiny committees.</li> <li>- Write to the Council Executive calling on them to ensure that council funding for domestic abuse related services is protected within the council's medium term financial plan.</li> <li>- Calls on the Council Executive to ensure that, within its powers, victims of domestic abuse are not placed in Exempt or Temporary Accommodation with known sex or violence offenders.</li> </ul>		<p>group, with members from internal and external agencies, has also been established. This working group will focus on reviewing the current strategy, reviewing the action plan, and developing the new strategy.</p> <p>Numerous meetings have taken place between officers and Councillor Yip as the representative from Overview and Scrutiny. This culminated in a roundtable in December with key partners across the city reviewing the strategy and identifying key themes moving forward. There have been a number of council resolutions following this event regarding Scrutiny's involvement in the strategy, and a Co-ord meeting is scheduled in February.</p> <p>Within Council powers; a Housing Needs Assessment is undertaken in relation to any homeless need, including those as a result of domestic abuse. A suitability assessment is undertaken with regards to all placements into temporary accommodation. Women fleeing DA will be placed into women only Exempt, single people are not placed in BCC Homeless Centres. Any known sex or violent offender will be placed in self-contained accommodation.</p> <p>Commissioning of refuge bed space sits within Adult Social Care and under the current financial envelope, we commission 148 units of refuge across the city with 6</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Calls on the Executive to carry out a review, and report back to Scrutiny within 6 months, on how it can increase the number of specialist refuge bed spaces within Birmingham.</li> <li>- Ensure that, whilst noting that domestic abuse\violence is overwhelmingly a gendered crime, that all strategies, plans and funding decisions do not overlook other victims of domestic abuse including intergenerational, male and same sex relationships</li> <li>- Calls on the Executive to review what additional support can be provided specifically to children who are caught up in domestic abuse situations to ensure that their futures are not compromised as a result of what they have witnessed.</li> </ul>		<p>providers, as well as commissioning long-term dispersed accommodation, a lead worker service and the DA Hub. These contracts run until November 2024, and work will commence this year to consider a forward commissioning model that supports victims of DA. This will include considering the number of units of refuge we commission.</p> <p>The responsibilities instilled by the Public Sector Duty (s149) of the Equalities Act 2010 to have due regard for the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between people from different groups. As such, the current DA strategy also takes account of and responds to the needs of population groups sharing protected characteristics. We will ensure this is also reflected in the new strategy. Our commissioned services also reflect this by providing services for female and male victims of DA.</p> <p>Following the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 children are now recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. This will be addressed in the new strategy. Since passage of the DA Act, a range of support for children has been commissioned including children's workers in refuge and support within schools. There is also a DA and Children subgroup to the DA Board to ensure the needs of children are prioritised. This is an ongoing priority.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Calls on the Executive to ensure that head teachers are aware of the importance of providing school places to children who have to move schools due to domestic abuse, within the school admissions statutory code of practice.</li> <li>- Record its thanks to the numerous charities and organisations across Birmingham and the UK providing invaluable support to victims of domestic abuse.</li> <li>- Facilitate a two tier training programme to cover: 'What is a healthy relationship?', to be made available to all professionals working with young people as well as Safeguarding Teams, including elected members as Corporate Parents, to help facilitate early interventions; Healthy relationship training in schools to enable young people to recognise unhealthy relationships, understand the complexities of relationships and have a good understanding of strategies they can deploy to successfully address relationship issues.</li> </ul>		<p>This is an ongoing priority, as reflected in the current DA Strategy and will be included in the new Strategy and action plan. Work with colleagues in Education will be undertaken.</p> <p>The meeting of the City Council on 6<sup>th</sup> December recorded the City Council's appreciation</p> <p>This is an ongoing issue. This is an action in the current DA strategy and likely to be carried over to the new strategy, following the review. To implement this effectively, we would work with colleagues in education.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b></p>
7.	10 January 2023	<p>Council...calls on the Executive to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build on the ongoing work to refocus the Council's Housing Department on its core purpose, which should be to provide decent, safe homes for those who can't afford the market, and to deliver against this purpose</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asset Management Strategy is currently being developed in line with data intelligence and the customers voice to ensure decency standards are addressed. This is complemented by the HRA Business Plan to ensure a long-term commitment to</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carry out an in-depth condition survey to establish the true condition of all council housing stock.</li> <li>- Work with tenants, partners and scrutiny to develop and apply a clear standard of what an excellent repairs and maintenance service looks like.</li> <li>- Review contract management arrangements for repairs and maintenance, to include physical inspection and audit of repairs carried out.</li> <li>- Review the effectiveness of Housing Liaison Boards to ensure that tenants have a genuine and</li> </ul>		<p>our Stock with identified investment to target Decency, Retrofit and Building Safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Both the Asset Management Strategy and the refreshed HRA business plan will be going to Cabinet in September</li> <li>- A rolling programme of Stock condition Surveys is underway to deliver initial 2000 surveys to complement existing stock data. It is intended to have an ongoing rolling survey programme to deliver surveys across the 60,000 stock over a 10 year period. We are recruiting internally and are working on a procurement opportunity to continue to build on the 2,000 surveys, we already have underway.</li> <li>- Tenant feedback has and will continue to be sought via focus groups, Complaint analysis and working with experts by experience to develop service improvements as part of a wider refreshed performance framework</li> <li>- Review of contract management arrangements are being refocused with the procurement exercise for the future award of the Repairs and Maintenance contract in 2024, with appraisals and development of further data to inform maintenance and repairs.</li> <li>- Ongoing review of Tenant Satisfaction Measures and tenant engagement is continuing in line with</li> </ul>

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		<p>effective voice at all levels of decision making, including reviewing performance against standards and monitoring complaints to ensure lessons are being picked up and acted on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commit to re-establishing Birmingham's position as a national exemplar of the decent homes standard, and on a cross-party basis lobby the Government for further investment in Decent Homes so that the standard can be met as quickly as possible.</li> <li>- Commit to implementing all recommendations from the Housing Ombudsman and to report back to Council in line with the Ombudsman's recommendations.</li> </ul>		<p>the commissioned TPAS recommendations, to ensure the use of Tenant focus groups, experts by experience and the role of CHLB and HLBs to scope further progression, and the voice of the tenant is heard effectively</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complaints, monitoring, analysis and Lessons Learnt are an ongoing feature of the progression in this area.</li> <li>- Commitment confirmed through Cabinet approved Housing Strategy and the detail will be set out in the forthcoming Asset Management Strategy, and HRA Business Plan and proposed Decarbonisation Strategy to ensure, decency, best use of capital and stock and reduction of Fuel Poverty is addressed, monitored and maximised.</li> <li>- Ongoing liaison with the Ombudsman continues following their final report and our subsequent action plan. The ombudsman has commented positively about our comprehensive response to the action plan and is assured we are responding effectively to their recommendations.</li> </ul> <p><b>It was agreed by CBMC on 13/02/2023 that this should remain on the tracker until after the report to Full Council has been considered. This report, as agreed by CBMC, is now scheduled to come to Council in June 2023.</b></p>

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				Update: Report considered by Council on 13 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Recommend to Discharge</b>
8.	7 February 2023	<p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lobby the Government to reach agreement with unions to ensure that NHS staff and health and social care staff are paid fairly.</li> <li>- Write to Government to call for a long-term sustainable funding solution for social care, moving away from emergency one-off injections of funding. This funding increase would give carers a decent wage rise and better pay conditions.</li> <li>- Write to the Government urging them to deliver on a workforce plan for the NHS and social care, helping to reduce the 130,000 staff vacancies that exist in the health service and tackle the 14% vacancy rate within social care.</li> <li>- This Council further calls upon the Government to introduce a Workforce Plan for all medical professionals that will enable Birmingham citizens to access a GP appointment with 7 days, then speedy referrals to specialist treatment."</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care	<p>Letter sent to Prime Minister 16/2/23.</p> <p>No response received to date 5/6/23</p>
9.	7 February 2023	<p>The Council therefore resolves to ask the Executive to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Take steps to ensure residents are aware of their statutory right to request a 'Community Trigger'</li> </ul>		The Community Safety Team will be working with Partners including City Housing to raise further awareness of the Community Trigger with residents and

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		<p>where issues cannot be resolved, which requires agencies working together to find solutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to investigate the best way of reducing anti-social behaviour on estates in consultation with residents, exploring options to reinstate the concierge service in conjunction with our existing investment plans.</li> <li>- Support the implementation of public space protection orders where these are wanted by the police, local businesses and residents and there is evidence to support implementation.</li> </ul>		<p>will also run a campaign during ASB awareness week that will include a specific focus on promoting the Community Trigger process. The team will also be reviewing latest government guidance around the Community Trigger, including a change in name to ASB Case Reviews, that will make its purpose much clearer for residents.</p> <p>Work on a new integrated approach to tackling ASB has been commenced with City Housing and Community Safety colleagues working with partners including West Midlands Police to ensure a joined up and consistent response to ASB both from a cross-tenure and place based perspective. Any concierge scheme would need to be recoverable through a service charge and may vary between schemes. Is a risk around recovery of the charges due to affordability. Any proposal would need to be fully costed and linked to locality working. There would be possible links with night time and weekend security service to provide a 24/7 response team serving the city on a wider basis.</p> <p>Public Space Protection Orders are an important mechanism to help reduce ASB in targeted and defined public spaces. The Community Safety Team will continue to work closely with, and consult local residents, businesses and partners to support the implementation of such orders where the evidence supports implementation.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use ASB data as an additional criteria in the selection of wards for selective licensing, to see if the scheme can be expanded to other wards.</li> <li>- Council further calls on Government to</li> <li>- Ensure adequate funding for both councils and the police to tackle ASB</li> <li>- Give more powers to councils to tackle ASB where gaps are identified, and existing powers are limited in their effectiveness.”</li> </ul>		<p>Our current Selective and Additional Licensing designations will ensure that we can address ASB that arises from tenants of private rented sector properties more effectively with landlords and partners. It is important to embed these designations and measure their success to enable us to review and refine any schemes. Any further proposed Selective Licensing designations will require evidence, consultation and Cabinet approval to proceed to an application to Government. Further extension of a designation for Selective Licensing has already been raised with the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities during initial discussions prior to the current designation being approved. It was thought that any new application would be best served by waiting until the current designation was implemented and was demonstrated to be effective. It is therefore proposed that appropriate ASB data is gathered in 2023/24 and consideration given to proceeding with a further Selective Licensing designation in light of early data being gathered through the current scheme.</p> <p>Letter being drafted</p>

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13.	18 April 2023	<p><b>City of Birmingham Medal</b></p> <p>An amendment was proposed by the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Ward to add a further recommendation to the report:</p> <p>“To agree that any costs will be determined on a case-by-case basis and that these costs would not impact on the Lord Mayors budget”.</p> <p>2.) The City Council agreed to the creation of the City of Birmingham Medal and agreed the criteria and process for submitting a nomination.</p>	Leader of the Council	
15.	18 April 2023	<p><b>Motion A</b></p> <p>This Council acknowledges that work on improving road safety, requires co-operation between Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police and the Combined Authority, but calls on the Council continue to be proactive in working with these partners and delivering projects that will make our roads safer. It specifically requests for the Government to be lobbied to release findings of the national parking on pavements consultation and for the Executive to:</p>	Cabinet Member for Transport	<b>ONGOING</b>



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		<p>a. Ask the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review and help shape the Council's new Road Safety Strategy including looking into relevant criteria and a near miss strategy, which would enable criteria such as records of non-injury accidents, proximity to schools, community facilities with high pedestrian and cyclist use, and recorded levels of speeding to be considered.</p> <p>b. Work with partners including the police and other metropolitan local authorities to publish a clear plan for the promised development of the average speed camera network.</p> <p>c. Ensure, where possible and practicable, road and pavement resurfacing programmes are aligned with any potential road safety work.</p> <p>d. Ensure use of all potential funding sources for road safety work is maximised, including community chest, town council and parish council funding and funding for other highways projects and money from the clean air zone revenue where appropriate. And not limit itself to the small dedicated funding for road safety schemes from Government. Noting the importance of not fettering local ward councillor discretion in how funds such as Community Chest are best applied in their area and that local funding pots, including those listed above, must remain recommended by'</p>		

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		<p>the relevant ward councillors. And money from the clean air zone revenue where appropriate.</p> <p>e. Encourage ward councillors in their role as local community leaders to bring forward road safety priorities in ward plans.</p> <p>f. Reaffirm its commitment to a vision zero approach for road safety in the new road safety strategy, which should aim to eliminate all deaths and serious injuries on Birmingham's roads by 2034.</p> <p>g. Ensure the new road safety strategy: (i) Prioritises the most vulnerable road users (E.g. those on foot, on bike, or with access needs, such as wheelchair users), in line with the new Highway Code hierarchy of road users; (ii) Includes measures to tackle speeding, and anti-social obstructive and dangerous parking (e.g on pavements, cycle lanes, and across dropped kerbs) in a way that prioritises the most vulnerable road users.</p> <p>h. Ensure road safety schemes and other highway improvements work to design out speed and other harmful behaviours.</p> <p>i. Reaffirm Birmingham City Council's commitment to 20mph on all its residential roads.</p>		

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		<p>j. Lobby Government once again for the powers to make this change to 20mph without having to resort to costly Traffic Regulation Orders for every change of speed limit on every residential road.</p> <p>k. Lobby West Midlands Police for more monitoring and enforcement of speed and more enforcement of anti-social, obstructive and dangerous parking that is under their jurisdiction.</p> <p>l. Investigate what can be done to give greater support to groups wanting to set up and run Community Speedwatch sessions”.</p>		
16.	18 April 2023	<p><b>Motion B</b></p> <p>The Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• formally support the Show Us You Care Too campaign and adopt ‘care experience’ as an additional equality strand alongside the protected characteristics as set out in the Equality Act 2010.</li> <li>• formally call upon our partners to treat care experience as a Protected Characteristic.</li> <li>• lobby Government to amend the Equality Act 2010 to include care experience as a protected characteristic.</li> <li>• continue to build on the work of our Children’s Trust and to continue to support the efforts of our Corporate Parenting Board”.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families	Meetings are being arranged to ensure progress is being made to take forward resolutions agreed.

