

Session Plan for the 5th and 12th September 2012

Districts and Public Engagement Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Devolution: Making it Real

5th September from 2pm – 6.00pm in Committee Room 6, Council House

Meeting type:	Formal public session
Purpose:	To determine the purpose of devolution and measures of success
Key Lines of Enquiry	<p>Contextual Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reconfirm the long term purpose of the devolution programme to ensure that Members, officers and the public have a common vision and a shared understanding of it; To reconnect the devolution programme to the policy objectives of the new administration on giving people greater control of local services and greater influence over their local quality of life; To determine how success will be measured – testing policy and practice against the key tests of efficiency, effectiveness, efficacy, empowerment and contribution to citizen well-being.

Time	Witness/ Written Evidence	Organisation
Member introduction – private		
1.45pm – 2.00pm	<p>Introduction by Cllr Trickett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipated outcomes for the session Members agreeing lines of enquiry 	n/a
Meeting public from 2:00pm		
2.00pm – 3.00pm	<p>Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Cohesion and Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you understand devolution to be? The history of devolution in Birmingham and effects on cohesion purpose of devolution Potential impact of devolution on Cabinet Member's priorities Key challenges Measures of success Cultural challenges of devolution in relation to Birmingham 	Birmingham City Council
3.00pm – 3.30pm	<p>Hannah Worth and Paul Slatter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you understand devolution to be? The purpose of devolution Measures of success Key challenges Cultural challenges of devolution in relation to Birmingham Lessons from Chamberlain Forum research 	Chamberlain Forum

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Tea break for 15 minutes		
3.45pm – 4.15pm	<p>Angus Kennedy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you understand devolution to be? • The purpose of devolution • Measures of success • Key challenges • Lessons from Castle Vale • Lessons from elsewhere • Partnership working at a local level • Cultural challenges of devolution in relation to Birmingham 	Community Regeneration Partnership (Formerly Chief Executive of Castle Vale Housing Action Trust)
4.15pm – 4.45pm	<p>Ifor Jones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you understand devolution to be? • The purpose of devolution • Measures of success • How have we got here? • Lessons from the Bishop of Birmingham's Social Inclusion Process – neighbourhood visits 	Director of Constituency Services, Birmingham City Council
4.45pm – 5.15pm	To be confirmed	
Member Deliberation – Private		
5.15pm - 5.30pm		

Meeting to be adjourned to 12th September

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12th September from 2pm – 6pm in Committee Room 6

Meeting type:	Public Formal
Purpose:	To examine finance and procurement for districts and the role of directorates in supporting the devolution programme
Key Line of Enquiry	<p>Systems Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish what the key components are for a system that's conducive to devolution and ascertain what actions are required in the short, medium and long term.

Time	Witness/ Written Evidence	Organisation
Member introduction – private		
2.00pm – 2.15pm	Introduction from Cllr Trickett <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the first session • Anticipated outcomes for the day • Members agreeing lines of enquiry 	
Meeting public from 2.15 pm		
2.15pm – 2.45pm	Paul Dransfield <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How your directorate is / can support devolution • Finance – risks and opportunities • Capital Accounting – how could we make use of this approach? • What are the implications for staff and what will be the approach to matching skills and competencies of staff to different areas' needs 	Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, Birmingham City Council
2.45pm – 3.30pm	Sukvinder Kalsi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance – risks and opportunities • Service Level Agreements (SLAs) • Housing Revenue Account (HRA) • Cultural challenges of devolution in relation to Birmingham 	Assistant Director of Finance, Birmingham City Council
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Mark Barrow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split of assets held corporately and locally • Capacity for Districts to shape • Role of local economic development and the Local Economic Partnership (LEP) • How devolution can help secure jobs and prosperity • How your directorate is / can support devolution 	Strategic Director of Development, Birmingham City Council

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural challenges of devolution in relation to Birmingham 	
Tea Break for 15 minutes		
4.15pm – 4.45pm	<p>Nigel Kletz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities and barriers to district procurement • Support from Corporate Procurement for devolution • SLAs and opportunities for local procurement / altering existing contracts • Key priorities, challenges and good practices i.e. districts with particular problems • Cultural challenges of devolution in relation to Birmingham 	Assistant Director of Corporate Procurement, Birmingham City Council
4.45pm – 5.15pm	<p>Sharon Lea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How your directorate is / can support devolution • Challenges for place based services i.e. parks • Devolution of waste • SLAs • Cultural challenges of devolution in relation to Birmingham 	Strategic Director of Environment and Culture, Birmingham City Council
5.15pm – 6.00pm	<p>Ifor Jones</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The challenge of SLAs (including challenges of flexibility regarding the contracts) • Local Services Directorate • Central and local responsibilities • Cultural challenges of devolution in relation to Birmingham 	Director of Constituency Services, Birmingham City Council