



Welcome to the April edition of the Overview and Scrutiny Newsletter. In this issue find out what the Overview and Scrutiny Committees have planned for the next month.

Co-ordinating O&S Committee

At its April meeting the Committee will be hearing from the Leader of the Council about the priorities for improvement following the final formal assessment of the Council's improvement journey prior to the Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel (BIIP) stepping down at the end of March 2019. Dawn Baxendale, Chief Executive, will also be attending to update members on the senior management re-structure.

Children's Social Care O&S Committee

At the April meeting the Committee will be discussing the recent Adoption and Fostering Regulatory Inspections, including the findings and the responses to these.

Economy and Skills O&S Committee

The Committee will be welcoming the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills & Culture to their April meeting and the Leader will also attend to talk to Members about the Local Industrial Strategy. A representative from the Greater Birmingham & Solihull will be updating the Committee on the new operating model.

Health and Social Care O&S Committee

West Midlands Ambulance Service will be attending to provide a general overview and an update on their Winter 2018/19 performance.

Healthwatch Birmingham will be informing the members about the results of their Hospital Waiting Room Investigation.

The Committee will also be continuing to track recommendations from two of their previous inquiries on 'Living Life to the Full with Dementia' and 'The Impact of Poor Air Quality on Health'.

In May The Birmingham and Solihull STP System Lead Paul Jennings and the Accountable Officer from Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG will be bringing a status report on the STP 'West Birmingham Position' which is an issue which has been previously highlighted by the committee.



The Associate Director of Nursing from Forward Thinking Birmingham will be presenting a report on behalf of the city's mental health partnership for 0-25 year olds and there will also be a report from the Birmingham and Solihull CCG on the Mental Health Commissioning Strategy.

The new Director of Public Health will be attending to present a position paper on the Public Health Grant.

Following up on the initial report to the March meeting on the approach to the Day Opportunities consultation, the Interim Assistant AD, Community Services will be attending to inform the members about the new Day Opportunities Consultation Strategy and Model.

There will also be one of a series of regular ongoing reports on Adult Social Care Performance Monitoring.

Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee

The Committee will have the following items for April:

1. Update on Universal Credit - At their October meeting Members heard about the impact of Universal Credit across the City and how the Council was supporting its own tenants, together with an analysis of rent arrears and planned mitigations to limit the impact on the Housing Revenue Account. Six months on, Members will receive a further update at their April meeting.
2. Option to Return Policy for Housing Regeneration Schemes – This follows on from the motion to City Council and the recommendation that “the Executive engages with Scrutiny to review its policies for regeneration areas ...”. Members had the opportunity to feed in comments and suggestions at their last Committee meeting, and in April will consider the report due to go to Cabinet on 16th April.
3. Members have also requested a briefing on the housing development plans for the Commonwealth Games Village.

Learning, Culture and Physical Activity O&S Committee

At the April meeting the Committee will be holding the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture to account for her portfolio as it pertains to the Committee's remit. In addition Members will be discussing the Childcare Sufficiency Annual Report, due to the Council being required to report annually to elected council members on how they are meeting the duty to secure sufficient childcare for working parents.



Resources O&S Committee








At their April meeting, Members will receive a further update on the Funding for the Commonwealth Games, with a focus on the possible mitigations being looked at to cover any shortfall in partner contributions. They will also continue with their scrutiny of financial monitoring.

Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee


The Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, Cllr Waseem Zaffar will be attending the April meeting to give his annual report. Members will also receive an update on the Birmingham Cycling Revolution (BCR) programme.



Meetings at a glance

<i>Committee</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	
Co-ordinating	12 th April, 10am, Committee Rooms 3&4	TBC	
Children's Social Care	17 th April, 10am, Committee Room 6	TBC	
Learning, Culture and Physical Activity	17 th April, 1.30pm, Committee Rooms 3&4	TBC	
Health & Social Care	16 th April, 10am, Committee Rooms 6	14 th May, 10am, Committee Room 2	
Resources	11 th April, 2pm, Committee Room 6	TBC	
Housing and Neighbourhoods	9 th April, 2pm, Committee Room 6	TBC	
Economy & Skills	24 th April, 10.30am, Committee Room 2	TBC	



<p>Sustainability & Transport</p>	<p>11th April, 10am, Committee Room 2</p>	<p>TBC</p>	
<p>Birmingham and Sandwell JHOSC</p>	<p>11th April, 2pm, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, B69 3DB</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Chaired in rotation</p>
<p>West Midlands Police and Crime Panel</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	