



Be Birmingham Executive Board Brief

The meeting of the executive board on 20th August considered the following:

Priority outcomes

Be Birmingham is leading on Birmingham's CAA Pilot with the Audit Commission.

A roundtable challenge session took place between the Audit Commission and the executive board to open a dialogue on how Birmingham is doing as a place and its future prospects. The discussion highlighted some key issues for the city, these include:

- Succeed economically: worklessness, economic growth, skills, educational attainment for vulnerable groups
- Stay safe: guns & gangs, violent extremism, safeguarding, environmental quality and sustainability
- Be healthy: health inequalities (especially infant mortality), independence, and vulnerable people
- High quality of life: housing strategy, housing quality (especially for vulnerable people), children living in poverty
- Making a contribution: tracking inequality/narrowing the gap, community cohesion

A series of individual meetings are now to follow between the Audit Commission, the council and key partners.

In conclusion, the partners reflected upon BB's strong sense of its strengths and weaknesses and how it would employ these core competencies to tackle future challenges.

LAA delivery planning / performance management report

It was made clear that delivery plans are an important part of improving performance against the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and they would be integral to its performance management, including part of the board's responsibility to managing risk against the LAA.

The board received a further 19 LAA Delivery Plans. As a result a further 16 plans were agreed, including two re-submissions. In addition, three will need to submit more follow-up work. Also discussed were the 20 plans that still need to be agreed.

In total, the board has now agreed 23 plans. The LAA has 43 plans in total.

A report on future performance management arrangements was circulated to members. The executive board agreed that:

- All delivery plans will be risk assessed
- Plans will be published on the website
- Performance will be monitored and reviewed on a exception basis

The board also agreed to split future meetings between performance management and indepth discussions around key strategic issues. In conclusion, the board reinforced the principle of developing a culture of openness and trust between partners.

Other key discussions

The council are in the final stages of producing Birmingham 2026, the new sustainable community strategy which will be launched on 17th September at the BB summit.

Full minutes of the July meeting are now available on the Be Birmingham website, www.bebirmingham.org.uk

