



Be Birmingham Executive Board Brief

The meeting of the executive board on 27th April considered the following:

Total Place forward plan

Following the successful Birmingham Total Place pilot, partners discussed the proposed way forward. A collection of ten, themed work streams have been identified, although at this stage not all are fully developed. When in place these will help to create the conditions necessary to enable us to adopt a Total Place approach to all our work in Birmingham. Clear management arrangements were also put in place. As part of these, a number of board members were appointed to champion specific work streams in order to take this forward:-

Themed work streams	Board champion
Undertaking a strategic review of priorities, which will include a refresh of Vision 2026 with key stakeholders	Bishop David Urquhart
Reviewing the governance & partnership arrangements needed for the future	Jerry Blackett
Developing behaviour & culture change, which will include a collaborative leadership programme running from May to July	Brian Carr
Developing the principle of a 'budget for Birmingham', which will identify potential areas for savings through collaborative working and joint commissioning	Stephen Hughes
Shared services - identifying opportunities for sharing back office and other services	
Develop a shared intelligence function	Jason Lowther
Applying a Total Place approach in planning & implementing capital projects across partner organisations which will include identifying efficiencies through integrated services and co-location	Elaine Elkington
Developing new approaches to working with families in a more joined up and co-ordinated way	
Continuation of six themes from pilot - Total Community, Drugs & Alcohol, Early Interventions, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health, Gangs	Existing board champions
Developing a joint approach to localism/neighbourhood working	





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Sustainable Community Strategy - refresh

To make the Total Place approach a reality, partners agreed there was a need to refresh the vision set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy - Birmingham 2026: Our vision for the future. To achieve this, we need to understand what the key problems are for Birmingham, and upon what outcomes we, as a partnership, can have the greatest impact. We also need to confirm that wider partners, stakeholders and citizens are committed to help achieve these outcomes.

To develop an explicit way forward, an extended executive board meeting on 10th June will look, in depth, at how to refresh the 2026 vision. This will be further developed at a Be Birmingham Summit on 19th July, followed by a full programme of dialogue with stakeholders over the summer.

Collaborative leadership

In order to embed the principles of Total Place, Be Birmingham has developed a Leadership for Change programme which is being delivered by Common Purpose.

The innovative, interactive programme will be based on real-life situations and participants will take part in a wide-range of activities. The programme will increase collaborative working across organisations and empower staff to develop imaginative approaches to delivering change. The programme is primarily aimed at middle managers, practitioners and other staff across the public, private and third sectors and will be delivered over five sessions beginning on 26th May.

Climate Change Action Plan

Keith Sexton introduced the Climate Change Action Plan which provides a framework to enable Birmingham to better adapt to a changing climate.

Birmingham is already ahead of national targets for cutting CO₂ and has been recognised by the Audit Commission through the award of a green flag for its partnership approach to tackling climate change.

Work still needs to be done to achieve the annual targets. The Environmental Partnership is currently gathering the 2009/10 figures.

The board has endorsed the Climate Change Action Plan and will support its delivery.

WNF latest position

The latest snapshot of WNF spend shows progress has been made with spend currently at 92% of forecast. Final figures will arrive early May.

Progress reports were received from Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Partnership and Children and Young People's Partnership and were noted by the board.

WNF exit

Government funding for WNF will come to an end on 31st March 2011. An initial overview was presented to the board which will evolve over the next year with plans being drawn up by the thematic partnerships. Regular reports will be brought back to the executive board.

CAA feedback

Liz Asser from the Audit Commission gave an update on the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) which is how the government assess public service performance.





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Year two of the CAA will focus on what is new and what has changed and follow up on gaps and issues. Sustainability, inequality, vulnerable people and value for money will be the themes of the assessment with seven areas of interest: delayed transfers of care, safeguarding children, jobs and skills, cohesion, health inequalities, housing and crime.

Birmingham Compact refresh

The Birmingham Compact is a shared commitment to bring together public authorities and organisations from the third sector to develop good working practices.

The compact launched in 2008 is now being refreshed, with the consultation period running from 12th April to 12th July 2010.

The final document will be presented to the executive board in the autumn.

FJF update

Jackie Mould thanked partners for their contributions to the FJF programme. 880 young people have now gained work placements and it is still being held up nationally as an example of best practice.

Indications have been given that the programme could be extended for a further six months but will depend upon the general election outcome.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10th June at BVSC.

Jackie Mould
Director

