



## CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2019/20 – August 2019

To include:

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

CBM	
7 May 2019	Proportionality
	City Council Appointments
	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
28 May 2019	Order of Notices of Motion at City Council
	Appointment of Sub-Committee and Other Bodies
	Reports not on the Forward Plan – Annual Report
24 June 2019	Petitions Update
	Recommendation to appoint citizen representatives – Independent Remuneration Panel (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
27 August 2019	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
	Petitions Update
	Petition – Demolition of Perry Barr Flyover
21 October 2019	Update on Family Friendly Policies
	Changes to Polling Districts (Contact: Safeena Tonks, Electoral Services Manager)
	Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance)
18 November 2019	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
16 December	Petitions Update

City Council	
21 May 2019	Annual General Meeting
	• Election of Lord Mayor
	• Annual appointments
	• Amendments to the Constitution
11 June 2019	Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee: Single Use Plastics
	Reports not on the Forward Plan
09 July 2019	Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2019/20
	Appointment of citizen/independent representatives – Independent Remuneration Panel
10 September 2019	Review of the Constitution
	Co-ordinating O&S Committee: City Council Inquiry
	The Refreshed Council Plan 2019 - 2022
	Appointment of Interim CEX
5 November 2019**	Health and Social Care O&S Committee: Period Poverty
	<i>Proposal: Update on Armed forces covenant (report of Cllr Cotton, led by Cllr Sharpe)</i>
	Appointment of independent representatives – Standards Committee
3 December 2019	Revision of Council Tax Support Scheme
07 January 2020	

CBM	
2019	
20 January 2020	
10 February 2020	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad Provisional City Council and CBM dates for 2020/21
23 March 2020	Petitions Update Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel tbc (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
05 May 2020	Proportionality City Council Appointments Annual Review of the City Council's Constitution Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
(tbc) May 2020	Appointment of Sub-Committee and Other Bodies – Personnel Appeals Committee Order of Notices of Motion at City Council Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance) Reports not on the Forward Plan / Reports for Immediate Implementation – Annual Report

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

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman

Appointment of the Leader

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

\*\* Annual Council Photograph

City Council	
4 February 2020*	
25 February 2020	
07 April 2020	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel
19 May 2020	Annual Meeting
09 June 2020	Reports not on the Forward Plan / Reports for Immediate Implementation – Annual Report

**Items to be scheduled / proposed:**

Waste Strategy – 2019

## Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

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

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
2c	10 July 2018	<i>Motion for Debate:</i> a working group to review, identify and address issues they face and help make Birmingham City Council an exemplar parent friendly employer, including reviewing staff parental leave policy. This review should explore bringing maternity pay (including shared parental leave) at least into line with the 6 months full pay now offered to non-SRA councillors and be completed in time for the 2018/19 budget process.	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources / Dawn Hewins, Director of HR	A working group has been formed to undertake benchmarking with other local authorities and public sector organisations, along with further research. A review of all family friendly policies is being carried out. The City Council is committed to achieving the WMCA Thrive at Work Award and is currently going through the application process, along with refreshing our work on workplace wellbeing. A report was considered at CBM (which includes a sample comparison of BCC family friendly policies to others) on 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 and a further report is to be scheduled. [June update]
4b	06 November 2018	<i>Motion for Debate:</i> This Council welcomes the Government announcement of a new campaign to tackle Mental Health – Every Mind Matters / therefore calls on the Executive to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update local plans to reflect new opportunities arising from recent Government policy announcements</li> <li>- Bring the area action plan back to full Council for formal adoption and debate</li> <li>- Once adopted, ask Scrutiny to track progress against the Action Plan, reporting back to Full Council if the committee believes it necessary to update.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Justin Varney, Director of Public Health	Birmingham Public Health and NHS England/PHE co-hosted a City Wide Multi Agency Suicide Prevention Workshop in May which has helped finalise the Birmingham Suicide prevention Strategy which is now starting the process of sign off through the Health and Wellbeing Board. The workshop also helped to develop the Suicide Prevention Action Plan with partners and this will be overseen by the suicide prevention group. As part of this work the City is developing a new partnership with Warsaw, Poland, to developed shared learning around suicide prevention in eastern European populations.  The Health O&S Committee is receiving regular updates [June 2019 update]

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

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5d	04 December 2018	<p><i>Motion for Debate:</i> this Council calls for Scrutiny to examine with the Armed Forces Champions and reported back to Full Council to look at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the Council currently supports veterans ...</li> <li>• To look specifically at the current housing offer ...</li> <li>• How the Council currently works with partners ..</li> <li>• Identify any extra areas of support that the Council can provide either itself or in partnership ....</li> <li>• Identify areas where we can help build better understanding amongst the wider community ....</li> <li>• Identify any areas where the council can constructively feedback to national government for policy changes or additional support .....</li> </ul> <p>In addition the Council also calls on the Executive, at the end of this Review, to write to all armed forces and key armed forces organisations (such as the Royal British Legion) setting out the Birmingham offer, along with details on how to access support to encourage full take up for all eligible individuals.</p>	Chair, Co-ordinating O&S committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services	<p>Cllr Rice, Chair of Co-ordinating O&amp;S Committee, is holding meetings to determine the scope of any scrutiny work. He had agreed with Cllr Cotton to take a report to Co-ordinating O&amp;S in October.</p> <p>The Council Public Health Division is leading a deep dive health and wellbeing needs assessment for the veterans for the Health and Wellbeing Board which will be completed by Autumn 2019</p> <p>[August update]</p>

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6b	15 January 2019	<p>That the City Council approves the Statement of Gambling Principles and authorises:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the City Solicitor to update the list of Policy Framework Plans to include the same; and</li> <li>ii. the Acting Director of Regulation and Enforcement to do what is necessary to publish and comply with the same.</li> </ul>	Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	Changes to Constitution to be made as part of refresh – September 2019 [August update]
6c	15 January 2019	That the City of Sanctuary policy statement (Appendix 1) is approved as the City Council's new commitment to supporting the resettlement and integration of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants in Birmingham. In addition that the Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health be authorised to publish and disseminate the document as appropriate	Cabinet Member, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equality / Graeme Betts, Director of Adult Social Care & Health	Work is significantly advanced with corporate communications to create a "City of Sanctuary" section on the council's website. This is a change from the original intention to improve the design and appearance of the statement before its circulation. As well as providing a platform to promote the council's aims and commitments, it will also provide a platform to provide continuous and ongoing updates about the council's and its partners' progress. This will include on issues such as Syrian resettlement and asylum dispersal, for instance. It will also provide an opportunity to promote tools and resources which stakeholders will find useful to achieving the policy statements aims. Completion date: September 2019 [August 2019]

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



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7s	05-Feb-19	<p>This council welcomes Ofsted's recognition of the improvements to children's social care services in Birmingham and commends the outstanding efforts of staff and all who contributed to bringing about this positive news. [...]</p> <p>Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer urging the Government to address the funding crisis facing children's services in next year's Spending Review, by delivering a long-term sustainable funding solution that enables councils to protect children at immediate risk of harm while also supporting early intervention to prevent problems escalating in the first place</p>	Cabinet Member, Education, Skills & Culture / Tim O'Neill Director, Education & Skills	COMPLETED: letter to Chancellor sent 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019

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

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1a	11-Jun-19	<p>That the report be noted.</p> <p>This Council also notes with concern the increasing use of decisions authorised for immediate implementation and reports not on the forward plan.</p> <p>This Council believes that decisions taken in this way inhibit the opportunity for full and proper scrutiny and that as such both should be used only in the very rarest and most exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call on the Executive to ensure that future annual reports to full council setting out late reports and reports authorised for immediate implementation should provide detail next to each one setting out the reasons why it was necessary in those circumstances</li> <li>• Request that Scrutiny Chairs, via the Coordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee, give consideration to how their role in challenging decisions taken in this way can be strengthened.</li> </ul>	Leader / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	The Co-ordinating O&S Committee to consider this at their September meeting [August update]

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1c	11-Jun-19	<p>This Council notes that The Climate Crisis is an existential threat that requires us to change the way we invest in, grow and sustain our cities and regions</p> <p>....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To constitute a Climate Emergency Task Force to support the Council move from declaration to delivery drawing in cross sector, expertise, capacity and capability to capture the investment and economic opportunity arising from a low carbon future.</li> <li>• To quickly set in place a process of engagement and collaborative action that enables the Task Force to bring forward to Full Council in January 2020 a plan that sets out how the aspiration for the City and the ambition of the Council to be net zero carbon by 2030 can be best achieved.</li> <li>• As a matter of urgency to review planned Transport, Housing, Waste and Energy Investment plans and policies to ensure they are fit to support a transition to a zero-carbon future with Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny monitoring progress and to provide an update to Council in November 2019 and annually thereafter.</li> </ul>	Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment / Waheed Nazir, Director Inclusive Growth	Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee to consider at their September meeting [August 2019 update]

### Other Actions from City Council Meetings

Date	Agenda Item	To Respond	Request/Question	Action taken
05-Feb-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To give further information in response to Cllr Tilsley's question on the implementation of the "no-idling" policy	
02-Apr-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Kate Booth	To provide to Cllr Yip a clearer breakdown on the use of taxis for home to school transport, including the numbers of young people covered by the costs outlined in the written question; and cost per month for taxi use for home to school transport.	COMPLETED: email sent to Cllr Yip 15/07/19
02-Apr-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Jayne Francis	To respond to Cllr David Pears request to livestream Schools Forum meetings	
11-Jun-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Phil Davis	To provide a response to Cllr Majid Mahmood on whether an equalities impact assessment was carried out with regards to the Clean Air Zone charges.	COMPLETED: Cllr Davis responded to Cllr Mahmood
11-Jun-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	The Leader undertook to write to the Director General to ask them to reverse the decision to charge over-75 year olds for TV licences.	
09-Jul-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Kate Booth	To provide confirmation to Cllr Alex Yip on vehicle compliance with the Clean Air Zone under the Travel Assist contract and the associated cost.	COMPLETED: briefing/email sent to Cllr Yip
09-Jul-19	Oral Questions	Cllr John Cotton	To provide response to Cllr Peter Fowler regarding a proposed Public Space Protection Order in Harborne.	COMPLETED: Cllr Cotton has responded to Cllr Fowler via email confirming that a meeting with officers is being arranged for the coming weeks.

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09-Jul-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Jayne Francis	To respond to Cllr Mike Ward as to whether the 27 nursery schools run by the Council may be closed	COMPLETED: email sent to all members 13/07/19
09-Jul-19	Oral questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To respond to Cllr Meirion Jenkins on why residents are being told missed collections are due to the CWG.	COMPLETED: email to Cllr Jenkins 05/08/19
09-Jul-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To respond to Cllr Ewan Mackey to confirm that a letter has been sent to MPs confirming the City Council endorsement of the IHRA definition of anti-Semitism and to report back to Full Council.	COMPLETED: confirmation sent to Cllr Mackey
09-Jul-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Ian Ward	To provide information to Cllr Simon Morrall on the council response to the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate on the crematorium on green belt by Waseley Hills Country Park – who knew about the appeal and why no-one from the City Council attended.	COMPLETED: officers met with Cllr Morrall