

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL

Economy and Growth Scrutiny Panel

28 September 2022

Time 6.00 pm **Public Meeting?** YES **Type of meeting** Scrutiny

Venue Council Chamber- Civic Centre

Membership

Chair Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman (Lab)
Vice-chair Cllr Sohail Khan (Con)

Labour

Cllr Mary Bateman
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE
Cllr Dr Paul John Birch J.P.
Cllr Craig Collingswood
Cllr Claire Darke
Cllr Celia Hibbert
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Clare Simm

Conservative

Cllr Wendy Dalton
Cllr Mak Singh

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Agenda

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

- | <i>Item No.</i> | <i>Title</i> |
|-----------------|--|
| 1 | Apologies
[To receive any apologies for absence]. |
| 2 | Declarations of interest
[To receive any declarations of interest]. |
| 3 | Minutes of previous meeting (Pages 3 - 10)
[To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record]. |

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| 4 | Inward Investment
[To receive a briefing note and a presentation on Inward Investment].

Briefing Note is marked: To Follow. |
| 5 | Visitor Experience, Culture and Leisure Offer
[To receive a briefing note and presentation on the visitor experience, culture and leisure offer].

Briefing Note is marked: To Follow |
| 6 | City Public Realm Works
[To receive a presentation on City Public Realm Works]. |
| 7 | Scrutiny Work Programme (Pages 11 - 36)
[To consider the Scrutiny Work Programme]. |
| 8 | Date of Next Meeting
[The date of the next scheduled Economy and Growth Scrutiny Panel is 30 November 2022 at 6pm]. |

Economy and Growth Scrutiny Panel

Agenda Item No: 3

Minutes - 22 June 2022

Attendance

Members of the Economy and Growth Scrutiny Panel

Cllr Mary Bateman
Cllr Philip Bateman MBE
Cllr Dr Paul John Birch J.P.
Cllr Craig Collingswood
Cllr Wendy Dalton
Cllr Claire Darke
Cllr Celia Hibbert
Cllr Sohail Khan (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Zee Russell
Cllr Clare Simm
Cllr Mak Singh
Cllr Jacqueline Sweetman (Chair)

In Attendance

Cllr Stephen Simkins (Cabinet Member for City Economy)

Employees

Martin Stevens DL (Senior Governance Manager)
Richard Lawrence (Director of Regeneration)
Isobel Woods (Head of Enterprise)
Julia Cleary (Scrutiny and Systems Manager)

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1 **Apologies**
An apology for absence was received from Cllr Phil Bateman MBE as he was attending a Birmingham airport meeting. It was advised that he could attend later on in the meeting, which he did.
- 2 **Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 **Minutes of Stronger City Economy Scrutiny Panel - 17 February 2022**
The minutes of the Stronger City Economy Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 17 February 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

4 **Portfolio Holder for Inclusive City Economy Statement and Question & Answer Session**

The Portfolio Holder for City Economy stated that the City was going through a good major transition period. The Council had managed to secure unprecedented investment in the City. This was to the tune of £4.4 billion. He referred to the £150 million Transport Interchange. He spoke about the £120 million Springfield Campus including the National Brownfield Institute. This was a key development within the new Green Agenda, and it was particularly important with reference to new techniques to build houses. The i54 Western Extension was now complete and he believed it to be fully let. Developments at Canal Side and Brewers Yard were also developing and hopefully there would be some further announcements in the near future. There had been investment in some of the key cultural sites in Wolverhampton, which included the Civic Halls. They had also managed to secure the first showing of the British Art Show in England. The Show had brought in over 35,000 visitors to the City in the Winter. The new Art Gallery footfall figures had superseded expectations.

The Portfolio Holder for City Economy spoke on the matter of the new City Learning Quarter. He thought this would give Wolverhampton residents the skills for the future and open up higher paid jobs for them.

The Director of Regeneration introduced a presentation on the theme of People, Place and Business. The employment rate in 2021 for Wolverhampton was 71.1% and in 2016 it was 64.1%. It was still below the rate for England as a whole. The employment rate for ethnic minority groups in Wolverhampton in 2021 was 77.8% which was over 15 per cent more than in 2016 and 10 per cent higher than the rate for England. The unemployment rate in Wolverhampton had increased to 6.3% in 2021, although this was still lower than it was in 2016 at 8.2%. The rate was 1.8 per cent higher than the rate for England (4.5%).

The Director for Regeneration stated that the economic inactivity rate in Wolverhampton had increased by 0.8 percent to 23.9 percent in 2021. This was 2.6 percent higher than the rate for England, although the Wolverhampton rate was 6.1 percent lower than 2016. The rate of those economically inactive who wanted a job was higher in Wolverhampton at 20.8%, than England at 18.8%. The Wolverhampton rate had dropped by 11.3 percent since 2020. The ethnic minority groups in Wolverhampton in 2021 had a lower economic inactivity rate at 19% than in England as a whole at 26.4%.

The Director for Regeneration commented that the rate of those with no qualifications in Wolverhampton had decreased to 9.5% in 2021, from 19.4% in 2016. It was still 3.1 percent higher than the rate for England. The rates of those with NVQ levels 3 and 4 or above had been steadily increasing in Wolverhampton since 2018 with the 2021 rate for NVQ level 3 being above the rate for England. The Wolverhampton rate for those with NVQ level 4 and above was 35.4% which although much improved over recent years, was still 7.7 percent below the England rate.

The Director of Regeneration remarked that the largest proportion of those in employment in Wolverhampton in 2021 were employed in professional occupations at a rate of 22.9%, which was similar to the rate for England of 23.9%. A greater proportion in Wolverhampton than nationally were employed in administrative and secretarial occupations, elementary occupations and caring, leisure and other

service occupations. Nearly 11% percent of Wolverhampton residents were employed in process, plant and machine operated occupations, which was nearly double the rate for England.

A Member of the Panel commented that the cap had been taken off University placements and consequently the Russell Group (represented 24 leading UK Universities) were taking more students. Wolverhampton University had axed 148 courses, with substantial cuts in Arts and Humanities, where Wolverhampton students had done traditionally quite well. Chinese and European students had been lost, who had brought in considerable funding for the University. People were choosing to attend the Russell Group Universities rather than Wolverhampton. He was pleased that AEG would be managing the Civic Hall venue in the future. He asked if the Council would be partners in the deal the AEG would do to commercially name the Civic Halls, such as “The Barclay Card Arena” or “The Vodafone Civic Hall.” He made the point that it was important to look at employment rates by ethnicity at Ward level.

The Cabinet Member for City Economy responded that the Council was working closely with the University to mitigate any job losses. It was important to relocate people into jobs and to not add to the unemployment rate. The Director of Regeneration added that 80% plus of their students were based locally or in the local catchment area. They needed to understand the impact of the course reductions with the statistic in mind. The Cabinet Member said that Unemployment more generally had been an issue going back to the 1980s. The Leader’s initiative of targeting 18–24-year-olds was an effort to increase employment in the age group, who struggled with obtaining education, an apprenticeship or fulltime employment.

The Director of Regeneration stated that they were in conversations with AEG about naming rights. If the amount went above a certain threshold level, the Council would receive a split of the profits. They were working with a number of organisations and putting forward proposals on the question of naming rights. They would receive an income from AEG on the rent they would have to pay the Local Authority over the next 25 years.

The Director of Regeneration agreed it was important to look at employment rate by ethnicity at Ward level. The Business support environment was changing. Disadvantaged areas, ethnic minority based businesses, SME development and sustainability would be key moving forward.

The Vice-Chair asked if the £4.4 billion of investment was enough for the City to provide sustainability moving forward. The Cabinet Member for City Economy responded that there was a short window of opportunity in the City. Stronger leadership in the authority was critical to ensuring the City was developed. He believed Wolverhampton to be at the forefront of “Levelling-Up”. He wanted development to be sustainable with business and skill resilience within the City. The Director added that they always wanted more investment. The figure of £4.4 billion would change as schemes came forward along with new sites. In order to unlock some new sites, there needed to be more intervention.

The Director for Regeneration stated in Wolverhampton aerospace and transport had strong employment but there was a long-term competitiveness challenge. 95.6% of the businesses in the City were Small Medium Enterprises. Productivity levels in

Wolverhampton were significantly lower than the West Midlands and the UK. The business death rate in Wolverhampton was at 13% which was higher than the UK (11%) and West Midlands (11%). 38.5% of businesses did not survive beyond their third year, which had a knock-on effect to the economy, jobs and skills and investment. The trend was also seen amongst Ethnic Minority Businesses.

The Director for Regeneration referred to the IGNITE and Business Support Programmes. They offered targeted support to increase enterprise levels in disadvantaged communities. City Centre regeneration was supporting the delivery of good homes in the City, to generate more jobs and innovation. There would be wider announcements in relation to Canalside South and the i54 in the coming weeks.

The Director for Regeneration spoke about “Levelling Up”. Wolverhampton was at the forefront of the Levelling-Up agenda. The Government had announced Wolverhampton as one of the first priority places for transformation of change. Wolverhampton was currently one of three places to have this priority allocation. They had agreement from Government that the Council’s Plan was the basis for the “Levelling-Up” agenda within Wolverhampton. It was an opportunity to be part of a trailblazing approach to tackle local and regional disparities and add real social value.

The Head of Enterprise spoke about the targeted interventions to improve youth employment for people aged 18-24 and claiming universal credit. It had been funded by an initial £3 million budget from a combination of the Recovery Reserve and Covid emergency grant. She thought it could be 12-18 months before they started to see the real results of the interventions. The City Ideas Fund which totalled, £100,000 had been introduced. The fund enabled local people to bid up to £10,000 to run projects to help young people into sustainable employment.

The Head of Enterprise talked about Wolves at Work, which had commenced in 2017. It had been a successful partnership which the Council had entered with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). It sought to support people into employment between the ages of 18 and 64 who lived in the City. Since the partnership had started over 6,000 people had been supported into work. 4000 people had sustained that job role for three months or more. The team had led on the Kickstart programme which had supported 30 Council placements and 42 with City employers. The team had identified over 2,100 jobs in the City since January 2022. She praised the online Jobs webinar, “Let’s Talk Jobs.”

A Panel Member spoke about the importance of good homes. This included having a reasonable sized garden and them being built in appropriate locations. On the matter of “Levelling-Up” he asked if it was down to employers to pay higher wages. The Cabinet Member responded that the Council had to engage with the “Levelling-Up” agenda as it was the only option available. Obtaining Government money to help the City and build resilience was crucial. He praised IGNITE as he was of the view it would help reduce the businesses failing in the City. He was concerned about the national economic growth position and the impact this would have on the local economy. He was also concerned about a fall in productivity which could reverse inflation into a period of deflation.

A Panel Member asked about the type of sectors and businesses IGNITE would target. He asked if the 2,100 jobs identified in the City since January 2022 had been

filled. The Head of Enterprise responded how they identified the sectors in the City through data analysis. They were also welcoming of new sectors entering the City, such as the Green sector.

A Panel Member asked whether there was any analysis completed when there was a business death in Wolverhampton. She asked how performance was measured for the different initiatives taking place. Her third question related to if there were targeted programmes to help people from different ethnicities. The Head of Enterprise responded that the Council were reaching out to the Wolverhampton Black business community and also a number of contacts at a regional level. These links would help shape the business support model of the Council. Understanding business deaths was important and they did need to do more to know the reasons why they had failed. Transferable skills were crucial so they could move across to new jobs.

A Member of the Panel asked what the Council was doing to help support small businesses and how any support available was communicated to them, so they were aware of how they could receive help. The Director of Regeneration responded that IGNITE was primarily supporting digital based start up's. IGNITE aimed to ensure young people had opportunities in the City to prevent them going elsewhere. On the matter of small businesses, they were in a transitional space at the present time. There had been recent announcements regarding the cutting of funding to the Growth Hubs. This had been the main portal for start up businesses in the Black Country. They were working with the WMCA, the Growth Company and the LEP to determine what needed to be done to support small start up businesses and how they ensured the deaths were prevented in the future. The LEP was about to be consumed by the WMCA. The level of funding was substantially less and this was particularly true when the European funded schemes came to an end. The UK shared Prosperity Fund was going to be markedly less.

The Director of Regeneration presented a slide on the City Learning Quarter. This was over two sites in Bilston and within the City Centre and was a £60 million development. The funding was now in place to deliver a state-of-the-art new campus, set over 10,000 square meters. They were in the process of procuring a preferred contractor, with more information expected in the near future. It would generate and safeguard over 750 jobs in the local economy. Over 10 years, 45,000 people would benefit from learning and around 7,500 apprenticeships would be started.

The Director of Regeneration commented on the i54. It was the UK's most successful Enterprise Zone with over £1 million invested. He spoke about future investment of extensions with major investors to be announced in the near future. The City Centre Art Gallery refurbishment had now been completed. The new café and accessible entrance had been supported by an Arts Council England grant. He summarised the City Projects Pipeline in five themes, which were all linked with "Levelling up": -

- Better connectivity
- Better skills
- Better homes
- Better jobs
- More entertainment

The Head of Enterprise presented a slide titled, “IGNITE at i10 – Business and Enterprise Hub.” The official opening date for IGNITE was 11 July 2022. IGNITE would provide an emphasis on digital skills, utilising 5G and cyber enabled opportunities. She spoke on the matter of AIM for Gold which was an SME Business Support Programme. A sample showed that businesses believed the programme had improved their leadership and management skills and knowledge on how to deliver growth to their organisation. The average salary of jobs created through the programme was higher than the Black Country average.

The Head of Enterprise presented a slide on the future of Business Support. European Funding came to a close in March 2023. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund had been introduced to offset the loss of the European funding. The Local Enterprise Partnerships would be integrated within the region. The WMCA had announced the Trailblazer Devolution Deal that included Business Support. She wanted to ensure the Council maximised its opportunities in all the regional decisions. It was important for the Council to deliver the Our City: Our Plan and work to the “Levelling-Up” agenda.

A Member of the Panel spoke about language in job specifications. The language was sometimes not accessible for young people who had just left education. She asked if this was something which the Council could take forward. The Cabinet Member responded that Wolves at Work was key in supporting young people in applying for jobs. There had been a particular focus on the 18-24 age range in providing support. There were also people in older age groups which struggled with some of the technical language in job adverts. The Head of Enterprise remarked that one employee had stopped job applications and invited people to come and see the company to assess people’s skills. They had been in conversations with employees to make job specifications more easily understandable. The Cabinet Member added that Wolves at Work was part funded by the authority. It was important for it to be a priority in future funding and to be a sustainable model in the future, this could include applying for funding from the WMCA.

The Vice-Chair asked about the time scales for future developments within the City.

A Member asked for further information on the AIM for Gold Project to be circulated, so Members of the Panel could share the information with their constituents. He also asked the Director to define what he meant by the term “Good Homes,” and how Members of the Council might influence the definition.

A Member stated that there needed to be an action plan with measurable outcomes in relation to employment within the City, including disparity in ethnic minorities and “Levelling-Up”. She wanted Members of the Council to have direct input into how the problems were solved.

The Director of Regeneration responded to the questions. On the development question he stated there were short-term, medium-term and long-term interventions. He estimated for all the development work, currently being spoken about, it would take 10 years for completion. On good homes, he believed some of the new homes in the City were of a calibre and scale that had not been seen before in the City. For Brewers Yard and Canal Side South there would be announcements in the near future about a mixture of tenures. An action plan on “Levelling-Up” was being

developed with the Government Department. One area they were working on was how they transitioned the Towns Fund Board into the Levelling-Up Board. They were also looking at how they engaged with the right stakeholders within the City and the commercial and wider public sector. The delivery of the Our Council Plan was crucial to the work. On the disparity in ethnic minorities, this would form part of the wider business support work with the Council's regional colleagues.

The Cabinet Member stated he was happy to speak about "Levelling-Up" more at a future Panel Meeting and bring a report.

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Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting was confirmed as Wednesday, 28 September 2022 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

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Scrutiny Work Programme

Version Date: September 2022

The Scrutiny Work Programme – 2022 to 2023

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Detailed Scrutiny Work Programmes

Scrutiny Board**Chair:** Councillor Sweet**Vice Chair:** Councillor Turrell

Strategic oversight

- WMCA interface
- MTFS (overall oversight on Revenue/Capital/Assets)
- Overall performance (including Our City: Our Plan)
- Levelling Up
- Pre Decision
- Call in
- Petitions
- Wolverhampton Pound
- Oversight of Select Committee work – reporting on outcomes

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer/Report Author Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Wolverhampton Pound Select Committee report	N/A	David Pattison	Julia Cleary	Martin Stevens	14 June 2022	6 June 2022	Complete
Quarter 3 Social Care, Public Health, Corporate Complaints and Compliments Report	N/A	David Pattison	Sarah Campbell	Martin Stevens	14 June 2022	6 June 2022	Complete
Performance and Budget Outturn 2021-2022	N/A	David Pattison	N/A	Martin Stevens	26 July 2022	18 July 2022	Complete
Blue Badge Update	N/A	Charlotte Johns	N/A	Martin Stevens	26 July 2022	18 July 2022	Complete

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Quarter 1 – Performance Report including budget	N/A	David Pattison and Claire Nye	James Amphett and Alison Shannon	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	
Cabinet Forward Plan	N/A	David Pattison	N/A	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	
Scrutiny Work Programme for Municipal Year	N/A	Martin Stevens / Earl Piggott-Smith	N/A	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	
Civic Halls	To include a site visit on the same day of the meeting	Richard Lawrence		Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	
Minutes from Special Meeting and June Meeting	N/A	Martin Stevens	N/A	Martin Stevens	12 October 2022	4 October 2022	
Wolverhampton Pound: Update on Progress	TBC	David Pattison, Claire Nye and Charlotte Johns	N/A	Martin Stevens	1 November 2022	24 October 2022	TBC
City Events – Budget Questions	Vice-Chair Requested	Ian Fegan	TBC	Martin Stevens	1 November 2022	24 October 2022	TBC
City Centre Regeneration	Economy and Growth Members to be invited for this item.	Richard Lawrence	TBC	Martin Stevens	1 November 2022	24 October 2022	
Levelling Up	TBC	Charlotte Johns	Laura Collings	Martin Stevens	6 December	28 November 2022	TBC

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

WMCA Update	TBC	Charlotte Johns	Laura Collings	Martin Stevens	6 December	28 November 2022	TBC
Council Plan, MTFS & Performance Framework	TBC	David Pattison, Claire Nye and Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon and James Amphlett	Martin Stevens	Jan 2023 – TBC	Jan 2023 – TBC	TBC
Blue Badge Update	TBC	Charlotte Johns	Lamour Gayle	Martin Stevens	Jan 2023 – TBC	Jan 2023 – TBC	TBC
Annual Scrutiny Review	TBC	David Pattison	Laura Gittos / Scrutiny Manager	Martin Stevens	7 March 2023	27 February 2023	TBC

Items to be scheduled

- Leisure PFI Contract (Pre-decision before Cabinet)

Economy and Growth Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor Sweetman

Vice Chair: Councillor Khan

Remit, Function and Measures

- Creating good quality local jobs
- Working in partnership to support local people into work and better jobs
- Ensuring flexible systems which support local businesses to grow and residents to access good jobs
- Supporting local businesses to start up, scale up and thrive
- Attracting new investment which brings social and economic benefit to all
- Creating vibrant high streets with quality culture and leisure offers
- Growing the low carbon and circular economy
- Number of working age adults (16-64) claiming unemployment benefits
- Number of young adults (18-24) claiming unemployment benefits
- Number of jobs created / safeguarded in the city through the Investment Team

- Number of young adults (18-24) supported by Wolves at Work who are in sustained employment after 12 weeks
- Spend through Wolves at Work 18-24 City Ideas Fund
- Local Authority spend on apprenticeship levy
- Number of apprentices and graduate placements within the council
- Business that survive one year in city
- % change in activity in city retail & recreational settings – Google Analytics
- % of premises in the city with full fibre coverage
- Number of rapid charging electric car points in the city
- Empty properties in the city centre
- Business that survive one year in city
- % change in activity in city retail & recreational settings – Google Analytics
- % of premises in the city with full fibre coverage
- Number of rapid charging electric car points in the city
- Wolverhampton based businesses supported by the Council
- New of new investment opportunities generated
- Wolverhampton based businesses supported through Business Relight Programme
- New businesses supported by commissioned service Access to Business

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer/Report Author Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Portfolio Holder Statement (including Questions and Answers)	Please note Councillor Simkins was the lead on this item.	N/A	N/A	Kimberley Dawson	22 June 2022	14 June 2022	Complete
Visitor Experience, Culture and Leisure Offer	TBC	Richard Lawrence, Ian Fegan, John Denley	Chris Kirkland and Crissie Rushton	Kimberley Dawson	28 September 2022	20 September 2022	TBC
Inward Investment	TBC	Richard Lawrence	Richard Lawrence	Kimberley Dawson	28 September 2022	20 September 2022	TBC

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City Public Realm Works	TBC	John Roseblade / Richard Lawrence	John Roseblade / Richard Lawrence	Kimberley Dawson	28 September 2022	20 September 2022	TBC
Heath Town Baths	TBC	Richard Lawrence	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	30 November 2022	22 November 2022	TBC
Business Support at place level - Link to Wolverhampton Pound	TBC	Richard Lawrence	Isobel Woods	Kimberley Dawson	30 November 2022	22 November 2022	TBC
Performance Update / Budget - Fulfilled Economy	TBC	Claire Nye and Charlotte Johns	James Amphlett and Alison Shannon	Kimberley Dawson	30 November 2022	22 November 2022	TBC
I54 – New Businesses	TBC	Richard Lawrence	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	30 November 2022	22 November 2022	TBC
The Green Economy. Including a site visit to the National Brownfield Institute	TBC	Richard Lawrence	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	15 February 2023	7 February 2023	TBC
Empty units in the City Centre and Train Station	TBC	Richard Lawrence	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	15 February 2023	7 February 2023	TBC
Levelling Up Agenda / Future of LEP / Work with WMCA	TBC	Richard Lawrence	Liam Davis	Kimberley Dawson	15 February 2023	7 February 2023	TBC

Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

- Skills and Unemployment – request from Scrutiny Board
- Taxi Licensing Process (driver applications and vehicle plating)
- Pre-Decision – City Centre Hotel Delivery

Health Scrutiny Panel**Chair:** Councillor Roberts**Vice Chair:** Councillor P Singh**Remit and Function**

- Wulfrunians live longer, healthier lives
- Healthy Inclusive Communities
- The scrutiny of health provision in accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and subsequent relevant legislation and Government guidance.
- Health related issues in partnership with:
 - Public Health
 - NHS
 - CCG/ICS
 - Health and wellbeing Board
 - Healthwatch
 - Neighbouring Authorities

Item	Description	SEB Lead	Officer/Report Author Lead	Scrutiny Lead	Date of Meeting	Publication Date	Status
Primary Care (Healthwatch are conducting another survey).	N/A	John Denley	N/A	Kimberley Dawson	30 June 2022	22 June 2022	Complete

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RWT Quality Accounts (Possible inviting Staffordshire County Council)	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	22 September 2022	14 September 2022	TBC
PH Annual Report	TBC	John Denley	N/A	Kimberley Dawson	22 September 2022	14 September 2022	TBC
Health Checks and Screening (including cancer)	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	22 September 2022	14 September 2022	TBC
Integrated Care System Strategy	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	10 November 2022	2 November 2022	TBC
Integrated Care System Priorities	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	10 November 2022	2 November 2022	TBC
One Wolverhampton Strategy and Priorities	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	10 November 2022	2 November 2022	TBC
Performance Update / Budget – Healthy Inclusive Communities	TBC	John Denley, Claire Nye and Charlotte Johns	Alison Shannon and James Amphlett	Kimberley Dawson	10 November 2022	2 November 2022	TBC
Primary Care	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	19 January 2023	11 January 2023	TBC
One Wolverhampton	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	19 January 2023	11 January 2023	TBC

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Performance Review							
RWT Hospital Transport Service including links to Walsall Manor Hospital	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	19 January 2023	11 January 2023	TBC
Urology Update and Monitoring	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	19 January 2023	11 January 2023	TBC
One Wolverhampton Priorities	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	23 March 2023	15 March 2023	TBC
Maternity Services at RWT	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	23 March 2023	15 March 2023	TBC
Hearing Aids	TBC	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	23 March 2023	15 March 2023	TBC

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Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

- Mental Health Trust Update
- Transition Services – Child to Adult
- How the CQC Works in Wolverhampton
- Sexual Health Referral Centres

Residents, Housing and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor McGarity

Vice Chair: Councillor C Haynes

Remit, Function and Measurements

- Closing the gap on healthy life expectancy
- Ensuring people live happier more active lives
- Ensuring inclusive, welcoming communities where people feel safe and look out for each other
- Delivering more new homes
- Ensuring safe and healthy homes for all
- Ensuring access to a secure home
- Ensuring clean, green neighbourhoods and public space
- Well-connected businesses and residents
- Community Safety
- % of adult residents in the city who have received their COVID-19 vaccination
- Years of life lost Infant deaths per 100,000
- Coronary heart disease mortality rates per 100,000
- Alcohol related mortality per 100,000
- % of physically inactive adults
- % of 40-74 years attending offered health checks
- Number of Domestic Violence incidents reported to the police
- Personal well-being estimates by local authority Life satisfaction Worthwhile Happiness Anxiety
- Number of new builds completed in the city
- Net additional dwellings in the city
- % of dwelling stock that is vacant in the city
- Housing affordability ratio
- Total crime recorded per 1000 population
- % of planning application decisions made with 13 weeks or agreed timescales
- Number of homeless families moved into secure housing
- Energy efficiency of housing stock
- % fly tipping incidents resolved in 5 working days
- % of trees on public land every serviced every two years
- % of carriageways in city assessed as high quality

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WV Living Governance and Linked companies.	N/A	David Pattison	N/A	Kimberley Dawson	14 July 2022	6 July 2022	Complete
Heath Town Regeneration Presentation	N/A	John Roseblade	N/A	Kimberley Dawson	14 July 2022	6 July 2022	Complete
Community Safety Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including • Domestic Violence • Violent knife crime • Total crime performance measure • Scrutiny Board Members to be invited for this item. 	John Denley	Hannah Pawley	Kimberley Dawson	29 September 2022	21 September 2022	TBC
Energy efficiency of housing stock and fuel poverty		External: Shaun Aldis / Simon Bamfield	Karen Beasley	Kimberley Dawson	29 September 2022	21 September 2022	TBC
Performance Report / Budget– Good Homes in Well Connected Neighbourhoods		Charlotte Johns and Claire Nye	James Amphlett and Alison Shannon	Kimberley Dawson	17 November 2022	9 November 2022	TBC
Update from Public Realm – well		Richard Lawrence	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	17 November 2022	9 November 2022	TBC

connected businesses and residents							
Private Sector Housing - Standards		John Roseblade	Karen Beasley	Kimberley Dawson	17 November 2022	9 November 2022	TBC
Wolverhampton Homes to include maintenance and housing allocation policy		External: Shaun Aldis	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	17 November 2022	9 November 2022	TBC
Personal well-being update including life expectancy, infant deaths, health checks, personal wellbeing estimates, physical inactivity, alcohol and gambling related health issues	Invite Health Scrutiny Panel Members for this item – for discussion between the Chairs of the Panels.	John Denley	TBC	Kimberley Dawson	16 February 2023	8 February 2023	TBC
Rough Sleepers Update	Request form Scrutiny Board	John Denley	Anthony Walker	Kimberley Dawson	16 February 2023	8 February 2023	TBC
Tree Policy Update	Request from Chair and Vice-Chair	John Roseblade	Steve Woodward	Kimberley Dawson	16 February 2022	8 February 2022	TBC

Other items raised or requested by panel and yet to be scheduled:

- Street Scene
- Panel requested progress report on Customer Engagement Strategy
- Panel requested update on Heath Town Regeneration plans

- Proposed visit to Heath Town following meeting on 14 July 2022
- Visit to Wednesfield Community Hub requested
- Climate change
- Funding from WMCA
- Benchmark exercise to see how WH meets [fire safety standards for 2024](#), details of the specific targets

Fulfilled Adults Lives Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor V Evans

Vice Chair: Councillor S Haynes

Remit and Function

- Ensuring that the Health and Social Care system to respond to and recover from Covid-19
- Ensuring independence for people with care and support needs
- Ensuring that people get the right support at the right time
- Ensuring the health and care reform agenda is delivered for people in Wolverhampton
- Protecting vulnerable people at risk of harm and exploitation
- % of older people (aged 65 and older) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation services
- % of adults with learning disabilities in paid employment
- % of social care users supported to remain in their own homes
- % of adults who use services who say social care services help them to feel safe and secure
- % of adults in receipt of long-term services who are in control of their own lives

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Update on Health and Social Care Act - Fair Funding		Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 July 2022	27 June 2022	Complete
Adult Services Transformation Programme		Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 July 2022	27 June 2022	Complete
Principal Social Worker Annual Report		Becky Wilkinson	Jennifer Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 July 2022	27 June 2022	Complete
Provision of Services and Support to provide independence for people with care and support needs		Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	18 October 2022	10 October 2022	Confirmed
Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2023-2024 and Market Sustainability		Becky Wilkinson	Andrew Wolverson	Earl Piggott-Smith	17 January 2023	9 January 2023	Confirmed
City of Wolverhampton Council's Local Account		Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	17 January 2023	9 January 2023	Confirmed
Implementation of Carer Commitment and ambition for		Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	17 January 2023	9 January 2023	Confirmed

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carers going forward							
Principal Social Worker Annual Report		Becky Wilkinson	Jennifer Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	17 January 2023	9 January 2023	TBC
Implementation of Social Care Commitment		Becky Wilkinson	TBC	Earl Piggott-Smith	21 March 2023	13 March 2023	TBC
Care and Support Provider Fee Review 2023-2024 and Market Sustainability – Follow Up Report		Becky Wilkinson	Andrew Wolverson	Earl Piggott-Smith	21 March 2023	13 March 2023	TBC
Adults Social Work and Workforce Health Check 2022		Becky Wilkinson	Jennifer Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	21 March 2023	13 March 2023	TBC

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Strong Families, Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor Potter

Vice Chair: Councillor Collinge

Remit, Function and Measures

- Ensuring that Children have the best start in life and good early development
- Ensuring high quality education that closes the attainment gap
- Ensuring that children and young people grow up happy with good physical, social and mental health and wellbeing
- Ensuring that every young person in the city is equipped for adulthood with life skills and ready for work
- Ensuring that families are strengthened where children are vulnerable or at risk.
- % of Early Years and Childcare settings rated Good or Outstanding

- % of take up of 2-year-olds benefitting from early education
- % of schools in the city that are rated Good or Outstanding
- Average Attainment 8 score per pupil
- % gap in Attainment 8 score gap between advantaged and disadvantaged children
- Children in year 6 with excess weight
- % of 16 and 17 year-olds in education, employment or training
- % of 16 and 17 year-olds with SEND in education, employment or training
- % of care leavers in education, employment or training
- First time entrants into the Youth Justice System
- Attendance at holiday schemes run by the council
- Rate of children open to social care per 10,000 population under 18
- % of repeat referrals into Childrens Social Care with 12 months
- % of children and young people in care who have had 3 or more placements in the year

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Children's Residential Provision Phase 2 – Business Case	N/A	Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds and Rachel King	Earl Piggott-Smith	23 June 2022	15 June 2022	Complete
Cross Party Scrutiny Review Group - Written Statement of Action	N/A	Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	Earl Piggott-Smith	23 June 2022	15 June 2022	Complete
Work Plan	Urgent Item agreed by Chair and Vice Chair	Emma Bennett	Julia Cleary	Earl Piggott-Smith	23 June 2022	15 June 2022	Complete

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Draft Ofsted inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (LACS) action plan		Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds and Brenda Wile	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 July 2022	5 July 2022	Complete
Principal Social Worker Annual Report 2021 - 2022		Emma Bennett	Jennifer Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 July 2022	5 July 2022	Complete
Children and Young People Social Work Self Evaluation		Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 July 2022	5 July 2022	Complete
Youth and holiday offer in the City		Emma Bennett	Andrew Wolverson	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 October 2022	27 September 2022	TBC
Performance Update / Budget - Our City: Our Plan		Emma Bennett and Claire Nye	James Amphlett and Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	5 October 2022	27 September 2022	TBC
Cross Party Scrutiny Review Group - Written Statement of Action	A verbal update on progress and outcome from meeting on 27.9.22	Emma Bennett	Martin Stevens	Martin Stevens	5 October 2022	27 September 2022	

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Children's Services Transformation Programme Annual Report		Emma Bennett	Andrew Wolverson and Emma Cleary	Earl Piggott-Smith	TBC	TBC	TBC
Update from Cross Party Scrutiny Review Group: Written Statement of Action		Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	Earl Piggott-Smith	11 January 23	3 January 2023	TBC
Education Excellence: Update and monitoring		Emma Bennett	Phil Leivers	Earl Piggott-Smith	11 January 23	3 January 2023	TBC
Virtual School Head Annual Report		Emma Bennett	Darren Martindale	Earl Piggott-Smith	11 January 23	3 January 2023	TBC
Response to Schools White Paper		Emma Bennett	Brenda Wile	Earl Piggott-Smith	11 January 23	3 January 2023	TBC
Social Work and Workforce Health Check		Emma Bennett	Jenny Rogers	Earl Piggott-Smith	15 March 2023	7 March 2023	TBC
Family Hubs		Emma Bennett	Alison Hinds	Earl Piggott-Smith	15 March 2023	7 March 2023	TBC

Resources and Equalities Scrutiny Panel

Chair: Councillor Russell

Vice Chair: Councillor U Singh

Remit, Function and Measures

- Measuring Success
- Our City Our Plan – Our Council Programme
- Our Assets – Workplace Strategy and Strategic Asset Plan
- Our Data
- Our Digital
- Our Money
- Our People
- Our City: Our Plan – fairness and inclusion including equalities
- Gender pay gap of council employees
- Ethnicity pay gap of council employee
- Customer Service call wait times
- Sickness absence rates
- Employee turnover rate
- Spend with local businesses
- LGA Resident Satisfaction Polling

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Linked Bodies	N/A	David Pattison	N/A	Earl Piggott-Smith	29 June 2022	21 June 2022	Complete
Ethnicity Pay Gap	N/A	David Pattison / Laura Phillips	Sukhvinder Mattu	Earl Piggott-Smith	29 June 2022	21 June 2022	Complete

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EDI strategy	<p>Standing item</p> <p>Progress to date against the Race at Work Charter standards</p> <p>Progress to date against the Gender Equality Plan</p> <p>Progress to date against Rainbow City Plan</p>	David Pattison	Jin Takhar	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	TBC
Treasury Management	Information Item	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	TBC
Reserves Working Group	membership and terms of reference	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	TBC
Customer Services performance and future strategy		Charlotte Johns	Lamour Gayle	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	TBC
Contract Management and Procurement Update		Claire Nye	John Thompson and Parvinder Uppal	Earl Piggott-Smith	13 October 2022	5 October 2022	TBC

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External Grant Funding		Claire Nye		Earl Piggott-Smith	Date TBC		TBC
Our People Strategy and Performance		David Pattison	Laura tbc	Earl Piggott-Smith	Date TBC		
Our Council and Performance/Budget		Claire Nye	James Amphlett and Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	Date TBC		
Yoo Recruit Review		David Pattison	Jin Takhar	Earl Piggott-Smith	1 December 2022	23 November 2022	TBC
EDI strategy	Update on peer assessment undertaken against the Race Equality Code Progress on Diversity in the Workplace	David Pattison	Jin Takhar	Earl Piggott-Smith	1 December 2022	23 November 2022	TBC TBC
Our City: Our Plan and MTFS		Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	1 December 2022	23 November 2022	TBC
Assets – inc. use of the Civic Centre and Council owned buildings (inc. agile working strategy)		Mark Taylor	Julia Nock	Earl Piggott-Smith	1 December 2022	23 November 2022	TBC

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Specific Reserves Working Group report		Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	1 December 2022	23 November 2022	TBC
EDI strategy		David Pattison	Jin Takhar	Earl Piggott-Smith	2 February	25 January 2023	TBC
Digital Wolves Strategy Update		Charlotte Johns	Heather Clark	Earl Piggott-Smith	2 February	25 January 2023	TBC
Treasury Management Strategy	pre-decision scrutiny	Claire Nye	Alison Shannon	Earl Piggott-Smith	2 February	25 January 2023	TBC
Ethnicity Pay Gap report 2021 update report		David Pattison	Sukhvinder Mattu	Earl Piggott-Smith	2 February	25 January 2023	TBC
school exclusion and suspension rates		David Pattison	Jin Takhar	Earl Piggott-Smith	2 February	25 January 2023	TBC

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