

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2022 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA
SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

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1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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2 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

3 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.

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4 ACTION NOTES AND ACTION TRACKER

To agree the action notes of the meeting held on 26 September 2022 and note the action tracker.

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5 LOCALISATION

Cllr Ian Ward, Leader, Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods, and Karen Cheney, Head of Service, Neighbourhood Development and Support Unit, in attendance.

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6 CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - PRIORITIES 2022/23

Cllr Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness, in attendance.

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7 **CITY WIDE HOUSING STRATEGY 2022-2027 CONSULTATION**

Guy Chaundy and Naomi Morris, Housing Modernisation and Partnership Managers, in attendance.

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8 **WORK PROGRAMME**

To agree the work programme.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting is scheduled to be held at 1400 on Thursday 10 November 2022.

10 **REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

To consider any request for call in/councillor call for action/petitions (if received).

11 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

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

12 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

Chair to move:-

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

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE –
PUBLIC MEETING**

1400 hours on Monday 26th September 2022

Committee Rooms 3&4, Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB

Action Notes

Present:

Councillor Mohammed Idrees (Chair)

Councillors: Kerry Brewer, Marje Bridle, Ray Goodwin, Roger Harmer, Saqib Khan, Lauren Rainbow and Ken Wood

Also Present:

Councillor Adrian Delaney

Councillor Izzy Knowles

Councillor Bruce Lines

Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment

Emma Pavans de Ceccatty, Pesticide Action Network

Beth Clay, Co-organiser of Petition (On-line)

Laura Hackett, Lead Petitioner

Matt Hageney, Partnership Manager, Street Scene and Parks

Joe Hayden, Head of Parks

Nick Mole, Pesticide Action Network

Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement

Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene

Jayne Bowles, Scrutiny Officer

Christian Scade, Interim Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services

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2. APOLOGIES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

4. ACTION NOTES AND ACTION TRACKER

(See documents 1 and 2)

The following matters were raised:

- **List of HMOs by ward** – Cllr Harmer asked that a request be made for an updated list;
- **Missed Bin Collections and national performance indicators on recycling** - Cllr Bridle asked for reassurance that this information will be included in the November performance report. The Cabinet Member confirmed this will be provided and updated Members on work already commenced to modernise the service in depots and with the “slabs in cabs” to provide more live data;
- **Voids** – Cllr Wood reminded Committee that a deep-dive piece of work on Voids still needs to be programmed.

RESOLVED:

- The action notes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 were agreed;
- The action tracker was noted.

5. PETITION – BAN USE OF PESTICIDES

(See documents 3, 4 and 5)

The Chair welcomed to the meeting Laura Hackett, the Lead Petitioner, Beth Clay, the Co-organiser of the Petition (attending on-line), Emma Pavans de Ceccatty and Nick Mole from Pesticide Action Network, Cllr Izzy Knowles, Presenting Councillor, Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment and Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene.

Cllr Mahmood advised that although he was attending in his capacity as Cabinet Lead, he had also presented the Petition jointly with Cllr Izzy Knowles.

The Lead Petitioner and Co-organiser set out the case for the Petition and the required action, with contributions also from the two representatives from Pesticide Action Network and Cllr Izzy Knowles.

The following were among the main points raised:

- The negative impact of the use of chemicals to control the growth of plants was highlighted – including the loss of pollinators and the detrimental effect on human health and the health of pets and wildlife;
- The Petition clearly shows the support from the people of Birmingham with signatures from 12,000 residents – and additional support from across the West Midlands and global community;
- Since starting the campaign they have been on radio and TV and have been contacted by concerned residents asking why the Council continues to use pesticides despite the effect on the health of humans, animals and plant life;
- More bold changes are needed, not just a reduction in grass cutting, and there is a need to phase out the use of glyphosate;
- We should be proud of the City of Nature work and have a duty to make the city a better place to live;
- Although the use of pesticides to control weed growth might have seemed like the right thing to do at the time, the opportunity to increase habitats for wildlife and leave local areas untouched for nature should be welcomed;
- We have an obligation for bio-diversity and going pesticide-free doesn't mean streets will look any worse. Other countries manage well without the use of herbicides and PAN UK (Pesticide Action Network) can give advice to the Council to help develop policies;
- Cllr Izzy Knowles added that she was proud of the city in 2019 with the cross-party announcement of a climate emergency and with so many parks and green spaces in the city, this petition is a chance for the Council to step up and act.

Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment, responded and the following were among the main points raised:

- Cllr Mahmood put on record his thanks to Bee Birmingham, especially Laura and Beth, and the 12,000 residents, as well as more petitioners across the region and nationally, who had signed the Petition;
- This is one of the largest petitions we have had and the Council needs to respond to it;
- Thanks were also given to PAN UK who have vast experience;
- There have been a number of email exchanges and meetings on the back of the Petition to talk through the ask of the petitioners and Cllr Mahmood gave his reassurance that he is in listening mode and there is a strategy included in the response;
- A final response will be provided after the meeting, taking on board the comments made during the session;
- Reducing the use of pesticides will result in more weeds, however it was acknowledged that there is a need to reduce or eliminate the use of glyphosate and it is sensible that the Council should work towards reducing chemical use;

- They want it to be a joined-up approach with stakeholders and there is a need to identify the best way forward;
- There have been approaches from North Edgbaston, Moseley and Bromford and Hodge Hill to take part in trials and they will see how that works out and how it can be extended to other wards and other elected members are encouraged to come forward;
- They will also make sure the Council's annual flower display uses pollinator friendly plants and they are already planning to develop tree canopies and increase the amount of wild flowers;
- They will work with partners to promote pollinator friendly open spaces;
- The next stage is to refine the document presented in response to the Petition, taking in all the comments made, and to take soundings from other local authorities, as well as reviewing work programmes across the city and start a training programme.

Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene, made the following additional points:

- This is the right thing to do and there is 100% commitment to take this forward;
- The document put forward is a draft and will be refined in more detail and developed with partners;
- Tougher actions can now be added and education will be included.

During the discussion and in response to Members' questions, the following were among the main points raised:

- Members thanked the petitioners and organisers for bringing this matter to their attention;
- It was acknowledged that seeing more weeds, or plants that are not normally known as the "right" plants, is the price of accepting we don't use chemicals in the future and that we need to adapt to this and councillors would need to be willing to take comments from residents who might not like what they see;
- However, it was stressed that the Council is committed to a cleaner and greener city and residents want to see their streets clean and so reassurance was sought that we will find a way to keep pavements weed-free;
- A request was made for a crib sheet to be produced for councillors to enable them to deal with queries from residents and explain why the street scene might look slightly different;
- Members were reassured that it doesn't have to be "either, or" – it is possible to have clean streets and bio-diversity. There are plenty of alternatives and what is needed is a well thought out strategy and good communication strategy with the public;
- One outcome of not using glyphosate will be taller grass growing around trees and there will also be a need to look at, for example, whether a row of dandelions on a grass verge is a problem;
- The Cabinet Member confirmed the aspiration is to go chemical free and it was up to the Council to allocate appropriate funding to keep streets clean;
- The pilots will help with educating people;

- The Committee's support in terms of what had been put forward in the draft report was confirmed, although there were still some concerns that need to be addressed and these will be put in writing;
- It was agreed that the final report will be brought back to a future committee meeting (timing to be confirmed).

RESOLVED: -

- A letter setting out the Committee's resolution to be sent to the Cabinet Member;
- Final report to be brought back to a future committee meeting (timing to be confirmed).

6. REQUEST FOR CALL-IN: CAPITAL FUNDING BID FOR THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF CAR PARKING CHARGING ACROSS SELECTED BCC PARKS

(See documents 6, 7, 8 and 9)

Cllr Adrian Delaney, Cllr Bruce Lines, Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment, Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene, Matt Hageney, Partnership Manager, Street Scene and Parks, and Joe Hayden, Head of Parks, were in attendance for this item.

The Chair invited Cllrs Delaney and Lines to explain the reasons for their request for this decision to be called in and in doing so the following were among the main points raised:

- They are opposed to charges in principle;
- **Criteria 5: the Executive appears to have overlooked some relevant consideration in arriving at its decision** – The Business Rates impact is at odds with the view of Bromsgrove District Council and it is clear they think the introduction of charges will change the valuation;
- The report states mitigations are in place but doesn't say what they are;
- There is an obligation to take equalities in consideration and although Equality Impact Assessments are referenced they were not included in the report and the public health impact has not been taken into account;
- **Criteria 6 – the decision has already generated particular controversy amongst those likely to be affected by it or, in the opinion of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is likely so to do** – There has been previous backlash around the plans to impose charges at Sutton Park some time ago. The plans were unpopular because people enjoy access to parks and open spaces and they are vital for physical and mental health; not everyone can walk long distances or use public transport;
- **Criteria 7 – there is a substantial lack of clarity, material inaccuracy or insufficient information provided in the report to allow the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to hold the Executive to account and/or add value to the work of the Council** – as per Criteria 5, more information is needed, in particular on Equality and public health impacts as well as business rates;

- The Committee might also wish to consider **Criteria 9 – the notification of the decision does not appear to have been in accordance with council procedures** – it was pointed out that the word “charging” in the title of the report had been missed off the title in the Forward Plan.

The Cabinet Member responded and the following were among the main points raised:

- Cllr Mahmood thanked Cllrs Delaney and Lines for the request for call-in and the Committee for hearing it at short notice;
- He noted the comments in relation to controversy around the proposed introduction of charges and asked that the Committee note the recommendations in the report, ie to commence consultation and that individual business cases will be prepared;
- With regard to Lickey Hills, Bromsgrove District Council has chosen to wait to make a request to the Valuation Office;
- The Equality Impact Assessments had not been included in the original report due to a clerical error but have now been included;
- Public Health Assessments are not required for Cabinet reports;
- With reference to dropping the previous proposal for parking charges in Sutton Park, this followed discussions with members and officers and ward forum discussion, and no business case was formulated;
- This report allows us to go out to consultation and the resources for that will come from the resources for Parks;
- There will be full consultation with the public and with Sutton Town Council and a Full Business Case will come back;
- There will, therefore, be another opportunity to request a call-in at that time.

During the discussion and in response to Members’ questions, the following were among the main points raised:

- Members asked for reassurance that there will be a full and meaningful consultation carried out with service users, stakeholders and elected members;
- When it comes to preparing individual business cases, there needs to be some form of economic impact assessment to reflect the differences between different parts of the city and that one size does not fit all;
- Members were told that the separate business cases will set out what the charges might be and who might be exempt – not all parks will have the same charges applied to them;
- It was pointed out that as a Council we have a duty to maximise our assets;
- Cllr Bridle made reference to Shustoke Reservoir where there are notices on the parking meters explaining why there are parking charges and that the money is used to make improvements;
- Members agreed that charges should be recycled into the improvement of parks;
- The Cabinet Member advised that in the case of Cannon Hill Park, they have managed to use the charges to improve the car park and 50% of the car parking charges go to the MAC;

- Equality Impact Assessments will be produced again for each individual business case;
- With regard to the assessment of parking displacement in the locality of the parks, it was confirmed that the parking engineer would be speaking to local businesses, etc;
- In terms of timescale, this will depend on each consultation and no decision will be made until that has been done;
- There has been some slippage – an initial consultation in Lickey Hills had been done and they are looking at whether that needs to be repeated;
- The Committee agreed not to call in the decision but to put the concerns raised in writing to the Cabinet Member, with committee members to have sight of the draft for comment before being sent.

RESOLVED: -

- The decision was not called in;
- A letter setting out the Committee's concerns to be drafted and shared with committee members before being sent to the Cabinet Member.

7. DELAYS IN BIRTH AND DEATH REGISTRATIONS

(See document 10)

Sajeela Naseer, Director of Regulation and Enforcement, attended for this item to update Committee on the Resolution from the June City Council Meeting.

The following key points were highlighted:

- The Muslim section of Quinton Cemetery had opened today;
- They are moving forward with the development of shroud burials;
- They have invested in IT systems and they are assessing where they have the greatest demand in telephone calls so they can then look at an operating model;
- Evening burials will be commencing in Sutton this winter – with an extension to 6pm at Sutton New Hall;
- The times fit in with when dusk falls;
- Work is continuing with faith communities;
- Discussions are taking place with the portfolio holder in relation to the formal launch of the new Customer Charter;
- With regard to work with the Coroner, there is positive news on staffing with an extra member of staff to assist with administration processes;
- There is some benchmarking being done within the UK to check the balance of staffing is right to assist the Coroner;
- They are meeting with the West Midlands Guild regarding an efficient registration service and will be re-instating the funeral directors meetings they used to have pre-Covid;
- They are meeting with the Muslim Steering Group to work on terms of reference, friends of cemeteries groups, etc;
- The CTPM scanner contract has been extended for another year;

- With regard to Registration Services, 90% of deaths that can be registered have appointments. It was pointed out that deaths are not taken in date order, but in the order the required documentation is received;
- They are heading in the right direction and recruiting extra staff as quickly as they can, and will be recruiting to a new post of Head of Bereavement and Registration Services.

During the discussion and in response to Members' questions, the following were among the main points raised:

- The time taken to register births and when we will get back to pre-Covid levels was queried and Members were told that the problem has been exacerbated by vacancies, as staff need to be experienced or trained and that takes time, however they are doing their best to fill vacancies;
- Reference was made to other Local Authorities which have birth registration in maternity hospitals and whether this is something we could trial, for example at the Women's Hospital;
- This had been looked at in the past and a briefing could be provided on why it was felt that model won't work, although it could be looked at again. However, flexibility is lost if staff members are put into a particular area as they are inter-changeable and don't work solely on births or deaths registration;
- It was suggested that a further report be brought back to committee in 4-6 months' time and that perhaps the Coroner or a representative of the Coroner's Office could be invited to attend.

RESOLVED:

- The report was noted and a further report to be brought back to Committee in 4-6 months' time.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

(See document 11)

Cllr Bridle proposed, and it was agreed by Committee, that the Cleaner Streets work be programmed for November, December and January, to allow time to influence the budget.

RESOLVED:

The work programme was noted.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

The date of the next meeting was noted.

10. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

12. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

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 1546 hours.

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE
ACTION TRACKER 2022/23

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes
26-Sep-22	Action Notes and Action Tracker	Updated list of HMOs by Ward to be requested (raised by Cllr Harmer). Voids – deep dive piece of work still to be programmed (raised by Cllr Wood).	This has been requested. Programmed for March 2023 (TBC)
	Petition: Ban Use of Pesticides	A letter setting out the Committee's resolution to be sent to the Cabinet Member. Final report to be brought back to a future committee meeting (timing to be confirmed).	
	Request for Call-In: Capital Funding Bid for the Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charging across selected BCC Parks	A letter setting out the Committee's concerns to be sent to the Cabinet Member.	
	Delays in Birth and Death Registrations	Further report to be brought back to Committee in 4-6 months' time.	
	Work Programme	Cleaner Streets to be programmed for November, December and January to allow time to influence the budget.	Work Programme updated.
14-Jul-22	Cabinet Member for the Environment	Cabinet Member to provide response on recommendation to pilot food waste and nappy recycling.	

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS O&S COMMITTEE
ACTION TRACKER 2022/23

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Notes
		Cabinet Member to provide assurance that repeat missed collections will be accurately monitored and inform the Committee of the indicators that will be used to measure missed collections.	
	Performance Monitoring	<p>Information on national Key Performance Indicators on recycling to be shared with the Committee including previous years' performance.</p> <p>Outcome of regulatory activity to be included in commentary in future performance reports to the Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Information on ASB KPIs to be reported to the Committee.</p>	

Briefing Note for Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee: 13TH October 2022 – Update on Localism including progress on the “Working Together in Birmingham’s Neighbourhoods” Policy Statement

Area of Work	Service Lead	Progress and Further Actions	Additional Comments
Citywide			
<p>Localisation Star Chamber</p> <p>The Localisation Star Chamber (LSC) was set up on the behest of Cabinet Member in spring/summer 2021 with the aim of proving a process of challenge and monitoring to ensure localisation is coordinated, championed, and embedded across council policies, services, work programmes, and ways of working.</p>	SEP and supported by NDSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Rounds with each Directorate/ Service area held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round 1 – June – Sept 2021- An introductory session to share existing and emerging good practice Round 2 – October 2021- Jan 2022 – A Deep Dive into requested key areas of work Round 3 – April – June 22 Submission of final Directorate Self Assessments against the WTiBN 4 measures of success - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Services being different, better suited to the area, and more efficient 2) Officers working for “one council” putting shared outcomes and local places first rather than their service or directorate 3) Local councillors having more influence on services 4) Residents feeling, they are more in control of their services and their local area <p>The self-assessments will also enable directorates to clearly evidence and document how they are driving progress on localisation against the 4 measures, helping to establish a baseline position and support effective monitoring of this agenda for the Council as a whole and also to inform directorate and cross-directorate action planning, helping to guide the delivery of actions and the changes the Council needs to make now and in future years.</p>	All Directorate Self Assessments are available on request

NDSU			
Neighbourhood Action Co-ordinator Programme (NAC)	NDSU	<p>This is currently a 1-year pilot working with 22 wards around street scene, community safety and deprivation/ quality of life – investment of £760k</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of CSDO to co-ordinate the programme – March • 1 original pilot followed by the appointment of 10 NACs in 2 tranches – May and Sept. Will cover 2 wards each plus possible commission of local anchor organisation • A budget of £10,000 per NAC ward will be available for local priority interventions • Working with ward councillors within agreed Neighbourhood Action Coordination pilot ward areas, the Neighbourhood Action Coordinators (NACs) which are in place aim to mobilise, organise and empower residents, community groups, stakeholders, and partners to act on local priorities to benefit their ward 	<p>Alum Rock Balsall Heath West Erdington Bromford & Hodge Hill Glebe Farm & Tile Cross Ladywood Billesley Longbridge & West Heath Bartley Green Harborne Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath West Kingstanding Acocks Green Stockland Green Shard End Bordesley & Highgate Soho & Jewellery Quarter Brandwood & Kings Heath Kings Norton South Weoley & Selly Oak Quinton Sparkhill</p>
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	NDSU and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIL is a funding allocation (15% local element) derived from area developments • 13 wards are currently in receipt of CIL citywide • Be Bold Crowd Funder launched on 29th June – Member and prospective projects Information sessions have taken place. Finalised project 	<p>13 wards are – Ladywood, Harborne, Bournville and Cotteridge, Weoley and Selly Oak, Edgbaston, Newtown, Bournbrook and Selly Park, Stinchley.</p>

		<p>campaign to be considered in the Autumn with a Spring round to be launched in Jan 23.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Bold Small Grants Fund launched on 9th September – Member briefing session held plus information sessions for the 13 ward community projects 	N.Edgbaston, Soho and JQ, Kings Norton N; Bordesley and Highgate and Nechells
Neighbourhood Planning	NDSU and Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioned the development of both an Internal Neighbourhood Planning Toolkit for Officers and an External Toolkit for residents and local community groups (Sept 22- March 23) – working with Birmingham Community Matters and Locality. Award from DLUHC • Supporting local areas who are interested in developing a Neighbourhood Plan – early-stage interest in Small Heath, Soho, Stockland Green 	Currently Balsall Heath and Perry Barr have Neighbourhood Plans. JQ currently being assessed.
Neighbourhood Councils	NDSU with support from SEP and Finance and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Community Governance Review in Balsall Heath and approved at Cabinet Committee to proceed – July 22 • Community Ballot organised for Nov 22 – if successful this would lead to a new Neighbourhood Council for Balsall Heath and the election of neighbourhood councillors and setting a local precept. • Continued support with the 2 existing councils in Birmingham – Sutton Coldfield Town Council and Frankley Parish Council 	
Ward Forum Meetings and Ward Action Plans	NDSU	<p>Continued support for local ward governance – ward forum meetings and the development of new Ward Action Plans (WAPs) in all 69 wards – now formally in the Constitution approved May 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Information and Support sessions offered for Members in June and July (face to face and virtual options) • Guidance and Information sent out to all Members – July/ Aug • 1 hybrid Information session offered to all designated ward contact officers – Sept. 76 attendees • Information session organised for resident and community groups in conjunction with Birmingham Community Matters – Oct. <p>Ward Forum Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, all meetings being held face to face although virtual meetings still a viable option in the winter months 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendances have been relatively good since May – as high as 65 in one ward with an average of approx. 20 across all wards although some wards do have a very low attendance. This is an area to work with members on and share good practice between members Currently below target in reaching 276 meetings this year (69 x 4 mtgs as per the constitution) 	
CWG – Celebrating Communities Small Grants Programme	NDSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 316 Community Projects across all wards of the city were funded – Evaluations are currently being returned local participative decision making and the use of community anchor organisation to support ward facilitation. Alongside the small grants capacity building and support for community groups was incorporated in the programme facilitated Birmingham Community Matters and Locality – https://www.birminghamcommunitymatters.org.uk/projects/celebrating-communities-start-and-monitor/ Use of Impact App – will be developing a short vimeo to highlight projects NDSU involved in CWG Legacy developing a future small grants scheme for community organisations 	
Community Capacity Building and Infrastructure Support	NDSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of “Birmingham Shift” – July 22. NDSU have commissioned Economy to run a year long learning programme for community members around the understanding of community economics, budgets and how to influence budget setting processes Pioneer Places continue to be supported including a review in Oct. 22 Continued working with BCM and Locality on a programme of capacity building and infrastructure support for community groups. Community and Officer Information and Support sessions arranged on Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and Assets of Community Value (ACV) – Sept and Nov 22 	

Karen Cheney

Head of Service - NDSU

Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13th October 2022

Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness - Priorities 2022/23

- Have in place a supported housing strategy to set out how we will ensure the overall provision of exempt accommodation meets the needs of the community.
- Complete contract extension arrangements for the North East and Central West areas of the city and will have retendered the contract for the South area, 2022/24.
- Identify our priorities for the capital investment programme 2022-3 and the wider priorities within the HRA business plan.
- Complete the refresh of the Housing Strategy and associated delivery plan.
- Develop a robust plan setting out the delivery of retro fit activity for BCC dwellings as part of achieving route to zero targets, including progressing the 300 home whole house retro fit pilot in East Birmingham.
- Complete a self-assessment of our progress in delivering against both the Social Housing White Paper and the Regulator's Consumer regulations.
- Ensure Housing contributes effectively to the corporate response to the Cost of Living Crisis.
- Deliver key changes to ensure delivery of the Private Sector Housing Strategy 2022-2027. Specifically:
 - implementation of the new Private Rented Sector Operating Model
 - implementation of a new licensing software system for Mandatory, Selective and potentially Additional licensing schemes,
 - delivery of key milestones to ensure implementation of the Selective Licensing Scheme in June 2023.
- Establish an affordable housing delivery board and approach setting out how we will deliver increased affordable housing through innovative approaches i.e. Housing Company, SPVs. etc.
- Modernise our approach to tenant engagement so that it is representative, transparent and open.

- Have in place a sustainable and effective Temporary Accommodation Strategy.
- Ensure the Government and partner agencies remain focused on conditions in the private rented sector and continue to work with and Lobby government to put in place appropriate regulatory oversight and funding to respond to the issues of exempt accommodation.

Councillor Sharon Thompson
Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness

CITY WIDE HOUSING STRATEGY 2022-2027 CONSULTATION

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GOLDEN DECADE OF OPPORTUNITY

WE'RE BIRMINGHAM: OUR CONTEXT

- SIGNIFICANT SCALE AND SIZE.
 - LARGEST CITY OUTSIDE LONDON - 1.15M PEOPLE (89,000 HOUSEHOLDS) AND POPULATION GROWING - ESTIMATED 150,000 ADDITIONAL PEOPLE BY 2031.
 - YOUNG AND DIVERSE CITY - BIRMINGHAM IS THE YOUNGEST CITY IN EUROPE AND 40% OF POPULATION AGED UNDER 25; MOST DIVERSE POPULATION OUTSIDE LONDON.
- Diversity and youth are strengths and sources of innovation.
 - Fastest growing economy pre-pandemic but impacted hard by COVID.
 - 40% of economy and population of West Midlands CA area.
 - Over 100,000 new jobs needed.
 - 407ha of employment land required.
 - Birmingham City Council is Europe's largest single-tier authority.
 - Major transformations taking place and we're hosting the Commonwealth Games.





A GROWING CITY

- 150,000 additional people
- 89,000 additional homes needed.
- Current supply of 65,000 of which 19,400 should be affordable
- Over 100,000 new jobs needed
- 407ha of employment land required

GROWTH PROGRAMMES

- BCC investing £3.5bn to help deliver CWG, make city heart of the HS2 network, and deliver 51,000 homes and 253ha of employment land.
- Working with partners to deliver large development programmes to spur new homes, employment space, community facilities, environmental improvements and growth and jobs.
- Programmes include:
 - Smithfield
 - Digbeth
 - Perry Barr
 - Langley
 - Longbridge
 - Peddimore
 - Arden Cross
 - Millennium Place
 - Bordesley Park
 - NEC
 - Greater Icknield
 - Druids Heath
 - Birmingham Health Innovation Campus
 - Oval Estate



Spotlight on: Smithfield, Martineau Galleries, Oval Estate - will deliver:

- 6,000 homes
- 4,000,000+ sqft of commercial floorspace
- 35,000 jobs
- £1bn+ boost to the local economy

LEVELLING UP STRATEGY: PROSPERITY AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

- STRATEGY PUBLISHED NOVEMBER 2021.
- LEVELLING UP CENTRAL TO BCC'S AIMS AND ANCHORED IN EXISTING STRATEGIES INCLUDING CORPORATE PLAN.
- WANTED TO LEAD NOT FOLLOW HENCE ISSUING STRATEGY AHEAD OF GOVERNMENT'S WHITE PAPER.
- BIRMINGHAM'S VOICE IS IMPORTANT - SIGNIFICANT NEEDS, 1.15M PEOPLE AND SIZE OF COUNCIL.
- STRATEGY AN 'INVESTMENT PROSPECTUS' NOT BEGGING BOWL. WE'RE:
 - HARNESSING AND DELIVERING THE BEST COMMONWEALTH GAMES.
 - MAXIMISING THE BENEFIT OF HS2.
- HARNESSING THE CITY'S ENERGY, INNOVATION, DIVERSITY AND YOUTH.
- HAVE 'SKIN IN THE GAME' - BRINGING FORWARD AND DELIVERING LARGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.



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WHY WE NEED A NEW HOUSING STRATEGY?



A NEW HOUSING STRATEGY

WHY ARE WE HERE TODAY?

- WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

HEDNA REPORT, INFORMAL STAKEHOLDER SESSIONS,
CONSULTATION WITH CHLB

- SET OUT OUR VISION FOR A COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY THAT RE-SHAPES THE MARKET IN BIRMINGHAM
- UNDERSTAND THE BARRIERS WE FACE AS A CITY
- HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENS?
- TIMETABLE
- WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE, HOW CAN YOU HELP US?



VISION

‘MAKING BIRMINGHAM A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE’

City owned Housing Strategy that makes a real difference to lives of the people that live in Birmingham

A cross-council initiative addressing both development of new stock and our existing stock

A strategy with citizens at the heart of it

Achieve a step change in the number of new homes built

Drive up the quality of housing for all citizens across Birmingham

Ensure that housing delivers wider community benefits and contributes to the city

Connecting people to an improved housing offer

Keep tenants safe, ensure they are listened to and live in good quality homes

Promote the preservation, rehabilitation, and investment in our housing stock and neighbourhoods

Accelerate affordable housing delivery within the city

Contribute to the levelling up agenda by working together to reduce inequalities in the housing market

TIMETABLE

July 2022	External and internal stakeholder sessions- identifying strategic priorities
August 2022	Public consultation on priorities launched via be heard (6 weeks)
September 2022	Consultation with CLT and Members
October 2022	Consultation with ECLT and submission of final document at DMT
November 2022	CLT sign off of the final Housing Strategy 2022-2027
December 2022	Cabinet sign off
January 2023	Housing Strategy launch session scheduled for the 19 th January 2023
February 2023	Mobilisation of delivery groups and governance structure

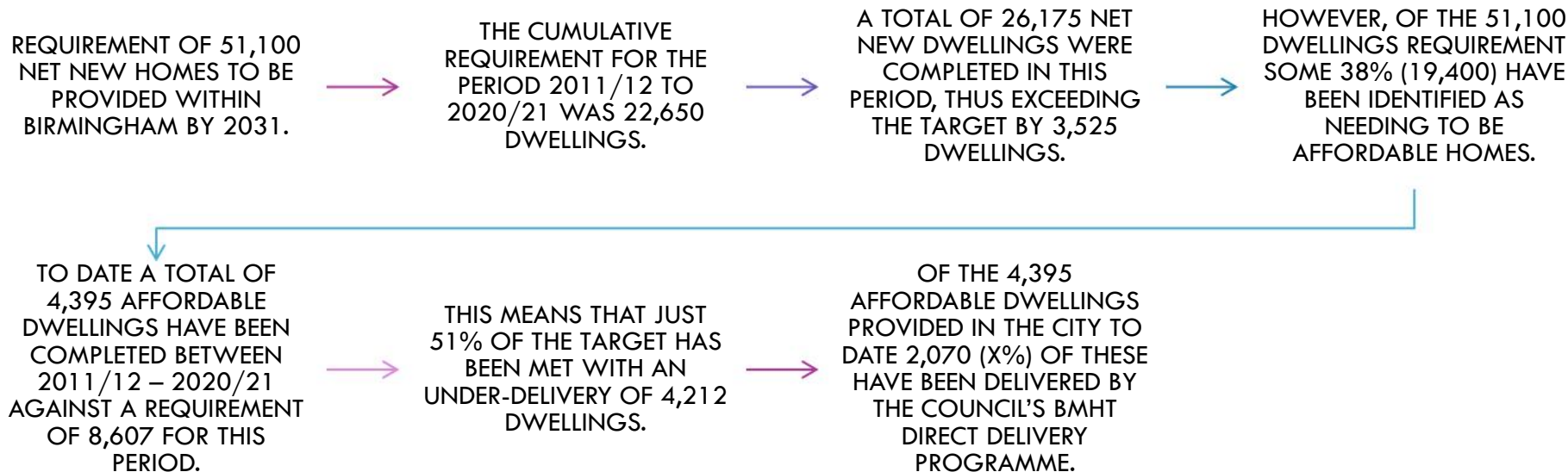


PRIORITY 1 – A STRONG SUPPLY OF GENUINELY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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- OPEN FOR BUSINESS
- CALL TO ARMS- STRONGER TOGETHER
- ENABLING DELIVERY
- WHAT ARE THE DRAG FACTORS?
- SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

CURRENT PERFORMANCE



WHAT ARE THE DRAG FACTORS?

- HISTORICALLY LOW LAND VALUE AND PATCHY INWARD INVESTMENT INTEREST
- COMPLEX SITE DELIVERY AND NO SUCH THING AS 'LOW HANGING FRUIT'
- DISJOINTED STRATEGY FOR THE PROVISION OF HOUSING ACROSS THE CITY
- OVER RELIANCE ON NARROW RANGE OF PARTNERS
- CAPACITY AND CAPABILITY – COMMERCIAL, MAJOR PROJECTS, ESTATE REGENERATION, STRATEGY
- RP'S CAN CHOOSE TO DEVELOP IN MANY AREAS

WHAT ARE THE KEY WORKSTREAMS?

- STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS WITH RSLs
- DEVELOP 'LOSS OF FAMILY ACCOMMODATION' POLICY THROUGH THE NEW BIRMINGHAM PLAN
- MOBILISE CROSS DIRECTORATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY BOARD
- EFFICIENT USE OF EMPTY DWELLINGS MANAGEMENT ORDERS AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS
- COLLABORATE WITH WMCA TO ACCESS NEW SITES AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES
- WORK WITH HOMES ENGLAND WHO NOW HAVE A WIDER REMIT TO SUPPORT LAS IN DRIVING UP THEIR AMBITIONS FOR NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR 'BUILD TO RENT'
- EXPLORE MODELS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY IN BOTH THE UK AND ABROAD
- WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH PRIVATE LANDLORDS TO INCENTIVISE THEM TO WORK WITH THE COUNCIL TO REDUCE HOUSING NEED

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WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS?

- REFRESHED HOUSING STRATEGY
- IMPROVED APPROACH TO COUNCIL LAND OWNERSHIP
- POTENTIAL IN PARTNERSHIPS
- FINANCE AND FUNDING
- REMOVE BARRIERS WITH RSLs
- ENABLE ASSET BASE TO INCREASE PROPERTY GROWTH

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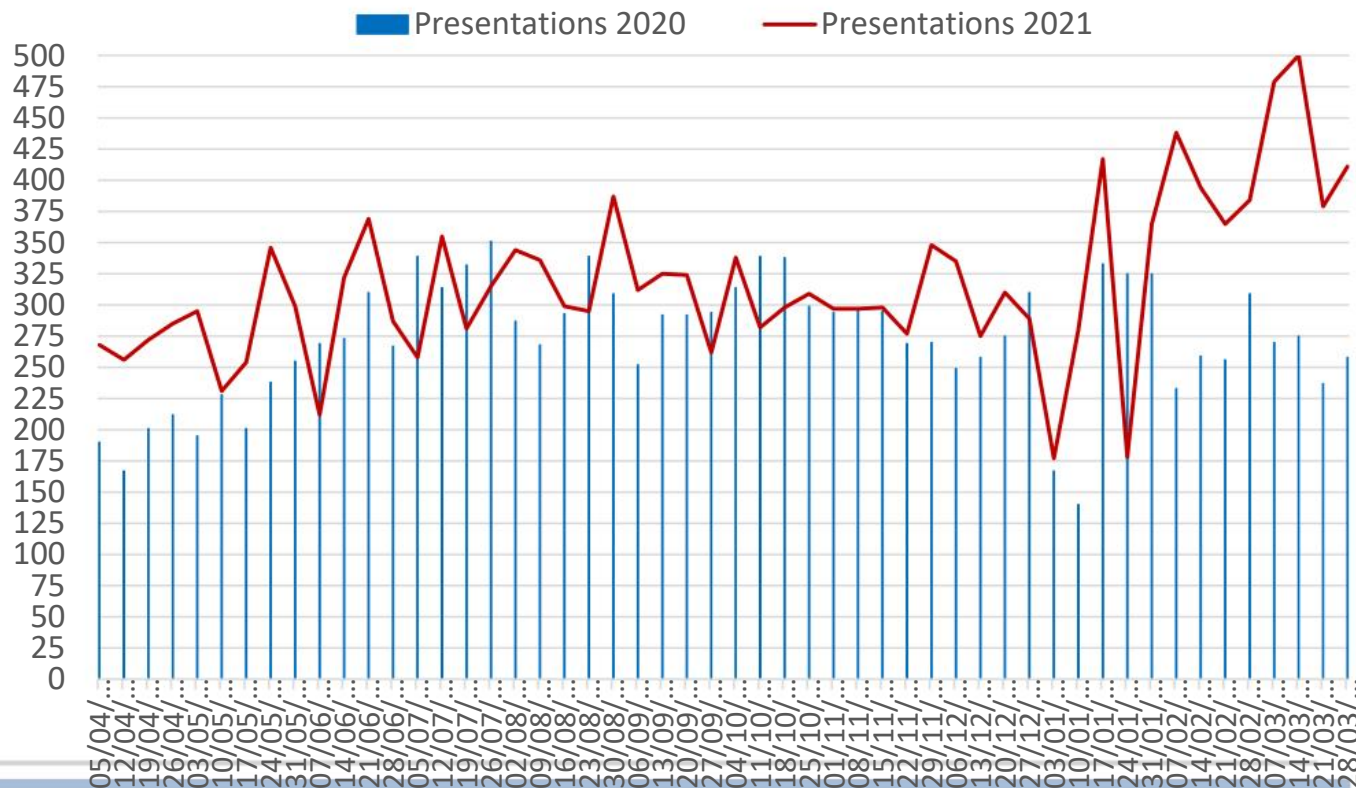
- EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION APPROACH
- HOMELESSNESS AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT
- OFFER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
- HOUSING AND HEALTH
- WHAT ARE THE DRAG FACTORS?
- POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

Every young person
has the right to a
home



How are we currently managing increased demand?

Presentations (Average)	Assessments (Average)
2020	2020
272	177
2021	2021
317	211
16% increase	19% increase



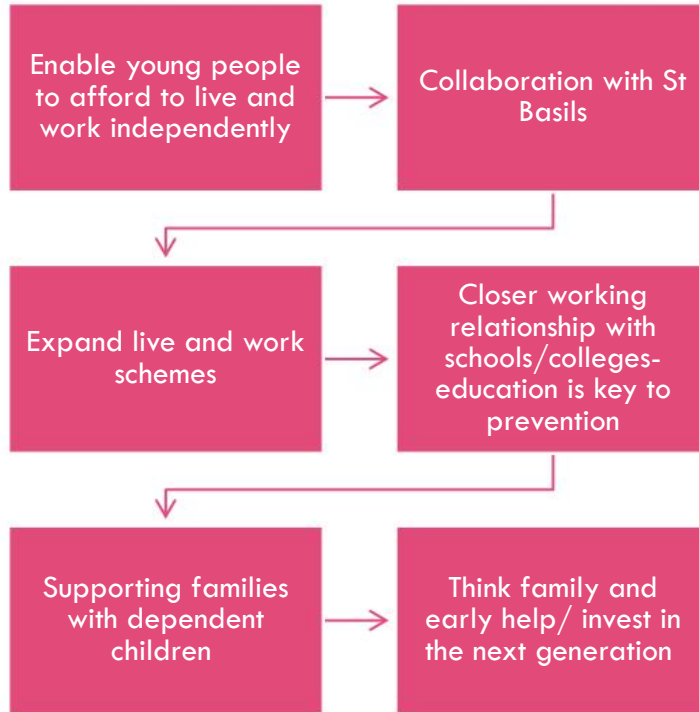
WHAT ARE THE DRAG FACTORS?

- COST OF LIVING CRISIS AND THE PANDEMIC HAVE INCREASED HOMELESSNESS PRESENTATIONS
- LARGE FAMILIES- RESTRICTED ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS
- HOSPITAL DISCHARGE
- POVERTY AND AFFORDABILITY
- IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON THE CITY
- TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AND MOVE ON

WHY IS HOUSING AND HEALTH AN IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIP?



SERVING A CITY WITH A YOUNG POPULATION



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS?

- EMBED STRONG HOUSING AND HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS
- FOCUS ON ANTI-POVERTY
- EXPAND OFFER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
- RESOURCE REVIEW WITH ADULT SOCIAL CARE
- FUEL POVERTY ALLIANCE
- LIVED EXPERIENCE INFORMS DELIVERY

“

Our home is not just a dwelling place. It should be a place of comfort, shelter, safety and warmth...it is the main setting for our health throughout our lives

”



WHAT ARE THE KEY WORKSTREAMS?

Ensure lived experience is a key focal point in developing and delivering services

Ensure poverty within housing is considered in the round, with all key stakeholders as part of larger Anti-Poverty Strategy

Continue to develop the Fuel Poverty Alliance, identifying innovative solutions to tackle fuel poverty in the city

Support the development of the Early Intervention & Prevention model, investing in working upstream to prevent crisis

Develop a temporary accommodation strategy, focusing on moving away from reliance on Bed & Breakfast

Embed Housing Solutions and Support operating model, responding to increased demand

Formally recognise the significant links between housing and health; developing a partnership board that supports delivery related to connected issues

Work collaboratively with St Basils to expand the live and work scheme model, carving out a robust housing offer for young people

Launch new Allocations Policy and regularly review to ensure prioritisation of existing stock

Support the Digital Cities and Adult Social Care agenda by exploring ways in which technology can support people to remain in their home

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PRIORITY 3- NEIGHBORHOODS ARE ENHANCED AND THE QUALITY OF EXISTING HOUSING IS IMPROVED

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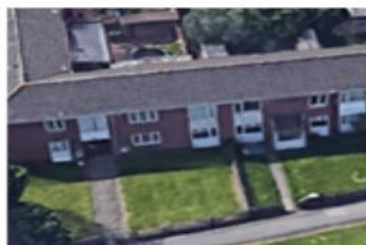
- COMMITMENT TO ROUTE TO ZERO
- PLACE MAKING
- SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
- INTELLIGENT ASSET MANAGEMENT
- ROLE OF THE PRS MARKET
- WHAT ARE THE DRAG FACTORS?
- POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

ROUTE TO ZERO- WHAT IS THE PLAN?



- ADDRESSING FUEL POVERTY, HEALTH AND WELLBEING
- ACCELERATING PATH TO NET ZERO THROUGH REDUCTION OF HOUSING EMISSIONS
- LEVELLING UP HOUSING STOCK AND IMPROVING STANDARDS
- REDUCING COSTS OF HOUSING MAINTENANCE & ENERGY USE
- ENABLING AN UPLIFT OF SKILLS AND DEVELOPING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF LOCAL PEOPLE
- GROWING LOW CARBON ECONOMY AND SUPPLY CHAINS
- DEVELOPING INVESTABLE PROPOSITION
- OPTIMISING THE BENEFIT OF INVESTMENT TO CONNECT WITH WIDER POLICY AREAS SUCH AS DIGITAL AND ENERGY TRANSFORMATION

WHOLE HOUSE RETROFIT PILOT



174 Low Rise Flats:

- Fabric efficiency improvements
 - External wall & loft insulation
 - Windows & doors
- Renewable Energy Generation
 - Air Source Heat Pump & Solar PV
 - Battery storage



126 Cross Wall Homes:

- Fabric efficiency improvements
 - External wall panels & roof cartridge
 - Windows & doors
 - Underfloor insulation
 - Active ventilation
- Renewable Energy Generation
 - Air Source Heat Pump & Solar PV
 - Battery storage
- Digital performance monitoring
- Performance guarantee
- Comfort plan



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WHAT ARE THE DRAG FACTORS?

- HISTORIC LACK OF INVESTMENT IN OUR STOCK
- PRS STOCK CONDITION- HOW WE DO DRIVE UP QUALITY IN THE SECTOR?
- AFFORDABILITY & ACCESSIBILITY
- LACK OF STRATEGY AROUND ASSET MANAGEMENT/HRA
- POOR REGULATION IN THE EXEMPT SECTOR
- AGE AND CONDITION OF LA STOCK
- VIABILITY VS REGENERATION

ROLE OF THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR

- PRS MARKET MAKES UP 24.3% OF ALL TENURE TYPES ACROSS THE CITY
- 21% OF THE PRS MARKET ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE AN ACTIVE CATEGORY 1 HAZARD
- 48.6% OF PRS STOCK WAS BUILT PRE- SECOND WORLD WAR
- 4,058 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL RE THE QUALITY OF PRS PROPERTIES



WHAT ARE THE KEY WORKSTREAMS?

Deliver whole house retrofit pilot and explore future funding opportunities to embed into existing stock portfolio

Develop Asset Management strategy focused on intelligence led investment

Deliver Housing Revenue Account business plan

Explore opportunities to embed Selective and Additional Licensing in the private sector

Explore funding opportunities to expand the Exempt Accommodation pilot

Continue work to lobby government around regulation of the exempt sector

Develop and embed Housing Management offer, focused on localisation and sustainability within communities

Develop a specific strategy around high rise blocks and the management of these

Collaborate effectively with other authorities/RSLs, adopting best practice in relation to preserving and maintaining existing stock

Improve insight and intelligence into the way properties are let, focusing on building communities that are mixed and sustainable

Embed 5 year rolling stock condition survey programme, using intelligence to inform investment

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS?



Intelligence led investment in stock



Strategic approach to assets



Quality in the PRS



Regulation in exempt accommodation



Wholesale retrofit opportunities



Re-shaping communities



GOVERNANCE



PROPOSED GOVERNANCE MODEL

- CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP ACROSS THE COUNCIL
- HOUSING BIRMINGHAM PARTNERSHIP REVIEWED AND RE-INVIGORATED
- DELIVERY GROUPS FOCUSED ON ACTION PLAN
- TENANTS AND CITIZENS INVOLVED IN THE DELIVERY
- ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND FOCUS

DISCUSSION

- DO YOU AGREE WITH THE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES WE HAVE IDENTIFIED?
- HAVE WE MISSED ANYTHING?
- ANY OTHER THOUGHTS YOU WANT TO SHARE





Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

Chair:	Cllr Mohammed Idrees
Deputy Chair:	Cllr Marje Bridle
Committee Members:	Cllrs: Kerry Brewer, Marje Bridle, Ray Goodwin, Roger Harmer, Saqib Khan, Lauren Rainbow and Ken Wood
Officer Support:	Overview and Scrutiny Manager: Amelia Murray (07825 979253) Scrutiny Officer: Jayne Bowles: (303 4810) Committee Manager: Mandeep Marwaha (303 5950)

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The remit of the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee is 'to fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning housing; waste management; neighbourhood management; parks and allotments; localisation; bereavement services and community safety'.
- 1.2 This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee (Police and Justice Act 2006).
- 1.3 This report provides details of the proposed scrutiny work programme for 2022/23.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee considers its work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and considers whether any amendments are required.

3 Background

- 3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive, member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run."* (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).
- 3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.



- 3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.

4 Work Programme

- 4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the future work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. The attached work programme also includes items to be programmed where dates are still to be confirmed, and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.
- 4.2 As the work programmes for the Committees have developed a number of cross cutting issues have been identified. To avoid duplication Members will be invited to attend different Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings for relevant reports as set out below:

Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
Resources O&SC	17 November 2022: Monitoring recommendations from Council Asset Inquiry	Economy and Skills O&SC The Economy and Skills O&SC undertook the inquiry, however this work now falls within the remit of the Resources O&SC
Education and Children's Social Care O&SC	30 November 2022: Report from Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP) and report from Birmingham Children's Trust (BCT)	Members of the CYP Mental Health Inquiry from the Health and Adult Care O&SC Information from the BSCP and BCT will inform the CYP mental health inquiry.
Health and Adult Care O&SC	14 October 2022 Report from Forward Thinking Birmingham	Members of the Education and Children's Social Care O&SC It was agreed at Co-ordinating OSC on the 8 July 2022 that the Health and Adult Care O&SC undertakes scrutiny of children's mental health (under the overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) and Members of the Education and Children's Social Care O&SC will be invited to attend as mental health is included within the Committee's terms of reference.
Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC	Meeting: TBC Report on employment and skills Legacy of the Commonwealth Games	Members of the Economy and Skills O&SC At the meeting on the 8 th July Co-ordinating O&SC decided that this issue falls within the remit of the CWG, Culture and Physical Activity O&SC, and as it has been identified during the



Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
		work planning for the Economy and Skills O&SC as an issue of interest Members of this Committee would be invited to the relevant meeting.
Co-ordinating O&SC	14 October 2022 Report on Devolution Trailblazer Deal	Members of the Employment and Skills Inquiry Task and Finish Group The Deputy Leader will report to Co-ordinating O &SC on the devolution deal and this discussion will inform the work of the Employment and Skills Inquiry.

5 Other Meetings

5.1 There are no other meetings scheduled at this time.

Call in Meetings:

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled

It is suggested that the Committee approves Thursday at 2.00pm as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions

6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

- 6.1 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in identifying potential agenda items.
- 6.2 The following decisions, extracted from the CMIS Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee's remit. The Panel may wish to consider whether any of these issues require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny. The Forward Plan can be viewed in full via Forward Plans (cmis.uk.com).



ID Number	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
008859/2021	Building Birmingham – Long Nuke Road Development	Housing and Homelessness	11 Oct 22
010196/2022	Housing Repairs, Maintenance and Investment 2024	Housing and Homelessness	08 Nov 22
010576/2022	Domestic Abuse Homelessness Prevention Waiver	Finance and Resources	08 Nov 22
010175/2022	Druids Heath Regeneration Update	Housing and Homelessness	13 Dec 22
007349/2020	Waste Vehicle Replacement Programme	Environment	13 Dec 22
008759/2021	Working in Partnership with the Alderson Trust	Housing and Homelessness	13 Dec 22
009213/2021	BMHT Dawberry Fields Road, Passivhaus Development	Housing and Homelessness	13 Dec 22
009647/2022	Supported Housing Strategy	Housing and Homelessness	13 Dec 22
009966/2022	Housing Strategy 2022-2027	Housing and Homelessness	13 Dec 22
010451/2022	Affordable Housing – sites for disposal	Leader	13 Dec 22
010625/2023	Bromford Housing Development, Open Space Improvement, Procurement Strategy and Revised FBC	Housing and Homelessness	14 Feb 23
010589/2022	Ladywood Regeneration Estate	Leader	14 Feb 23
010634/2023	Ladywood Regeneration Estate: CPO Authority in Principle	Leader	14 Feb 23

7 Legal Implications

7.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

8 Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

9 Public Sector Equality Duty

9.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:



- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

9.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

9.3 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

10 Use of Appendices

10.1 Appendix 1 – Work Programme for 2022/2023

HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2022-23 WORK PROGRAMME

Date of Meeting: 14th July 2022

Item/ Topic	Type of Scrutiny	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information (including joint working / links with other O&S Committees)
Cabinet Member Portfolio Overview	Update Report	Provide a summary of Cabinet Member priorities for 2022-23, and identifying opportunities for O&S to add value	Jon Lawton, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment	None Required	
Performance	Quarterly Report	Outline Month 2 (May) performance for City Operations, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Jonathan Antill, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Paul Lankester, Interim Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining Month 2 (May) performance for Housing, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Mira Gola, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Natalie Smith, Head of Service Housing Management Steve Philpott, Head of Service Housing Solutions and Support	None Required	
Work Programme Development	Decision	Discuss work programme for 2022-23 with a particular focus on refining aims and	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	Fiona Bottrill, Senior Overview and Scrutiny Manager	None Required	<i>A Cleaner Streets inquiry proposal has been submitted to Co-</i>

		objectives, and any additional topics to consider				<i>ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This Committee will consider all in-depth inquiry proposals at their July 8th meeting. This will ensure an achievable work programme for 2022-23.</i>
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Final Deadline: Tuesday 5th July 2022

Publication: Wednesday 6th July 2022

Meeting Date: 15 September 2022 (Meeting not held – Items to be considered at meeting 26.09.22)

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Petition – Ban Use of Pesticides	Debate	To debate the Petition and formulate a clear formal resolution on the matter for agreement	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Ms Laura Hackett, Lead Petitioner Cllr Izzy Knowles, Presenting Councillor Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	The Petition from Bee Friendly Brum was presented to City Council on 12 th July 2022
Delays in birth/ death registrations	Update Report	Provide progress on steps being undertaken to reduce delays in births and deaths registrations, and to develop a new mortuary facility, including a digital autopsy scanner	Paul Lankester, Interim Director, Regulation and Enforcement	Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement	None Required	This has been scheduled in response to Full Council motion – 14 th June 2022. Further to this, it follows on from previous related updates: 10 th March 2022 and 21 st November 2019

Final Deadline: Tuesday 6th September 2022

Publication: Wednesday 7th September 2022

Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee, October 2022- Appendix 1

Date of Meeting: **Monday 26th September 2022 (Agenda Items re-scheduled from 15th September meeting)**

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Petition – Ban Use of Pesticides	Debate	To debate the Petition and formulate a clear formal resolution on the matter for agreement	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Ms Laura Hackett, Lead Petitioner Cllr Izzy Knowles, Presenting Councillor Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	The Petition from Bee Friendly Brum was presented to City Council on 12 th July 2022
Request for Call-In: Capital Funding Bid for the Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charging Across Selected BCC Parks	Request for Call-In	To consider whether the Committee should, or should not, exercise its power of Call-In, that is whether to formally request that the Executive reconsiders its decision	Rob James, Strategic Director, City Operations	Cllr Yvonne Mosquito, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment Rob James, Strategic Director, City Operations	None Required	

Delays in birth/ death registrations	Update Report	Provide progress on steps being undertaken to reduce delays in births and deaths registrations, and to develop a new mortuary facility, including a digital autopsy scanner	Paul Lankester, Interim Director, Regulation and Enforcement	Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement	None Required	This has been scheduled in response to Full Council motion – 14 th June 2022. Further to this, it follows on from previous related updates: 10 th March 2022 and 21 st November 2019
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Publication: Wednesday 16th September 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday 13th October 2022

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Localisation	Update Report	Provide progress on delivery of the Working Together in Neighbourhoods White Paper, including the Neighbourhood Action Co-ordination programme. Respond to the challenge presented by O&S (27 th January 2022) for a rapid 4-point stocktake – ‘Councillors and Officers’ Review against the 4 Measures of Success set for ‘Working Together in Birmingham’s Neighbourhoods’	Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	Cllr Ian Ward, Leader of the Council Chris Jordan, Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	None Required	Working Together in Neighbourhoods White Paper: <u>Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods (White Paper) Birmingham City Council</u>
Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness Portfolio Overview	Update Report	Provide a summary of Cabinet Member priorities for 2022-23, and identifying opportunities for O&S to add value	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr Sharon Thompson, Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	None Required	
Housing Strategy 2022-2027	Consultation	Outline the development of the new Housing Strategy. Consider the strategic priorities and workstreams identified and inform the	Julie Griffin, Managing Director, City Housing	Naomi Morris, Housing Modernisation and Partnerships Manager	None Required	

		direction of this strategy's development		Guy Chaundy, Housing Modernisation and Partnerships Manager		
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Final Deadline: Tuesday 4th October 2022

Publication: Wednesday 5th October 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday 10th November 2022

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining performance for Housing, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Mira Gola, Head of Business Improvement and Support	TBC	None Required	
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining performance for City Operations, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Jonathan Antill, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	
Inquiry: Reducing Fly-tipping	Tracking	Provide further clarification on Recommendations R01 and R03. Consider if the Inquiry is concluded.	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	TBC	None Required	Further information has been requested in relation to these recommendations. This Inquiry was approved at Full Council on 2 nd February 2021; the most recent Progress on Recommendations report was presented to Housing & Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on 10 th March 2022.

Cleaner Streets	Evidence-gathering	To identify comparator areas and invite representatives from other Local Authorities to share best practice	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	TBC		
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Final Deadline: Tuesday 1st November 2022

Publication: Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday 15th December 2022

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities Portfolio Overview	Update Report	Provide a summary of Cabinet Member priorities for 2022-23, and identifying opportunities for O&S to add value	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer	Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities	None Required	
Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Report	Annual Report	<p>Discharge the statutory requirement as the Crime and Disorder Committee to receive an annual report from the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>Provide an overview of the Community Safety strategy and key headlines for the past 12 months</p>	Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director for Community Safety and Resilience	<p>Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Mat Shaer, West Midlands Police</p> <p>Waqar Ahmed, Assistant Director for Community Safety and Resilience</p> <p>Pamela Powis, Senior Service Manager, Safer Places</p>	None Required	

Cleaner Streets	Evidence-gathering	To identify comparator areas and invite representatives from other Local Authorities to share best practice	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	TBC		
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Final Deadline: Tuesday 6th December 2022

Publication: Wednesday 7th December 2022

Date of Meeting: Thursday 12th January 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Mobile Household Recycling Centres	Update Report	Provide an overview of the scheme, and highlight impact to date	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	
Cleaner Streets	Evidence-gathering	To identify comparator areas and invite representatives from other Local Authorities to share best practice	Amelia Murray, Overview and Scrutiny Manager	TBC		

Final Deadline: Friday 23rd December 2022

Publication: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Date of Meeting: Thursday 16th February 2023

Item/ Topic	Type	Aims and Objectives	Lead Officer	Witnesses	Visits	Additional Information
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining performance for Housing, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Mira Gola, Head of Business Improvement and Support	TBC	None Required	
Performance	Quarterly Report	Report outlining performance for City Operations, and provide more detailed commentary on areas of improvement or for concern	Jonathan Antill, Head of Business Improvement and Support	Sajeela Naseer, Assistant Director, Regulation and Enforcement Darren Share, Assistant Director, Street Scene	None Required	
Tenant Engagement Strategy	TBC	Provide an outline of the new engagement strategy to inform its future development and delivery	TBC	TBC	None Required	
Affordable Housing Plan	Update Report	Provide an outline of progress	Kerry Scott, Housing Delivery Programme Lead	Guy Chaundy, Housing Modernisation and Partnership Manager	None Required	

Final Deadline: Tuesday 7th February 2023

Publication: Wednesday 8th February 2023

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Date of Meeting: Thursday 16th March 2023

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Voids – Improving Standards	Evidence-gathering	To undertake a deep-dive into Voids with a focus on improving the standard of properties.	TBC	TBC	TBC	

Final Deadline: Tuesday 7th March 2023

Publication: Wednesday 8th March 2023

Date of Meeting: Thursday 13th April 2023

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Final Deadline: Tuesday 4th April 2023

Publication: Wednesday 5th April 2023

TO BE SCHEDULED:

1. Final Nature Recovery Strategy to be brought back to committee (following debate on Petition: Ban Use of Pesticides on 26th September 2022)
2. Selective and Additional Licensing Schemes for Private Rented Sector
3. Flats above shops
4. Further Update on Bereavement Services – as requested in September 2022 Committee
5. Proposed Introduction of Car Parking Charging across selected BCC Parks – update following consultation

