



Economy & Skills O&S Committee: 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 fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning strategic economy; skills and apprenticeships; inward investment; land use planning; business improvement districts and the Local Enterprise Partnership'.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee reviews the work programme completed during 2022/23 and recommends any issues that should be carried over or new issues to be included in the Scrutiny Work programme for 2023/24.

3 Background

- 3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive, member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run."* (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).
- 3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.
- 3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.



4 Work Programme

- 4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the 2022/23 work programme. Members are asked to review the work programme and agree any items that are recommended to be carried forward or new issues to be included in the Scrutiny Work programme for 2023/24.

5 Inquiry

- 5.1 The Employment and Skills Scrutiny Inquiry was presented to City Council on 18th April 2023.

6 Other Meetings

Call in Meetings

*None
scheduled*

Petitions

*None
scheduled*

Councillor Call for Action requests

*None
scheduled*

It is suggested that the Committee approve Wednesday at 1000 hours 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.

7 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Economy and Skills O&S Committee's remit. **Please note this is correct at the time of publication.**



| Reference | Title | Portfolio | Proposed Date of Decision |
|-------------|--|-----------|---------------------------|
| 010855/2023 | Redevelopment of the Typhoo Building | Leader | 25 Apr 2023 |
| 011205/2023 | Digital Strategy Year One Update and Review | Leader | 16 May 2023 |
| 009663/2022 | Promotion of Council Owned Land within Bromsgrove | Leader | 27 Jun 2023 |
| 010416/2022 | NEC Masterplan | Leader | 27 Jun 2023 |
| 010635/2023 | Paradise Phase 3 | Leader | 27 Jun 2023 |
| 010854/2023 | Integration of Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) services into Birmingham City Council | Leader | 27 Jun 2023 |
| 011225/2023 | Knowledge Quarter – Woodcock Street | Leader | 27 Jun 2023 |
| 007686/2020 | Historic Environment Supplementary Planning Document | Leader | 05 Sep 2023 |
| 010173/2022 | Our Future City Plan 2040 – Draft Central Birmingham Framework | Leader | 17 Oct 2023 |

8 Legal Implications

8.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

9 Financial Implications

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

10 Public Sector Equality Duty

10.1 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.

10.2 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.

10.3 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.

11 Use of Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 –Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2022/2023