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12 JUNE 2018**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**"@BrumLeader"**

**Question:**

**Do any council officers have access to the @Brumleader twitter account or the leader's blog that is linked from that twitter account?**

**Answer:**

**Yes but not exclusively.**

**Political tweets are posted by the Labour Party.**



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GARY  
SAMBROOK**

**"@BrumLeader 2"**

**Question:**

**Have any council officers produced or been involved in any videos or material for use on the @Brumleader twitter feed or Leader's blog site?**

**Answer:**

**Yes but not exclusively.**

**Political content is posted by the Labour Party.**



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**“CPO Use”**

**Question:**

**How many (out of how many) sites acquired under a Compulsory Purchase Order in the last 10 years have subsequently not been used for the original purpose intended at acquisition due to being substantially modified or scrapped? For each one please state the total number of acres of the site acquired, the date of acquisition and the date of change of intended use.**

**Answer:**

**It has not been possible to collate this information in the time allowed. I will therefore write to you separately once the information has been gathered.**



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

**"Impact of Brexit - release report"**

**Question:**

**According to media reports the Council is refusing to release the report it compiled prior to the EU referendum on the impact of Brexit. Aren't the public entitled to have the full facts?**

**Answer:**

I agree that the public deserve the full facts on Brexit, and would caution that this unfinished draft background report from before the referendum does not supply that.

The position has now significantly moved on. The result of the referendum was to leave the EU and we are now working with the Combined Authority, businesses, academics and other partners to assess the implications of Brexit.

Once the full implications become known we will no doubt require further analysis on what it will mean for Birmingham and the wider region.





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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**“Energy Company”**

**Question:**

**On what date do you intend to establish the proposed Energy Company?**

**Answer:**

We will be undertaking analysis of the City's energy assets, energy capacity, storage and future demand. This will be followed by options studies for the Energy Company during 2018/19 to inform our final proposals. As such, no specific date has yet been agreed.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUZANNE WEBB**

**“Water Company”**

**Question:**

**On what date do you intend to establish the Water Company you committed to in your 2018 local election Manifesto?**

**Answer:**

We will be undertaking options studies for the proposed Water Company during 2018/19 to inform our final proposals. As such, no specific date has yet been agreed.



**CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

**"Section 36 Exemption"**

**Question:**

**How many times in each of the last 10 years has the section 36 exemption for the Freedom of Information Act (effective conduct of public affairs) been applied to requests for information?**

**Answer:**

Section 36(2)(c) of the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would prejudice, or would be likely to prejudice, the effective conduct of public affairs.

Where the local authority is satisfied that the release of the requested information would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs, it can refuse to provide the information if it is satisfied that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

S36 can only be used with the agreement of the 'qualified person', i.e. the Monitoring Officer, who has to give their 'reasonable opinion' that disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the conduct of public affairs. A record of the qualified person's opinion is not a document that is disclosed to the requestor unless determined otherwise by the Information Commissioner or higher authority.

Such a decision needs to be made on a case by case basis.

There is no legal requirement for local authorities to record situations where the exemption has been used. Nevertheless since January 2017 (when the current City Solicitor was formally appointed) the S36(2) Exemption has been used on 10 occasions.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**"Section 36 Public Interest"**

**Question:**

**Of all the occasions that the section 36 exemption for the Freedom of Information Act has been applied to requests for information in the last 10 years how many times has the public interest test found in favour of disclosure of the information?**

**Answer:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**“FOI Public Interest”**

**Question:**

**During 2017/18, what proportion of public interest tests applied to all requests under the Freedom of Information Act for which a qualified exemption applied, found in favour of disclosure of that information?**

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It should be noted that this represents a tiny proportion of the total number of requests that are received by the Council. In the past 3 calendar years, the number of requests received is as follows:

2015	2016	2017
1955	1932	2051



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

**“Flood defence”**

**Question:**

**For each of the Flood Defence Schemes in Selly Park North, Selly Park South, and Perry Barr & Witton, what was the initial projected completion date for each phase, the current status and if applicable the revised completion date?**

**Answer:**

The flood defence schemes listed are being delivered by the Environment Agency as the responsible body.

They have stated that as with every engineering/construction project, provisional completion dates becomes more reliable as the project moves through each stage of scheme development. The projected dates that the EA provide are indicative until contractors have commenced on site. In addition, because of the nature of the work, poor weather can have a particularly acute impact on timescales for completion.

The EA have advised of the current scheme completion dates:

Selly Park North     - December 2018

Selly Park South     - Completed December 2017

Perry Barr & Witton - August 2020



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR  
PETER FOWLER**

**“Flood defence Environment Agency”**

**Question:**

**What information was received and when from the Environment Agency concerning delays to the flood defence schemes Selly Park North, Selly Park South, and Perry Barr & Witton?**

**Answer:**

Regular communication was maintained on all aspects of flood alleviation projects every six weeks through a Project Board where Birmingham City Council was represented by a Senior Drainage Engineer.

I understand that general updates on scheme progress were also provided every 6 months at the Strategic Flood Risk Board.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS**

**“Flood S19 investigation report”**

**Question:**

**For each of the ‘future actions’ identified in the Section 19 Investigation Report into the flooding of June 2016, how many are complete, on track, overdue or cancelled?**

**Answer:**

80 actions were identified from the Section 19 investigations from the flooding incidents in June 2016.

Of those actions 41 have been completed, 36 are on track to be completed, 2 are over due for completion and 1 action (a reporting error) has been cancelled.

The 2 schemes that are overdue are;

Harborne Queens Park - To be delivered by BCC. Scheme delayed due to bad weather conditions. However the works were substantially completed by May 2018 and as a result previously affected properties were not flooded on this occasion.

Selly Park North - To be delivered by the Environment Agency. Scheme delayed due to Severn Trent Water mains requiring additional support to existing mains and changing construction method.





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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

**"In-house"**

**Question:**

**Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?**

**Answer:**

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.



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## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

### "Pupil-Referral Unit - unable to access a place"

**Question:**

**Please can you advise how many times, for each month in the past 2 years, excluded children who would ideally be referred to the Pupil Referral Unit, have been unable to access a place there due to it being full. How many children in total have experienced this in each of the past two years?"**

**Answer:**

The City of Birmingham School (COBS), are commissioned for 440 places (4 – 16 year olds), with an additional 50 places for the Spring and Summer Term of the academic year 2017.18, There has been limited capacity at our Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) for the past two years due to a legacy of pupils who have been permanently excluded from their schools.

The grid below shows the number of children awaiting a school place at the PRU, each month of the year.

	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	July 17
Pri	0	0	2	6	8	24	24	31		48	8
Sec	0	0	0	0	8	36	42	36	45	49	12
	Sept 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	N/A	N/A
Pri	0	0	19	28	32	30	49		57		
Sec	0	0	4	4	20	39	32	44	34		

In total, for the primary phase the number of children unable to access a place at the PRU for the past two years, due to it being full is:

**110**

(48 in 2016/17 and 62 in 2017/18) as per highlighted areas

In total, for the secondary phase the number of children unable to access a place at the PRU for the past two years, due to it being full is:

**93**

(49 in 2016/17 and 44 in 2017/18) as per highlighted areas

For the Primary and Secondary phase combined, the total is: 203 over two years.

Whilst a pupil is awaiting a school place, a personalised programme has been initiated and developed to support the pupils at this time. This includes:

- Direct enrolment to Alternative Provision (Key Stage Four Pupils Only)
- Personal Tuition
- On-Line Tuition via Birmingham On-Line School
- Transition programme (Year 6 Pupils only)

The Sustaining Inclusion work has enabled a 25% reduction of Permanent exclusions in Secondary Schools this academic year. This work continues in this phase and has recently commenced in Primary Schools.

A collaborative approach across Education, Health and Social Care has started to have a positive impact in target schools, with 'Attachment Aware' staff training, making a significant contribution in creating more inclusive schools.

Furthermore, in 2017/2018 – 90 (84 sec, 5 pri, 1 spec) permanent exclusions were revoked, compared to 77 (62 sec, 12 pri, 3 spec) during same period 2016/2017.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**"Garden Waste"**

**Question:**

**How many people have subscribed for the garden waste collection for 2018/19, broken down by the number who received a free service, those who got a £12 discount and those who paid the full charge? For context please also include the total number who subscribed to the service in 16/17 and 17/18.**

**Answer:**

**2018**

Up until the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 we have 68 040 subscriptions of which 2526 were free, 53 684 were purchased during January's discounted period, 14 356 subscriptions have been purchased at full price.

**16/17**

For the full year 68 410 subscriptions were serviced in 2017, of which 37 769 were purchased during the December 2016 'Early Bird Offer', leaving 30 641 subscriptions which were purchased at full price.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**“Trade Waste 1”**

**Question:**

**How many organisations have not renewed their trade waste contract with the Council for 2018/19?**

**Answer:**

The Council currently has 5,900 trade waste customers. Between 1 March and 6 June 2018, 166 customers have chosen not to continue their contract with BCC into 2018/19 and during the same period 412 new contracts have been signed.





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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**“Trade Waste 2”**

**Question:**

**How much income was generated by the trade waste service in 16/17 and 17/18  
and what is the most recent forecast figure for 18/19?**

**Answer:**

The amount of income that was generated by the Trade Waste Service is as follows;

Financial Year	£m
2016/17	10.9
2017/18	10.3
2018/19 Estimate	10.9

This covers the expenditure on the collection of waste, disposal of waste and costs associated with providing the service e.g. IT



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

**"Overtime Waste"**

**Question:**

**How much has been paid in overtime to employees in the waste management service since 1 April 2018, compared to the same period in each of the previous 3 years?**

**Answer:**

The amount of overtime that has been paid to employees in the Waste Management Service between April-May 2018 and the corresponding period of time for the previous financial years are as follows;

Financial Year	£'000
2018/19	326
2017/18	217
2016/15	223
2015/16	166



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**“Waste pilot in North Edgbaston”**

**Question:**

**What pilots were taking place within the waste management service, including street cleansing, in North Edgbaston Ward during any of the dates between 21 March and 3 May 2018?**

**Answer:**

There has been a Sack Crew Pilot running during this period in this ward. This was testing the number of dedicated teams to collect from flats above shops and properties without a wheelie bin.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

**"In-house"**

**Question:**

**Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?**

**Answer:**

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.





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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

**"Waste pilots"**

**Question:**

**What pilots have taken place in the waste management service in the last 12 months, including which wards the pilots took place in and what dates they ran from and to?**

**Answer:**

	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>4 – 5 Day Working</b>	Weoley & Selly Oak	<b>12-16 March 2018</b>
	Sutton Vesey	
	Sutton Wylde Green	
	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	
	Kingstanding	
	Holyhead	
	Bromford & Hodge Hill	
	Small Heath	
	Hall Green North	
	Acocks Green	

	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>WRCO Role</b>	Weoley & Selly Oak	<b>22 April 2018</b>
	Sutton Vesey	<b>24 April 2018</b>
	Sutton Wylde Green	<b>24 April 2018</b>
	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	<b>25 April 2018</b>
	Kingstanding	<b>26 April 2018</b>
	Holyhead	<b>27 April 2018</b>
	Bromford & Hodge Hill	<b>16 April 2018</b>
	Small Heath	<b>18 April 2018</b>
	Hall Green North	<b>26 April 2018</b>
	Acocks Green	<b>26 April 2018</b>

<b>Advancing Bins</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Weoley & Selly Oak	22 April 2018
	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	25 April 2018
	Holyhead	27 April 2018
	Hall Green North	26 April 2018
	Acocks Green	26 April 2018

<b>Pod / No Pod</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	26 April 2018
	Kingstanding	26 April 2018
	Hall Green North	26 April 2018
	Acocks Green	26 April 2018

<b>Street Cleansing Proof of Concept</b>	<b>Ward (Old boundaries)</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Bartley Green	2 <sup>nd</sup> March – 13 <sup>th</sup> April
	Billesley	
	Bournville	
	Brandwood	
	Edgbaston	
	Harborne	
	Kings Norton	
	Longbridge	
	Northfield	
	Quinton	
	Selly Oak	
	Weoley	

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, WASTE  
AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

**"Impact on Street Cleaning Quality"**

**Question:**

According to the budget and business plan, some £500,000 was due to be removed from street cleaning budgets in the current financial year. What has been the impact on the quality of street cleaning?

**Answer:**

A new street cleansing model has been agreed. The ward plans have been developed from Cleaner Street Plans and shared with elected members. We are planning to implement these fully. A service redesign is underway to look at ways we can achieve the savings without affecting the quality of Street Cleansing.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, WASTE  
AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

**"New Waste Collection Arrangements"**

**Question:**

**Does the Cabinet Member intend to implement the new waste collection  
arrangements agreed with the trade unions in the Autumn?**

**Answer:**

**This matter is set to be considered by Cabinet on 24 July and it would be inappropriate  
to respond beforehand.**



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, WASTE  
AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

**"Refuse Crews - Five Day Week"**

**Question:**

**Are refuse collection crews working a five-day week yet as was agreed in the settlement last Autumn?**

**Answer:**

No, collection crews are still operating a compressed working week. To fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) there are a number of actions that still need to be put in place. Discussions are ongoing with the Trade Unions and a Cabinet report is due to be presented concerning the full implementation of the MoU in July.





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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS  
AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

**“In-house”**

**Question:**

**Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?**

**Answer:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

**"Equal Pay - How much did it cost"**

**Question:**

**What was the total cost of resolving the whole issue of Equal Pay to Birmingham Council?**

**Answer:**

The Council Plan and Budget 2018+, states (page 29) that the Council estimates that total Equal Pay settlement liabilities will be around £1.2bn.

In order to finance this, the Council has incurred costs in relation to financing of borrowing, repayments of temporary borrowing to earmarked reserves, administration, loss of income for assets sold and other costs in relation to disposal of assets, etc.

The net impact on General Fund revenue costs are expected to be £111.7m in 2018/19, rising to £117.0m by 2021/22.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

**"Impact on Budget - delays new refuse collection arrangements"**

**Question:**

**What is the impact on the Council budget of delays in implementing the new refuse collection arrangements agreed with the trade unions in the autumn?**

**Answer:**

The impact on the Waste Services Budget in 2018/19 is estimated at £0.3m per month (relating to the continued employment of the temporary agency workforce to cover the 5<sup>th</sup> day working).



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SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

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**Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?**

**Answer:**

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.





**CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

**“Sprinklers”**

**Question:**

**Listed by name and year, which tower blocks will have sprinklers installed in the years 2018, 2019, and 2020?**

**Answer:**

**Sprinkler Installation Priority Criteria**

We are proposing the following selection criteria to prioritise sprinkler installation over a 3 year programme.

The rationale for this criteria has been produced as a result of consultation within the industry and with the Fire Service.

**Year 1 (Appendix 1)-**

- All sheltered high rise blocks (37 blocks - 1700 units)
- Tallest residential – 20 stories (13 blocks – 1440 units)
- Most flats per floor – Inkerman House (118 units)

**Year 2 (Appendix 2)**

- Single staircase (111 blocks, 4693 units)

**Year 3 (Appendix 3)**

- Double staircase (51 blocks, 2634 units)

The number of units completed may vary based on contractor performance and budget e.g. if a contractor completes a programme ahead of schedule we will accelerate the following years allocation.

Birmingham City Council has for many months been approaching Government for a contribution of £19.4m to the cost of this programme of works.

**Sheltered Blocks**

Block Name	Address	District
ADELAIDE TOWER	Adelaide Tower, 90 Packington Avenue, Shard End, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
WYRLEY HOUSE	Wyrley House, 2 Scafell Drive, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
WILLOW HOUSE	Willow House, 140 Vauxhall Road, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
WHEELDON HOUSE	Wheeldon House, Longley Crescent, South Yardley, Birmingham	YARDLEY
WARD END HOUSE	Ward End House, 496 Washwood Heath Road, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
THISTLE HOUSE	Thistle House, 259 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
TENNYSON HOUSE	Tennyson House, 140 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
SORREL HOUSE	Sorrel House, 1073 Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
SALISBURY TOWER	Salisbury Tower, 55 Middleway View, Winson Green, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SAFFRON HOUSE	Saffron House, 250 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BAKEMAN HOUSE	Bakeman House, The Tivoli, Coventry Road, Yardley, Birmingham	YARDLEY
RAYLEIGH HOUSE	Rayleigh House, 23 Woodcock Lane, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
PERRY GREEN HOUSE	Perry Green House, 30 Elcock Drive, Perry Barr, Birmingham	PERRY_BARR
PARK COURT	Park Court, 119 Boldmere Road, Boldmere, Birmingham	SUTTON
NEEDWOOD HOUSE	Needwood House, 9 Woodcock Lane, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
MOAT HOUSE	Moat House, 31 Munslow Grove, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BARROW HOUSE	Barrow House, Meyrick Walk, Ladywood,	EDGBASTON

	Birmingham	
METCHLEY HOUSE	Metchley House, 12 Bantock Way, Harborne, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
MANTON HOUSE	Manton House, 9 Newbury Road, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
LITTLE HILL HOUSE	Little Hill House, 20 Hayes Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
KINETON HOUSE	Kineton House, 101 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
BOUNDARY HOUSE	Boundary House, 19 Hollies Croft, Birmingham, West Midlands	EDGBASTON
HOMEMEADOW HOUSE	Homemeadow House, 43 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
HOLLYPIECE HOUSE	Hollypiece House, 53 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
HOBBIS HOUSE	Hobbis House, 603 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
HERON COURT	Heron Court, Emscote Drive, Wylde Green, Birmingham	SUTTON
BRANDWOOD HOUSE	Brandwood House, 15 Grove Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HARRISON HOUSE	Harrison House, 7 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
GOWER HOUSE	Gower House, Lockington Croft, Halesowen, West Midlands	EDGBASTON
BRIDGEMEADOW HOUSE	Bridgemeanow House, 2 Folkestone Croft, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
BRIDPORT HOUSE	Bridport House, 1 Hillwood Road, Northfield, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
ESSINGTON HOUSE	Essington House, 112 Sladefield Road, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
COPPICE HOUSE	Coppice House, 63 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
COCKSMOOR HOUSE	Cocksmoor House, 31 Grove Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
CAMROSE TOWER	Camrose Tower, 1 Rocky Lane, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD

CAMPION HOUSE	Campion House, 260 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CALIFORNIA HOUSE	California House, 2 Millmead Road, Bartley Green, Birmingham	EDGBASTON

### 20 Storey Blocks

WILMCOTE TOWER	Wilmcote Tower, 140 Upper Highgate Street, Highgate, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
WICKETS TOWER	Wickets Tower, 2 Wyatt Close, Birmingham, West Midlands	EDGBASTON
WARSTONE TOWER	Warstone Tower, 160 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
VICTOR TOWER	Victor Tower, 1 Bloomsbury Street, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
STUDLEY TOWER	Studley Tower, 2 Canford Close, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
PRITCHETT TOWER	Pritchett Tower, Arthur Street, Small Heath, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
HOLBROOK TOWER	Holbrook Tower, Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
HODGSON TOWER	Hodgson Tower, Guildford Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
DURHAM TOWER	Durham Tower, 48 Acorn Grove, Ladywood, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
CENTURY TOWER	Century Tower, 1 Dollery Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
CANTERBURY TOWER	Canterbury Tower, 1 St Marks Street, City Centre, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRINKLOW TOWER	Brinklow Tower, 91 Highgate Street, Highgate, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BARRY JACKSON TOWER	Barry Jackson Tower, Estone Walk, Aston, Birmingham	LADYWOOD

### Inkerman House

INKERMAN HOUSE	Inkerman House, 105 Newtown Shopping Centre, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
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## Single Staircase

Block Name	Address	District
WOODSTOCK HOUSE	Woodstock House, 181 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
ALBANY HOUSE	Albany House, 15 Shopton Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	HODGE_HILL
ALNWICK HOUSE	Alnwick House, 55 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
ARUNDEL HOUSE	Arundel House, 45 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
ASCOT COURT	Ascot Court, Abdon Avenue, Weoley Castle, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
ASCOT COURT	Epsom Court, Abdon Avenue, Weoley Castle, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
WINDSOR HOUSE	Windsor House, 35 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
WINDERMERE HOUSE	Windermere House, 10 Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
WHITBOURNE HOUSE	Whitbourne House, 39 Clover Lea Square, Washwood Heath, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
AVERY HOUSE	Avery House, Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
WESTON HOUSE	Weston House, 40 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BALDWIN HOUSE	Baldwin House, 14 Milton Street, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BANBURY HOUSE	Banbury House, 65 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
BARBERRY HOUSE	Barberry House, 15 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BARN HOUSE	Barn House, 34 Cottsmeadow Drive, Birmingham, West Midlands	HODGE_HILL
BARRATTS HOUSE	Barratts House, 1 Kimpton Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
WENDOVER HOUSE	Wendover House, 2 Shifnal Walk, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD

TRENT TOWER	Trent Tower, 165 Duddeston Manor Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
BEECH HILL HOUSE	Beech Hill House, 14 Field Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
BELLFIELD HOUSE	Bellfield House, 2 Thornham Way, Kings Norton, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
BERKELEY HOUSE	Berkeley House, Jarvis Road, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
TOPFIELD HOUSE	Topfield House, 212 Druids Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
BOWATER HOUSE	Bowater House, 47 Aldgate Grove, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRADBEER HOUSE	Bradbeer House, 68 Francis Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRADFIELD HOUSE	Bradfield House, 37 Greenvale Avenue, Sheldon, Birmingham	YARDLEY
TINTERN HOUSE	Tintern House, 4 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
THORNTON HOUSE	Thornton House, 2 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
THIRLMERE HOUSE	Thirlmere House, 2 Roman Way, Edgbaston, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
STONELEIGH HOUSE	Stoneleigh House, 11 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
STOKESAY HOUSE	Stokesay House, 15 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
STAFFORD HOUSE	Stafford House, 250 Tile Cross Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
ST ALBANS HOUSE	St Albans House, 16 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
BROADHEATH HOUSE	49 Over Pool Road, Ward End, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
BROOKPIECE HOUSE	Brookpiece House, 1 Milston Close, Kings Norton, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
SPEEDWELL HOUSE	Speedwell House, 115 Hillmeads Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BRUNSWICK	Brunswick House, 5 Shopton Road, Shard End,	HODGE_HILL

HOUSE	Birmingham	
BURDOCK HOUSE	Burdock House, 35 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CADBURY HOUSE	Cadbury House, Great Hampton Row, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SOUTHAM HOUSE	Southam House, 141 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
CAMBRIDGE TOWER	Cambridge Tower, 17 Brindley Drive, City Centre, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SAXELBY HOUSE	Saxelby House, Kimpton Close, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
SADLER HOUSE	Sadler House, 6 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
RYLAND HOUSE	Ryland House, 53 Great Hampton Row, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CANTLOW HOUSE	Cantlow House, 3 Ketley Croft, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
RUSHMORE HOUSE	Rushmore House, 61 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
RISBOROUGH HOUSE	Risborough House, 16 Shifnal Walk, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CHADWICK HOUSE	Chadwick House, 15 Over Pool Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	HODGE_HILL
CHAMBERLAIN HOUSE	Chamberlain House, Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CHARLBURY TOWER	Charlbury Tower, 33 Charlbury Tower, Southacre Ave, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CLAVERDON HOUSE	Claverdon House, 161 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
REYNOLDS HOUSE	Reynolds House, 1 Newbury Road, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
COLLINGS HOUSE	Collings House, 6 Huntley Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CONEY GREEN HOUSE	Coney Green House, 200 Central Avenue, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CONISTON HOUSE	Coniston House, 32 Bantock Way, Harborne, Birmingham	EDGBASTON

REPTON HOUSE	Repton House, 52 Baldmoor Lake Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
COPSEHILL COURT	Copsehill Court, Mount View, Falcon Lodge, Birmingham	SUTTON
REDWORTH HOUSE	Redworth House, 25 Deelands Road, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CRABTREE HOUSE	Crabtree House, 53 Giles Close, Stechford, Birmingham	YARDLEY
CRANLEIGH HOUSE	Cranleigh House, 54 Baldmoor Lake Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
CRESCENT TOWER	Crescent Tower, 19 Brindley Drive, City Centre, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
DANESMOOR HOUSE	Danesmoor House, 569 Hob Moor Road, Yardley, Birmingham	YARDLEY
DERWENT HOUSE	Derwent House, 22 Bantock Way, Harborne, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
DIXON HOUSE	Dixon House, 10 Huntley Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
DOVEY TOWER	Dovey Tower, 175 Duddleston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
DOWRY HOUSE	Dowry House, 389 Rubery Lane South, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
DREWS HOUSE	Drews House, 1 Netheravon Close, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
REDWAY COURT	Redway Court, Mount View, Falcon Lodge, Birmingham	SUTTON
REDDITCH HOUSE	Redditch House, 93 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
QUARRY HOUSE	Quarry House, 153 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
PLECK HOUSE	Pleck House, 2 Winterbourne Croft, Kings Norton, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
FALLOWS HOUSE	Fallows House, 20 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
FROGMOOR HOUSE	Frogmoor House, 571 Hob Moor Road, Yardley, Birmingham	YARDLEY
GALTON TOWER	Galton Tower, 32 Civic Close, West Midlands, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD



PITMEADOW HOUSE	Pitmeadow House, 24 Pound Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
GILES CLOSE HOUSE	Giles Close House, 120 Giles Close, Stechford, Birmingham	YARDLEY
PENNYCROFT HOUSE	Pennycroft House, 30 Rattle Croft, Stechford, Birmingham	YARDLEY
GOSMOOR HOUSE	Gosmoor House, 127 Yew Tree Lane, Sheldon, Birmingham	YARDLEY
PARKER HOUSE	Parker House, 10 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
GREENFIELD HOUSE	Greenfield House, 39 Greenvale Avenue, Sheldon, Birmingham	YARDLEY
GREENFORD HOUSE	Greenford House, 74 Faulkners Farm Drive, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
OAST HOUSE	Oast House, 40 Gumbleberrys Close, Ward End, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
NORTON TOWER	Norton Tower, 43 Civic Close, City Centre, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
HEATH HOUSE	Heath House, 1 Baverstock Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HEATHER HOUSE	Heather House, 55 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
NETLEY HOUSE	Netley House, 10 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
MUNTZ HOUSE	Muntz House, 7 Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
MOOR HOUSE	Moor House, 612 Druids Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HILLCROFT HOUSE	Hillcroft House, 862 Alcester Road South, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HILLSIDE HOUSE	Hillside House, 173 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
MONMOUTH HOUSE	Monmouth House, 79 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
MILL HOUSE	Mill House, 19 Cottsmeadow Drive, Washwood Heath, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
MIDDLEFIELD HOUSE	Middlefield House, 1 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HOLLAND	Holland House, 73 Great Hampton Row, Newtown,	LADYWOOD

HOUSE	Birmingham	
HOLLOW MEADOW HOUSE	Hollow Meadow House, 247 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
MANDERVILLE HOUSE	Manderville House, 12 Walnut Way, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
LYNTON HOUSE	Lynton House, 64 Faulkners Farm Drive, Stockland Green	ERDINGTON
LUDLOW HOUSE	Ludlow House, 81 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HUMBER TOWER	Humber Tower, 22 Francis Street, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
HUNTINGDON HOUSE	Huntingdon House, 44 Faulkners Farm Drive, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
JAMES HOUSE	James House, 7 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
JORDAN HOUSE	Jordan House, 37 Blossom Grove, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
KEMPSEY HOUSE	Kempsey House, 2 Kitwell Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
LLOYD HOUSE	Lloyd House, 1 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
KENILWORTH HOUSE	Kenilworth House, 121 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
KENRICK HOUSE	Kenrick House, 32 Beaufort Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
LEOMINSTER HOUSE	Leominster House, 230 Tile Cross Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
LEDBURY HOUSE	Ledbury House, 51 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
KINGSBRIDGE HOUSE	Kingsbridge House, 54 Faulkners Farm Drive, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
KINGSPICE HOUSE	Kingspiece House, 27 Blossom Grove, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
KINGSWOOD HOUSE	Kingswood House, Kimpton Close, Druids Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
LAVENDER HOUSE	Lavender House, 75 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD

# APPENDIX 3

## Double Staircase

Block Name	Address	District
WORDSWORTH HOUSE	Wordsworth House, 120 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
WINSLOW HOUSE	Winslow House, 37 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
WELLS TOWER	Wells Tower, 52 Rodney Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
WELLINGTON TOWER	Wellington Tower, 72 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
WELLINGTON HOUSE	Wellington House, 33 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
WAREHAM HOUSE	Wareham House, 32 Brompton Pool Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
ASHFIELD HOUSE	Ashfield House, 34 Brompton Pool Road, Hall Green, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
ASHFORD TOWER	Ashford Tower, 27 Salop Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
AUCKLAND HOUSE	Auckland House, 43 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
WALTHAM HOUSE	Waltham House, 1 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
TRURO TOWER	Truro Tower, 2 Ledbury Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
THAMES TOWER	Thames Tower, 31 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
TEVIOT TOWER	Teviot Tower, 34 Mosborough Crescent, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
TENBY TOWER	Tenby Tower, 68 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
SUMMERCOURT HOUSE	Summernote House, 35 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
STANDLEYS TOWER	Standleys Tower, 2 Rogerfield Road, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
ST MICHAEL	St Michael House, Manor Close Melville Road,	EDGBASTON

HOUSE	Ladywood, Birmingham	
ST LAWRENCE HOUSE	St Lawrence House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
ST HELIER HOUSE	St Helier House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
ST DENNIS HOUSE	St Dennis House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
SOUTH TOWER	South Tower, 678 Little Hall Road, Nechells, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
SHELLEY TOWER	Shelley Tower, 124 Overbury Road, Northfield, Birmingham	SELY_OAK
SHAKESPEARE HOUSE	Shakespeare House, 160 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
SEVERN TOWER	Severn Tower, 74 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SCHOLFIELD TOWER	Scholfield Tower, 45 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRAMBER HOUSE	Bramber House, 12 Stokesay Grove, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
SANDOWN TOWER	Sandown Tower, 70 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BRANSFORD TOWER	Bransford Tower, 157 Vaughton Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRECON TOWER	Brecon Tower, 5 Guild Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SANDHURST HOUSE	Sandhurst House, 21 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
REA TOWER	Rea Tower, 44 Mosborough Crescent, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
RADCLIFFE TOWER	Radcliffe Tower, 52 Shawbury Grove, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
QUEENS TOWER	Queens Tower, 17/19 Duddleston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
NORMANTON TOWER	Normanton Tower, 35 Portfield Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
BROWNING TOWER	Browning Tower, 116 Overbury Road, Northfield, Birmingham	SELY_OAK

MEDWAY TOWER	Medway Tower, 52 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
MARTINEAU TOWER	Martineau Tower, 25 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
LOWESWATER HOUSE	Loweswater House, 41 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
LINCOLN TOWER	Lincoln Tower, 139 Gilby Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
KENTMERE TOWER	Kentmere Tower, 10 Beechmount Drive, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
KENDAL TOWER	Kendal Tower, 4 Malins Road, Harborne, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
HOME TOWER	Home Tower, 5/7 Duddleston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
HIGHGATE HOUSE	Highgate House, 106 Southacre Avenue, City Centre, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
HIGH TOWER	High Tower, 27-29 Duddleston Manor Road, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CARISBROOKE HOUSE	Carisbrooke House, 59 Culmington Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
GRESHAM TOWER	Gresham Tower, 26 Shawbury Grove, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
GLENDALE TOWER	Glendale Tower, 20 Beechmount Drive, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
GEACH TOWER	Geach Tower, 65 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
FAIRBOURNE TOWER	Fairbourne Tower, 2 Portfield Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
DUNEDIN HOUSE	Dunedin House, 23 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
COURTWAY HOUSE	Courtway House, 33 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD



CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**“Hackitt Report”**

**Question:**

**What extra work, in addition to that listed in the published Housing Investment Programme is the council carrying out following the publication of the Hackitt review?**

**Answer:**

The Council will be aware of the work undertaken by the Housing Service following the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The Dame Judith Hackitt review is an independent review of the Building Regulations and Fire Safety and the final report was published on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The report sets out some 53 recommendations around a new regulation framework which should apply in the first instance to residential properties which are ten or more storeys high.

The key themes are as follows:

- Parameters and principles of a new regulatory framework
- Design, construction and refurbishment
- Occupation and maintenance
- Residents' voice
- Competence
- Guidance and monitoring to support building safety
- Products
- Golden thread of building information
- Procurement and supply
- International examples

The wide ranging recommendations will have implications for Planning, Building Control, Procurement and Place Directorate, and officers are working on the implementations which will be subject to acceptance by the Government.

Civil servants will translate the recommendations into the new Building Regulations or other legislation as appropriate.

Since the Grenfell Tower incident, Birmingham City Council has put in place a detailed project plan in relation to fire safety of our high rise blocks. You will be aware that we are carrying out the following actions:

- annual fire safety inspections
- the installation of sprinkler systems
- review of all high rise blocks in conjunction with a fire structural/risk engineer from West Midlands Fire Service as to the suitability of building design and type implementing any recommendations to further improve our high rise blocks with regard to fire safety.
- option appraisal currently being undertaken to establish the need for additional means of escape in tower blocks with single staircases.
- review of all estate based and caretaking functions with regard to daily high rise checks.
- review of our emergency and disaster planning process.

We are now working with our colleagues in building control to evaluate our current actions against the requirements of the Hackitt report and its recommendations and will be providing a detailed briefing in due course.



**CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES &  
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

**"In-house"**

**Question:**

**Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?**

**Answer:**

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.



CITY COUNCIL - 12 JUNE 2018

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION,  
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

**"Motion on Policing - Work done"**

**Question:**

**What work has the Cabinet Member undertaken to progress the four resolutions in the Motion on Policing agreed by Council in December 2017?**

**Answer:**

Birmingham City Council continues to fully support the campaign led by Birmingham MPs and the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to lobby the Government for better police funding.

We have conveyed our concerns to the PCC and I have requested a meeting with the West Midlands Mayor Andy Street, to talk about a number of community safety issues. I am awaiting a response.

One of my key priorities is to work in partnership with West Midlands Police to ensure safer neighbourhoods and I will do so to ensure that the good work already delivered in partnership through our dedicated Community Safety Team continues to make a difference to the lives of citizens in our neighbourhoods.

The Community Safety Team plays an important role in making sure community concerns about crime and ASB are reflected in the policing priorities for the city.

The team lead the implementation of a partnership plan for each part of the City designed to reduce crime and ASB. This plan aligns to the priorities set by West Midlands Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and is in part a response to rising or newly emerging crime types and threats but also takes account of local concerns about crime and ASB.

I have met with representatives of West Midlands Police, the Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner and local community representatives to learn more about local operations and plans going forward to address the increased in gun and knife crime in the certain parts of the city.

The Council is currently supporting the police to respond to a recent increase in gun and knife-related crime by using Trading Standards Officers to organise underage test purchases of knives, assist in multi-agency roadside vehicle stop-checks and support the police in reviewing licences of premises linked to crime or ASB.

The council has engaged with the police at a neighbourhood level to link with our list of relationship managers / contacts at a ward level.

We continue to engage with the police to see if we can provide local facilities for police officers to provide touch down points or mess facilities etc. in local areas subsequent to any closures of police stations.

CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

**"Air Quality around Experimental TROs 1"**

**Question:**

**For each of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders put in place in 2017/18, can you provide a copy of the assessment carried out on the impact on air quality prior to them being agreed?**

**Answer:**

The following Experimental Orders were sealed in 2017/18:

1. Bromsgrove Street, Nechells – sealed 30th May 2017, to facilitate installation of a parklet.
2. Russell Road, etc Moseley & Kings Heath - sealed 6th April 2017.  
Complemented introduction of parking charges at Cannon Hill Park to prevent parking displacement
3. Margaret Street (Traffic Regulation Order), Ladywood – sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.
4. Margaret Street (Movement Order), Ladywood - sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.
5. Great Charles Street Queensway etc, Birmingham - sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.

Formal Air Quality Impact Assessments were not carried out for Experimental Orders 1 and 2 above. The Project Managers however undertook a subjective assessment based on their experience of delivering Traffic Regulation Order works and came to the view that the Orders would not have a detrimental effect on air quality.

Experimental Orders 3, 4 & 5 above were subject to a 'Scoping Assessment' against the criteria laid out in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges Advice Note 207/07 Air Quality. The criteria was not triggered therefore a Detailed Assessment was not required to be carried out.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

**“Air Quality around Experimental TROs 2”**

**Question:**

**For each of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders put in place in 2017/18, what assessment has been made of changes in air quality since they have been in place?**

**Answer:**

The following five Experimental Orders were sealed in 2017/18.

1. Bromsgrove Street, Nechells – sealed 30th May 2017, to facilitate installation of a building for seating.
2. Russell Road, etc, Moseley & Kings Heath - sealed 6th April 2017. Complemented the introduction of parking charges at Cannon-Hill Park to prevent parking displacement.
3. Margaret Street (Traffic Regulation Order), Ladywood – sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.
4. Margaret Street (Movement Order), Ladywood - sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.
5. Great Charles Street Queensway etc, Birmingham - sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.

As either the criteria for undertaking a Detailed Air Quality Assessment was not triggered, or the Project Managers assessment concluded there would be no detriment to air quality, there are no plans to carry out air quality assessment post implementation.

It should be noted that at least 12 months of monitoring data would be required to make any informed assessment of changes to air quality.





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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**"Air Quality on inner ring road"**

**Question:**

**For the road works currently taking place on the inner ring road what was the air quality level before and during this work and what is the projected level after the work has been completed?**

**Answer:**

In the vicinity of Paradise Circus the quality of the air was monitored for nitrogen dioxide at two sites in 2016, these being to the north of Paradise Circus on Great Charles Street Queensway (south side traffic flow towards Paradise Circus) on lamppost 11 outside 36 GCS Building, and to the south of Paradise Circus on Suffolk Street Queensway (traffic flow southeast towards Pagoda Island) near Brunel Street. The site to the north measured concentrations of  $49\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$ , whilst the site to the south measured concentrations of  $55\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$ , both as annual mean averages.

The two sites are part of the A38 route through the city centre and links on this route are predicted by Government to be in exceedance of the legal limit (over  $40\mu\text{gm}^{-3}$ ) beyond 2020, necessitating action to reduce the concentration in the shortest possible time. The route is therefore under consideration as part of the on-going modelling work for the Clean Air Zone.

The air quality monitoring by the City Council at this location commenced 2016, after the start of the Paradise Circus highway works.

As part of the Paradise Circus development works an air quality impact assessment was carried out. A summary of the change in nitrogen dioxide levels at key receptors as a result of the highway changes is given below:

**Table 1-3 Impact Significance of Change in NO<sub>2</sub> Annual Mean Concentrations**

Receptor	Change ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	Relative Change	Impact Descriptor
A (Centenary Square)	0.4	Small Increase	Slight Adverse
B (Proposed Hotel)	-5.0	Large Decrease	Substantial Beneficial
C (Chamberlain Square)	-1.5	Small Decrease	Slight Beneficial
D (Latham House)	-4.5	Large Decrease	Substantial Beneficial
E (Cambrian House)	0.0	No Change	Negligible
F (College of Food)	-3.7	Medium Decrease	Moderate Beneficial
G (John Smith House)	-0.2	Imperceptible Decrease	Negligible
H (Summer Hill Street)	0.1	Imperceptible Increase	Negligible

The summary statement given in the air quality impact assessment is as follows:

- 1.6. The magnitude of forecast change in NO<sub>2</sub> as a result of the proposed development in 2017 equates to a small increase (0.4-2.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at one of the receptors, an imperceptible increase (<0.4  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at one of the receptors, no change at one of the receptors, an imperceptible decrease (<0.4  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at one of the receptors, a small decrease (0.4-2.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at one of the receptors, a medium decrease (2.0-4.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at one of the receptors and a large decrease (> 4.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) at two of the receptors.
- 1.7. These magnitudes can then be used to assess the impact descriptors of the effect in relation to the absolute concentration forecast from the assessment. With regard to NO<sub>2</sub> annual mean objective, the impact descriptors range from substantial beneficial to slight adverse in the year 2017.

The road works currently taking place on the inner ring road at Paradise Circus, together with Metro and works at Centenary Square are designed to encourage a shift from car to public transport modes, therefore being a positive measure to reduce nitrogen dioxide concentration.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

**“Air Quality and Cycle Revolution”**

**Question:**

**For the road works currently taking place on the Bristol Road for the Cycle Revolution what was the air quality level before and during this work and what is the projected level after the work has been completed?**

**Answer:**

A full Air Quality Assessment was undertaken on the A38 Bristol Road Cycle Revolution Scheme. The full details of the Air Quality report were included in the Birmingham Cycle Revolution (BCR) A38 Bristol Road (Selly Oak to City Centre) TROs Update Report that approved the scheme on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Details of the results can be found on line at

<https://birmingham.cmis.uk.com/birmingham/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/10156/Committee/10/Default.aspx>

The Report concluded that the Proposed Scheme was not predicted to result in significant air quality effects, nor require impact mitigation to be implemented. Consequently, it was concluded that residual effects were also not likely to be significant as a result of the scheme.

No assessment was undertaken to evaluate the impact on Air Quality during the BCR works as any traffic management required to construct the scheme is temporary and transient in nature and is deemed necessary in order to safely deliver the works.

The measures being delivered through the Birmingham Cycle Revolution support the Council's transport strategy, Birmingham Connected, to encourage a shift towards more sustainable forms of travel, which in turn will help to improve air quality.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

**“Air Quality and Road Works”**

**Question:**

**Of all the major road works that have taken place in the last 5 years how many (out of how many) had an air quality impact assessment done prior to them commencing?**

**Answer:**

The major projects delivered over the last five years are; Pinch Point Projects at Haden Circus, Bordesley Circus and Holloway Circus; Local Growth Fund Projects at Ashted Circus, Minworth Island and Longbridge Connectivity; Birmingham Cycle Revolution Projects on the A38 and A34; Chester Road Improvements and Paradise Circus.

Air quality impact assessments, in accordance with Advice Note HA 207/07 Air Quality, were completed prior to commencement on following four projects.

- Ashted Circus
- Birmingham Cycle Revolution A38
- Birmingham Cycle Revolution A34
- Paradise Circus.

An Environmental Impact Assessment, including an Air Quality assessment, was carried out on the following two projects.

- Minworth Island
- Longbridge Connectivity

Chester Road Improvements - Chester Road was one of the continuing NO2 exceedance locations in 2020, identified in the Government's 2017 Air Quality Plan. Local modelling, approved by the Joint Air Quality Unit, now suggests that this location will not be in exceedance in 2020.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

**“AMEY contract”**

**Question:**

**How many times – and on what dates - has the AMEY Highways contract been amended since it was first signed?**

**Answer:**

There have been three deeds of variation that amended the Highways Maintenance and Management PFI contract on:

- 15 May 2014;
- 18 December 2015; and
- 15 September 2017.

Each of these deeds of variation effected a number of changes to the contract, affecting service requirements and payments under the contract.

In addition, there have been two change instructions under the contract (not made by deed) implemented on:

- 24 November 2011; and
- 21 May 2013.





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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

**"In-house"**

**Question:**

**Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?**

**Answer:**

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

**"Rules of the Road - Enforcement"**

**Question:**

**Does the Cabinet Member consider there is current adequate enforcement of the rules of the road, such as speed limits?**

**Answer:**

The Council currently enforces parking and bus lane contraventions in accordance with its powers. Other moving traffic offences, including speed limits, are enforced by the Police, in accordance with their powers. Levels of enforcement are determined by available resources.

The Council should be able to enforce certain other moving traffic offences (such as yellow box junctions, banned turns and one way streets), but this requires additional powers that need approval from Government, under Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The Council and the West Midlands Combined Authority continue to lobby Government for such powers, which would have significant benefits in respect of road safety and reducing congestion.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

**"Road Maintenance Standard - 5 years ago"**

**Question:**

**What progress has there been in reaching an agreement with Amey to ensure that road maintenance is restored to the standard of five years ago?**

**Answer:**

The council's objectives regarding the Highways Maintenance and Management PFI contract are broader than to 'restore the standard of road maintenance to that of five years ago'. They are to ensure that the council:

- Obtains the investment required under the contract;
- Only pays for the services it has received;
- Retains financial support from central government for the contract; and
- Develops a way forward that we are confident can be delivered.

Despite a conclusive Court of Appeal judgment making Amey's obligations to invest and perform maintenance clear, the council has been unable to reach an agreement so far with Amey regarding a way forward. Amey has submitted programmes that fail to include the necessary capital investment on roads and footways. Unfortunately, despite considerable effort from the council, Amey continues to delay matters and appears only to seek to reduce or avoid making the investment to which the council is entitled, on behalf of the people of Birmingham.

Clearly, this position is not acceptable and the council will continue to explore options to ensure that its objectives above are met as fully as possible in the future.



**CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC  
PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

**"Taxi 1"**

**Question:**

**Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions, how many had references from a local Birmingham Councillor, a Councillor from another local authority or a local MP? (split between the three categories)**

**Answer:**

The Licensing Service has responded to multiple Freedom of Information Act enquiries on this subject.

References do not form part of the application process.

Should an applicant have to attend a subcommittee they may choose to provide a character reference, but this is not a requirement, and copies are not kept. Even if references were brought to a meeting, it would be up to the Committee how much (if any) weight they gave to them. The Licensing Service does not keep records of references.

Having reviewed the spreadsheet provided as part of the Freedom of Information Act enquiry which led to the recent news article in the Times and other publications, the number of drivers and applicants reported to Committee during the relevant period was 263. Of those 263 cases, there were in fact 129 drivers or applicants who retained or were granted a licence. 144 of the cases reported to Committee were refused or revoked.

The information provided in response to the Freedom of Information Act request only showed the previous convictions data. Every case must be considered on its own merits. This convictions data is not considered in isolation. Drivers or applicants are invited to the Committee where they are asked to account for themselves and where Members will have the opportunity to ask questions.





CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC  
PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

**"Taxi 2"**

**Question:**

**Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions, how long ago was their latest conviction (split between the total number less than 5 years, 5-10 years or more than 10 years)?**

**Answer:**

Having reviewed the spreadsheet provided as part of the Freedom of Information Act enquiry which led to the recent news article in the Times and other publications, the number of drivers and applicants reported to Committee during the relevant period was 263. Of those 263 cases, there were in fact 129 drivers or applicants who retained or were granted a licence. 144 of the cases reported to Committee were refused or revoked.

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Year of most recent conviction	Number of Drivers/applicants
-2007	30
2008-2012	30
2013+	69



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC  
PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

**"Taxi 3"**

**Question:**

**Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions how many had received custodial sentences?**

**Answer:**

Having reviewed the spreadsheet provided as part of the Freedom of Information Act enquiry which led to the recent news article in the Times and other publications, the number of drivers and applicants reported to Committee during the relevant period was 263. Of those 263 cases, there were in fact 129 drivers or applicants who retained or were granted a licence. 144 of the cases reported to Committee were refused or revoked.

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18 of the 129 drivers received custodial sentences. Many of these were suspended or served in young offenders institutes.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE**

**"Taxi 4"**

**Question:**

**Of the 114 Birmingham-licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions how many received convictions for sexual and/or violent offences?**

**Answer:**

Having reviewed the spreadsheet provided as part of the Freedom of Information Act enquiry which led to the recent news-article in the Times and other publications, the number of drivers and applicants reported to Committee during the relevant period was 263. Of those 263 cases, there were in fact 129 drivers or applicants who retained or were granted a licence. 144 of the cases reported to Committee were refused or revoked.

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Of the 129 cases where licences were granted or retained, 16 of the drivers/applicants had previous convictions for violent offences. None related to sexual offences.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

**"Taxi 5"**

**Question:**

**Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions how many received convictions for motoring offences?**

**Answer:**

Having reviewed the spreadsheet provided as part of the Freedom of Information Act enquiry which led to the recent news article in the Times and other publications, the number of drivers and applicants reported to Committee during the relevant period was 263. Of those 263 cases, there were in fact 129 drivers or applicants who retained or were granted a licence. 144 of the cases reported to Committee were refused or revoked.

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Of the 129 cases where licences were granted or retained, 83 of the drivers/applicants had previous convictions for motoring offences. This includes offences of illegally plying for hire.





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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC  
PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

**"Taxi 6"**

**Question:**

**Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi-drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions how many appeared before elected members on a licensing sub-committee for approval and how many received officer level approval?**

**Answer:**

All of the matters referred to in the Freedom of Information Act submission were dealt with by sub-committees. Officers do not have delegated powers to approve licences in these circumstances.



**CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM  
COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

**“Non-determination”**

**Question:**

**How many planning applications have been registered with the planning  
inspectorate for non-determination since 2015?**

**Answer:**

There have been 6 planning application appeals lodged with the Planning  
Inspectorate for non-determination since 1/1/2015.



CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF CO-ORDINATING OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

**“Scrutiny Chairs”**

**Question:**

**Do you agree with the following statement from Cllr Josh Jones made during the full-council debate on the Review of Scrutiny report on 13 March 2018**

**“to have only the scrutiny chairs from the party that is in power I think really flies in the face of scrutiny.”**

**Answer:**

Cllr Josh Jones' comments on the Review of Scrutiny report at the Council Meeting on 13 March 2018 were a characteristically independent-minded contribution to the debate and reflect a wide spectrum of views expressed by councillors from across the political groups over the many years that the election of Overview & Scrutiny chairs has been part of the City Council's constitution.

Birmingham's scrutiny committees have a strong tradition of cross party working and given this, it is disappointing that Conservative and Liberal Democrat members have reversed the practice of recent years and declined to take up any of the Deputy Chair positions for the 2018/19 municipal year. Despite this decision, all Scrutiny Chairs are committed to maintaining an overview and scrutiny system that is robust, independent and draws upon the talents of all members, whatever their party.



CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB  
BEAUCHAMP**

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CITY COUNCIL – 12 JUNE 2018

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF ECONOMY AND SKILLS  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB  
BEAUCHAMP**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LEARNING, CULTURE AND  
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM  
COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB  
BEAUCHAMP**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF HOUSING AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM  
COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF SUSTAINABILITY AND  
TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR  
BOB BEAUCHAMP**

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