

CITY COUNCIL

4 FEBRUARY, 2020

**AMENDMENTS TO
MOTIONS IN THE
COUNCIL AGENDA
RECEIVED IN ADVANCE
OF THE MEETING**

AMENDMENT TO MOTION

1st to 11A

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1st para

Delete: "with concern that despite numerous warnings to the Leader and his Cabinet, and promises of lessons learnt, we still see repeated failings in procurement, contract management, risk and project management."

And insert: "and pledges to act on the findings of the Audit report on Home to School Transport."

Delete 2nd para

And insert: "To that end, the Council will build on the ongoing work of the Directorate and Scrutiny to produce and comprehensively monitor KPIs which cover waiting times for referrals and appeals; route cancellations by the supplier/lateness/length of journey; route cancellations because of the guide and quality assurance checks."

Replace paras 3&4 with:

"The Council believes that the failures identified in the Audit report stem from deeply rooted organisational and cultural shortcomings. These issues are being addressed and the political leadership continues to be fully committed to the task of urgently addressing them.

"The Council further believes that, looking forward, the findings from the Home to School Transport Audit mark a turning point in the management of supplier relationships. The Council remains committed to transparency with

members, monitoring and reporting shortcomings on a regular basis. Good governance and transparency are the guiding principles.”

Delete 5th para.

6th para

Delete: “requests”

And insert: “notes”

Delete bullet point 1

And insert: "That the council apologises unreservedly to the children, young people and their families of the Home to School Transport Service for the failings identified in the Audit report."

Delete bullet point 2

And insert: "That, in partnership with Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership, the Non-Executive Advisor for Outcomes for vulnerable adults and children will undertake a review of safeguarding."

Delete bullet point 3

And insert: "That the recommendations of the audit report be actioned by the Directorate, with progress to be tracked by Audit Committee."

Bullet point 4

After “lawful” insert “and not commercially sensitive”

Add: "That, where lawful and not commercially sensitive to not enter into any contract clauses which limit the ability of the council to properly hold the supplier to account and/or share shortcomings with members. In the case of Home to School Transport, this his will build on the current work to make this process more robust with the introduction of a points system, whereby the Council will, without notice, inspect the quality of services that the Provider is supplying. This will include but is not limited to:

- Route checks;
- School/Centre visits;
- Analysis of non-compliance issues/complaints;
- Sampling of invoices;
- and auditing of documentation.
- If the Council has evidence that the Provider has failed to meet the required standards below the onus will be on the Provider to prove that the alleged irregularities did not occur.

Bullet point 5

Delete: "commits to reset"

And insert: "remains committed to"

Delete: "more"

After "contributions" insert "and recommendations."

Delete: "In any event, promptly bring to the attention of the next Audit and Scrutiny committee when Executive or officers gain knowledge that any contract in excess of £1m is under performing by more than 5% of the budget or contract performance criteria.

Bullet point 6

Replace: "commits" with: "remains committed"

Delete: "and not media management."

Delete final par and insert:

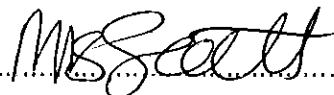
"The Council reiterates that emergency powers must only be used where the interests of the Council are jeopardised unless an executive decision is implemented immediately."

PROPOSED BY:

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Councillor Kate Booth

SECONDED BY:

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Councillor Kath Scott

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Motion calling on Birmingham City Council to agree to adopt this motion to respond to the Audit report on Home to School Transport and to review the approach to emergency decisions.

That this Council notes and pledges to act on the findings of the Audit report on Home to School Transport.

To that end, the Council will build on the ongoing work of the Directorate and Scrutiny to produce and comprehensively monitor KPIs which cover waiting times for referrals and appeals; route cancellations by the supplier/lateness/length of journey; route cancellations because of the guide and quality assurance checks.

The Council believes that the failures identified in the Audit report stem from deeply rooted organisational and cultural shortcomings. These issues are being addressed and the political leadership continues to be fully committed to the task of urgently addressing them.

The Council further believes that, looking forward, the findings from the Home to School Transport Audit mark a turning point in the management of supplier relationships. The Council remains committed to transparency with members, monitoring and reporting shortcomings on a regular basis. Good governance and transparency are the guiding principles.

The Council notes:

- That the council apologises unreservedly to the children, young people and their families of the Home to School Transport Service for the failings identified in the Audit report."
- That, in partnership with Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership, the Non-Executive Advisor for Outcomes for vulnerable adults and children will undertake a review of safeguarding.
- That the recommendations of the audit report be actioned by the Directorate, with progress to be tracked by Audit Committee.
- That, where lawful and not commercially sensitive to not enter into any contract clauses which limit the ability of the council to properly hold the supplier to account and/or share shortcomings with members. In the case of Home to School Transport, this will build on the current work to make this process more robust with the introduction of a points system, whereby the Council will, without notice, inspect the quality of services that the Provider is supplying. This will include but is not limited to:
 - Route checks;
 - School/Centre visits;
 - Analysis of non-compliance issues/complaints;
 - Sampling of invoices;
 - and auditing of documentation.

- If the Council has evidence that the Provider has failed to meet the required standards below the onus will be on the Provider to prove that the alleged irregularities did not occur
- The Executive remains committed to its relationship with the Scrutiny and Audit Committees by being open and proactive in sharing issues in advance, however challenging, and genuinely reflecting and acting upon their contributions and recommendations.
- The Executive remains committed to the timely production of information in a way that focuses on due process and transparency.

The Council reiterates that emergency powers must only be used where the interests of the Council are jeopardised unless an executive decision is implemented immediately.

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Delete paras 2 and 3.

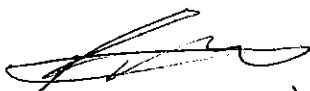
Para 4 delete "therefore"

Bullet point:

Delete all after "to ask the Government to"

And insert: "take part in a national debate in respect of electoral reform and commits to contributing to that debate, which could include an option for considering STV in multiple member wards in Birmingham."

PROPOSED BY:



Councillor Fred Grindrod

SECONDED BY:



Councillor Ian Ward

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AMENDMENT TO MOTION 11B

2nd to 11B

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In second paragraph delete all after 'for elections to Birmingham City Council' and replace with:

"in line with the Government's pledge in its successful 2019 election manifesto to protect the integrity of our democracy, whilst continuing to support the First Past the Post system of voting. This will include measures to introduce identification to vote at polling stations and to tighten rules around postal votes to stop fraud.

Further this Council believes that when considering reform to the electoral system the Government therefore look to use Birmingham and its experienced elections staff as a test bed for reforms.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- write to the Cabinet Office offering the City Council's full support for electoral reform along the lines set out in the huge mandate received from the Conservative Manifesto for 2019;
- offer to help support this review by sharing learning from its own elections team and others involved in previous issues and the efforts to address them"

PROPOSED BY:



Councillor Deirdre Alden

SECONDED BY:



Councillor Matt Bennett

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