COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10:00 HOURS
IN HMS DARING ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

AGENDA

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING

Chairman to advise meeting to note that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

3 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

4 MINUTES

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To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting.

7 - 32 OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD

Report of Corporate Director - Economy Directorate

33 - 34 6 PROVISIONAL CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING DATE AND COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2019/2020

Report of the City Solicitor.

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Report of the City Solicitor.

39 - 52 8 CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN

To inform members of forthcoming items for City Council and Council Business Management Committee meeting agendas.

53 - 54 COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

To consider the Council agenda for the next meeting.

10 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

11 <u>AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS</u>

Chairman to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chairman jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

COUNCIL BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
21 JANUARY 2019

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019 AT 1400 HOURS, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT: Councillor Brigid Jones in the Chair;

Councillors Robert Alden, Shabrana Hussain, Gareth Moore, Martin Straker Welds and Mike Ward.

ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Brigid Jones assumed the Chair.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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APOLOGIES

2827 Apologies were received from Councillors Kerry Jenkins and Ian Ward.

MINUTES

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 December 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

Council Business Management Committee - 21 January 2019

CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN

The following City Council and CBM Forward Plan was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

With reference to Ref 2c on the City Council Resolutions tracker, Councillor Robert Alden noted that the review was due to be completed by the 2018/19 budget process (if that was the correct year) and he suggested that it had not been achieved. He requested that the information obtained through the benchmaking should be made available to all political groups on the Council.

2829 **RESOLVED:**-

That the City Council and CBM Forward Plan be noted.

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

The Committee Manager indicated that an agenda item relating to the Leader announcing a new Cabinet Member would be added to the agenda between Petitions and Question Time.

During discussion of timings it was agreed that agenda item No. 9 (The second Devolution Deal) should be allocated 30 minutes and agenda item No. 10 (Youth Justice Plan) should be allocated 30 minutes.

Councillor Robert Alden sought to include a debate relating to the independent waste inquiry report on the agenda of City Council. The Chair indicated that, whilst such a debate could take place at a City Council, it should be after the issue had been through the Standards Committee. Councillor Alden noted that previous inquiries in to Members had taken up to two years to complete and that time line should not be repeated due to the importance of the issue. The Chair reiterated that the matter should be dealt with by Standards Committee first and she noted that the bulk of the work had already been undertaken which would shorten the timescale.

2830 **RESOLVED:**-

That, subject to the above amendments, the draft agenda be noted.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

2831 There was no Other Urgent Business raised.

Council Business Management Committee – 21 January 2019

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

2832	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.				
	The meeting ended at 1420 hours.				
	CHAIR				

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PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	CORPORATE DIRECTOR – ECONOMY DIRECTORATE
Date of Decision:	11 FEBRUARY 2019
SUBJECT:	OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND INWARD DELEGATIONS
	FROM ABROAD
Wards affected:	All

1. Purpose of report:

- 1.1 To provide details, for information, of Member and Officer overseas travel undertaken between 1st October 31st December 2018.
- 1.2 To provide details, for information, of known proposed Member and Officer overseas travel forthcoming commitments.
- 1.3 To provide details, for information, of inward delegations from abroad.

2. Decision(s) recommended:

- 2.1 To note approved Member and officer overseas travel.
- 2.2 To note the details of inward delegations from abroad.
- 2.3 To note that with effect from 19 January 2016 authority for foreign travel by City Council Members and officers will only be granted when 4 weeks' notice has been given. Visits proposed with less than 4 weeks' notice will be refused unless under EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES which will require written documentation and an extremely robust reason to travel.

Contact Officer:	Lloyd Broad
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3. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

A. OVERSEAS TRAVEL

3.1 The Council Business Management Committee has responsibility for the oversight of arrangements for foreign travel undertaken by Members and officers of the City Council. Under the new administration the authorisation of foreign travel has been delegated to Strategic Directors and the Chief Executive or nominee.

At the request of Members, quarterly reports on foreign travel undertaken are reported to this Committee.

3.2 In line with established practice the attached schedule of visits are grouped to reflect the main activity areas identified within the Council's current international activities. With particular relevance to the City Council's priorities as detailed in the Council Plan. Those activities include:

Civic related visits – Visits undertaken by the Lord Mayor

Networks/Policy – The various European and international agencies on which we have representation or where we seek to further Birmingham's interests e.g. Eurocities and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum.

Sister/Partner Cities – This refers to our on going work with Chicago, Frankfurt, Guangzhou, Johannesburg, Leipzig, Lyon and Milan.

Funding, Specific Projects/Professional – Where Birmingham participates in collaborative, practical or funding initiatives with benefits to Birmingham, or where joint work is undertaken through professional bodies.

3.3 In the interest of minimising the costs of foreign travel undertaken by Members and officers requests must be submitted at least 4 weeks before the intended date of travel. This will enable the purchase of flights and accommodation at the most economical cost.

3.4 Travel Undertaken

The attached Appendix A is a summary of approved overseas travel comprising of 3 visits undertaken by Members and 13 visits by officers at a maximum cost of £2,341.70.

3.5 **Proposed Forthcoming Travel**

The attached Appendix B provides an indicative schedule of known forthcoming travel proposals providing CBM with an early insight for information. It should be noted that this schedule is not an approved travel schedule. Each proposal will follow the normal approval process.

B. INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD

3.6 As part of the City Council's broader engagement with the international community consideration has been given to how the Council can improve the effectiveness of delegations to Birmingham from abroad. Consequently a registry of such visits was established in January 2008.

Subsequently the Council Business Management Committee requested, in December 2008, that regular reports be submitted with details of delegations visiting Birmingham from abroad. Attached is a summary of inward visits for October- December 2018 Appendix C.

Signature:	
Corporate Director:	
Date:	
List of Background Docu	uments used to compile this Report:

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CIVIC RELATED VISITS - None

NETWORK RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTA TION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST	Outcomes and Priorities
European and international Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	30 September 2018 – 2 October 2018	To attend Eurocities Executive Committee. Practical Outcomes: This visit enabled the relevant officer input and preparation to the political Eurocities Executive Committee meeting, Annual Conference and AGM which was taking place the following month in Edinburgh. Theses officer meetings prepare the agenda, background papers and agree the content for the workshop discussions and political debates.	£608.32 Flight: £304.52 Subsistence: £39.01 Accommodation: £264.79 Authorised by Ian MacLeod	Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.
Councillor Ian Ward Place - 1 Officer	Lisbon, Portugal	17-19 October 2018	Birmingham has chaired the Eurocities Culture Forum since November 2016. Cllr lan Ward was elected chair of the Culture Forum for a two year term and, along with the Lead Cultural Officer, is required to attend various Eurocities events during the year including two Culture Forum meetings to make connections with the work programmes of the other groups, as well as to chair the broader Eurocities work plan. Birmingham has also participated in two of the five working groups. 25 representatives from 68 cities met in Lisbon on 17-19 October 2018 to discuss how cities can effectively support collective projects on culture and heritage. Practical Outcomes: Sharing of (European cities) best practice in cultural delivery including local examples and developed recommendations on how to best invest in collective projects on culture. Review and refresh of the Eurocities Cultural Strategy.	£1,638.52 Flight: £659.70 Subsistence: £24.15 Accommodation: £954.67 Authorised by Robert James and Cllr Brigid Jones	Eurocities Culture Forum addresses; Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in Priority 3 We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 8 We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTA TION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST	Outcomes and Priorities
			To chair the Lisbon Cultural Forum and handover role of chair to Espoo (Finland).		
			The Culture Forum is relevant to supporting the City Council's key strategic outcomes;		
			Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in e.g. We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths		
			Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in e.g. We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential		
			Birmingham is a great city to live in e.g. We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.		

PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTA	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST	
TION					
Cllr Waseem Zaffar Economy – 1 Officer	Frankfurt, Germany	23-25 October 2018	Existing EU Funding Project: SUMPS UP which has provided EU funding to share best practice between cities on the subject of sustainable urban mobility planning and plans. This work is feeding into the Councils new transport policy statement to be issued for formal consultation in the new financial year. One day transport and environment visit to Frankfurt (Partner/Twin City) to understand work on clean air, electric mobility and public transport. Frankfurt has been highly active banning diesel vehicles from its city centre and the Council was keen to learn more about this area of work in the context of the clean air zone. In addition, the Transport and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee have challenged the executive and officers to consider best urban mobility practise in Germany and undertake a study visit. Practical Outcomes: • Key knowledge obtained in respect of how Frankfurt is tackling air quality issues — Outcome 4; • Key knowledge obtained in respect of public transport operating models in Frankfurt — Outcome 4; • Opportunity taken to reinforce the Council's commitment tour partner/twin city status with Frankfurt in a Brexit context — Outcome 1.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Cllr lan Ward and Clive Heaphy	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in Priority 4 We will develop our transport infrastructure, keep the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport. Outcome 4; Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 4 We will improve the environment and tackle pollution
Prevention, Communities & Migration, Adults Social Care and Health Directorate – 1	Milan, Italy	5-9 November 2018	Existing EU Funding Project: Cities Grow project. To attend final reporting session of Cities Grow project and Integrating Cities Conference.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Clive Heaphy and Graeme Betts	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to live in Priority 2 We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and

Officer,		opportunities for citizens
Commissioning & Procurement Services, Strategic Services Directorate – 1 Officer	Cities Grow is a project that has been running since February 2017 as part of the Social Affairs thematic forum of the Eurocities agenda. It looks at the integration of migrants through economic activity in cities.	Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in. Priority 7 We will work with our partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.
	The workshops in Milan were the culmination of the work undertaken by 16 cities within 4 clusters (each with a specific economic focus). Each cluster reported back on their shared learning and best practice outcomes. The event also included the Integrating Cities Conference - Integrating Cities is a partnership between Eurocities and the European Commission, to promote local level implementation of the Common Basic Principles on Integration.	
	Practical Outcomes: Learning gleaned will be used to inform the BCC's Cohesion Strategy and City of Sanctuary Policy statement. From the Cities Grow project: A report to be provided by the EU on integrating migrants into communities through economic activities. Best practice and lessons learnt included: the need to provide greater support for Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's) and Voluntary Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE's), which will include migrant owned businesses, through improved guidance, events etc. Work with external organisations to provide the above including how to create consortia. How Social Value requirements within the procurement process can also provide support. From the Integrating Cities Conference: Many aspects of the Integrating Cities conference are relevant to the work BCC is undertaking in the MiFriendly Cities project, particularly: the synergies with the Inclusive Cities project Also the data capture from the 'Eurobarometer' on Integration. During October 2017, the European Commission ran research into public perception on migration and integration in the EU. The results were	
	published in April 2018 and incorporate over 28,000 responses across EU member states.	

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTA TION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST	
Economy – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	11-12 October 2018	Existing EU Funding Project: OPTIMUM project. To attend Optimum project final EC review. The purpose of the visit was to attend and present at the final review of the Optimum H2020 project. The Optimum project has been running for the past 3 years and involves collaboration between 18 European partners, with the key city partners being Vienna, Ljubljana and Lisbon. The goal of the project was to develop a software platform that can be used by cities to deliver improved transport information and services to citizens and users. The project specifically tested an app that provided users with incentives to use sustainable transport modes. The project is related to the City Council Plan – Outcome 1: Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. The platform allows Birmingham businesses to develop innovative transport data services, which supports the aim of increasing the number of SME's in the city. Services built upon the platform will benefit the city by providing better transport information for citizens, businesses and stakeholders. The services will reduce the perceived barriers to using transport, such as lack of information, costs and accessibility. The project is one of a number that ensure that the city stays ahead in its understanding of future mobility services.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to live in Priority 2 We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens Priority 4 We will develop our transport infrastructure, keep the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport

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			Practical Outcomes: European Commission are content with project progress; • Small presentation carried out on the day. • Project accepted by EC subject to small amendments. • Way is clear to make final grant claim.		
Commonwealth Games Project Team – 1 Officer	United States of America – New York, Detroit, Minneapolis	13-24 October 2018	International Visitor Leadership Programme, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, US Department of State. Commonwealth Games Programme. Looking at Corporate Social Responsibility in the Sport Sector within the United States. A guided programme visiting the Head Quarters and Heads of Legacy and Corporate Social Responsibility Programmes in leagues and sports teams, third sector bodies, and educational institutions in the US. Practical Outcomes: Gathered a wealth of material related to 'Legacy' which will be used to help inform the Legacy Programme for the Commonwealth Games. Networks created with academics and specialists in CSR and Legacy. Networks created with sports institutions who may wish to collaborate with us. Access to the US State Department funding pot which could be brought to bear on the CWG Legacy Programme. Networks created with fellow participants including the Head of the Community Programme at AVFC, a strategic partner for the CWG.	ALL COSTS MET BY THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY Authorised by Neil Carney	Outcome 5 Birmingham residents gain maximum benefit to hosting the Commonwealth Games Priority 1 We will seek to maximise the opportunities for Birmingham businesses and the Birmingham economy as a result of the Games to stimulate economic and employment growth. Priority 2 We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing. Priority 3 We will deliver high quality housing, sporting facilities and transport infrastructure for the benefit of our citizens. Priority 4 We will use the Games as a catalyst for the development and promotion of apprenticeships, volunteering and leadership opportunities to enhance the skills of our workforce. Priority 5 We will work with our diverse communities to ensure that we deliver Games for Birmingham that connects our citizens and fosters civic pride.

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTA TION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT	TOTAL COST	
Cllr Waseem Zaffar Economy – 1 Officer	Rome, Italy	25-27 October 2018	Existing EU Funding Project: SUMPS UP which has provided EU funding to share best practice between cities on the subject of sustainable urban mobility planning and plans. This work is feeding into the Councils new transport policy statement to be issued for formal consultation in the new financial year. Attendance at European Metropolitan Authorities Forum in Rome (Civic Reception with Mayor of Rome and Cabinet Member participation in transport and mobility panel). Attendance at the European Metropolitan Authorities Forum (Metrix), which has a significant agenda covering the environment and urban mobility. Key topics included key discussions around air quality, climate change, energy saving, mobility plan and reducing the use of the private car. These are high priorities for Birmingham and the Cabinet Member's portfolio, with clear linkages to the Council Plan. The Cabinet Member was required to participate in a panel discussion on these topics and raise awareness of the city with European partners. Officer networking was possible on a range of topics including approaches to clean air. Practical Outcomes: Raising the city's profile at the Metrix conference and contributing to a high profile panel discussion including the Mayor of Rome around transport and mobility – Outcome 4; Key learning of the similar challenges faced by local government in Europe – Outcome 4; Networking that has enabled the next Metrix forum to decide to visit Birmingham in May 2019 – Outcome 1.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Cllr Ian Ward and Clive Heaphy	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in Priority 4 We will develop our transport infrastructure, keep the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport. Outcome 4; Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 4 We will improve the environment and tackle pollution

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Place Directorate – 1 Officer	Trento, Italy	14-16 November 2018	New EU Funding Project: European Knowledge and Innovation Community- EIT-Climate KIC-Innovation Ecosystems Project 2018-2021; called SATURN:- Sustainable and Systems Approach for Transformation of Urban and Rural Nature Project will develop a new Landscape Framework for value creation, for job creation and future sustainable management of land in and around cities; through case studies from Trento, Italy, Gothenburg, Sweden and Birmingham/ West Midlands Combined Authority, UK. Which Birmingham can then adopt to make it more resilient, climate proofed and with a better managed and funded natural environment. The Landscape Framework will feed into European Policy and the existing European Landscape Convention. Locally for Birmingham it will feed into the service re-design for the Parks Service, and help the preparations for the City's 25 Year Environment Plan - that Government will be asking Local Authorities to produce once it has determined the scope and preferred mechanism; (still being worked on by Government Departments). To attend a kick-off meeting for the project to meet all project partners and meet the funders and receive briefs on main courses of action. Chance to present the strengths of Birmingham and the WMCA and promote the existing innovative work; and gain insights into partner strengths.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Robert James	Outcome 1 – Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city Priority 4 We will develop our transport infrastructure, keep the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport. Specifically transport connectivity, and better places to live and work; - Future city investment through green investment and green sector jobs & skills; Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 4 We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution. Working with residents and partners for greener, cleaner streets and parks; - Improve the environment and tackle air pollution; - Foster local influence and citizen involvement to create a civic voice;

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Wellbeing Team, Place Directorate - 1 Officer	Paris, France	21-24 November 2018	To attend the final Movement Spaces Project Workshop and ISCA conference with partners from the programme and delegates from other programmes to share good practice and future funding opportunities, to feedback on the outcomes and learning from the project in Birmingham.	£94.86 FLIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS MET BY INTERNATIONAL SPORTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION (ISCA) Subsistence: £94.68 Authorised by Robert James	Outcome 3 – Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in. Priority 1 – We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.
			The project will improve health outcomes by working to develop more shared space for physical activity right in the heart of the communities most at need. Enabling citizens to live more active healthier lifestyles and community cohesion by developing spaces within the communities they live in. Citizens will be consulted with to determine the right activity, at the right time in the right place developing more opportunities for physical and social activity and through active citizenship give citizens a voice to make more positive choices about their wellbeing. We will work with our citizens to ensure that the project consults with citizens to create health and wellbeing initiatives that inspire them to be more socially and physically active. The programme will partly focus on youth engagement in physical activity and how we can work with this target focus group to involve them with planning, development and delivery of a physical activity programme that improves the uptake of activity within this target demographic.		Outcome 5 – Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games Priority 2 – We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing.

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Place - Wellbeing Service, Sports, Events and Parks – 2 Officers	Copenhagen, Denmark	25-28 November 2018	Existing EU Funding Project: Erasmus funding scheme - contractual project meeting for the 3 rd stage of the Youth Health Champions Project. Prepared preliminary information for dissemination multiplier event, shared update on case study on young person chosen from mobility event and discussed sustainability ideas, looking forward. Practical Outcomes: Developing e-learning and a Massive Open On-line Courses (MOOC) resource that will be used in Birmingham to support community sport to promote health and wellbeing. Universal translations completed for all countries promoting inclusiveness. Partners agreed date and venue of multiplier event in each country and outlined content creating interest beyond end of project to ensure sustainability. Invitation's and pledge cards discussed and designs and text to be shared for each event promoting connectivity through creating interest from other local partners. Partners confirmed their two national delegates to attend.	£32.98 FLIGHTS AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS MET BY THE ORGANISER Subsistence: £32.98 Authorised by Robert James and Dawn Baxendale	Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in Priority 3 Inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential. Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours. Outcome 3 Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in. Priority 1 – develop active citizens
European and international Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	28 November 2018	Existing EU Funding Project: Unlocking Social and Economic Innovation Together (USE-IT!). Practical Outcomes: USE-IT! Manager attended a programme management meeting in Brussels and reported on progress and results of the project. Participation in the meeting was a requirement written in the project contract and work plan (part of Management Package), guaranteed further cashflow in the project. Report delivered at the meeting has been accepted.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir	Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 1- We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth. Outcome 3 Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in. Priority 1 – develop active citizens Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 6 we will foster local influence Priority 7 We will work with partners to build an inclusive city for all

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Councillor Ian Ward Economy – 1 Officer European and International Affairs – 1 Officer	Special Administrative Region (SAR) Hong Kong, Singapore & Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)	25 November – 4 December 2018	To promote investment sites direct to capital markets in Asia following large investment flows from that region in to the city in 2017/2018. Practical Outcomes: Over the course of the visit we met directly with 22 key investment companies and individuals across the three visited cities and connected with a further 120 investors and property professionals over two investor events at Hong Kong MIPIM Asia. 'soft launched' the Birmingham Sites Prospectus at an investor breakfast and a further investor lunch at Mipim Asia. Birmingham was the only city to be represented at the British Consulate networking reception and the only British city on a main stage panel event on the future of UK investment alongside the UK government. Two inbound visits following the visit took place within 2 weeks of returning and intensive follow up alongside DIT is now taking place to schedule further visits and convert this activity in to investment.	ALL COSTS MET BY ENTERPRISE ZONE FUNDING Authorised by Councillor Brigid Jones and Waheed Nazir	Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 2 We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens. Priority 3 We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.
European and international Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Lisbon, Portugal	5-6 December 2018	Existing EU Funding Project: Interreg Europe Urban Manufacturing Project. To attend the Urban Manufacturing project management meeting. Practical Outcomes: Birmingham policy challenges were developed and learning from Lisbon made to transfer to Birmingham partners. Two potential project ideas to be developed in Birmingham through ERDF funding were scoped out and will be included in the action plan. They are:	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Waheed Nazir	Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 1- We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth Priority 2 - We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.

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			An ERDF funded project to connect more traditional industries with Collaborative Maker Space facilities to boost the innovation ecosystem and help more traditional SMEs to modernise and innovate in Birmingham. To effect a policy change to fund a Fab Lab to target disaffected youth in deprived areas in Birmingham which will reconnect with youth to develop alternative career pathways. These ideas will now be shared with colleagues at the Birmingham Stakeholder Group to see what is feasible.		Priority 3 - We will Invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.
Housing Division, Place Directorate – 1 Officer and Adult, Social Care and Health Directorate – 1 Officer	Vienna, Austria	5-7 December 2018	To attend a Eurocities Preventing Evictions Working Group meeting. Practical outcomes: Visit to a temporary accommodation project gave some ideas regarding the future provision of supported housing in the city. An understanding of a number of projects being run across Europe that are focussed on the prevention of evictions and some ideas that will be useful to discuss (albeit in a different housing market) as to whether they would be workable to achieve the BCC target of increasing the number of homeless preventions. The learning was used to assist the development and implementation of the eviction panel for Housing associations in the city which is being piloted in February 2019.	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING Authorised by Robert James and Graeme Betts	Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 2 We will have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens. Priority 3 We will work with partners to tackle rough sleeping and homelessness.

Total Cost of visits = £2,374.68
No of visits by Members = 3
No of visits by Officers = 13
No of visits at No Cost to the City = 10
Total cost of visits undertaken between

Current financial year 2018/2019

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018	23	*£60,188.86
(*(figure includes £49,022.05 for Gold		
Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in		
Australia)		
1 July 2018 – 30 September 2018	12	£13,879.46
1 October – 31 December 2018	13	£2,374.68
Totals	48	£76,443.00

Costings Info for the previous period, 2014-2018:

Visits summary 2017/2018

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017	17	£13,788
1 July 2017 – 30 September 2017	8	£2,634
1 October – 31 December 2017	21	£7,026.18
1 January 2018 – 31 March 2018	17	£3,956.01
Totals	63	£27,404.19

Visits summary 2016/2017

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016	25	£16,989
	12	£5,133
1 July – 30 September 2016		
1 October – 31 December 2016	36	£9,112
1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017	24	£14,839
Totals	97	£46,073

Visits summary 2015/2016

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015	36	£8,648
1 July – 30 September 2015	32	£18,740
1 October – 31 December 2015	42	£15,910
1 January 2016 - 31 March 2016	25	£16,687
Totals	135	£59,985

Visits summary 2014/2015

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Date	No of visits	Cost			
1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014	28	£21,966			
1 July – 30 September 2014	16	£7,833			
1 October – 31 December 2014	39	£14,659			
1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015	21	£9,540			
Totals	104	£53,998			

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Outcomes / Priorities (Proposed)
Dates (if known) 20-23 January 2019	-	Destination Lodz, Poland	Purpose of Visit EUFunded project: REMIX Visit fully funded and forms part of project grant agreement. • Project Steering Group meeting	Type of Visit / Costings Info EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Outcomes / Priorities (Proposed) Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth. Outcome 3 Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in. Priority 1 develop active citizens Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 6 We will foster local influence
29-30 January 2019	Information, Technology and Digital Services, Strategic Services - 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	EU Funded project: City4Age Visit fully funded and forms part of project grant agreement. • Attending as part of the final review of the City4Age project.	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Priority 7 We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all Outcome 3 - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in Priority 1 preventing social isolation, loneliness and developing active citizenship Priority 2 Improving care for older people Priority 3 Citizens and communities will have improved resilience and independence
4-6 February 2019	European and International Affairs - 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	Network Related: EUROCITIES • Attend Eurocities Officers Executive meeting where BCC is one of the Executive Committee members. • The meeting will be used to plan and agree activities for the Politicians Executive Meeting. The Leader attends these meetings. • Also discussions will be held around the Mayors Summit which will include participation from the EU President Jean-Claude Junker.	Costings tbc	Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.
21 February 2019	Policy and Programmes, Economy Directorate - 1 Officer	Lille, France	EU Funded project: TRIS (Transition Regions Towards Industrial Symbiosis) Visit fully funded and forms part of project grant agreement. • The meeting is at the request of the funding body, which will focus on reviewing the project activities and outcomes	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth. Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 4 We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Outcomes / Priorities (Proposed)
26-28 February 2019	Wellbeing Service, Place Directorate - 1 Officer	Malta		EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in Priority 3 We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours. Outcome 3 Birmingham in a fulfilling city to live in.
4-6 March 2019	Planning and Regeneration, Economy Directorate - 1 Officer	Bolzano, Italy	, , , , ,	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Priority 1 – develop active citizens Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 4 We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution.
12-15 March 2019	Councillor Ian Ward Economy – 2 Officers	Cannes, France	NIPIM Cannes is the world's leading property conference, which brings together the most influential players from international property sectors and capital markets. The purpose of the visit is to engage with international developers and investors that can help deliver the scale of homes and employment space that are needed in the City. The delegation will be promoting opportunities to invest and develop in the City. The Leader and officers will be attending as part of a Midlands UK delegation, which brings together local authorities, LEPs and private sector businesses from across the Midlands Growth Company are leading on the event organisation and logistics.	ALL COSTS FUNDED VIA EZ	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 2 We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens. Priority 3 We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversity the economic base of the city. Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 2 We will have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens. Attendance at MIPIM will help the City Council deliver on its growth ambitions as set out in the Birmingham Development Plan (51,000 additional homes, 1.5m sqm of commercial floor space).
20-21 March 2019	Councillor lan Ward European and International Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	Network Related: EUROCITIES • Participation and the Eurocities Executive Committee and Mayors Summit with key high-level EU officials including EU President Jean-Claude Junker	Costings tbc	Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Outcomes / Priorities (Proposed)
21-27 March 2019	Wellbeing Service, Place Directorate - 2 Officers	Brussels, Belgium			Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in Priority 3 We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours. Outcome 3 Birmingham in a fulfilling city to live in. Priority 1 – develop active citizens
25-27 March 2019	European and International Affairs - 1 Officer	Zagreb, Croatia	. ,	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth. Priority 2 We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens. Priority 3 We will Invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversity the economic base of the city.
28 March – 9 April 2019	Councillor Yvonne Mosquito – Finance & Governance Lord Mayor Lord Mayor's Consort Lord Mayor's Office - 1 Officer	Hong Kong / China	1	Chinese Businesses UK (CCBUK)	The Lord Mayor will support CCBUK in promoting business opportunities. Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 2 We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens. The Lord Mayor will gain an insight into the exceptional way the Chinese community supports their elders, which supports: Outcome 3 Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in. Priority 1 preventing isolation, loneliness and developing active citizenship Priority 2 Improving care for older people Priority 3 Citizens and communities will have improved resilience and independence

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Outcomes / Priorities (Proposed)
2-4 April 2019	European and International Affairs	Zagreb, Croatia	EU Funded project: REMIX Visit fully funded and forms part of project grant agreement. • Quarterly Project Steering Group meeting.	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneuria city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth. Outcome 3 Birmingham in a fulfilling city to live in. Priority 1 – develop active citizens Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 6 we will foster local influence Priority 7 We will work with partners to build a
15-17 May 2019 3-4 June 2019	European and International Affairs - 1 Officer Councillor lan Ward European and International Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Tallinn, Estonia Stockholm, Sweden	Network Related: EUROCITIES • Attend Eurocities Officers Executive meeting and Cooperation Platform. Network Related: EUROCITIES • Attend Eurocities Political Executive Committee Meeting.	Costings tbc Costings tbc	fair and inclusive city for all Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes. Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.
17-19 June 2019	European and International Affairs - 1 Officer	Toulouse, France	EU Funded project: REMIX Visit fully funded and forms part of project grant agreement. • Quarterly Project Steering Group meeting.	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneuria city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth. Outcome 3 Birmingham is a fulfilling city to live in. Priority 1 – develop active citizens Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 6 We will foster local influence Priority 7 We will work with partners to build an inclusive city for all

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Outcomes / Priorities (Proposed)
	•	Lodz, Poland	EU Funded project: REMIX	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth. Outcome 3 Birmingham in a fulfilling city to live in. Priority 1 – develop active citizens Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 6 We will foster local influence Priority 7 we will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all
26 September 2019	European and International Affairs - 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	Network Related: EUROCITIES • Attend Eurocities Officers Executive meeting.	Costings tbc	Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.
22-22 November 2019	Councillor Ian Ward European and International Affairs, Economy – 1 Officer	Prague, Czech Republic	Network Related: EUROCITIES • Attend Eurocities Officers Executive meeting, Eurocities Political Executive Committee Meeting and Eurocities Annual General Meeting.	Costings tbc	Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.

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APPENDIX C

Item 5

Date	Delegation	Country	Purpose/Outcome	Nos.	Department
18 October 2018	Shanghai Fengxian Investments Meeting	China	Discuss Birmingham economy with view to future investment options.	6	European and International Affairs
25 October 2018	Petaling Jaya City Council Meeting	Malaysia	BCC hosted a delegation from Malaysia that explored the way the council manages and regulates market traders across the city.	6	European and International Affairs
29 October 2018	Ningbo Jiangbei Delegation Meeting	China	Discuss trade and investment priorities for Ningbo and Birmingham and formal city relations.	6	European and International Affairs
30-31 October 2018	Elected Members, Peshawar	Pakistan	To attend the strong Cities Conference in Birmingham and meet Birmingham's Prevent Team and civil society organisations working on the Prevent agenda to share best practice.	2	Prevent
15 November 2018	Kunming Trade & Investment Group Meeting	China	Discuss trade and investment priorities for Kunming and Birmingham.	6	European and International Affairs
16 November 2018	Qinhuai Investor Group Meeting	China	Discuss Birmingham economy with view to future investmet options.	6	European and International Affairs
29 November 2018	Home Office International	Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada	Visit arranged by the Director of Prevent at the Home Office for his equivalents from Australia, Canada, new Zealand and the USA. Purpose to meet Chief Executive and learn from Birmingham's Prevent Programme and for the Home Office to showcase how Prevent is delivered locally	8	Prevent
6 December 2018	Chongqing Public Administration Group Meeting	China	Discuss how BCC trains and manages its work force and discuss cultural exchange ideas for China/WM 2020.	7	European and International Affairs
11 December 2018	Xiamen Sports Development Group Meeting	China	Discuss plans for CWG 2022 and possible sport development links through trade.	7	European and International Affairs
11 December 2018	Anhui Urban Planning Group Meeting	China	Discuss BCC planning system and performance.	7	European and International Affairs
19 December 2018	Fujian Investor Group Meeting	China	Discuss Birmingham economy with view to future investment options.	7	European and International Affairs
17-18 December 2018	Lai Sun Group	Hong Kong	To explore investment opportunities in the city as a follow up to Waheed Nazir's trip to Asia with the Leader.	1	Economy
19-20 December 2018	Nils Scheffler	Germany	Nils is contracted as an UIA expert for the USE-IT! project, visited to observe the implementation of the USE-IT project.	1	European and International Affairs
				Total 70	

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	CITY SOLICITOR
Date of Decision:	11 FEBRUARY 2019
SUBJECT:	PROVISIONAL CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING DATE AND COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2019/2020
Wards affected:	ALL

1. Purpose of	freport:
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To reconsider the provisional City Council Annual Meeting date for 2020 and agree provisional dates for meetings of the Council Business Management Committee in 2019/2020.

- 2. Decision(s) recommended:
- 2.1 To reconsider the provisional City Council Annual Meeting date for 2020.
- 2.2 That the provisional dates for meetings of the Council Business Management Committee in 2019/2020 be agreed.

Contact Officer:	Phil Wright
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Signature:	
Chief Officer(s):	
Dated:	

List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:		
Nil.		

3. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

Provisional Date for City Council Annual Meeting in 2020

3.1 At its meeting on the Committee agreed, to avoid Ramadan, that the City Council Annual Meeting for 2020 be moved from the 19 May to 26 May which falls the day after a bank holiday when the Council House is closed. The Committee is requested to reconsider this decision.

Provisional Dates for Meetings of Council Business Management Committee

3.2 To be held on Mondays at 1400 hours unless otherwise stated.

<u>2019</u>	2020
28 May (Tuesday)	21 January
24 June	10 February
27 August (Tuesday)	23 March
21 October	5 May (Tuesday) or 11 May
18 November	
16 December	

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	City Solicitor
Date of Meeting:	11 February 2019
Subject:	Park at Smithfield Petition
Wards affected:	Bordesley and Highgate

1. Purpose of report:

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of a Petition entitled 'To create a public park in the centre of Birmingham' that has achieved the threshold of 5,000 signatures that allows it to be submitted to this Committee for consideration.
- 1.2 To seek the view of the Committee as to whether it determines that the petition is relevant to either City Council or an Overview and Scrutiny Committee and should be debated
- 2. Decision(s) recommended:
- 2.1 That the report be noted;
- 2.2 That, the Committee determines whether the petition should be debated or not and if so, whether that should be at City Council or by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Contact Officer: Phil Wright

Council Team Leader

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Signature:	
Chief Officer:	

List of background documents:

Petition presented to City Council on 15 January 2019

Background

At the Meeting of City Council on 15 January 2019 Councillor Jayne Francis submitted a petition (a list of names from an external e-petition site) relating to the creation of a public park in the centre of Birmingham at Smithfield (the former Birmingham Markets site). Following verification, the petition was found to contain 5,203 valid signatures from Birmingham residents; as a large number of the signatures on the e-petition were from outside Birmingham, these were not valid.

The full wording of the e-petition from the change.org petition website is set out in the appendix to this report.

Petition Guidance

The relevant sections of the petition Guidance sets out the following

"If your petition achieves the threshold of 20,000 signatures (subject to verification) this will automatically trigger a debate of the petition at City Council. The lead petitioner will be notified of the date of the meeting.

The lead petitioner will also be offered the option of reading their petition at the beginning of the debate or they may choose to request a local Councillor to present it on their behalf."

"If your petition achieves the threshold of 10,000 signatures (subject to verification) it will be referred to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a Senior Officer to attend and answer questions about the delivering of public services".

"In addition, in event that the a petition with the number of signatures over 5,000 but below the above threshold trigger, is submitted, it will be considered by the Council Business Management Committee to determine whether an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or City Council should debate the petition, if relevant"

Matters for Consideration

The petition had a number of signatures from people in other parts of the country and a number from around the world which could not be counted as valid. It is estimated that there were approximately 10,675 signatures on the petition which is over the threshold for consideration at an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. However the petition has 5,203 valid signatures which is over the threshold for consideration at this Committee to determine whether it should be debated at an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or City Council or not.

Appendix

PARK AT SMITHFIELD PETITION

Birmingham does not have a large park in its city centre - a glaring omission for the UK's second city. However, we currently have a unique opportunity to address this and it's now or never! With the wholesale markets in Digbeth now relocated to another site, a large space of 14 hectares (about the size of 20 football pitches) has been created. This site, called Birmingham Smithfield, which is less than 5 minutes' walk from New Street station and the Bullring, is an ideal location for a green park that could truly transform our city's landscape.

Unfortunately, the council has had other ideas for Smithfield. Its <u>Visioning</u> <u>Document</u> released in 2015 had very little public space and certainly no park as part of its plans, which led to the launch of this petition by <u>CityPark4Brum</u>. In March 2016, the council then released the <u>Smithfield Masterplan</u> and a new consultation, which this time included a proposal for a <u>new park</u> on one part of the site, as a direct result of this campaign. However the space allocated for this park is simply too small, being <u>smaller than the Cathedral Green</u> and is wedged in between other buildings. Therefore the CityPark4Brum campaign has continued and is now into its fourth year.

This petition presents an **alternative vision** for the site in accommodating cultural buildings, markets, homes and transport links connected to *one large area of open and green space*. See here for more details on the CityPark4Brum plan. Parks like the one we are proposing provide the lungs and fresh air for a city and are good for both the private and public purse. In particular they improve our physical and mental health, promote social cohesion, improve biodiversity, reduce pollution and provide a site for open-air events.

Did you know that the council's own <u>Parks and Open Spaces Strategy</u> (Section 5.4) highlights a lack of existing public open space in the city centre? In wards that cover the Digbeth area, the current open space provision is much lower than the council's target of 2 hectares per 1000 residents. Now 2000 additional homes are being proposed in the Masterplan with clearly an insufficient amount of new open space to go with it. Eastside Park and the Cathedral Green are the only green areas in or very near to the city centre for local residents and visitors.

Other global cities are known and celebrated for having signature parks at their centres, for example London, Berlin, New York and Washington. In fact, Central Park in New York is a main visitor attraction and generates \$1Billion annually to the local economy. There is no doubt that global cities benefit from having well-known parks at their centres. The wholesale markets site is the last area of large open space left in Birmingham's city centre, and one still in public ownership, that could be transformed in this way. So now it's our turn and our last chance to have a large city centre park. Situated right next to the Bullring, it would be the missing piece of the jigsaw, a green hub that connects different parts of the city, making a legacy for generations to come. So please join the campaign to turn a brownfield site into a green one by signing this petition and following updates on the CityPark4Brum website, as well as on Twitter, FaceBook & Instagram.

The original petition was submitted to Birmingham City Council as part of its Smithfield consultations in 2015 and 2016. In July 2018 the updated petition, now with over 6000 names, was sent to both Birmingham City Council and to Andy Street, the West Midlands Mayor. Since then, and while we have been waiting on the council's next steps, we have received thousands more signatures. So now we have decided to send the petition to the council for a final time in January 2019, with a new target of 10,000 supporters.



CITY COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN 2018/19 – February 2019

To include:

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

СВМ	
25 June 2018	Recommendation to amend the Members' Allowance
	Scheme
	Petitions Update
28 August	Recommendation to appoint co-opted members –
2018	Independent Remuneration Panel (Contact: Emma
	Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
	Petitions Update
	Discontinuing paper agendas
22 October 2018	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
19 November 2018	Lord Mayoralty Formula (for next three years)
17 December 2018	Petitions Update

City Council	
10 July 2018	Amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme
	Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18
11 September	Section 24 Auditors Report in relation to the Council's
2018	2017/18 accounts (Contact: Martin Stevens, Head Of
	City Finance Accounts)
	Bordesley Park Area Action Plan – proposed submission
	to the Secretary of State
	Overview and Scrutiny: Sustainability & Transport O&S
	Committee – Flooding: Issues arising from May 2018
	(Contact: Rose Kiely, Group O&S Manager)
6 November	Sustainability and Transformation Plan (contact: Suman
2018	McCartney)
4 December	Policy Framework: Community Cohesion Strategy
2018	(contact: Suwinder Bains, Partnership Manager)
	Women and Democracy report (contact: Amerdip Kaur,
	Senior Policy Officer to the CEX)
15 January 2019	Review of Birmingham's Council Tax Support Scheme
	2018/19 (contact: David Kinnair, Head of Benefits)
	City of Sanctuary Policy Statement (subject to
	agreement at Cabinet)
	Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Licensing Principles
	(contact: Shawn Woodcock, Licencing Operations Mgr)

CBM	
21 January	
2019	
44.5.1	
11 February 2019	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
2019	Provisional City Council and CBM dates for 2019/20
	Trovisional city council and coin dates for 2015, 20
18 March	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel
2019	tbc (Contact: Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services)
	Annual Standards Committee Benert (Contact: Bob
	Annual Standards Committee Report (Contact: Rob Connelly, Interim Assistant Director, Governance)
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	Petitions Update
7 May 2019	Proportionality
	City Council Appointments
	Annual Review of the City Council's Constitution
	Overseas Travel and Inward Delegations From Abroad
(tbc) May	Appointment of Sub-Committee and Other Bodies –
2019	Personnel Appeals Committee
	Order of Notices of Motion at City Council

Appointment to the Roll of Honorary Alderman Appointment of the Leader

City Council	
	Report on Impact of Brexit (contact: Lloyd Broad, Head of European and International Affairs and Interim Head of Employment and Skills)
5 February 2019*	West Midlands Combined Authority – The Second Devolution Deal Progress Update (contact: Tony Smith, Policy Executive) Youth Justice Plan (contact: Dawn Roberts, AD Early
26 February 2019	Help, Family Support and Youth Justice) Council Plan and Budget 2019+ including pay policy statement
2 April 2019**	Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (to be confirmed)
	Co-ordinating O&S Committee: City Council meeting inquiry
21 May 2019	 Annual General Meeting Election of Lord Mayor Annual appointments Annual review of the Constitution
(tbc) June 2019	

Items to be scheduled / proposed:

Waste Strategy – 2019 Review of the Constitution

Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee: Single Use Plastics (June 2019)

^{*} Pre-meeting of members to select Lord Mayor elect

^{**} Annual Council Photograph

Appendix 1: City Council Resolutions – Tracker

Ref	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member	Update
no			/ officer	
1b	12 June 2018	Motion for Debate: 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 / Anne Ainsworth, Corporate Director, Children's Services	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. 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. 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. Officers will be returning to Scrutiny in September with details of sufficiency planning. [August update]

Ref	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member	Update
no			/ officer	
1c	12 June 2018	 Motion for Debate: response to flooding including an investigation into the flooding under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010; and Overview and Scrutiny to carry out a complementary investigation into the flood of May 2018 and to return to City Council 	Cabinet Member, Transport & Environment / Waheed Nazir, Corporate Director, Economy (Kevin Hicks) Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee /Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services	The Section 19 report will develop as responses to the questionnaire¹ are received and any mitigation actions to prevent further flooding will be taken or progressed as necessary as information becomes available. It is likely (given previous examples) that the final version of the Section 19 report relating to this incident will be available by Spring 2019 [August update] COMPLETED: Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee held evidence gathering in July 2018 and report to City Council presented September 2018. [October update]
2b	10 July 2018	Motion for Debate: resolves to help food banks across the city highlight the growing concerns and calls on the Government to recognise that it has a moral and practical duty to protect people from poverty and to provide a safety net the council calls upon the Government to provide local government with the resources to deal with this crisis	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equality / Jacqui Kennedy, Corporate Director, Place	COMPLETED: A letter was sent by the Cabinet Member to Rt hon Amber Rudd MP, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, to highlight growing concerns and to ask for the resources to deal with this issue [February 2019]

Where potential mitigation measures are being identified in the collection of this information we are seeking to deliver "quick wins" and immediate works as the issues are identified. As an example, on the River Cole working in partnership with The Environment Agency the river has been cleared of debris, in addition to cutting back overhanging vegetation and removing significant obstruction which could impede flows. These actions were mobilised 3 weeks ago.

¹ A key element in the production of the Section 19 report is to send questionnaires to locations where flooding might have occurred. Over 1800 properties have been identified to receive questionnaires regarding whether flooding occurred at to the property on 27th May. This figure is significantly above the number of properties known to have flooded as the process of identifying potential flooding locations involves seeking information from properties immediately around those known flooded locations. Currently over 1700 properties have been contacted to obtain information from the property owners, tenants, etc.

Ref	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member	Update
no			/ officer	
2c	10 July 2018	Motion for Debate: 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	Benchmarking with other Local Authorities and Public Sector organisations has taken place. A review of all family friendly policies is being carried out and a cost benefit analysis to establish the potential costs and budget pressure that will be incurred in increasing maternity/shared parental leave benefits. An options appraisal is being discussed with members. Completion: Spring 2019 [November update]
3e	11 September 2018	Motion for Debate: calls for action at a city level so Birmingham makes a significant contribution to reducing disposal of plastics and cleaning up the environment / calls on the Executive to ask the Transport and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee to explore the opportunities and the options available to the City so it can become a Plastic Free City / asks the Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs urging him to bring the United Kingdom into line with the European Union's 2030 target for phasing out single use plastics / commits to working with partners within the Combined Authority to develop a complimentary regional strategy on this issue to ensure greater collaboration and to leverage more support from Government for innovative schemes to help support the Government's own strategy to reduce plastic pollution	Chair, Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services Cabinet Member Clean Streets, Waste and Recycling / Jacqui Kennedy, Corporate Director Place	Scrutiny: Inquiry into plastic free city scheduled for January and February 2019, report to Council proposed April 2019. [October update]

Ref	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member	Update
no			/ officer	
4b	06 November 2018	 Motion for Debate: This Council welcomes the Government announcement of a new campaign to tackle Mental Health – Every Mind Matters / therefore calls on the Executive to: Update local plans to reflect new opportunities arising from recent Government policy announcements Bring the area action plan back to full Council for formal adoption and debate Once adopted, ask Scrutiny to track progress against the Action Plan, reporting back to Full Council if the committee believes it necessary to update. 	Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Becky Pollard, Interim Director of Public Health	Revised action plan scheduled for Scrutiny in February 2019 .
5b	04 December 2018	 Women & Democracy: That the attached Statement of Intent is agreed; 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; Add the following to action plan:	Deputy Leader / Jonathan Tew, Assistant Chief Executive / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	Action plan implementation underway [January 2019]

Ref	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member	Update
no			/ officer	
5c	04 December 2018	 Motion for Debate: This Council resolves to: Ask the Health and Well-Being Overview & 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; 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 	Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Becky Pollard, Interim Director of Public Health Chair, Health and Social Care O&S Committee	The Chair of the Health and Social Care O&S Committee is meeting Cllr Brennan and Jenkins in the new year to discuss; and the committee will agree how to take this forward at their January meeting. [January update]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
5d	04 December 2018	 Motion for Debate: this Council calls for Scrutiny to examine with the Armed Forces Champions and reported back to Full Council to look at How the Council currently supports veterans To look specifically at the current housing offer How the Council currently works with partners Identify any extra areas of support that the Council can provide either itself or in partnership Identify areas where we can help build better understanding amongst the wider community Identify any areas where the council can constructively feedback to national government for policy changes or additional support 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. 	Chair, Co-ordinating O&S committee / Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services	To be discussed at the Scrutiny Chairs meeting in February [February update]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
5e	04 December 2018	 Motion for Debate: The Council recommends that the executive engages with scrutiny to review its policies for regeneration areas to ensure that: 1. Regeneration is planned to meet the City's housing need. 2. Residents living in a regeneration area have the opportunity to shape and influence plans. 3. The executive's proposed 'right to return' policy is comprehensive and balanced. 4. The implications of a residents ballot on regeneration projects is fully explored 		To be discussed at the Scrutiny Chairs meeting in February [February update]
6a	15 January 2019	That approval be given to retain the current Council Tax Support Scheme for the next financial year (2019/20) not withstanding any prescribed changes set by Government and/or annual uprating. Where there is a recommendation subsequently made in future years, that there are no changes required to the scheme, for the preceding year that Delegated Authority is granted to the appropriate Senior Officers to authorise the scheme within the Benefit Service	-	
6b	15 January 2019	That the City Council approves the Statement of Gambling Principles and authorises:- i. the City Solicitor to update the list of Policy Framework Plans to include the same; and ii. the Acting Director of Regulation and Enforcement to do what is necessary to publish and comply with the same.	Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	Changes to Constitution to be made as part of refresh – May 2019 [February update]

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6c	15 January	That the City of Sanctuary policy statement	Cabinet Member,	
	2019	(Appendix 1) is approved as the City Council's new	Social Inclusion,	
		commitment to supporting the resettlement and	Community Safety &	
		integration of asylum seekers, refugees and	Equality / Graeme	
		migrants in Birmingham. In addition that the	Betts, Director of	
		Assistant Chief Executive and Corporate Director	Adult Social Care &	
		for Adult Social Care and Health be authorised to	Health	
		publish and disseminate the document as		
		appropriate		
6d	15 January	Brexit: That the City Council note the contents of	-	-
	2019	the report		
6e	15 January	Motion for Debate: Council expects the Cabinet	Cabinet Member for	
	2019	Member for Education, Schools and Culture and	Education, Schools	
		the Cabinet Member for Social inclusion,	and Culture / Cabinet	
		Community Safety and Equalities to report back	Member for Social	
		progress on [the motion] to the relevant Overview	inclusion, Community	
		and Scrutiny Committee.	Safety and Equalities /	
			Dr Tim O'Neill,	
			Director Education &	
			Skills / Graeme Betts,	
			Director of Adult	
			Social Care & Health	

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6g	15 January 2019	 Motion for Debate: 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: A copy of the ACAS deal itself Copies of all delegated decision reports Copies of any briefings or correspondence with any cabinet member, previous or current, regarding the deal 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 Copies of any correspondence concerning the decision to exclude GMB from talks after the Unite settlement Copies of minutes from all meetings between the Council and any Union concerning implementation of the Nov 2017 settlement Full details of all costs involved, including the total payment itself and any legal costs 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 The Council also calls for an immediate review into the use of delegated powers within the constitution 	Leader / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	

Other Actions from City Council Meetings

Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member	Request/Question	Action taken
15-Jan-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Kate Booth	To confirm to Cllr Alex Yip that the information on Birmingham's website regarding EHCP assessments is accurate and up to date.	
15-Jan-19	Oral Questions	Cllr Jayne Francis	To confirm to Cllr Timothy Huxtable the cost of installing self-enforcing traffic measures referred to the in the budget consultation.	

Reminder: Members must declare all relevant pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 26 February 2018 at 1400 hours in The Council Chamber, Council House, Birmingham

AGENDA

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING

Lord Mayor to advise that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) 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 that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting

Attached 3 MINUTES

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5 February 2019.

4 LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(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

(15 minutes allocated) (1425-1440)

To receive and deal with petitions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

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 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

(5 minutes allocated) (1440-1445)

To make appointments to, or removals from, committees, outside bodies or other offices.

Attached 7 2019+ FINANCIAL PLAN

(The remaining time until the close of the meeting at 1915 is allocated) (1445-1915 inclusive of the break)

To consider a report of Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer.

At this stage in the Council meeting, the following procedural Motion will be moved-

"That, pursuant to a Council Business Management discussion, Standing Orders be waived to allocate the remaining time of the meeting to 1915 hours for the whole debate on the 2019+ Financial Plan report, permit the Leader of the City Council to make a speech of up to 30 minutes, permit the other Group Leaders to make a speech of up to 30 minutes each, permit all other speakers in the debate to speak for up to 5 minutes, permit the Leader of the City Council to reply to the debate without time limit, and agree that amendments to the Motions should be taken in the order that the amendments were notified to the Lord Mayor."

(A 30 Minute break will be taken during the debate)

The Leader to move the Motions set out in document - at Pages - to -.

Members must, in reaching their decision on the Budget Motions, have full regard to the budget consultation, as set out in Appendix - of the 2019+ Financial Plan.