



Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23

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1 Terms of Reference

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



2 Purpose of the Report

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

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee:
- 3.2 Reviews and agrees any amendments at to the work programme for the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.3 Reviews the work programmes March - May 2023 for the Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity, Education and Children's Social Care, Economy and Skills, Health and Adult Care, Housing and Neighbourhoods, Resources, Transport and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committees as set out in Appendix 2.
- 3.4 Notes the update on the Scrutiny Inquiries in section 7 of the report.
- 3.5 Notes, and agrees, the Terms of Reference/ work outline for the Homes for Ukraine Task and Finish Group set out in Appendix 3.

4 Background

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

5 Co-ordinating Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

- 5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the work programme for March -May 2023. Members are asked to review the work programme and the items to be scheduled and agree any amendments.

6 Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes

- 6.1 The Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee terms of reference include the duty to plan and co-ordinate the work of all the Overview & Scrutiny Committees. The work programmes from March-May 2023 for the other Overview and Scrutiny Committees are attached as Appendix 2 to enable Members to consider the range and scope of issues that



will be scrutinised and identify any gaps or duplication to be raised with Committee¹. The cross-cutting issues relating to future work are set out below:

Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
Co-ordinating OSC	Customer Services T&F Group Meetings	The Chair or Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny Committee that includes the service under consideration with the Committee's Terms of Reference to be invited.
Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC	Meeting: TBC Report on employment and skills Legacy of the Commonwealth Games	Members of the Economy and Skills OSC At the meeting on the 8 th July Co-ordinating O&SC decided that this issue falls within the remit of the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity OSC, and as it has been identified during the work planning for the Economy and Skills O&SC as an issue of interest Members of this Committee would be invited to the relevant meeting.

7 Scrutiny Inquiries 2022/23

- 7.1 Two inquiries (Employment and Skills for Young People and Promoting Health and Wellbeing – Commonwealth Games) are on track to be presented at Council on 4 April.
- 7.2 The other two inquiries (Child Criminal Exploitation, and Children and Young People's Mental Health) are currently in the evidence gathering stage.

8 Homes for Ukraine

- 8.1 Following the report on Homes for Ukraine at the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 January, the Committee agreed to set up a Task and Finish Group. Its purpose is to review the programme and identify lessons learnt regarding the services and support provided through the contracts; how the contracted services worked with the community and voluntary organisations; outcomes for hosts and guests, and how to collaborate with organisations across the City when responding to crisis situations.

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



- 8.2 Appendix 3 sets out the Terms of Reference/ Work Outline for this Task and Finish Group. It will report back to a future Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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

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

Call in Meetings:

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled

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

10 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

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

11 Legal Implications

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

12 Financial Implications

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

13 Public Sector Equality Duty

- 13.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:



- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

13.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

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

14 Use of Appendices

14.1 Appendix 1 – Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme March - May 2023

14.2 Appendix 2 – Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes March - May 2023

14.3 Appendix 3 – Homes for Ukraine Task and Finish Group Terms of Reference

CO-ORDINATING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME MARCH -MAY 2023

Meeting Date: 17 March 2023

10.30am Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House

Item/ Topic	Type of Scrutiny	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information (Including joint working / links with other O&S Committees)
Leader Priorities	Cabinet Member Priorities	Cabinet member to set out priorities for the administration and key deliverables for 2022/23 and issues for further scrutiny within the remit of the Committee	Cabinet Support Officer, Rebecca Grant	Leader Rishi Shori, Director and Solicitor, Strategic Partnerships, External Affairs and Corporate Leadership	N/A	<p>Leader Priorities in respect of Co-ordinating O&S Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Structure and Governance of the Council 2. Communications 3. Council Wide Efficiency and Improvement 4. Policy and Partnerships 5. West Midlands Combined Authority <p>The Committee has already received a presentation focused on Corporate Communications from Assistant Director Communications, Eleri Roberts at the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 November, and from Deputy Leader, Cllr Bridget Jones on Council Wide Efficiency and Improvement on 14 October.</p>
Exempt Accommodation	Report on implementation of Recommendations of Exempt Accommodation Scrutiny Inquiry	To report on the implementation of the outstanding recommendations of the Exempt Accommodation Scrutiny Inquiry	Assistant Director Housing Strategy and Enabling Services, Guy Chaundy	<p>Councillor Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness</p> <p>Guy Chaundy, Assistant Director,</p>	N/A	<p>This report follows on from the previous presentation at the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 December.</p> <p>The Inquiry was agreed by Council in December 2021.</p>

				Housing Strategy and Enabling Services Pamela Powis, Head of Service, Community Safety		
Scrutiny Work Programme	Decision	To review the work programme and agree the items to be considered at future meetings, to receive an update on the Work Programmes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Scrutiny Inquiries and to note, and agree, the Terms of Reference for the Homes for Ukraine Task and Finish Group	Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services, Christian Scade	N/A	N/A	

Final Deadline: 8 March 2023

Publication: 9 March 2023

Meeting Date: 14 April 2023

10.00am Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House

Item/ Topic	Type of Scrutiny	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information (Including joint working / links with other O&S Committees)
Homes for Ukraine (Task Group)	Report from Scrutiny Task and Finish Group	To review the programme to learn lessons regarding the services and support that was provided through the contracts; how the contracted services worked with community and voluntary organisations; outcomes for hosts and guests, and how to collaborate with organisations across the City when responding to crisis situations.	Richard Brooks, Director, Strategy, Equality and Partnerships	Refer to Terms of Reference	Refer to Terms of Reference	The Terms of Reference/ work outline for the Task and Finish Group was considered at the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 March.
Customer Services Programme	Report from Task and Finish Group	To report on the implementation of the Task and Finish Group recommendations and services response to the culture workshops	Wendy Griffiths	To be confirmed	N/A	
Scrutiny Work Programme	Decision	To review the work programme and agree the items to be considered at future meetings, to receive an update on the Work Programmes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Scrutiny Inquiries	Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services, Christian Scade	N/A	N/A	

Final Deadline: 5 April 2023

Publication: 6 April 2023

To be scheduled:

- City Observatory - to consider the data available that is relevant to the terms of reference for the Co-ordinating OSC
- Council Procedures and Arrangements
- Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements
- Trailblazer Devolution Deal - Update
- Tracking and Monitoring of Recommendations – report on how recommendations from O&S Committees are tracked and monitored, and how they relate to the wider Council including Cabinet Members and Senior Officers. This should also cover email and digital security within the Council.
- Scrutiny Communications Strategy – consider developing a strategy during 2023/24.
- Update on Elections Act: To be reported after May 2023 including learning from elections held in other areas.
- Domestic Abuse Scrutiny (October 2023 TBC) – Pre-Decision Scrutiny before Cabinet in December 2023 and then (ongoing) annual review of strategy .

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 2pm in Committee Rooms 3 & 4

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Arts and Culture: Impact of Financial Pressures	Follow up report	Report outlining the financial challenges affecting the sector, and how the Council is working with arts and culture organisations to mitigate these challenges and build on the success of Commonwealth Games. This will particularly refer to the BMT.	Symon Easton Head of Cultural Development & Tourism Cultural Development, BID's & Tourism Service	Cllr Jayne Francis, Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage & Tourism To be confirmed	None	Requested by Members at their November committee meeting. This item will be based on a briefing on BMT to be provided to Cabinet and Group Company Governance

Final Deadline: Monday 27th March 2023

Publication: Tuesday 28th March 2023

TO BE SCHEDULED:

1. Culture Strategy 2023-2033 including the External Review of Culture
2. Sport and Physical Activity Strategy (at an early stage of development)
3. Economy and Skills O&S to be invited to the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee for report on employment and skills legacy of CWG.
4. Enhancing Tennis Opportunities Across the City

Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee

APPENDIX 2**ECONOMY & SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23****Meeting Date: 8th March 2023**

Item/ Topic	Type of Scrutiny	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information (Including joint working / links with other O&S Committees)
Employment & Skills Inquiry – Informal meeting	Inquiry	For the Committee to reflect on the evidence gathering sessions to date and to consider conclusions and recommendations	Fiona Bottrill, Scrutiny Manager	N/A	N/A	

Final Deadline: n/a**Publication: n/a**

Meeting Date: 26th April 2023

Item/ Topic	Type of Scrutiny	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information (Including joint working / links with other O&S Committees)
East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Strategy (TBC)	Agenda Item	To keep up to date with the ongoing work in the area and identify further issues for scrutiny	Mark Gamble	Mark Gamble	None Required	The committee has regularly received 6 monthly updates since the approval for implementation.
Our Future City Plan: Shaping Our City Together	Agenda Item	To be appraised on ongoing plan and take part in future consultation and engagement and identify further issues for scrutiny	Simon Delahunty-Forrest	TBC	None Required	A further update was requested following the original item presented to committee in July. This work also complements the EBICGS. Members also have the opportunity to keep up to date on proposed consultation and engagement.

Final Deadline: Monday 17th April 2023

Publication: Tuesday 18th April 2023

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 5th April 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP)	Update Report	To receive the BSCP Two-Year Report, the Independent Chair's Accountability Report, and provide evidence to two Inquiries: CCE and Children and Young People's Mental Health	Simon Cross Business Manager, BSCP	Penny Thompson, Independent Chair, BSCP Simon Cross Business Manager, BSCP	None	BSCP last attended on 16 th February 2022 Members of the C&YP Mental Health Inquiry from HOSC invited (Cllrs: Brown, Hartley, Moore, Pritchard, and Tilsley)
Children's Trust	Update Report	To provide an update on progress with the priorities	Seamus Gaynor, Head of Executive, Children's Trust Suman McCarthy, Cabinet Support Officer	Andrew Christie, Chair, Children's Trust Andy Couldrick, Chief Executive, Children's Trust Cllr Karen McCarthy, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	None	
Children and Families Directorate Improvement Plan	Quarterly Update Report	To provide a quarterly update on progress	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families Kerry Madden, Strategic Improvement Programme Director	None	

Final Deadline: Monday 27th March 2023 and publication: Tuesday 28th March 2023

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 10am in Committee Rooms 3 & 4, Council House

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
SEND Accelerated Progress Plan (APP)	Update Report	To provide an update on progress	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families	Sue Harrison, Strategic Director, Children and Families Helen Ellis, Director, SEND and Inclusion	No	Brief monthly updates to be circulated to Members by e-mail.
Young People's Substance Use Service	Update Report	<p>To update Members on the Service (under the HSC Act 2012, local authorities have a legal duty to protect children from harm, reduce health inequalities and improve the health of their local population by ensuring that there are public health services aimed at reducing drug and alcohol misuse)</p> <p>Outstanding Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The referral process for elected members, so they can add this to their resource toolkit when they are dealing with casework to be provided. • Data to see young people's transition out of substance misuse is to be provided. 	Karl Beese Commissioning Manager - Adult Public Health Services	<p>Chris Baggott, Service Lead (Health Protection)</p> <p>John Freeman, Commissioning Manager, Adults Social Care</p>	None required	<p>This item was last discussed on 24 November 2021 and may provide useful background information to this item</p> <p>Members of the Health and Social Care O&S Committee to be invited to attend for this item.</p>

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Youth Services	Evidence Gathering	To provide evidence to the Child Criminal Exploitation Inquiry	Soulla Yiasouma, Head of Youth Service	Soulla Yiasouma, Head of Youth Service	None required	This item was last discussed on 30 March 2022 and may provide useful background information to this item.

Final Deadline: Friday 5th May 2023 (Monday 8th May 2023 is a bank holiday) and publication: Tuesday 9th May 2023

TO BE SCHEDULED:

1. Grand Challenges, City Observatory data indicators by committee remit.
2. Scrutiny Inquiry: Child Criminal Exploitation.
3. Joint Scrutiny Inquiry with Health and Social Care O&S Committee: Children and Young People's Mental Health.
4. Visits.
5. Student attendance at school during their period (Period Poverty Inquiry). The focus of the report would be on the learning / good practice that has been identified and how this being shared with schools across the city, and members of the Health and Social Care O&S Committee to be invited to attend for this item.
6. The DfE SEND Commissioner to attend a committee meeting early next year.
7. Janie Berry, City Solicitor to be added to update Members on tribunals and delays etc., and feedback on how the role of Legal Services contributes and makes risk informed decisions.
8. School Exclusions, Part-Time Timetables, & Unsuitable School Places: Officers to come back in six months with an update on the progress of the work undertaken (September 2023).

APPENDIX 2

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2022-23 WORK PROGRAMME

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 14th March 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
<i>Cabinet Member Update Report</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Cabinet Member to report progress against portfolio priorities</i>	<i>Ceri Saunders</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	<i>Councillor Mariam Khan, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care.</i>
<i>Day Opportunities Co-Production Review</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Feedback from the independent co-produced review of day opportunity services.</i>	<i>Dr Temitope Ademosu / John Williams / Saba Rai / John Freeman</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	<i>Also attending are representatives from the Empowering Peoples Team.</i>
<i>Q3 Adult Social Care Performance Monitoring</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Report on red rated performance indicators; 5 performance indicators chosen by HOSC for in-depth examination and the complete set of Adult Social Care performance indicators.</i>	<i>Maria Gavin</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	

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Health and Social Care O&S Committee, March – April 2023

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 18th April 2022

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
<i>ICB Update</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>		<i>Paul Sherriff and Karen Kelly</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	
<i>Immunisation</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Report to set out the challenges with the take up of immunisations</i>	<i>Mary Orhewere / Kate Woolley, Director of Immunisation and Vaccinations</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Report to be presented as a scoping paper for a possible future inquiry based on previous scoping paper for Infant Mortality.</i>

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INFORMAL BRIEFINGS (TO BE ARRANGED)
<i>Engaging with third sector providers of Adult Social Care (Louise Collett)</i>
<i>City Observatory Data (Richard Brooks)</i>

TO BE SCHEDULED:

1. Public Health Horizon Scanning / JSNA
2. Primary Care Networks
3. Access to GPs
4. Mental Health and Wellbeing Post-COVID
5. Visit to UHB NHS Foundation Trust Hospital sites.
6. Visit to Early Intervention Community Team, Norman Power Centre

BIRMINGHAM/SOLIHULL JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 13th March 2023 at 2.00pm, Committee Rooms 3 and 4, Council House

Venue: Birmingham

<i>ICS/UHB Update</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Update on actions taken to respond to concerns raised at the January meeting.</i>	<i>Jonathan Brotherton, UHB; David Melbourne, BSol ICS*</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	
<i>West Midlands Ambulance Service Update</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Update on actions taken to respond to concerns raised at the January meeting.</i>	<i>Vivek Khashu and Mark Docherty, WMAS; David Melbourne, BSol, ICS</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	
<i>BSol ICS update on performance against finance and recovery plans</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>To update on the current status regarding finance and recovery plans</i>	<i>Paul Athey, ICS Finance Lead*</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	

* Representatives from BSol ICS and UHB to be advised.

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TO BE SCHEDULED

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
<i>Integrated Care System and the Role of Scrutiny</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>To determine future arrangements and reporting</i>	<i>David Melbourne, BSol ICS</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	
<i>ICS Joint Forward Plan</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Report on health planning for the system including commissioning intentions.</i>	<i>Carol Herity to confirm Lead Officer</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	
<i>ICS Quality Assurance Update</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Update on Quality Assurance to every JHOSC</i>	<i>Carol Herity to confirm Lead Officer</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	
<i>Update on Post-COVID Syndrome ('Long COVID') Rehabilitation</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Update on previous report presented to JHOSC on 29th September 2021</i>	<i>Ben Richards, Chief Operating Officer, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	<i>Report to include Long COVID implications on health and long-term employment.</i>
<i>Phase 2, Musculoskeletal Redesign Programme</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>To report on the current status of the programme</i>	<i>Marie Peplow, Chief Operating Officer, The ROH</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>None identified</i>	

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2022-23 WORK PROGRAMME

Date of Meeting: Thursday 16th March 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Voids – Improving Standards	Policy Review	<p>To understand the current position of void standards for Birmingham City Council including a description of the current standard and how the service is performing.</p> <p>To outline the transformation plan for voids and its objectives. What will this transformation look like? What progress has been made to date and what impact has it made? What will be happening in the future? What are the challenges the service faces to realise its transformation plan?</p>	Paul Langford, Interim Strategic Director, City Housing	<p>Councillor Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Housing,</p> <p>Paul Langford, Interim Strategic Director, City Housing</p> <p>Asha Patel, Interim Director, Asset Management</p> <p>Natalie Smith, Head of Service, Housing Management</p>	Visits to Birmingham City Council properties are being arranged in advance of this item	This is the first of a two part item. The second part will follow in April.

Final Deadline: Tuesday 7th March 2023

Publication: Wednesday 8th March 2023

Date of Meeting: Thursday 13th April 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Voids – Improving Standards	Policy Review	To understand how other Housing providers deliver better performance on void standards and how this is achieved.	Other Housing providers are being identified	Councillor Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Housing, Paul Langford, Interim Strategic Director of City Housing	Visits to other Housing provider properties are being arranged in advance of this item	This is the second of a two part item. The first part takes place in March.
Localisation	Holding the Executive to Account	Provide progress on delivery of the Working Together in Neighbourhoods White Paper, to include case studies from the Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator Programme pilot in the 22 wards.	Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader of the Council Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods Karen Cheney, Head of Service, Neighbourhood Development and Support Unit	None Required	Working Together in Neighbourhoods White Paper: <u>Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods (White Paper) Birmingham City Council</u> Progress Report presented in October: <u>Localisation Update 13 October 2022</u>
Inquiry: Reducing Fly-tipping	Follow-up report	To provide further information in relation to Cameras and Prosecution Strategies	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	None Required	Tracking was completed in January 2023, however Members requested that further reports be brought back to a future meeting to

				Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene		address outstanding points in relation to Cameras and Prosecution Strategies. Legal Services have also been invited to attend.
Cleaner Streets	Policy Development	To provide a formal response to the Committee's recommendations and "What does success look like" with a step-by-step implementation plan and timescales	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	The report and recommendations were agreed by Committee at the February meeting.

Final Deadline: Friday 31st March 2023

Publication: Monday 3rd April 2023

RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2022-23 WORK PROGRAMME

Date of Meeting: Thursday 30th March 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Financial Monitoring 2022/23	Monitoring Report	Scrutiny of current financial position	Rebecca Hellard, Director of Council Management	Rebecca Hellard, Director of Council Management Sara Pitt, Director of Finance	None Required	
S106 and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	Briefing	To understand the S106 and CIL Policy and Procedure	Hayley Claybrook, Planning Contributions Team	Hayley Claybrook, Planning Contributions Team	None Required	
Planned Procurement Activities Report	Standing Item	To note the latest Cabinet report on planned procurement activity.	Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director, Procurement	Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director, Procurement	None Required	
Work Programme Development	Decision	Approve work programme for 2022-23	Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager	None	None Required	

Final Deadline: Tuesday 21st March 2023

Publication: Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Date of Meeting: Thursday 27th April 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Financial Monitoring 2022/23	Monitoring Report	Scrutiny of current financial position	Rebecca Hellard, Director of Council Management	Rebecca Hellard, Director of Council Management Sara Pitt, Director of Finance	None Required	
Planned Procurement Activities Report	Standing Item	To note the latest Cabinet report on planned procurement activity.	Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director, Procurement	Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director, Procurement	None Required	
Work Programme Development	Decision	Approve work programme for 2022-23	Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager	None		

Final Deadline: Tuesday 18th April 2023

Publication: Wednesday 19th April 2023

APPENDIX 2**SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2022-23 WORK PROGRAMME****Date of Meeting: Wednesday 15th March 2023**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Cabinet Member Annual Report	Briefing	Provide an overview of progress towards portfolio priorities	Rose Horsfall, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr Liz Clements, Cabinet Member Transportation	None	
Annual Flood Risk Management Report	Briefing	Outline current priorities, delivery towards achieving these priorities and future risks	Hannah Hogan, Flood Risk Manager	None	None	

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Date of Meeting: Wednesday 19th April 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
City of Nature	Briefing	Provide an overview of the progress of the Our Future Nature City Plan Outline the challenges moving forward and the steps being undertaken to address them	Humera Sultan, Public Health Consultant and Future Parks Accelerator Director	None	None	https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50273/our_future_city_plan_ofcp/2518/our_future_nature_city_plan
Development of a new Road Safety Strategy	Briefing	Aims and objectives to be developed	Mel Jones, Head of Transport Planning & Network Strategy	None		

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Work Outline / Terms of Reference

Homes for Ukraine Task and Finish Group

Reporting to Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Our key question:	What lessons can be learned from Birmingham City Council's Homes for Ukraine Programme?
1. How is O&S adding value through this work?	<p>City Council on the 6 December 2022 agreed a motion that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Council therefore 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.• Council further notes concerns have been raised regarding the procurement for the delivery of support, including the late mobilisation of the contract and the ability of the provider to meet the needs of the contract. Whilst the contract was let via single contractor negotiations based on the justification it would allow a known existing provider to commence work immediately, it took 4-5 months to fully mobilise after the contract award.• Concerns have also been expressed about the needs for a database as part of the support scheme and if this represented value for money. Council asks that both these matters are considered within the scrutiny review, including a full audit of how funds received from the Government have been allocated. <p>The Co-ordinating OSC meeting on the 27 January received a report on the Homes for Ukraine programme that provided an overview of the delivery of the Ukraine Response, setting out the key issues and performance of the programme and its providers and a video which provided feedback from some hosts. Members had further questions relating to the governance and value for money of the Refugee Action and PWC contracts which required more detailed consideration. It was agreed that a Task and Finish Group would meet to consider these and report to a future meeting of Co-ordination OSC.</p>



2. What needs to be done?

The Task and Finish Group will receive evidence from officers, Refugee Action, Guests, Hosts and Community Groups in order to consider the following key issues:

- Could the preparatory activities in April – June 2022, with BVSA as facilitator, have been improved?
- What were the governance arrangements regarding the decision to award the PWC and Refugee Action contracts?
- How was value for money for the PWC contract tested and what relevance did the pro bono work have on the award of the contract to PWC?
- How was the value for money for the Refugee Action contract tested during the commissioning process and the capacity of the provider to deliver the contract?
- How did the contract management consider feedback from host families and guests? Specific issues that have been identified are: access to ESOL, support to move on to independent accommodation, sign posting to mental health support services, availability of school places, access to high and further education, information, advice and guidance on benefits and council tax, speed of support payments, employment support and recognition of equivalent qualifications
- What safeguarding checks were done to protect both hosts and guests before they arrived and what checks do we have that this was done in a timely and complete fashion.
- How has the Refugee Action contract delivery been monitored and managed? What KPI's were developed as part of the contract, how were these monitored, evaluated and reported on? Has it delivered value for money and do payments reflect the reduction in government funding and any refund for guests that returned to Ukraine?
- Given the concerns regarding the late mobilisation of the contract and the ability of Refugee Action to meet the needs of the contract, what checks were undertaken to ensure the provider had the capability, staff, capacity and proven track record to deliver the contract?
- How many households and individuals were placed in Temporary Accommodation and Air B&B? What were the circumstances that led to these placements? How long were they in temporary accommodation and where did they move on to?
- How did the Council and Refugee Action work with other community and voluntary sector organisations who supported hosts and guests providing support and helping them to navigate complex systems?
- How well did Refugee Action use the data base delivered by PWC? Were there difficulties in compatibility with their own internal systems? Did RA ensure that individuals were removed when they requested this?
- What lessons have been learned through the process about how best to commission and co-ordinate a programme to support individuals and families from other countries who seek refuge in Birmingham?
- How does the approach taken by Birmingham City council compare with other local authorities?



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the City Council work with the Community and Voluntary sector to maintain and build the good will required to respond to crisis situations?
3. What timescale do we propose to do this in?	The Task and Finish Group will report to Co-ordinating OSC on 14 April 2023.
4. What outcomes are we looking to achieve?	To review the Homes for Ukraine Programme contracts to learn lessons regarding the services and support that was provided through the contracts, how the contracted services worked with community and voluntary organisations, outcomes for Hosts and guests and how to collaborate with organisations across the City when responding to crisis situations.
5. What is the best way to achieve these outcomes and what routes will we use?	The Task and Finish Group will meet 5 times. This will include an initial scoping meeting and a meeting to discuss final recommendations. In addition, the Task and Finish Group will consider evidence from officers, Refugee Action, Guests, Hosts and Community Groups.

Member / Officer Leads

Lead Member:	Chair: Cllr. Sir Albert Bore
Members of the Task and Finish Group:	Cllr. Roger Harmer, Cllr. Kerry Jenkins, Cllr. Yip
Lead Officer and support:	<p>Support for the Task and Finish Group will be provided by Strategy, Equality and Partnerships. Support must be independent of those involved in awarding and delivery of the contracts.</p> <p>Support will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaising with members to agree meeting dates Liaising with Scrutiny Office to book meeting room Inviting people to give evidence Agreeing the agenda with the Chair Circulating agenda and papers in advance of the meeting Producing a record of Task and Finish Group meetings that is agreed with the Chair / Task and Finish Group members Producing the report for Co-ordinating OSC