

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2019 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

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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

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the last meeting.

5 APPOINTMENT TO SUB-COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

A. Lord Mayor's Advisory Group

RECOMMENDATION:

That Councillor Mike Leddy replace Councillor John Lines on the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

B. Personnel Appeals (Dismissals) Sub-Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

That Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq replace Councillor Mike Leddy as a

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Chair on the Personnel Appeals (Dismissals) Sub-Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

C. Miscellaneous Appeals Sub-Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

That Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq replace Councillor Mike Leddy on the Miscellaneous Appeals Sub-Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2019/2020.

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| <u>6 - 26</u> | 6 | <u>OVERSEAS TRAVEL AND INWARD DELEGATIONS FROM ABROAD</u> | Report of Director - Inclusive Growth Directorate. |
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| <u>38 - 51</u> | 9 | <u>CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN AUGUST 2019</u> | To inform members of forthcoming items for City Council and Council Business Management Committee meeting agendas |
| <u>52 - 54</u> | 10 | <u>COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING</u> | To consider the Council agenda for the next meeting.

For information the order of Notices of Motion at this meeting will be Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Labour. |
| | 11 | <u>OTHER URGENT BUSINESS</u> | 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. |
| <u>55 - 58</u> | 11A | <u>OTHER URGENT BUSINESS - POLITICAL ASSISTANTS</u> | Report of the City Solicitor. |
| | 12 | <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'. |

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 24 JUNE 2019

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019 AT 1400 HOURS, IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT: Councillor Ian Ward in the Chair;

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2892 Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting. If a pecuniary interest was declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Councillor Gareth Moore indicated that he had been involved in item 6 (Appointment of Citizen Representative - Independent Remuneration Panel) as member of recruitment panel

APOLOGIES

2893 Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Brigid Jones and Shabrana Hussain.

MINUTES

2894 That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 28 May 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

FAMILY FRIENDLY POLICIES

The following report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources was submitted:-

(See document No 1)

Dawn Hewins, HR Director, made introductory comments relating to the report.

Members said that the report did not adequately address the motion to City Council as it did not seek to show how Birmingham City Council could be industry leading in this area and did not contain the financial information as to what that would cost. Members also noted that it was late as it should have been prepared in time for this year's budget.

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RESOLVED:-

That the HR Director submit a further report with information as set out above, in order to discharge this council motion

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL – MEMBERSHIP

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

During discussion it was agreed to offer renewal of appointment to an existing citizen representative

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the Council's Business Management Committee recommends to City Council that the following be appointed to the Independent Remuneration Panel as follows:

Appointee

Veronica Doherty

Term of Office

1 September 2019 – 31 August 2023

- (ii) that renewal of appointment be offered to an existing citizen representative.
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PETITIONS UPDATE

The following report of the City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

The Chair noted that a number of petitions were very old now and that he had asked that this be owned and progressed.

Councillor Robert Alden queried petition No. 2029, where it stated that officers were awaiting for Amey to complete works and explained that, the last time he had spoken to officers, there was no work scheduled. Emma Williamson, Head of Scrutiny Services, undertook to confirm the current situation.

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RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted

CITY COUNCIL AND CBM FORWARD PLAN JUNE 2019

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

(See document No 4)

It was noted that should be amended to ongoing in light of the discussion at agenda item No.6 above

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RESOLVED:-

That subject to the above amendment the City Council and CBM Forward Plan be noted.

COUNCIL AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The following draft agenda was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

During the ensuing discussion it was noted that agenda item No. 10 The Refreshed Council Plan 2019-2022 should be removed as the report was no longer being submitted to the meeting and 60 minutes be allocated for agenda item No. 11 Youth Justice Plan.

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RESOLVED:-

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

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

2900

There was no other urgent business.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

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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 1425 hours.

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CHAIR

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	DIRECTOR – INCLUSIVE GROWTH DIRECTORATE
Date of Decision:	27 AUGUST 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 1 st April – 30 th June 2019.
1.2	To provide details, for information, of known proposed Member and Officer overseas travel forthcoming commitments for the next monitoring period 1 st July – 30 th September 2019.
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.

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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 4 visits undertaken by Members and 12 visits by officers at a maximum cost of £8,736.64.

3.5 Proposed Forthcoming Travel

The attached Appendix B provides an indicative schedule of known forthcoming travel proposals for the next monitoring period 1st July – 30th September 2019 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 April – June 2019. Appendix C.

Signature:

Director:

Date:

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Authorisation for foreign travel forms, report back on existing and forthcoming visits. Registry of inward delegations.

CIVIC RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOMES / PRIORITIES
Councillor Yvonne Mosquito – Finance & Governance Lord Mayor Lord Mayor's Consort 1 Officer	Nanjing, Hangzhou, Zhuhai, China	28 March – 9 April 2019	<p>Civic visit to Hong Kong and China to progress Business, Cultural and investment opportunities, including Birmingham Sister City of Nanjing.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Lord Mayor undertook a two day civic programme in Birmingham's Sister City of Nanjing, focussing on the cultural and educational objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two cities in 2018. A meeting took place with the Mayor of Nanjing to sign the Memorandum of Understanding in Nanjing. Birmingham based members of the Confederation of Chinese Businesses UK (CCBUK) had invited the Lord Mayor to gain an insight into Chinese culture. The Lord Mayor attended the annual Qingming (or Ching Ming) Festival as a VIP guest. The Birmingham Chinese Quarter is based in the Ward that has been represented by Councillor Yvonne Mosquito for 23 years. This knowledge provided a greater cultural understanding of the Chinese community in Birmingham. The Lord Mayor also met with the Mayors of Hangzhou and Zhuhai, cities in the same region with connections back to Birmingham and the West Midlands. <p>The visit to China has already led to two reciprocal visits in June, one from the Vice-Mayor of Zhuhai, who was keen to hear of development opportunities in the city; the Inclusive Growth Directorate presented the Big City Plan and Birmingham Development Plan. Also, one from Nanjing-based Phoenix Publishing and Media Group who are looking to further strengthen partnership working between Nanjing and Birmingham, eg with the Library of Birmingham.</p>	<p>Majority funded by CCBUK including full cost of flights</p> <p>Total cost incurred by BCC: £2,312.42 Subsistence: £1,593.10 (includes Interpreting fees of £607.61, local transport costs and ferry transfer to Hong Kong and £267.47 for foreign currency exchange rate loss) Accommodation: £719.32 Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Cllr Ian Ward</p>	<p>The Lord Mayor supported CCBUK in promoting business opportunities.</p> <p>Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 2 We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.</p> <p>The Lord Mayor gained an insight into the exceptional way the Chinese community supports their elders, which supports:</p> <p>Outcome 3 Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p>Priority 1 Preventing isolation, loneliness and developing active citizenship</p> <p>Priority 2 Improving care for older people</p> <p>Priority 3 Citizens and communities will have improved resilience and independence</p>

NETWORK RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOMES / PRIORITIES
Neighbourhoods Directorate (formerly Place) - 1 Officer	Chemnitz, Germany	10-13 April 2019	<p>To attend Eurocities Cultural Forum.</p> <p>Birmingham is one of the founder members the Eurocities Culture Forum. There are two Culture Forum events hosted by a member city each year. Cllr Ian Ward was elected chair of the Culture Forum for a two year term from November 2016 - November 2018. (Councillor Jayne Francis has since taken up the Member representation but couldn't attend this Forum).</p> <p>Birmingham contributes in two of the five working groups as well as the broader Eurocities work plan. The Head of Cultural Development is on the Steering Group and attends to make connections with the work programmes of the other groups - helping fulfil the Council's intention to improve services by promoting innovation, learning from good practice and collaborating with our European partners across all sectors and all communities.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year's theme of Cities developing and supporting networks of local cultural organisations was particularly relevant to Birmingham as it moves towards its intention of establishing a 'Cultural Compact' across the city. 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. This activity links to the agreed Eurocities culture strategy. The Culture Forum has three key strands: to share good practice and learning between cities of similar scale and complexity, to build a coherent case for the strategic role of cities at the European level (to influence EU policy) and to develop and deliver relevant projects, for the benefit of forum members. 	<p>£863.74</p> <p>Flight: £616.49 Subsistence: £39.25 Accommodation: £208.00 Authorised by Chris Jordan and Cllr Brigid Jones</p>	<p>The Culture Forum is pertinent to supporting the City Council's key strategic outcomes;</p> <p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in</p> <p>Priority 3 - We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the City.</p> <p>Outcome 2 - Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in</p> <p>Priority 3 - We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential.</p> <p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in</p> <p>Priority 8 - We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events</p>

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European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Tallin, Estonia	15-17 May 2019	<p>To attend Eurocities Executive Committee, Forum Chairs Meeting and Cooperation Platform</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: This visit covered three specific aspects of Eurocities business and in particular Birmingham's role in the network and Executive Committee;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The main business in Tallinn was to prepare the programme and papers for the upcoming Politicians Executive Committee meeting in Stockholm. 2. There was also a workshop session with regard to developing an engagement programme with the new incoming EU Officials – new European Parliament (MEPs) and European Commission (including a new Commission President. One of the key ambitions of the engagement programme is to lobby the Commission towards appointing a Vice-president for Urban matters. 3. There were also detailed discussions with regards to the role of UK cities in the network post-Brexit. More specifically Birmingham and the current Executive has been looking through the Eurocities statutes and internal rules in order to make adaptations for approval at the next AGM to allow continued membership of UK cities on the Executive Committee. Currently the rules only allow EU cities to have seats on the Executive. 	<p>£616.41</p> <p>Flight: £316.30 Subsistence: £36.56 Accommodation: £263.55 Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>	Eurocities activities overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.

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Cllr Ian Ward European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Stockholm, Sweden	2-4 June 2019	<p>To attend the Eurocities Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes: This visit included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the politicians Executive Committee meeting which took key business decisions on the Eurocities budget and future work programme. • The meeting also secured an approval from the Executive Committee to a change of internal rules and statutes regarding the role of UK cities on the Executive post-Brexit. This outcome maintains the opportunity for Birmingham to sustain its position on the Executive post Brexit. • The visit also involved 3 further 'thematic' meetings with regard to the future of Cities in the Digital Economy. This included meetings with EU 3 MEPs looking at the role of EU policy in this area. There was a visit to Spotify and a meeting with its CEO and founder on the future skills needs for cities. Finally there was a visit to Ericsson who provided a strategic oversight on the role of 5G in the future of cities and how it can support the future of public services and city planning. Birmingham is a test bed for 5G technology. 	<p>£2,056.76</p> <p>Flight: £1,332.78 Subsistence: £90.56 Accommodation: £633.42 Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Cllr Brigid Jones</p>	Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.

PARTNER CITIES AND NETWORK RELATED VISITS –

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOMES / PRIORITIES
<p>Councillor Sharon Thompson – Finance & Governance</p> <p>1 Officer</p>	Lyon, France	4-7 June 2019	<p>To sign a political declaration, attend the social housing festival and establish best practice in social housing and the communication which surrounds it.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The visit enabled the Cabinet Member to sign the European Metropolitan Authorities political declaration on behalf of Birmingham City Council to advocate for “European inclusive metropolitan areas facing together social challenges” that is part of how we are working with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all To participate in debate around social housing in Europe and present the work of the BMHT housebuilding programme – part ensuring we have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens To provide an opportunity to establish best practice in communication to residents and tenants around social housing through networking and conversation with leading voices across Europe – this is part of how we will work to enable local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run Attend the international social housing festival and learn about new and innovative practices in housing and the communication of it 	<p>£1,794.52</p> <p>Flight: £651.39 Subsistence: £244.93 Accommodation: £898.20 Authorised by Cllr Ian Ward and Dawn Baxendale</p>	<p>Outcome 4: Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens.</p> <p>Priority 3: We will work with partners to tackle rough sleeping and homelessness.</p> <p>Priority 6: We will foster local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run.</p> <p>Priority 7: We will work with our partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.</p> <p>Outcome 5: Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Priority 3: We will deliver high quality housing, sporting facilities and transport infrastructure for the benefit of our citizens.</p>

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOMES / PRIORITIES
European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Zagreb, Croatia	2-4 April 2019	<p>EU Funded project: REMIX</p> <p>To attend a Project Steering Group meeting</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussed public private partnerships and the possible application in the context of inclusive growth, i.e. utilising Section 106, smart monitoring of Social Impact gleaned through private contracts. The REMIX project is exploring place based interventions to promote inclusive growth actions in deprived areas. This visit has helped explore how we use our Section 106 powers. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Kathryn James</p>	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 1 - We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.</p> <p>Outcome 3 - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p>Priority 1 - develop active citizens</p> <p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in</p> <p>Priority 6 - We will foster local influence</p> <p>Priority 7 - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all</p>
Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – Prevent Team – 1 Officer	Paris, France	4-5 April 2019	<p>Birmingham City Council had been invited to take part in a symposium to tackle radicalisation and extremism by the US Embassy taking place in Paris. The aim of the symposium was to bring together leading examples of Prevent delivery to share best practice.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham as a member of the Strong Cities Network was able to showcase its work on preventing violent extremism to an international audience further enhancing the city's reputation as a leader in this field. Birmingham was able to receive other examples of best practice from international cities and discuss lessons that could be learnt. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY US EMBASSY</p> <p>Authorised by Jonathan Tew and Dawn Baxendale</p>	<p>Outcome2 – Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p>Priority 1 We will improve protection of vulnerable children and young people (including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability).</p> <p>Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.</p> <p>Outcome 3 – Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p>Priority 1 We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham has been identified as a potential pilot city for the European Cities against Radicalisation and Extremism. 		<p>develop active citizenship.</p> <p>As a member of the Strong Cities Network and having a leading programme to prevent radicalisation Birmingham will be enabled to share and receive best practice and take part in peer led evaluation for preventing radicalisation which is part of the cities work to protect vulnerable children and improve early intervention and prevention work.</p>
Councillor Ian Ward Inclusive Growth – 2 Officers	United Arab Emirates – Dubai and Abu Dhabi	28 April to 2 May 2019	<p>Investment visit / promotion activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UK has long been a favoured destination for investment from the UAE. Typically this activity has centred on real estate investments in London. However, in recent years, investors have started to move out of London and seek new opportunities across the UK in real estate, infrastructure and technology. The UAE's Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWF) – collectively worth over \$1trillion – have embarked on this journey. Birmingham City Council has already hosted a senior delegation from Mubadala last year, which allowed them to witness first-hand how a strategic vision for cities and regions could result in large scale urban regeneration and the creation of new investment opportunities. The UK Embassy in UAE invited the Council to visit the UAE specifically to meet with Mubadala as well as a range of other UAE investors to discuss the steps for investing into the City. The invitation provided an excellent opportunity to broaden out the delegation to include Coventry and Wolverhampton and engage with large institutional and sovereign backed funders to promote the city and region as a premier European investment location. Meetings were arranged to focus on immediate and longer term land and property investment options that will contribute to housing need and demand for new commercial space. 	<p>£64.00</p> <p>ASSOCIATED COSTS MET BY ENTERPRISE ZONE FUNDING</p> <p>Subsistence only: £64.00</p> <p>Authorised by Councillor Brigid Jones and Dawn Baxendale</p>	<p>Outcome 1: Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.</p> <p>Priority 3: We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p> <p>Outcome 4: Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens.</p>

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			<p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Investment Visit has provided a valuable opportunity to secure links with the UAE in order to facilitate additional levels of foreign capital investment into the region. The visit has been particularly successful in helping establish new networks and connections with active investors and real estate professionals in the UAE with a key outcome being to raise awareness in a key global capital market of the city and region. Feedback from several of the meetings highlighted the fact that no other city/regions were pursuing a similar approach to engaging with overseas capital markets in this way. This provides the city and region with a competitive advantage and short-term action is required to ensure that the positive momentum generated from this visit. A regional capital investment senior officer group has been established with an emphasis on determining priorities for identifying/engaging overseas opportunity markets with a view to attracting investment for development and economic growth. <p>The visit has secured specific commitments to visit the City and undertake a 'deep-dive' into a number of potential investment opportunities and these will be followed up throughout 2019.</p>		
Film Birmingham, Cultural Department, Neighbourhoods Directorate – 1 Officer	Cannes, France	16-20 May 2019	<p>To attend the Marche Du Film and Association of Film Commissions International (ACFI) Event (Promotional and networking visit).</p> <p>Promote Birmingham & West Midlands as a destination for film & television production to an international market. Network with the industry, make new connections and attract inward investment into the city, create jobs and raise the city's profile a top destination for film.</p>	<p>£1,028.79</p> <p>Flight: £128.92 Subsistence: £319.87 Accommodation: £580.00 Authorised by Robert James</p>	

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			<p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held with major studio – discussed the options of establishing studio space using existing buildings. Ongoing discussion. • Meeting with the American Film Market Organisation– discussed strategies for maximising opportunities for successful marketing and engaging the industry for a future planned International marketing & promotional trip to the USA in Nov 2019. • Meeting with FOCUS tlg – discussed exhibition, marketing and promotion for international locations event in Dec 2019. • Meeting with IIFTC - discussed exhibition, marketing and promotion for international locations event in March 2020. • Meeting/Networking with production companies/producers /Directors – Outcome: <p>-Meeting with West Midlands Production Fund administrator to discuss potential projects coming to the West Midlands.</p> <p>- co-production between Canadian & Birmingham production company for feature film set in Birmingham.</p> <p>- Pale Face Pictures – Have a slate of projects, discussed filming them in Birmingham. Trained Mercian Studios</p> <p>- Khando Entertainment – Discussed the benefits of filming in the city. Plans to bring a feature film to the city (2020), dependant of WMPF funding eligibility.</p>		

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Transport Policy Team, Inclusive Growth – 1 Officer	Turin, Italy	20-22 May 2019	<p>EU Funded project: EU SUMPS UP Project (Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans)</p> <p>Birmingham City Council is a contributor City for the Horizon 2020 funded project SUMPs Up. Contributor cities are expected to learn and exchange on improving practices around developing Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs). SUMPs improve the efficiency of urban transport while effectively mitigating the negative effects and enhancing the attractiveness urban centres requires a strategic planning approach based on integration, participation and evaluation principles.</p> <p>Several challenges currently inhibit the Europe-wide take-up of sustainable urban mobility planning. The project seeks to understand and address these barriers and challenges for delivering successful plans. Participation in the project supports the implementation of the Council's SUMP - Birmingham Connected.</p> <p>To represent Birmingham City Council at the SUMPs-Up General Assembly. This is important as it is the decision-making body of the project and covers critical project issues including overall strategy and the dissemination of plans and proposals. Understanding these barriers and the challenges for delivering successful plans will support Birmingham with the implementation of the Birmingham Connected vision.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved understanding of the BCC work required to support SUMPS – Up. 	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING	<p>The project contributes to towards the Birmingham Connected Vision of improving the transport network to create a successful, vibrant, healthy and sustainable city.</p> <p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 4 – We will develop our transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p>Outcome 3 - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in</p> <p>Priority 1: We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.</p> <p>Priority 3: Citizens and communities will have choice and control over their care and improved resilience and independence.</p> <p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 4: We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution.</p> <p>Outcome 5 - Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing.</p>

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOMES / PRIORITIES
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tailoring the deliverables for the SUMPS-Up Project required by Birmingham City Council to facilitate a better fit with current work programme i.e. ensuring that elements of our current work programme can be delivered as part of the project. Learning about best practice and the challenges for delivering successful SUMPs. This will support Birmingham with the implementation of the Birmingham Connected vision of improving the transport network to create a successful, vibrant, healthy and sustainable city. 		<p>Priority 3: We will deliver high quality housing, sporting facilities and transport infrastructure for the benefit of our citizens.</p> <p>City partner, Birmingham has a number of key deliverables including the development of our innovations in practice.</p>
Transport Policy Team, Inclusive Growth – 1 Officer	Groningen, The Netherlands	16-19 June 2019	<p>EU Funded project: EU SUMPS UP Project (Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans) To attend the 6th European Conference on Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans, 17-18 June 2019</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in conference seminars, study visits and networking (Birmingham City Council committed to being a contributor city as part of the Horizon 2020 funded project SUMPs Up in 2016) Improved knowledge on measures to promote low carbon transport; address air quality and improve road safety and support sustainable growth and economic development. Ideas and discussions (from seminars and study tours) on cycling infrastructure and Groningen traffic cells, will help in Autumn 2019 review of Birmingham's <u>Walking and Cycling Strategy</u>, and emerging Transport Plan. Greater recognition of the common purpose and synergies from working with European partners – including the practical application and development of new <u>mobility guidance</u> 	ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 4 – We will develop our transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p>Outcome 3 - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in</p> <p>Priority 1: We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.</p> <p>Priority 3: Citizens and communities will have choice and control over their care and improved resilience and independence.</p> <p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 4: We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution.</p>

DEPARTMENT /REPRESENTATION	DESTINATION	DURATION	PURPOSE OF VISIT / PRACTICAL OUTCOMES	TOTAL COST	COUNCIL PLAN OUTCOMES / PRIORITIES
			Supporting Birmingham City Council Plan 2018-2022 strategic outcomes by learning from other cities on innovative plans for city investment, public realm improvements and transport and traffic management, and developing new contacts.		<p>Outcome 5 - Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Priority 3: We will deliver high quality housing, sporting facilities and transport infrastructure for the benefit of our citizens.</p>
Transport & Connectivity, Inclusive Growth – 1 Officer	Amsterdam, The Netherlands	24-25 June 2019	<p>EU Funded project: Green Light Optimal Speed Advisory (GLOSA) Project</p> <p>Presentation of GLOSA at Impact : Mobility Conference</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A requirement of the GLOSA project funding to carry out project dissemination, this is a contractual and funded requirement 30 minute presentation given to 100 conference delegates reflecting public and private sector from across Europe and the work of BCC in meeting our transportation targets <p>The project is related to the council priority of 'We will develop our transport infrastructure, keeping the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport'. Knowledge gained will add value to BCC priorities.</p>	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Dawn Baxendale</p>	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 3 We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p> <p>Priority 4: We will develop our transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p>Outcome 4: Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 4: We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution.</p>

Total Cost of visits = £8,736.64

No of visits by Members = 4

No of visits by Officers = 12

No of visits at No Cost to the City = 5

Total cost of visits undertaken between

Current financial year 2019/2020

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019	12	£8,736.64
Totals	12	£8,736.64

Visits summary 2018/2019

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018 (*figure includes £49,022.05 for Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia)	23	*£60,188.86
1 July 2018 – 30 September 2018	12	£13,879.46
1 October – 31 December 2018	13	£2,374.68
1 January 2019 – 31 March 2019	11	£2,356.58
Totals	59	£78,799.58

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
1 July – 30 September 2016	12	£5,133
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

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)
30 June - 2 July 2019	Cllr Karen McCarthy – Finance and Governance European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Bologna, Italy	EU Funded project: REMIX To represent Birmingham at the Bologna Summit on Citizen Engagement organised by URBACT Secretariat as part of REMIX project.	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	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 and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run. Priority 7 - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.
7-8 July 2019	Cllr John Cotton – Finance and Governance Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – Prevent Team – 1 Officer	Strasbourg, France	Birmingham City Council have been invited to take part in a meeting of a pilot group of cities to discuss the follow-up to the conference "EU Cities against Radicalisation" that took place in February this year, and which witnessed the strong interest of several EU cities in strengthening cooperation on preventing radicalisation and violent extremism. Birmingham City Council will be part of a network of European Cities working together to share best practice in challenging extremism. This will be the 1st meeting of the pilot group in Strasbourg.	ASSOCIATED COSTS COVERED BY EUROPEAN COMMISSION	Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in. Priority 3 We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city. Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in. Priority 1 We will improve protection of vulnerable children and young people (including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability). Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours. 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.

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Outcomes / Priorities (Proposed)
4-6 September 2019	European and International Affairs - 2 Officers	Genoa, Italy	<p>EU Funded project: BETTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To attend a fully-funded kick off meeting in Genoa, Italy for the Interreg North West Europe BETTER project. This will be a project initiation meeting and inaugural meeting of the project Steering Group. <p>The project manager for the BETTER project will be responsible for bringing the learning/decisions back to Birmingham and feeding this into the action plan and liaising with appropriate local stakeholders to gain their support and feedback for the decisions taken and will present the Birmingham innovation context to transnational partners</p> <p>The other officer is responsible for the GBSLEP ERDF policy instrument which the project is aiming to influence and has detailed knowledge of the current BCC projects which are relevant to BETTER to ensure BETTER aligns with them and will also be responsible for the financial management of the project and will discuss the budget with finance colleagues in Genoa.</p>	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	<p>Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.</p> <p>Priority 3 We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p> <p>Priority 4 - We will develop transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p>Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p>Priority 4 We will improve intervention and prevention work to secure health lifestyles and behaviours.</p>
10-12 September 2019	European and International Affairs - 1 Officer	Lodz, Poland	<p>EU Funded project: REMIX</p> <p>Visit fully funded and forms part of project grant agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Project Steering Group meeting. 	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	<p>Outcome 1 Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 1 We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.</p> <p>Outcome 3 Birmingham in a fulfilling city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 1 – develop active citizens</p> <p>Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in</p> <p>Priority 6 We will foster local influence</p> <p>Priority 7 we will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all</p>
19-21 September 2019	Councillor Mohammed Azim – Finance & Governance Lord Mayor Lord Mayor's Consort Lord Mayor's Office - 1 Officer	Albert, France	<p>Civic Related: Programme tbc</p> <p>During 2019 the town of Albert is staging a number of events to recognise the contribution of its 'War Godmother Towns'. Birmingham will be celebrated from July to September. The Mayor of Albert has invited the Lord Mayor to visit for the culmination of these celebrations, in particular a civic reception and concert on 20 September 2019.</p> <p>The City of Birmingham Brass Band will also be travelling to Albert to take part in the concert at the Jue de Paume Theatre on 20 September 2019.</p>	Costings tbc Rail £430 Subsistence £600 Accommodation £855	<p>Outcome 2 Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in</p> <p>Priority 3 We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential</p> <p>Outcome 4 Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 7 We will work with out partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.</p> <p>Priority 8 We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.</p>

Dates (if known)	Department / Representation	Destination	Purpose of Visit	Type of Visit / Costings Info	Outcomes / Priorities (Proposed)
25-27/09/2019	European and International Affairs - 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	Network Related: EUROCITIES (To be funded by EU Funded Project (USE-IT!)) • Primary purpose of the visit is to attend Eurocities Officers Executive meeting, an EU Urban Agenda Working Group meeting and Brussels Office Steering Group Meeting.	EU FUNDED PROJECT - All expenses paid for by project	Eurocities ExCom overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.

Item 6

REGISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL INWARD DELEGATIONS - COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 27 AUGUST 2019

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Date	Delegation	Country	Purpose/Outcome	Nos.	Department
04.04.2019	Yingtian Investment Group	PR China	Meeting to discuss investment landscape of Birmingham and city region	8	European and International Affairs
12.04.2019	Consult General of Ekaterinburg	Ekaterinburg, Russia	To explore collaborative links between Birmingham and Ekaterinburg particularly in Business, Music, Sport and Cultural opportunities.	1	European and International Affairs
20.05.2019	Phoenix Publishing and Media Group	China	To discuss collaboration between Birmingham educational institutions and Phoenix	5	Lord Mayor's Office
21.05.2019	Fujian Province Mtg	PR China	Meeting to discuss sporting connections with a view to future CWG cooperation where possible.	8	European and International Affairs
06.06.2019	Consul General Meeting for Shanghai	UK	Meeting with incoming BCG for Shanghai to discuss future Bham China relations	8	European and International Affairs
17.06.2019	Stuart Stamp	Ireland	Discuss loan sharks, financial inclusion and credit unions	1	Regulation and Enforcement
24.06.2019	Irish Embassy Meeting	Ireland	Preparatory meeting with Embassy to plan for SW Ireland Business Visit to WM in July 2019.	2	European and International Affairs
24.06.2019	Deputy Mayor of Zhuhai	China	Civic welcome to Birmingham and presentation by Richard Cowell on developments current & planned in the city	5	Lord Mayor's Office
26.06.2019	Kurt Stroscher	Germany	Frankfurt Christmas Market SAG Meeting	2	Neighbourhoods
27.06.2019	Hubei Province Development and Reform Commission Meeting	PR China	Meeting to discuss Birmingham urban regeneration and best practice in planning	8	European and International Affairs
28.06.2019	People's Government of Chongqing Meeting	PR China	Meeting to discuss UK infrastructure investment	8	European and International Affairs
				Total 56	

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	City Solicitor
Date of Meeting:	27 August 2019
Subject:	Petition - Demolition of Perry Barr Flyover
Wards affected:	Perry Barr

1. Purpose of report:

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of a Petition entitled 'Oppose the Flyover Demolition' 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.

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Signature:

Chief Officer:

List of background documents:

Petition presented to City Council on 9 July 2019

Background

At the Meeting of City Council on 9 July 2019 Councillor Jon Hunt submitted a petition (both paper and electronic) relating to the Demolition of Perry Barr Flyover. Following verification, the petition was found to contain 6,500 valid signatures from Birmingham residents; as a large number of the signatures on the e-petition part of the petition were from outside Birmingham, these were not valid.

The full wording of the paper petition is as follows:-

“To the The Lord Mayor, Birmingham City Council: We the undersigned object in the Strongest possible terms to the proposal to remove the Perry Barr flyover included in the Perry Barr transport reorganisation. We are deeply alarmed about the prospect of two years of disruption, believe the X51 bus service would cease to be viable and are not satisfied that the proposed replacement traffic lights will be adequate.”

That part of the petition that was an e-petition from the change.org petition website had the wording “We oppose demolition of Perry Barr flyover”

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 7,000 signatures on the petition which does not meet the thresholds for consideration at an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or City Council. However the petition has 6,500 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.

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	CITY SOLICITOR
Date of Decision:	27 AUGUST 2019
SUBJECT:	PETITIONS UPDATE
Wards affected:	ALL

1. Purpose of report:
To update Committee on progress made in responding to petitions presented to full Council

2. Decision(s) recommended:
2.1 The Committee note this quarterly report.

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Signature:
Chief Officer(s):
Dated:

List of Appendices:
Appendix 1 – Current Petition Schedule

List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:
Public Petition Records

3. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

- 3.1 The current protocol for responding to petitions presented to City Council was agreed by this Committee in May 2007 and is set out below: -

Protocol

1. Petition presented at City Council.
 2. Petition referred to the appropriate Corporate Director for response within 3 working days.
 3. Corporate Director to write to the Council or presenting the petition and the first named petitioner to acknowledge receipt within 14 days of the City Council.
 4. Progress of investigation into petition to be notified by the relevant Corporate Director to Committee Manager for inclusion in the monthly Petitions Update by no later than 10 working days before the next City Council.
 5. Final response to petition included in Petitions Update by the Committee Manager.
 6. Corporate Director to notify the Councillor who presented the petition and the first named petitioner of the outcome within 14 days of the relevant City Council meeting discharging the same.
- 3.2 It should be noted that the protocol applies only to petitions sent internally and not to those which are referred to outside bodies for action.

4 Action Taken

- 4.1 In accordance with minute No. 2044 of this Committee the petition schedule has been split into City Council related petitions (currently 40) and those which are the responsibility of external organisations (currently 65).
- 4.2 Of the outstanding City Council related petitions 1 was presented in 2017 and 12 were presented in 2018.
- 4.3 Since May 2005, 2102 out of a total of 2142 City Council related petitions received have been discharged – 98%.
- 4.4 Of the 42 petitions presented in the last six months 17 have been discharged – 40%.
- 4.5 The current City Council Petition Schedule is at appendix 1.

PETITIONS RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL FUNCTIONS PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL

APPENDIX 1

<u>DATE OF RECEIPT/ PRESENTED BY CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION/SENT TO</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
1979 07.11.2017 Councillor John O'Shea EXEC	From residents of Broom Hall Crescent and Gospel Farm Road calling upon Birmingham City Council to instruct Amey to resurface their roads - <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Highways and Amey for investigation and response. 05.12.17 Await confirmation from Amey that works are completed before issuing the response to the petition. 09.07.2019
2006 09.01.2018 Councillor Hendrina Quinnen EXEC	From residents of Handsworth requesting the Council Item 2 for the footpath to be repaired – <i>Corporate Director of Place/ Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Item 2 referred to Highways and Amey for investigation and response. 06.02.18 Await confirmation from Amey that works are completed before issuing the response to the petition. 09.07.2019
2018 06.02.2018 Councillor Chaman Lal EXEC	From the residents of Sandwell Road and surrounding area calling upon Birmingham City Council to adopt better safety measures around St James Primary School to ensure the safety of the children - <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to District Engineer for Perry Barr for investigation and response. 27.02.18 Referred to Parking Enforcement for investigation and response. 22.05.18 A draft response is available. Once agreed a response will be sent. 09.07.2019
2029 27.02.2018 Councillor Alex Yip EXEC	From residents of Broadfields Road requesting that the City Council resurface the road. – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Highways and Amey for investigation and response. 22.05.18 Await confirmation from Amey that works are completed before issuing the response to the petition. 09.07.2019
2037 13.03.2018 Councillor Mike Sharpe EXEC	From residents of Tyburn Road requesting Birmingham City Council to review the operation of the bus lane on Tyburn Road as it passes through Pye Hayes – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Transportation Policy Manager for investigation and response. 22.05.18 A draft response is available. Once agreed a response will be sent. 09.07.2019

2070 11.09.2018 Beatrice Pallister e-petition EXEC	From residents of Birmingham requesting that the City Council repair the disabled lift in Canal Square – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Highways for investigation and response. 06.11.18 The lift is to become operational on 2 July 2019 and a response will be done once certain that the works are going ahead. 09.07.2019
2075 11.09.2018 Councillor Fred Grindrod EXEC	From residents of Birmingham requesting Birmingham City Council to tackle air pollution properly – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Transportation Policy Manager for investigation and response. 06.11.18 Liaising with Neighbourhoods Directorate to produce a response. 09.07.2019
2087 06.11.2018 Councillor Morriam Jan EXEC	From residents of Perry Barr Ward objecting to the proposed removal of the Perry Barr flyover and the introduction of sprint bus services on the X51 bus route and calling for proposals to improve the service – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Infrastructure Delivery Manager for investigation and response. 15.01.19 This will be considered as part of a Cabinet report in the summer 2019. 02.04.2019 This will be considered as part of a Cabinet report in the Autumn 2019. 09.07.2019
2089 06.11.2018 Councillor Jon Hunt EXEC	From residents of Birmingham supporting a ‘People’s Vote’ on any final Brexit deal which includes an option for the UK to remain a full member of the European Union and urging Birmingham City Council to show its support by endorsing the petition for the best interests of the local economy as well as the welfare of all people living and working in Birmingham – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Head of European Affairs for a response. 15.01.19 Until a position on Brexit is known a response will be submitted. 09.07.2019
2091 04.12.2018 Councillors Alex Yip and Robert Alden EXEC	From residents of Broadfields Road calling on Birmingham City Council to do a full road resurfacing along Broadfields Road, Sutton Coldfield - <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Highways and Amey for investigation and response. 15.01.19 Await confirmation from Amey that works are completed before issuing the response to the petition. 09.07.2019
2093 04.12.2018 Councillor Adam Higgs EXEC	From residents of Highters Heath Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to install new LED street lights on Glenavon Road - <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Highways and Amey for investigation and response. 15.01.19 A draft response is available. Once agreed a response will be sent. 09.07.2019

2094 04.12.2018 Councillor Liz Clements EXEC	From residents of Bournville and Cotteridge Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to provide a safe pedestrian crossing at the junction of Franklin Road and Linden Road - <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Local Engineer for investigation and response. 15.01.19 A draft response is available. Once agreed a response will be sent. 09.07.2019
2095(a) Councillor Adam Higgs 04.12.2018 EXEC	From residents concerned about the restricted vehicular access to Mountfield Close and Glenavon Road due to the erection of gates and requesting that vehicular access be restored – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Petition referred to the Housing Team for investigation. 02.04.2019 Petition referred from Neighbourhoods to Inclusive Growth to action. 21.05.19
2096 Mr M Black 15.01.2019 EXEC	From residents of Stockmans Close and surrounding area request that a grit bin be provided due to a health and safety risk during the winter weather (i.e trip/fall) - <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Highways and Amey for investigation and response. 26.02.19 Referred to Local Engineer for investigation and response. 09.07.2019
2104 Councillor Jayne Francis 15.01.2019 EXEC	From residents of Birmingham requesting the Council to create a new public park on the Smithfield site – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Assistant Director of Development for investigation. 26.02.19 This will be discussed at the Economy & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 19 June 2019. Cllr Francis and petition representative invited to attend. 09.07.2019
2106 Councillor Mike Ward 05.02.2019 EXEC	From residents of Birmingham requesting to be properly consulted in the School Road, Moseley Traffic Scheme – <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	Referred to Transportation Behaviour Change Manager for investigation and response. 26.02.19 A draft response is available. Once agreed a response will be sent. 09.07.2019
2108 Councillor Kerry Jenkins 05.02.2019 EXEC	From residents in Moseley requesting an increase in road safety through an experimental traffic order on School Road and requesting the Council to undertake a consultation with all local residents over plans before any decisions are implemented – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Transportation Behaviour Change Manager for investigation and response. 26.02.19
2109 Councillor Jon Hunt 05.02.2019	From residents of Birmingham requesting that the Perry Barr flyover be saved – <i>Corporate Director of Economy</i>	Referred to Infrastructure Delivery Manager for investigation and response. 26.02.19

EXEC		This will be considered as part of a Cabinet report in the summer 2019. 02.04.2019 This will be considered as part of a Cabinet report in the Autumn 2019. 09.07.2019
2118 Councillor Mohammed Idrees 02.04.2019 EXEC	From residents of Alum Rock Ward requesting the Council take action to implement appropriate speed reduction measures on Highfield Road – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Local Engineer for investigation and response. 09.07.2019
2121 Councillor Jon Hunt 02.04.2019 EXEC	From residents of Perry Barr requesting the Council to halt the proposals to remove the Perry Barr flyover to prevent unnecessary disruption to traffic in the run-up to the Commonwealth Games and to continue to ensure the smooth flow of traffic – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Infrastructure Delivery Manager for investigation and response. This will be considered as part of a Cabinet report in the Autumn 2019. 09.07.2019
2122 Councillor Majid Mahmood 02.04.2019 EXEC	From residents of Rogers Road, Ward End calling on Birmingham City Council to do a full road resurfacing along Rogers Road due to many potholes – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	Referred to Highways and Amey for investigation and response. 09.07.2019
2129 Councillor Adam Higgs 21.05.2019 EXEC	From residents requesting Birmingham City Council to help solve Nafford Grove's parking crisis by looking to turning the grassed areas into car parking spaces – <i>Director of Neighbourhoods</i>	Petition has been forwarded to Assistant Director - Housing for investigation. 09.07.2019
2130 Councillor David Barrie 21.05.2019 COMM	From residents of Birmingham objecting to the proposed demolition of side extension and garage, creation of new access and erection of 5, 4 bedded detached dwelling - Planning Application No 2019/02891/PA - <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	This relates to current Planning Application and it has been assigned to a Planning Officer. 09.07.2019
2131 Councillor Mike Leddy 11.06.2019	From residents of Pineapple Place ExtraCare Home concerned that aspects of the planned development off Kings Road (Planning Application 2019/03026/PA) will	

COMM	negatively impact on the residents and requesting that amendments be made to the current plans to protect their privacy and safety - <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	
2132 Councillor John Lines 11.06.2019 EXEC	From residents of Hasbury Court, Bartley Green calling upon Birmingham City Council to erect an 'elderly people crossing' sign outside Hasbury Court to alert motorists and improve the safety of the residents – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	
2133 Councillor Brett O'Reilly 11.06.2019 EXEC	From the residents of Longbridge and West Heath Ward requesting that Austin Village be kept as a Conservation Area as was agreed in 1997 – <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	
2134 Councillor Julian Pritchard 11.06.2019 EXEC	From residents of Birmingham calling upon Birmingham City Council to declare a Climate Emergency and take action - <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	
2135 Councillor Ewan Mackey 11.06.2019	From residents of Arthur Gunby Close and surrounding roads calling upon Birmingham City Council to take action to stop Ant-Social behaviour emanating from a property in Arthur Gunby Close – <i>Director of Neighbourhoods</i>	Petition referred from Neighbourhoods Directorate to Safer Places Manager for investigation and response. 09.07.2019
2136 11.06.2019 Councillor Olly Armstrong	From residents of Hawkesley Mill Lane, Northfield calling upon Birmingham City Council to take action with regards to the dangerous speeding of vehicles and the parking of cars on double yellow lines at the junction with Bristol Road South - <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	
2137 Councillor Morriam Jan 09.07.2019 EXEC	From residents of Birmingham calling upon Birmingham City Council to request that the proposal to remove the Perry Barr Flyover be halted and the flyover retained to prevent unnecessary disruption to traffic – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	

2138 Councillor Chaman Lal 09.07.2019 COMM	From residents of the Soho and Jewellery Quarter Ward objecting to Planning Application No 2019/04797/PA (2 Nineveh Road, B21) – <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	
2139 Councillor Adam Higgs 09.07.2019 COMM	From residents of Highters Heath Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to install a pedestrian crossing near the Junction of Yardley Wood Road and Prince of Wales Lane – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	
2140 Councillor Gareth Moore 09.07.2019 EXEC	From residents of Birmingham calling upon Birmingham City Council to provide residents with compensation for the disruption and inconvenience caused by ongoing bin disputes – <i>Director of Neighbourhoods</i>	
2141 Councillor Sharon Thompson 09.07.2019 COMM	From residents of Birmingham calling upon Birmingham City Council to reject the proposal for Osler Street park, B16 9 EU to be developed and used for housing and residential buildings as part of the Edgbaston Reservoir Masterplan – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	
2142 Councillor Jon Hunt 09.07.2019 EXEC	From residents of Birmingham objecting in the strongest possible terms to the proposal to remove the Perry Barr Flyover included in the Perry Barr Transport reorganisation – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	
2143 Councillor Robert Alden 09.07.2019 EXEC	From residents of Birmingham calling upon Birmingham City Council to introduce an article four directive to limit the conversion of houses in to HMOs and place covenants on all land and housing that BCC disposes of – <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	

2144 Councillor Zhor Malik 09.07.2019 EXEC	From residents of Balsall Heath West Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to authorise a Residents Only Parking Scheme in the area due to events that take place in the area – Director of Inclusive Growth	
2145 Councillor Zhor Malik 09.07.2019 EXEC	From residents of Balsall Heath West Ward calling upon Birmingham City Council to work with the Police to prohibit illegal encampments on the Calthorpe Park site and secure the site against further illegal traveller encroachments with effective physical barriers – Director of Neighbourhoods	
2146 Councillor Babar Baz 09.07.2019 COMM	From residents of Stuarts Road, Stechford calling upon Birmingham City Council to carry out a full investigation of recent Road Traffic Accidents in this road and request traffic calming measures – <i>Director of Inclusive Growth</i>	
2147 Councillor Sybil Spence 09.07.2019 EXEC	From residents of Babington Road, Victoria Road, Queenshead Road and Boulton Road calling on Birmingham City Council to object to No. 158 Victoria Road being turned into a HMO – <i>Head of Planning Management</i>	

CATEGORIES: **COMM** = Petitions relating to Committees functions
 EXEC = Petitions relating to the Executive functions



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 th 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"> - 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 / 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]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
5b	04 December 2018	<p>Women & Democracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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:- 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. 	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"> 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 	<p>Cabinet Member Health and Social Care / Justin Varney, Director of Public Health</p> <p>Chair, Health and Social Care O&S Committee</p>	The Health and Social Care O&S Committee will be taking a report to City Council in November. [August update]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
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"> • 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 <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&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&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>

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
6b	15 January 2019	<p>That the City Council approves the Statement of Gambling Principles and authorises:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 – 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]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
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"> • 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	Motion will be monitored regarding release of documentation, earliest possible date Feb 2020 [February 2019 update]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
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 th June 2019

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
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"> • 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 • 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. 	Leader / Kate Charlton, City Solicitor	The Co-ordinating O&S Committee to consider this at their September meeting [August update]

Ref no	Date	Summary of Council Resolution	Lead Cabinet Member / officer	Update
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"> • 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. • 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. • 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. 	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.

Date	Agenda Item	To Respond	Request/Question	Action taken
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

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**CITY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, 10 September 2019 at
1400 hours in The Council
Chamber, Council House,
Birmingham

A G E N D A**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 9 July 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) (1410-1425)

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 QUESTION TIME

(90 minutes allocated) (1425-1555)

To deal with oral questions in accordance with Standing Order 10.3

- A. Questions from Members of the Public to any Cabinet Member or Ward Forum Chairman (20 minutes)
- B. Questions from any Councillor to a Committee Chairman or Lead Member of a Joint Board (20 minutes)
- C. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to a Cabinet Member (25 minutes)
- D. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to the Leader or Deputy Leader (25 minutes)

7 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

(5 minutes allocated) (1555-1600)

To make appointments to, or removals from, committees, outside bodies or other offices which fall to be determined by the Council.

8 EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

Councillor Martin Straker Welds to move an exemption from Standing Orders.

Attached 9 THE REFRESHED COUNCIL PLAN 2019-2022

(35 minutes allocated) (1600-1635)

To consider a report of.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward, to move the following Motion:

“ “

(break 1635 - 1705)

Attached 10 SCRUTINY INQUIRY: FULL COUNCIL MEETING

(60 minutes allocated) (1705-1805)

To consider a report of the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Carl Rice to move the following Motion:

“That the recommendations R01 to R08 be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.”

Attached 11 CONSITUTION

(10 minutes allocated) (1805-1815)

To consider a report of .

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward, to move the following Motion:

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Attached	12	MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
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(90 minutes allocated) (1815-1945)

To consider the attached Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4(i).

Attached 13 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(5 minutes allocated) (1945-1950)

To consider a recommendation of the Council Business Management (Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer Appointments, Dismissals and Service Conditions Sub-) Committee.

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward to move the following Motion:

“”

14 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Lord Mayor to Move:-

“That, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes exempt information, the public be now excluded from the meeting.

Appointment of
Acting Chief Executive 3 and 4"

PRIVATE AGENDA

15 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(5 minutes allocated) (1950-1955)

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	CITY SOLICITOR
Date of Meeting:	27th August 2019
Subject:	POLITICAL ASSISTANTS
Wards affected:	N/A

1.	Purpose of report:
1.1	To consider the principle of political groups appointing political assistants within the framework of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and if agreed, to outline the arrangements for appointment of political assistants should any group decide to appoint one.

2.	Decision(s) recommended:
2.1	To consider whether to approve the principle of appointing political assistants within the framework of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, or not. (Agreement to the principle would not commit the Groups, or in effect the Group Leaders, to making appointments, but would establish the framework within which such appointments could be made).
2.2	To agree that should the principle stated above at 2.1 be approved then one post be allocated each to the Labour and Conservative Groups and the procedure at paragraph 3.7 below be followed, should a group wish to make an appointment.

Contact Officer:	Robert Connelly – Acting Assistant Director Governance
Telephone no/e-mail address:	0121 303 2443 robert.connelly@birmingham.gov.uk

3.	Relevant background/chronology of key events.
3.1	The Leader of the Council has asked that, consideration be given by Council to such appointments.
3.2	<p>Under section 9 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, a local authority may appoint assistants for political groups, subject to specific conditions including their remuneration. The key features of this statutory provision are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the appointment is described as being “for the purpose of providing assistance, in the discharge of any of their functions as members of a relevant authority, to the members of any political group to which members of the authority belong”; • any Council may have only three such posts at any given time, but appointments can only be made if posts are allocated to all of the groups who qualify (for Birmingham only two posts could be created); • to qualify, a group must have at least one tenth of the total membership of the authority; • the posts are fixed term and run until the Annual Meeting following an election (i.e. initially until May 2022 and then every four years); and the level of remuneration is controlled by law.
3.3	If an appointment to the post of a political assistant is made then the existence of the post is subject to continued endorsement by the Council, although in many instances this is achieved by the Council resolving to automatically renew the post (and in effect the appointment), unless the Council reviews the principle, or the entitlement of the particular group ceases. This approach is recommended.
3.4	<p>There is no single job description for a political assistant, since councils and political groups vary greatly in their approach to the support they seek from an assistant.</p> <p>Common roles include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researching and analysing information on behalf of the group. • Preparing reports and attending meetings of the political group and undertaking follow up action. • Drafting briefing notes/ policies for the group leader on new and emerging initiatives. • Liaison with national party and party leadership • Liaison with local and national bodies – e.g. LGA (specifically the relevant political group on the LGA), other Councils and their political groups, government bodies (and relevant party contacts) and other networks. • Liaison with local MPs and MEPs. • Liaison with officers. • Representing the group or the group leader, at relevant meetings within both the Council and external to the Council. • Deals with the media on behalf of the group (when required).
3.5	Various types of council across the political spectrum have chosen to appoint political assistants since the 1989 Act came into force.
3.6	An appointment of a political assistant is dependent on the Council passing a resolution in support of the principle of appointing political assistants.

3.7	<p>If the Council approves the principle of the appointment of political assistants, then the following procedural arrangements would apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relevant group leader would formally advise the Assistant Director of Governance that the group seek the appointment of a political assistant (this may be shortly after the Council meeting or at some stage in the future). • The appointment of a political assistant would be made by a panel comprising the relevant group leader together with a small number of councillors from the political group. The Assistant Director of Governance (or nominee) would attend at and advise the appointments panel to ensure that proper recruitment procedures are followed. • The appointment of any political assistant to run to the annual meeting of the Council after each election year (next one being 2022), such appointment to be automatically renewed so long as the relevant group remains entitled to the services of a political assistant, or until the principle of appointing political assistants is changed by Council (as set out in paragraph 5.2 above). • That the remuneration for the positions be as set out in paragraph 3.9 below.
3.8	<p>Many councils employ political assistants within the framework of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to support groups across the political spectrum. Such assistants work directly for the political groups, rather than as mainstream officers within the officer structure of the council.</p>
3.9	<p>Section 9 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 sets out the provisions for appointment of political assistants. The Local Government (Assistants for Political Groups) (Remuneration) (England) Order 2006 set out the maximum amount for remuneration of a political assistant post which is £34,986.</p>
3.10	<p>These are unique posts and have a set maximum salary, which has not changed since 2006. Research orientated posts, in local government are normally paid at a higher than the maximum salary and many councils have therefore fixed the salary at the maximum level. Consequently if the Council is minded to agree to the establishment of such posts, it is recommended that it is at the maximum salary as prescribed by legislation.</p>
3.11	<p>If legislation changes then the Assistant Director of Governance would assess the posts, as necessary.</p>
3.12	<p>As the appointment of political assistants is associated with the entitlement of the relevant political group to have such assistance and the employee is specifically linked to a particular group, should the political composition of the council change to bring them below 10% of the membership, the assistant's employment would be terminated, subject to any accrued rights in employment law.</p>
3.13	<p>The Executive and the Opposition Group currently have administrative support and these proposals would not change this. If the political assistant posts are created then they would be responsible on a day-to-day basis to the relevant Group Leader but on a line management basis to the Director of Governance and Regulatory Services.</p>
3.14	<p>Provision for each post would come to £34,986 (excluding on costs) and will need</p>

	to be met from the existing budget.
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