

Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023 / 24

Month	Item/Topic Link with Corporate Priorities	Aims and Objectives	Scrutiny Method	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Other Witnesses	Additional Information and Outcome*
July 23	Regeneration across the City Corporate Priorities: 1,2,3, 11, 20	How is regeneration and the benefits being spread across the city and what are the main regeneration programmes (not just those areas covered by the OFCP). Input to the OFCP consultation. Further information on the Birmingham Development Plan 2031 and plans for renewing including process and timescale to enable the Committee to schedule work in the work programme.	Committee Meeting single item: Agenda item for OSC meeting on 12 July 23. Deadline for reports: 3 July 23 Venue: Council House, Committee Room 2	Phillip Nell, Director of Property and Investment Simon Delahunty-Forrest, Assistant Director, Inclusive Growth		When considering the timescales for the Birmingham Development Plan Members have identified further work on the impact of the night time economy. Report to Scrutiny Committee November 2021: Planning and Noise (cmis.uk.com) Response submitted following discussion at Committee Meeting to OFCP Consultation
July 23	Increasing the opportunities for employment and skills for young people through the Council's Social Value Procurement Corporate Priorities: 1,2,5,8	What role does procurement have in delivering social value through Council contracts to increase employment and skills opportunities for young people?	Committee Meeting single item: Agenda item for OSC meeting on 12 July 23. Deadline for reports: 3 July 23	Steve Sandercock, Assistant Director Procurement Shariat Rokneddin, Policy and Governance Manager		Issue identified during the Scrutiny Inquiry on Employment and Skills and recommended as issue for work programme for 2023/24)

		What data / information is available to demonstrate the difference this has made? Including any information that Amanda might be able to provide on number of apprenticeships created. Going forward, how will the number of apprenticeships created through social value of procurement be monitored and what systems will be put in place to do this?	Venue: Council House, Committee Room 2	Amanda Lloyd, Principal Employment Officer		
September 23	Increasing the opportunities for employment and skills for young people through the Council's Social Value Procurement Corporate Priorities: 1,2,5,8	What assurance can be provided that the Council contracts are delivering their social value commitments? How is Procurement working with Contract Managers to ensure delivery of social value outcomes? How does this ensure that the contractors deliver added value e.g. the apprenticeships that are created are not just the ones that they would	Committee Meeting single item: Agenda item for OSC meeting on 13 September 23. Deadline for reports: 4 September 23 Venue: Council House, Committee Rooms 3&4	Shariat Rokneddin, Policy and Governance Manager Amanda Lloyd, Principal Employment Officer		

		<p>have anyway through the apprenticeship levy?</p> <p>Up to date information / snap shot on the delivery of the top 40 contractors social value commitment with an analysis of this</p> <p>What are the options to develop a system to monitor social value procurement across the council and timescales to deliver this?</p> <p>What can Birmingham learn from other areas of good practice regarding social value procurement and how this is delivered and monitored?</p>				
September 23	<p>Financial Challenges - Scrutiny Contribution to the Budget Savings and Recovery Plan</p> <p>Corporate Priorities: 1,2,3</p>	<p>To consider the implications of Equal Pay and the Medium Term Financial Plan for the Committee's work programme including agreed savings for 2023/24.</p>	<p>Committee Meeting single item: Agenda item for OSC meeting on 13 September 23.</p> <p>Deadline for reports: 4 September 23</p>	TBC		<p>Agreed at Co-ordinating OSC 14.07.23 that all Scrutiny Committee meetings will include a standing item on implications of Equal Pay within the remit of the Committee.</p>

			Venue: Council House, Committee Rooms 3&4			
October 23	Monitoring Recommendations of the Employment and Skills Scrutiny Inquiry Corporate Priorities: 2,5,8		Committee Meeting single item: Agenda item for OSC meeting on 11 October 23. Deadline for reports: 2 October 23 Venue: Council House, Committee Room 2	TBC		
October 23	Local Skills Improvement Plan Corporate Priorities: 1,2	To inform members of Local Skills Investment Plan, the implications for Birmingham and the role of Birmingham City Council and agree any recommendations to support the development of skills in the City.	Committee Meeting single item: Agenda item for OSC meeting on 11 October 23. Deadline for reports: 2 October 23 Venue: Council House, Committee Room 2	Corin Crane, Chief Executive, Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce.		LSIP Employer designated representative body: Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce Data reported to June E&S OSC showed decrease in Level 2 Qualifications and increase in Level 4 Qualifications between 2019 – 21. Document.ashx (cmis.uk.com)

November 23 (TBC)	Our Future City Plan (TBC) Corporate Priorities: 1,2,3, 11, 20	Further scrutiny of the economic assessment and the sustainability objectives and outcomes of the OFCP to provide feedback / recommendations to inform the Cabinet decision.	Committee Meeting single item: Agenda item for OSC meeting on 11 October 23. Deadline for reports: 2 October 23 Venue: Council House, Committee Room 2	Philip Nell, Director of Property And Investment James Betjemaan, Head of Curzon and Enterprise Zone Development		
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*Outcome: This will be populated once the item/topic has been completed. It will identify the added value and impact.

Menu of Issues for Consideration

The following items had been identified as potential topics for future consideration. This approach enables the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to remain flexible and respond in a timely manner to emerging issues.

This is a live work programme work programme. New items may be added, or items removed during the course of the year. Proposed aims and objectives as well as scrutiny methodology may also be subject to change.

Item/ Topic	Proposed Aims and Objectives	Proposed Scrutiny Method	Additional Information
Meeting with Employers	To understand how Birmingham City Council can support local businesses	Link with existing meeting / event	
Meeting with Youth City Board	To understand the views of young people to inform the work of the Scrutiny Committee To report back on the implementation of the recommendations of the Employment and Skills Scrutiny Inquiry.	Task and Finish Group (1 Meeting) Informal meeting at location with young people e.g., youth centre.	Issue identified during the Scrutiny Inquiry on Employment and Skills and recommended as issue for work programme for 2023/24) Members of the Education and CYP OSC could be invited to attend.

CWG Employment Legacy			
Night-time economy	Following consideration of the Birmingham Development Plan to consider the issues experienced by communities as a result of the night-time economy and how these can be managed / mitigated in future developments.		
East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Strategy	To update the Committee of the implementation of the East Birmingham Growth Strategy.		
Scrutiny of Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	To scrutinise the integration of the LEP functions into Birmingham City Council including administration of the legacy funds and Enterprise Zone.		<p>The LEP Scrutiny function no longer exists and there is an expectation that individual local authority arrangements will scrutinise the LEP Integration.</p> <p>Link to Cabinet report 27 June on LEP Integration into Birmingham City Council: Document.ashx (cmis.uk.com)</p>

Scrutiny Method Options:

Committee meeting - single item

Committee meeting - single theme

Task and Finish Group (outline number of meetings)

On location

Other - (describe)

Corporate Priorities, Performance and Outcomes

Corporate Priorities 2022 – 26:

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| 1 Support inclusive economic growth | 11 Increase affordable, safe, green housing |
| 2 Tackle unemployment | 12 Tackle homelessness |
| 3 Attract inward investment and infrastructure | 13 Tackle health inequalities |
| 4 Maximise the benefits of the Commonwealth Games | 14 Encourage and enable physical activity and healthy living |
| 5 Tackle poverty and inequalities | 15 Champion mental health |
| 6 Empower citizens and enable citizen voice | 16 Improve outcomes for adults with disabilities and older people |
| 7 Promote and champion diversity, civic pride and culture | 17 Improve street cleanliness |
| 8 Support and enable all children and young people to thrive | 18 Improve air quality |
| 9 Make the city safer | 19 Continue on the Route to Zero |
| 10 Protect and safeguard vulnerable citizens | 20 Be a City of Nature |
| | 21 Delivering a Bold Best in Class Council |

Information on the Corporate Priorities, Performance and City Outcomes was reported to the Economy and Skills OSC in June 23: [Document.ashx \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com)