

Birmingham City Council

Corporate and Finance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

27 September 2024



Commissioners' Review

Agenda Item 9: IRP Priority Programme Progress Report

Commissioners note with concern that the Council does not appear to prioritise and act with determination and pace when programmes appear to go off track. A specific example serves to illustrate this. The papers record that the fleet modernisation programme, which is essential to deliver the changed services in City Operations is presently unfounded. However, officers are continuing to promote other schemes which require uncommitted capital to be allocated. The Council needs to be ruthless about prioritisation and, as necessary, stop doing activity which competes for scarce resources if it hinders progress on the IRP.

If programmes are red rated, the Council should expect a recovery proposal to be reported alongside the rating. Specific attention needs to be given to those projects which are reported as green but where it appears that this is mostly as a consequence of being early in the timeline rather than a hard edged analysis of what is required.