



Welcome to the November edition of the Overview and Scrutiny Newsletter.

Find out what the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel have planned for the next month.

Co-ordinating O&S Committee

The next Co-ordinating OSC will take place on 15 December. The items expected include:

- Homes for Ukraine: Response to Task and Finish Group Recommendations
- Mutually Agreed Resignation Scheme (MARS)
- Elections Act Update

Economy and Skills O&S Committee

The next Economy & Skills meeting will take place on 6th December.

Education, Children and Young People O&S Committee – Wednesday 29th November, 10am

The SEND Commissioner will be updating the Committee on the SEND improvement journey, and the discussion will include how the Committee can assist and add value. Also, the Committee will be discussing school improvement and the new relationship with schools.

Finance and Resources O&S Committee – Thursday 16th November, 2pm

The Committee will be considering the 2023/24 in-year savings across all council services, as well as updates on the Job Evaluation and Pay Equity System, and Oracle Stabilisation.

Members will also receive the latest Planned Procurement Activities reports, a standing item on the Committee's agenda.



A draft Terms of Reference for a Budget Scrutiny Task and Finish Group will be considered as part of the work programme report.

Homes O&S Committee – Thursday 23rd November, 2pm

The Committee has considered the Council's response to the special report by the Housing Ombudsman (published earlier this year) and the Regulatory Notice issued to the Council in May. Moving forward, the Committee will be holding focused sessions every 3 months, in which they will hold the Council to account for achieving regulatory compliance. In advance of this, the Committee will be undertaking bespoke training to support them to deliver this.

Health and Adult Social Care O&S Committee – Tuesday 21st November, 10am

Key agenda items for consideration are:

- Scrutiny of delivery of 23/24 Budget Savings – Officers from the Finance Team to update HASC Committee on the progress in delivering the 23/24 savings agreed in the MTFS 2023-26 that fall under this committee's portfolio.
- Urgent Treatment Centres (UTC) in Birmingham – Lisa Stalley-Green, Deputy Chief Exec & Chief Nursing Officer, Birmingham/Solihull Integrated Care Board (ICB), to present a report on access and availability of UTCs city-wide, including functionality and purpose, and quality of buildings.
- Quality Reports from the ICB, Paul Sherriff, Chief Officer, Integration and Partnerships, Birmingham/Solihull NHS Trust to inform the Committee of the Quality Assurance processes across the ICB systems and enable the Committee to prioritise system focussed quality reports to future meetings.



The monthly pre-HASC meeting between the Committee Chair and Deputy Chair, and NHS Birmingham partners is scheduled for Tuesday 7th November at 10.30am.

Joint Health O&S Committee (JHSOC) Briefings

There is a scheduled briefing of Birmingham and Solihull JHOSC Chairs with Jonathan Brotherton, CEO of University Hospital, Birmingham (UHB) on Friday 10th November, on the [UHB Culture Review report](#).

Neighbourhoods O&S Committee – Wednesday 1st November, 2pm

The Committee discussed the 2023/24 budgets savings within the Committee's remit and commented on the draft Domestic Abuse Strategy as part of the wider consultation.

Sustainability and Transport O&S Committee – Thursday 9th November, 2pm

The Committee will be meeting informally this month to discuss the proposed draft refresh of the Road Safety Strategy and to consider the Terms of Reference for the forthcoming Inquiry on Road Safety. Members of the Active Travel Task & Finish Group will also be discussing key findings and recommendations having finalised evidence gathering last month.

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel - Monday 13th November, 2pm, Walsall Council House (livestreamed: [Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council meeting portal](#))

The Panel will review the Commissioner's Annual Report on the activities and progress towards fulfilling the Police and Crime Plan objectives.



Continuing the Panel's focus on confidence in policing, Members will examine the progress and impact of the diversity and inclusion programmes within joint Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Police Fairness and Belonging Strategy launched in 2021, including specifically the focus on inclusive recruitment, retention and progression, public feedback on the Strategy, and also actions taken to respond to the findings of the last WMP Employee Survey relating to staff morale and force culture.



Meetings at a Glance

Co-ordinating



Councillor Sir Albert Bore, Chair

Economy and Skills



Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed, Chair

Education, Children and Young People



Councillor Kerry Jenkins, Chair

Wednesday 29th November, 10am, Committee Rooms 3&4, Council House



Health and Social Care



Councillor Mick Brown, Chair

Tuesday 21st November, 10am, Committee Rooms 3&4, Council House

Homes



Councillor Mohammed Idrees, Chair

Thursday 23rd November, 2pm, Committee Room 6, Council House

Finance and Resources



Councillor Jack Deakin, Chair

Thursday 16th November, 2pm, Committee Room 6, Council House



Homes



Cllr Shabrana Hussain, Chair

Wednesday 1st November, 2pm, Committee Room 6, Council House

Sustainability and Transport



Councillor Lee Marsham, Chair

Thursday 7th September **[informal meeting]**, 2pm, Committee Room 6, Council House

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel



Councillor Jasbir Jaspal, Chair

Monday 13th November, 2pm, Walsall Council House