



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, 11
JANUARY 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 11 JANUARY 2022 AT 1330 HOURS IN THE HOLTE
SUITE, VILLA PARK, TRINITY ROAD, ASTON, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Muhammad Afzal) in the Chair.

Councillors

Akhlaq Ahmed	Deborah Harries	Majid Mahmood
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Kath Hartley	Karen McCarthy
Deirdre Alden	Adam Higgs	Gareth Moore
Robert Alden	Charlotte Hodivala	Simon Morrall
Baber Baz	Jon Hunt	Yvonne Mosquito
Matt Bennett	Shabrana Hussain	David Pears
Kate Booth	Timothy Huxtable	Robert Pocock
Nicky Brennan	Mohammed Idrees	Julien Pritchard
Marje Bridle	Zafar Iqbal	Carl Rice
Mick Brown	Morriam Jan	Darius Sandhu
Tristan Chatfield	Kerry Jenkins	Kath Scott
Zaker Choudhry	Meirion Jenkins	Shafique Shah
Liz Clements	Brigid Jones	Mike Sharpe
Maureen Cornish	Mariam Khan	Sybil Spence
John Cotton	Zaheer Khan	Martin Straker Welds
Phil Davis	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Saima Suleman
Diane Donaldson	Chaman Lal	Paul Tilsley
Peter Fowler	Mike Leddy	Lisa Trickett
Jayne Francis	Bruce Lines	Ian Ward
Eddie Freeman	John Lines	Mike Ward
Fred Grindrod	Mary Locke	Ken Wood
Paulette Hamilton	Ewan Mackey	Alex Yip
Roger Harmer		

NOTICE OF RECORDING

19576 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

The Lord Mayor reminded Members that they did not enjoy Parliamentary Privilege in relation to debates in the Chamber and Members should be careful in what they say during all debates that afternoon.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

19577 The Lord Mayor reminded members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

Councillor Narinder Kaur Kooner declared an interest in respect of agenda item 8, as it discussed the work of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) and exempt properties, and she provided support to victims of abuse, some of whom were in exempt properties.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

19578 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2021 having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Death of former Councillor, Honorary Alderman Catherine Finegan

The Lord Mayor indicated that, once again, he must begin his announcements with some extremely sad news.

With sorrow, the Lord Mayor announced the death of former Councillor, Honorary Alderman Catherine Finegan who passed away on the 13 December.

The Lord Mayor noted that Cath was elected and served as a Councillor for 20 years representing Saltley Ward from 1978 to 1982; and Nechells Ward

from 1982 to 1994 and from 1995 to 1999. The Lord Mayor advised that Cath became an Honorary Alderman on 17 May 1994 and during her time on the Council she served on numerous Committees and outside bodies.

The Lord Mayor noted that Cath leaves behind six children, as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren; and asked all to join him in extending to them our deepest condolences.

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and:-

19579 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death of former Councillor, Honorary Alderman Catherine Finegan and its appreciation of her devoted service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extends its deepest sympathy to members of Cath's family in their sad bereavement.

Members and officers stood for a minute's silence, following which a number of tributes were made by Members.

B. Death of former Councillor James Sweeney

19580 The Lord Mayor indicated that Members would now pay tribute to former Councillor James Sweeney, whose death was announced at the Council meeting in September 2020.

The Lord Mayor indicated that Jim served as a Councillor for Longbridge Ward from May 1972 to May 1975, during which time he served on a number of Committees and outside bodies.

The Lord Mayor advised that Jim leaves behind his wife, Suzi; and asked all to join him in extending to her and the rest of the family our deepest condolences.

Members and officers stood for a minute's silence, following which a number of tributes were made by Members.

C. Death of Jack Dromey MP

The Lord Mayor noted that colleagues would have no doubt heard the shocking news of the sudden death of Jack Dromey MP on Friday of last week.

The Lord Mayor indicated that Jack was elected and served as MP for Birmingham Erdington since 2010 and had sadly passed away in his

Constituency home on Friday morning, having spoken in a Commons debate just the previous day.

The Lord Mayor continued that Jack leaves behind his wife, fellow MP Harriet Harman, and their three children; and asked all to join him in extending them our deepest condolences.

19581 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death Jack Dromey MP and its appreciation of his devoted service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extends its deepest sympathy to members of Jack's family in their sad bereavement.

D. Queen's New Year's Honours

19582 The Lord Mayor indicated that he was delighted to congratulate those mentioned in the Queen's New Year's Honours list this year for services to Birmingham or who live in Birmingham as follows:-

Awarded a CBE were:

- Sandra May Bowker; and
- Professor Mark Radford

An OBE

- Dr Nira Cyril Chamberlain; and
- Andrew Ian Lovett

An MBE

- Maxine Elizabeth Espley
- Lynne McLeod-Finch
- Seamus Patrick Gaynor
- Edwina Jayne Langley
- Jacqueline Mary O'Hanlon
- Deborah Michelle Sewell; and
- Paul Shaw

And the British Empire Medal:

- Adill Hadi
- Carolyn June Harbourne
- Rosalie Veronica Jones
- Isobel Shirley Knowles
- Edward O'Hara
- Gulam Muhammad Teladia

The Lord Mayor asked those in the meeting to join him in congratulating them all on those marvelous achievements.

E. Defence Employer Recognition Scheme

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The Lord Mayor indicated that he was pleased to inform Members that Birmingham City Council had received a silver award under the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, which recognises employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community, and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant.

The Lord Mayor asked Members to join him in congratulating all those involved in this wonderful achievement.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 1)

In accordance with the proposals by the Members presenting the petitions, it was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19584 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petitions be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer(s) to examine and report as appropriate.

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 2)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19585 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Petitions Update be noted and those petitions for which a satisfactory response has been received, be discharged.

QUESTION TIME

19586 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

Details of the questions asked are available for public inspection via the Webcast.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Following nominations from Councillor Martin Straker Welds it was-

19587 **RESOLVED:-**

That the appointments be made to serve on the Committees and other bodies set out below:-

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Alex Aitken (Lab) to replace Mick Brown (Lab) on the Panel for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022

Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Kate Booth (Lab) to fill the vacancy created by the death of Councillor Penny Holbrook (Lab) on the Committee and become the Chair for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022

As a result of the above appointment Councillor Kate Booth becomes a Member of the Co-Ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT

The Lord Mayor repeated the declaration of interest made by Councillor Narinder Kaur Kooner earlier in the meeting as it had not been picked up by the audio and cameras for the webstream.

The following report from the Cabinet was submitted:-

(See document No. 3)

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward and Councillor John Cotton moved the recommendation which was seconded.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Jon Hunt and Roger Harmer gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 4)

Councillor Jon Hunt moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Timothy Huxtable and Peter Fowler gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 5)

Councillor Timothy Huxtable moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Peter Fowler.

A debate ensued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward and Councillor John Cotton replied to the debate.

As a point of order, Councillor Robert Alden, noted that in his response the Leader had indicated that the Conservative group did not support the new Tamworth railway line reopening and the Sutton Park railway line which

would deliver new stations and he noted that in the document from the council to Central Government included Conservative MP Andrew Mitchell's support for them. He continued that the Conservative group had publicly supported the schemes and the Conservative speakers at the meeting had supported the schemes. Councillor Alden called upon the Leader to withdraw his inaccurate statement. The Leader did not accept that the Conservative group supported the type of changes that the administrations wished to see on the railways. He did however recognise Conservative MP Andrew Mitchell's support.

The first amendment to the recommendation in the names of Councillors Jon Hunt and Roger Harmer having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

The second amendment to the recommendation in the names of Councillors Timothy Huxtable and Peter Fowler having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

The recommendation having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore-

19588 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

19589 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1630 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1606 hours.

At 1633 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

ROUTE TO ZERO – ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

The following report of the Director Planning, Transport and Sustainability was submitted:-

(See document No. 6)

The Deputy Leader, Councillor Brigid Jones moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Peter Fowler.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Roger Harmer and Julien Pritchard gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 7)

Councillor Roger Harmer moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Julien Pritchard.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Lisa Trickett and Liz Clements gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 8)

Councillor Lisa Trickett moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Liz Clements.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Deirdre Alden and Simon Morrall gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 9)

Councillor Deirdre Alden moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Simon Morrall.

There been no further debate the Deputy Leader, Councillor Brigid Jones replied to the debate.

The first amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Roger Harmer and Julien Pritchard having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

The second amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Lisa Trickett and Liz Clements having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

The third amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Deirdre Alden and Simon Morrall having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

The motion as amended having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

- (i) To note the Action Plan Progress Report and the progress on wave 1 projects identified within it;
- (ii) To note the Council's R20 Climate Change and Sustainability Team structure which is to be led by the new Assistant Director for Climate Change and Sustainability. The resources for which have been approved by the October 2021 Cabinet meeting. The detailed structure of the team is shown in appendix 2;
- (iii) Council resolves to formally endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty;

That the Leader of Birmingham City Council, on behalf of Birmingham send a letter to the Prime Minister urging the UK government to support the global initiative for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty;

Further that Birmingham City Council affirms its ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and the GHG reduction targets as called for by the IPCC, and aspires to meet its proportionate greenhouse gas reductions under the Paris Climate Agreement.

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The Council proceeded to consider the Motions of which notice had been given in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 G of the Constitution).

A. Councillors Jon Hunt and Paul Tilsley have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 10)

Councillor Jon Hunt moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Paul Tilsley.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Marje Bridle and Mariam Khan gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 11)

Councillor Marje Bridle in moving the amendment indicated that she wished to make a small change in that the words 'The Council is using Clean Air Zone revenue funding' read 'The Council is intending to use Clean Air Zone revenue funding'. The amended amendment was seconded by Councillor Mariam Khan.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Timothy Huxtable and Bruce Lines gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 12)

Councillor Timothy Huxtable in moving the amendment indicated that he wished to remove paragraph 2 and insert the words 'of co-operation' after the word 'duties' in the last paragraph. The amended amendment was seconded by Councillor Bruce Lines.

THE QUESTION NOW BE PUT

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward proposed that the Question be put which was seconded.

The motion having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and on a show of hands was declared to be carried.

Therefore it was:-

19591 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Question be put.

There been no further debate the Councillor Jon Hunt replied to the debate.

The first amendment (as amended) to the Motion in the names of Councillors Marje Bridle and Mariam Khan having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

The second amendment (as amended) to the Motion in the names of Councillors Timothy Huxtable and Bruce Lines having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

It was therefore-

19592 **RESOLVED:-**

Council recognises there are multiple overlapping reasons for improving traffic management and road safety around schools.

These include:

Air quality

Child fitness and obesity

Pedestrian safety

Climate change action

Nuisance and antisocial behaviour caused by inconsiderate and illegal parking.

Council further notes there is uncontrolled traffic around too many schools, contributing to recent disturbing and tragic incidents.

Council welcomes some of the innovative ideas that have been tested in many parts of the country, including our city, to tackle this problem. These include exclusion zones, no idling zones, ten-minute walking zones and walking buses.

This Council also notes that:

- The Birmingham Transport Plan (adopted October 2021) includes a key principle of ‘prioritising active travel in local neighbourhoods’, so that walking, cycling and active travel will become the first choice for most people making short journeys in their local neighbourhoods and cars will no longer dominate street life around homes and schools.
- Travel habits adopted in childhood can shape the behaviour of future commuters and travellers.
- At school drop off and pick up time, many of the vehicles close to schools are those of parents and carers on the ‘school run’.
- School admissions policies can affect the distance children travel to school and how families choose to travel.
- Partnership work between the Council, schools and parents/carers is essential to deliver reductions in traffic at the school gate.
- Many parents and carers integrate the ‘school run’ into a longer trip, such as to a workplace.
- Delivery of wider transport improvements, as set out in the Birmingham Transport Plan is essential to deliver reductions in traffic at the school gate.
- The Council is intending to use Clean Air Zone revenue funding to tackle these issues, sharing the benefits of the Clean Air Zone with communities across the city.

This Council resolves to:

1/ identify **Clean Air Zone** resources that can be used to support effective measures, noting the pressure on the core budgets of both Council and of schools.

- Continue and improve partnership work with schools and parents to minimise the number of trips to school made by private car.
- Deliver wider transport improvements, as set out in the Birmingham Transport Plan.
- Continue to expand the School Streets programme.
- Better link work on school admissions with work on travel to school.
- Call on the government to ensure that the expanded range of powers available to local authorities to enforce moving traffic offences include options for creating and enforcing Car Free School Streets schemes.
- Call on the government to provide funding to schools and local authorities to support sustainable and active travel to school.
- Increase effectiveness of partnership work with West Midlands Police to ensure effective enforcement of existing rules around parking and around stationary vehicles with idling engines.

2/ to increase effectiveness of partnership work with West Midlands Police to ensure effective enforcement of existing rules around parking and around stationary vehicles with idling engines.

The relevant Cabinet Member will report updates to the Transport and Education Scrutiny and Overview Committees twice per year on progress on these issues.

Council further resolves to lobby government and local MPs for changes to legislation on schools to place duties on schools to respond to the health and safety risks posed to pupils and pedestrians outside school gates. This should include placing a duty on schools to cooperate with councils in responding to problems.

B. Councillors Ian Ward and Brigid Jones have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 13)

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward moved the Motion which was seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Brigid Jones.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Zaker Choudhry and Deborah Harries gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

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(See document No. 14)

Councillor Zaker Choudhry moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Deborah Harries.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Robert Alden and Ewan Mackey gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 15)

Councillor Robert Alden moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Ewan Mackey.

A debate ensued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

The first amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Zaker Choudhry and Deborah Harries having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting was as follows:-

For the amendment (26)

Deirdre Alden	Deborah Harries	Simon Morrall
Robert Alden	Adam Higgs	David Pears
Baber Baz	Charlotte Hodivala	Julien Pritchard
Matt Bennett	Jon Hunt	Darius Sandhu
Zaker Choudhry	Timothy Huxtable	Paul Tilsley
Maureen Cornish	Morriam Jan	Mike Ward
Peter Fowler	Bruce Lines	Ken Wood
Eddie Freeman	Ewan Mackey	Alex Yip
Roger Harmer	Gareth Moore	

Against the amendment (37)

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Akhlaq Ahmed	Kath Hartley	Majid Mahmood
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Shabrana Hussain	Karen McCarthy
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Tristan Chatfield	Mariam Khan	Mike Sharpe
Liz Clements	Zaheer Khan	Sybil Spence
John Cotton	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Martin Straker Welds
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal	Saima Suleman
Diane Donaldson	Mike Leddy	Lisa Trickett
Fred Grindrod	Mary Locke	Ian Ward
Paulette Hamilton		

Abstentions (0)

The second amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Robert Alden and Ewan Mackey having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting was as follows:-

For the amendment (26)

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Paulette Hamilton		

Abstentions (0)

The Motion having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting was as follows:-

For the amendment (37)

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Diane Donaldson	Mike Leddy	Lisa Trickett
Fred Grindrod	Mary Locke	Ian Ward
Paulette Hamilton		

Against the amendment (0)

Abstentions (20)

Deirdre Alden	Adam Higgs	David Pears
Robert Alden	Charlotte Hodivala	Julien Pritchard
Matt Bennett	Timothy Huxtable	Darius Sandhu
Maureen Cornish	Bruce Lines	Paul Tilsley
Peter Fowler	Ewan Mackey	Ken Wood
Eddie Freeman	Gareth Moore	Alex Yip
Deborah Harries	Simon Morrall	

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

This council notes that:

- 2022 is a year of unprecedented opportunity for the people and communities of Birmingham.
- In attracting record levels of investment and successfully bidding for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham is already making a significant contribution to the levelling-up agenda - delivering jobs, homes and opportunities to improve the lives and life chances of people and communities across the city.
- Prior to Covid, this city was seeing growth at almost twice the rate of London, and four times the national average. And, while the pandemic has had a profound impact, both economically and socially, the factors that made Birmingham such an attractive place to live, work and invest 18 months ago remain in place and will now help power our recovery.
- Even at a time of such upheaval, the council and its partners have continued to make progress on a significant number of major projects, which will stimulate growth across the city.
- Projects like the Smithfield Development, Paradise, the regeneration of our Digbeth creative sector and the imminent arrival of the HS2 high-speed rail link mean homes, jobs, and opportunities for the people of Birmingham.
- Like the Commonwealth Games, these projects will shape the lives and life chances of people growing up in Birmingham today.

However, this council further notes that after over a decade of austerity:

- Over 40% of Birmingham's children live in relative poverty
- Birmingham fares less well across many indicators such as education, skills, and the living environment
- 90% of wards are more deprived than national average
- The rate of unemployment is double the national average

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- And there is a decade's gap in life expectancy between the poorest areas, such as East Birmingham and the most affluent areas

The Government must work with and support the council, combined authority and other stakeholders to address these and other challenges, if it is truly committed to levelling up for the people of Birmingham.

Prosperity and Opportunity for All: Birmingham's Levelling Up Strategy is an ambitious blueprint to work with partners at city, regional and national levels to ensure that, given the right funding and powers, our city can play a key role in levelling up the UK economy.

The approach looks to address poor health, poor educational attainment, low skills and incomes, congestion, and air pollution, while bringing forward new homes, employment sites and community assets.

This council resolves to:

- Continue to make a compelling case for Birmingham to be at the heart of national efforts to level up the UK economy.
- Ensure that a successful Commonwealth Games will act as a springboard for future inclusive growth and success.
- Continue attracting the vital investment that will create jobs and opportunities for people in neighbourhoods right across the city.
- And work with a wide range of partners - at community, regional and national level - to ensure that Birmingham citizens benefit from levelling up.

The meeting ended at 1920 hours.

APPENDIX

Questions and replies in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure B4.4 F of the Constitution:-

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

A1 Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan

Question:

In the recently published Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan the section on the Green Growth Heritage centres almost entirely on Perry Barr. Whilst no doubt Perry Barr will very much welcome green growth, I have to ask on behalf of the rest of the city why the legacy in this important area only focuses on one part of the city?

Answer:

The Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan provides a framework for delivery and accountability for the city-wide legacy programme. BCC has identified initiatives which are either directly associated with the Games Programme or exist within council directorates that could be accelerated by the Games. Any programmes that cannot be directly attributed to the Games have not been included (and sit within wider council plans/ strategies).

Perry Barr is a central location for the Commonwealth Games activities. The scale of investment and change being delivered in Perry Barr provides an opportunity to innovate, experiment and apply lessons learned elsewhere in other areas across the city, for example, through implementation of strategies for sustainable spaces and buildings, including sustainable water management and urban drainage, green walls and roofs and opportunities for low carbon heat and power.

The short terms action plans within the Legacy Plan are primarily linked to the Games venues and sites whilst the medium- and longer-term actions demonstrate more city-wide activity.

Green growth in Birmingham is being driven forward by a range of Council strategies including R20, the Birmingham Development Plan and the Climate Change Emergency Responses including the Future Parks Accelerator & City of Nature Delivery Plan and the Future City Plan.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

A2 Total Estimated Costs

Question:

Please provide the latest estimated total cost of the A34 Perry Barr Highway scheme and what the original forecasted cost was.

Answer:

The A34 Perry Barr Highway scheme has a budget of £30.05 million, including a contingency of £2.95 million (per the Final Business Case approved by Cabinet on 15 October 2019 and most recently reported to Cabinet on 27 July 2021 as a part of the updated Final Business Case for the Perry Barr Regeneration Scheme).

The budget is unchanged for this element of the wider scheme. There is no forecast variation on this overall sum (although there may of course be movement between years).

£20.7 million of the budget for this scheme has been funded from Government Infrastructure Grant.

The scheme is expected to complete in advance of the Games.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

A3 Converting Woodcock Street

Question:

How much was spent on converting and running Woodcock Street for use by the Leader and a selection of Executive Members and Council Officers during the Covid pandemic?

Answer:

Since its closure in late March 2020, 10 Woodcock Street has hosted various levels of operational activity since its reactivation on 21st June 2020, offering variable levels of accommodation in line with the latest guidance and providing a maximum of 1,100 socially distanced workstations and meeting space for City Council staff as the organisation's main office provision for its workforce alongside Margaret Street. A number of adaptations have been implemented to ensure the building is Covid Secure including specialist advice from a leading property consultancy, alterations to the heating and ventilation system, provision of sanitisers, deployment of a one-way system, removal of a number of desks from use and the introduction of a booking system.

No specific adaptations were made for Elected Members and the Leadership team.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

A4 Total Estimated Costs

Question:

Please provide a copy of the latest risk assessment/register for the A34 Perry Barr Highway scheme and any risk entries on the Commonwealth Games Risk Register that relate to the scheme.

Answer:

The risk register for the A34 Perry Barr Highway scheme is a commercially sensitive document whilst the scheme is in progress, so cannot currently be released into the public domain.

Councillor Moore can be assured that the scheme is managed in accordance with risk management methods that are appropriate for a scheme of this size, and that the risks are regularly reviewed, managed, mitigated and updated to deliver the best outcome for BCC.

There are no risks on the overarching Commonwealth Games (CWG) Programme risk register that specifically refer to the A34 Perry Barr Highway Scheme. However, the A34 does feature on the CWG City Readiness risk register which is one of the workstream registers that feed into it. That risk is concerned with the delivery of third party transport schemes, which could cause reputational damage through association with the Games. This risk refers to a number of projects including the realignment of the A34.

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

A5 Relocation of Bus Depot

Question:

What is the current total cost expected to be for the relocation of the National Express Bus Depot?

Answer:

The costs to the Council of the relocation of the National Express Bus Depot form a part of the Perry Barr Regeneration Scheme, for which Cabinet approved an Update to the Full Business Case covering the entire scheme on 27 July 2021. The Full Business Case included total estimated costs relating to the relocation of the bus depot of £27.8million. At this stage it is not anticipated that the actual costs incurred will vary materially from this value.

The relocation of the bus garage unlocks the opportunity for transformation of this part of Perry Barr to optimise the investment and regeneration outcomes. This will also create a modern, fit for purpose bus garage on a site which has sat vacant for many years.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

B1 Member Complaints System

Question:

I sent an enquiry relating to Road Sweeping to the Council's Complaints Service which was received on 17 September 2021. It has taken a total of three months, until 14 December 2021, for a response to be received from the Central Complaints Team and action taken. This is not acceptable. Could the Deputy Leader of the Council provide full details of how the Member's Complaints Service is to be improved, ensuring Members and residents do not have to endure such excessive delays in future?

Answer:

The new Complaints and Member Enquiries system was initiated in April 2021 following the Overview and Scrutiny Report which identified 3 key improvement areas to improve the experience of those using Council services. These were; understanding current performance for the call-centre and Cllr enquiries and identify areas for improvement, explore service delivery to look at root causes to identify areas for improvement, and investigate how member's enquiries are responded to with a view to the creation of a new Members protocol.

Since the launch of the new Complaints and Enquiries service there has been significant challenges in relation to the volume of work received which has impacted the team's ability to deliver the service to the quality and time expected. For example, we had 3005 more complaints in q2 2021 than in q2 2020. Over the last few months we have initiated additional actions across the service to improve this situation.

These actions have included further training of all team members and recruitment to the remaining vacancies. Specifically, within City Operations there has been a renewed focus on using available data to respond to enquiries and working much more closely with Waste Management within the local depots. There is a live action plan working across Business Support and City Operations to improve response times. These interventions have had a positive impact on the service which is now seeing a month on month improvement in turnaround times for complaints and member enquiries.

The visibility and transparency of complaints, enquiries and turnaround times is now regularly discussed at directorate team meetings with root cause analysis identified and service improvement actions initiated to improve performance. This is improving the service delivery residents are experiencing.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

B2 Freedom of Information Requests

Question:

In the calendar year 2021, how many statutory deadlines did the Council miss in responding to FOI requests?

Answer:

The Council has responded to 1651 FOI requests within statutory deadlines out of 2053 FOI requests received between 1st January and 30th November 2021. Requests received in December are still being worked on.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

B3 Funding

Question:

Please provide the amount the Council has received in Covid-19 discretionary funding from HM Government and the amount of these funds the Council has not yet spent.

Answer:

In 2020, national government distributed funding to local authorities to support businesses through locally designed business support schemes, otherwise known as Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) schemes. This funding was intended for local authorities to use to support businesses which did not qualify for the various mandatory Local Restrictions Grant Schemes, but had been significantly impacted by lockdown 2, various tier restrictions and lockdown 3.

Birmingham City Council's allocation of initial ARG funding was £32,979,132. All funding was distributed by 30th June 2021 through a variety of schemes including ARG1 and ARG2 business support schemes, a one-off hospitality and leisure sector grant and a taxi sector support scheme.

In August 2021 we received £7m of ARG top-up funding. In order to qualify for top-up ARG funds, local authorities were required to have distributed all initial ARG funding out to businesses by the 30th June deadline.

To distribute the additional 'top-up' funding, we designed two complementary ARG schemes: an ARG Discretionary Restart Fund (targeted at businesses who were not eligible for the national Restart Grant scheme under Strands 1 or 2), and an ARG Business Recovery Scheme. Both of these schemes opened in mid-September 2021. Due to an overwhelming number of applications, both schemes were oversubscribed and are now closed, with 100% of funding either already distributed or allocated to businesses. To date, we have distributed £3m with the remaining balance allocated and due to be paid out by the end of March 2022 (the Government deadline for the pay-out of top-up ARG funding).

In response to the impact of the Omicron variant, on 21st December 2021 national government announced that a further £100m of funding would be distributed to local authorities to support businesses through locally designed discretionary schemes. The Birmingham City Council allocation of this funding has been confirmed as £1.5 million. These funds have not yet been received.

A new discretionary support scheme is currently in development, including eligibility criteria and an application process, to ensure that we can distribute this additional funding to businesses as quickly as possible once it is received from national government.

We are encouraging all businesses to check our business support pages on the website to get the most up-to-date information on new support schemes, eligibility criteria and application processes. Businesses can access this information here:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50232/support_for_businesses_during_the_coronavirus_covid-19

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

B4 Covid Grants

Question:

Please provide the average turnaround time from a business applying for Covid Grants and receiving the funds from the Council.

Answer:

The average time to process a grant (from application to payment) for the Additional Restrictions Grants was 23 days.

For the 17 mandatory schemes administered by the Council it is not possible to provide an accurate average due to the difference in the way the schemes were administered. Scheme rules dictated that schemes required either no application at all, an individual application or an application from a previous scheme if one had been submitted. For the latter, after the initial application, the Council was authorised to pay grants from various schemes based on the information already held over earlier applications. This enabled the grants to be processed more quickly and without the need for additional applications but prevents an accurate average processing time from being calculated. The table attached outlines the dates the schemes were open, the date when we were provided with funds and the application requirement for the 17 mandatory schemes.



Grants average.xlsx

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

B5 Exempt Accommodation

Question:

How much (as cash amount and % of total spend) of the Covid Business support money has been awarded to exempt accommodation and HMO providers.

Answer:

£0.00 as they are domestic properties

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD

C1 School Days Lost to Covid

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm the number of children who were absent from school due to Covid in the run up to the Christmas break?

Answer:

Data on Covid absences are reported by schools to the DfE through its daily attendance return.

The percentage of pupils absent from school due to Covid for each day of the last week of the autumn term is below, as well as the same information for England.

	Mon 13/12	Tue 14/12	Wed 15/12	Thu 16/12	Fri 17/12
Birmingham	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	2%	2%
England	2.8%	3%	3.1%	3.3%	3.4%

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

C2 City Schools

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give details of any plans for City Schools to move back to on line lessons if Covid causes further issues in the new year, as well as advising if any schools were having to educate in this way before the Christmas break?

Answer:

Current government guidance for schools and settings states that the overarching objective is to maximise the number of children and young people in face-to face education and minimise any disruption, in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk. There are currently no plans for schools to move entirely to remote education.

Officers from Education and Skills continue to support schools to deal with COVID issues, including outbreaks. [An outbreak management plan template](#) has been provided to schools to support their planning. This makes reference to all aspects of current DfE guidance, in particular [the government's contingency framework](#) for education and childcare settings.

This framework states that schools should make sure their plans cover high-quality remote education to be provided to all pupils if the school has been advised by Public Health to limit attendance due to an outbreak.

In accordance with government guidance, a small number of Birmingham schools were offering remote learning to some pupils before the Christmas break where they had been advised by Public Health to temporarily restrict attendance in particular classes/year groups. This was to manage outbreaks of COVID where previous measures introduced had not been effective.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

D1 Recovery Loan Scheme

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give details of how the extension to the Loan Recovery Scheme is being promoted as well as confirming how many businesses have already come forward in response to the extended Scheme?

Answer:

We have no data on promotion and take up of the scheme in Birmingham. This is a national scheme administered by the British Business Bank.

The Government Recovery Loan Scheme (RLS) was initially made available from April 2021 to December 2021. It aims to support UK businesses to recover from the Covid-19 pandemic. However, following the Autumn statement, the scheme was extended by the Chancellor for a further 6 months to June 2022. The scheme offers funding of £1k and now up to a maximum of £2m.

RLS is administered including promotion by the British Business Bank and delivered through an accredited network of 76 lenders.

However, the take up of the scheme has been lower than expected due mainly to more stringent checks and higher interest rate charges compared to other pandemic support schemes.

Based on the latest data available from the British Business Bank as at the end of October 2021:

- A total of £1.06 billion has been offered by 76 accredited lenders to businesses across the UK to help them move towards a sustainable recovery.
- £822.8 million has been drawn down through 5,137 facilities.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN

D2 Staff Numbers

Question:

“Please provide a breakdown by directorate for each year from 2018 to the present of the number and percentage of staff that are:

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- **Full or part-time permanent employees of the council**
- **Full or part-time employees of the council on temporary contracts**
- **Full or part-time and employed through an agency**
- **Full or part-time and contracted through any interim or consultancy arrangement not covered by the above”**

Answer:

For BCC staff please find attached:



D2 - Finance 1 - BCC
Data 2018 to Present

Agency Staff:

Directorate	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adults Social Care	298	441	286	314
Digital & Customer Services****	71	140	185	
Education and Skills	20	46	26	229
Finance and Governance****	76	193	219	
Inclusive Growth*	19	15	11	
Neighbourhoods**	112	210	240	
Partnerships, Insight and Prevention***	1	8	105	
HR and Organisation Development****	2	11	12	
Commonwealth Games 2022			2	5
Council Management****				491
City Housing**				120
City Operations**				257
Places, Prosperity & Sustainability*				34
Strategy, Equalities & Partnerships***				29

* Inclusive Growth changed name to Places, Prosperity & Sustainability in 2021.

** Neighbourhoods split into City Housing & City Operations in 2021.

***Partnerships, Insight & Prevention changed name to Strategy, Equalities * Partnerships in 2021.

**** Finance & Governance, Digital & Customer Services & HR & Organisation Development merged to become Council Management in 2021.

Please note we are unable to provide a full time/part time split for agency staff as the report downloaded from Hays portal only shows the average hours per week and doesn't take leave into account therefore cannot be accurately reported on.

Please note the above statistics do not include agency staff obtained via Extra Personnel, this information has been requested from Corporate Procurement who advise it will be available shortly and will be circulated at this point.

Interim & Consultancy staff historically are not held on the SAP HR system, so I am unable to accurately report on this information.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

D3 Responses to Budget Consultation

Question:

How many responses were received in the Council's recent budget consultation and please provide the results of this consultation?

Answer:

2103 people visited the site, 1190 took part in the budget challenge, 127 submitted completed budgets and the results are currently being analysed.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

D4 Cost of Budget Consultation Tool

Question:

What was the cost of the new Budget consultation tool?

Answer:

£6,760 excluding VAT.

To the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

E No questions submitted

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

F1 Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms in Social Housing

Question:

Housing providers will be required by law to install smoke alarms in all social housing, and carbon monoxide alarms in social and private rented properties with fixed appliances such as gas boilers or fires. With the condition of some council properties, could the Cabinet Member give details of how they intend to roll this scheme out?

Answer:

Currently all council owned properties are being checked for installation and condition of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms either through the Gas servicing contract on properties that have gas installed or through a stand-alone testing programme to properties that are 'all-electric'.

Following receipt and assessment of the data from our contractors a programme of installation will be produced to ensure the council fulfils its obligation to comply with the new regulations.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES**

F2 Charges to HRA Account

Question:

How much does the Street Cleaning and Housing Departments, charge the HRA account for the cleaning of housing land? Please provide a list of costs for each year since 2016, broken down Department.

Answer:

Street Cleaning is not assigned to BCC Housing Land. The cleaning of Housing Land is undertaken by the City Housing Directorate's Neighbourhood Estates Services teams as part of their overall responsibilities which also include daily cleaning / inspections of high rise blocks, removal of internal and external rubbish and fly-tipping, general estates maintenance etc. These teams and services are funded from the HRA and in part service charges.

Given the mix of duties undertaken it is not possible to provide a specific cost for land cleaning.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

F3 Celebrating Communities Funding

Question:

With the deadline for the latest round of funding to ‘Celebrate Communities’ having come and gone on 30 November and being aware that not all monies have been fully allocated in local communities, could the Cabinet Member give an indication of the extent of underbidding for grants, indicating the minimum underspend?

Answer:

The submission of applications for Round 2 of Celebrating Communities closed on 30th November 2021. No monies have yet been allocated for Round 2 because the ward participative decision-making process is yet to take place for Round 2 proposals. The facilitated ward forums and voting are due to take place from the end of January – 31st March 2022, with projects due to commence from April 2022. The details of awards will be fully available once the process is completed.

It can be confirmed that a total of 360 proposals were received city-wide by the Round 2 deadline. These are currently being initially assessed against the fund criteria by officers. This is in line with the process agreed by Cabinet Committee on 15th December 2020.

Currently the Celebrating Communities Fund is ‘oversubscribed’ by circa £500,000. However, this is not a finalised figure because the internal due diligence process is currently taking

place to confirm the applications that will be considered at ward level via the agreed participatory voting process.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY**

F4 Celebrating Communities Funding

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide confirmation of the number of awards that have been made in Round Two of ‘Celebrating Communities’, by ward, to include:

- (a) Details of the awardee**
- (b) The full amount awarded**
- (c) Details of what the funding will be used for**
- (d) Amount of monies outstanding in each ward pot?**

Answer:

The closing date for submission of applications for Round 2 of Celebrating Communities closed on 30th November 2021. The ward participative decision-making process is yet to take place for Round 2 proposals. The facilitated ward forums and voting are due to take place from the end of January – 31st March 2022, with projects due to commence from April 2022. The details of awards will be fully available once the process is completed.

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To the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities

G No questions submitted

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY

H1 Fly Tipping

Question:

According to Government figures, fly-tipping in England increased during the pandemic with 1.13 million incidents dealt with by local authorities in the last 12 months, an increase of 16%. Could the Cabinet Member give details of trends in enforcement against fly tippers in the City over the last three years, providing details of how many successful prosecutions were undertaken?

Answer:

The Government figures, published in December 2021, reported ‘incidents’ of fly-tipping and ‘enforcement actions’ taken by council’s across England for the period up to March 31st 2021. The reported national increases in incidents of 16% for the period 2019/20 to 2020/21 compares to the 4.5% increase experienced in Birmingham, for the same period. The three-year trend data for Birmingham, across all enforcement actions, reproduced from the Government data set, is shown in the table, below. The trend data for all councils in respect of certain categories of enforcement actions has been heavily impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes fixed penalty notice activity in respect of business waste disposal breaches following interruptions to non-essential business trading from the first national lockdown, introduced in March 2020. Additionally, during this reporting period many non-urgent court proceedings were adjourned and the Court Service experienced significant pressures in their capacity to accommodate trials.

Year	Total Action	Investigation Actions	Warning Letter Action	Statutory Notice Actions	Fixed Penalty Notices issued specifically for fly-tipping	All Other Fixed Penalty Notices issued	Total Fixed Penalty Notice Actions	Duty of Care Inspection Actions	Vehicles seized	Prosecution Actions	Prosecution Action Costs (£)	Absolute / Cond Discharge Outcome	Community Service Outcome	Fine Outcomes (issued by courts)	Custodial Sentence Outcome	Other (successful) Outcome	Cases Lost Outcome	Total fines (£)
2018-19	11493	7443	37	761	73	570	646	2432	10	154	150,538	5	3	144	2	0	0	175643
2019-20	7523	3645	571	378	69	268	337	2512	5	73	74,644	3	0	67	1	1	1	121715
2020-21	8785	4539	844	907	64	48	112	2328	10	35	30691	3	1	30	1	0	0	38822

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

H2 City Waste Collections

Question:

At the last council meeting you told Cllr Baz: “We are maintaining a collection rate of over 99% across the city.” Following discussion at cabinet, do you accept this was an incorrect interpretation of the statistics collected by the Council?

Answer:

We use the same criteria used by other authorities to measure collection rates – comparing reported missed collections against scheduled collections. This is a nationally recognised metric and allows us to benchmark ourselves against other authorities.

The information that we have demonstrates that the hardworking crews continue to collect in excess of 99% of bins on schedule.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

H3 Mobile Household Recycling Centre Collection Rates

Question:

At the last council meeting you stated, in response to a written question, it was impossible to identify the tonnage collected by ward by the mobile household recycling centres. Were you then wrong, when in November you stated that Alum Rock held the record for the greatest quantity collected?

Answer:

Whilst we do record the tonnage collected for this initiative it is sometimes not possible to get the exact figures for each ward because vehicles might collect additional waste after the event or the recycling vehicle has capacity so isn't emptied each day. In the case of the Alum Rock event several vehicles were required to dispose of the waste generated and this allowed an accurate assessment of the tonnage.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

H4 Mobile Household Recycling Centre

Question:

Could you provide, as you did in September, two charts setting out the record of delivery of the mobile household recycling centre, one chart setting out, by day, which wards have been visited, by depot, and the second chart setting out, by day, the tonnage collected by depot?

Answer:

The attached table gives the daily location breakdown per depot.



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Due to the size and complexity of the information, tonnage information is now only available in a monthly format. This is provided below.

	Sep 21 Total	Oct 21 Total	Nov 21 Total	Dec 21 Total
MHRC (Recycling)	7.39	6.44	11.78	5.18
MHRC (Residual)	100.60	134.17	143.09	89.6

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

H5 Festive Refuse/Recycling Collections

Question:

Following communication put out by yourself regarding Refuse/Recycling Collections over the festive period, it was stated that No Recycling collection would take place on the 28th December. Many residents kept their bins in, only for crews to turn up and Recycling collected from those that had put bins out! Who is to blame for this latest mishap?

Answer:

We did make plans to only collect residual waste on two of the Bank Holidays worked. Crews were told this was the case and only the residual maps were released to teams. I can only assume the crew on seeing bins left out made the decision to clear the whole street. If you provide me with the details of the road in question, I will be able to go back to the relevant manager for a more detailed response.

We took the decision to only collect the residual waste to ensure that we delivered on our commitment. It would seem in this case we overachieved our promise.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

H6 Slab in the Cab

Question:

In the recent Complaints Newsletter sent to all Councillors, it states the pilot for the ‘Slab in the Cab’ has commenced with garden and residual rounds piloted to date with this being incrementally rolled out on the basis of kit availability. Although it’s astonishing this pilot has only just started especially as it was first discussed seven years ago, could the Cabinet Member give details of which wards this has currently been trialled to?

Answer:

The pilot stated in the newsletter is referring to the new slab technology that has been recently procured not that that was installed in 2016. This new technology has so far been trialled on a limited selection of rounds operating from our Lifford Lane and Redfern Road depots in the South and East of the city. As these rounds are not designated to set Ward boundaries it is not possible to advise which specific wards it has been trialled within.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

H7 Reuse, Recycle or Incinerate?

Question:

Friends of the Earth have received data from Merseyside, via a Freedom of Information request, which reports 68% of residual waste from their household collections comprise of items that are either reusable or currently recyclable. Of the waste taken to HRCs, 77% was classed as potentially reusable or recyclable. Could the Cabinet Member provide similar analysis of the composition of waste that is disposed of at the Tyseley incinerator?

Answer:

We analyse and record the material composition of waste that is presented as residual waste for our collection teams at the kerbside. This information is used to support and guide our recycling messaging on how materials can be moved up the waste hierarchy. The Council recently carried out an analysis of material presented as residual waste at our HRC sites just focusing on what wasn't being presented for recycling or reuse at the sites. This again will inform future messaging and campaigns aimed at educating users of the site on the best way to present the material for the best outcomes. As you will be aware how the material is presented and levels of contamination are material factors, alongside the make-up of the material itself, in securing the best outcome possible for the material to be reused or recycled. Our aim for the Energy Recovery Facility, is to process the materials that cannot be reused or recycled.

Based on the analysis conducted last year of the waste materials delivered to the Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility, the percentage of items that might potentially be suitable for reuse or recycling was:

- In the analysis conducted in January 2021:
 - 38.74% of the waste materials/items could have been collected as kerbside recycling and/or kerbside garden waste.
 - 13.75% of the waste materials/items were not suitable for kerbside recycling and/or kerbside garden waste collection but could have been placed in segregated recycling containers at the five HRCs.
 - A total of 52.49% of the waste materials/items were potentially suitable for reuse, recycling or composting.
- In the analysis conducted in September 2021:

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- 33.02% of the waste materials/items could have been collected as kerbside recycling and/or kerbside garden waste.
- 20.72% of the waste materials/items were not suitable for kerbside recycling and/or kerbside garden waste collection but could have been placed in segregated recycling containers at the five HRCs.
- A total of 53.74% of the waste materials/items were potentially suitable for reuse, recycling or composting.

Based on the analysis conducted in the summer of 2021 of the waste materials that were placed in residual waste containers (not segregated for recycling) at the five Household Recycling Centres (HRCs), the percentage of items that might potentially be suitable for reuse or recycling was:

- 17.44% of the waste materials/items could have been collected as kerbside recycling and/or kerbside garden waste or could have been placed in segregated recycling containers at the five HRCs.
- 45.99% of the waste materials/items were not suitable for kerbside recycling and/or kerbside garden waste collection but could have been placed in segregated recycling containers at the five HRCs.
- A total of 63.43% of the residual waste materials/items were potentially suitable for reuse, recycling or composting.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES

H8 Refunds on Garden Waste Collections

Question:

How many refunds have been made to subscribers of garden waste collection for missed collections? This year and in the last five previous years.

Answer:

It is not possible to identify refunds specifically for the garden waste service as they are not separately categorised from other refunds.

The table below details the number of customers each year that may have technically been eligible for a garden refund i.e. they have reported 3 or more consecutive missed collections. The service does not automatically provide refunds; the customer is required to submit a claim, which is then validated against the data held by the service. If a missed collection has been rectified by picking it up, then that report doesn't count as 1 of the 3 required for the purpose of refunds – hence the numbers below are way in excess of the refunds actually provided.

What this table does illustrate however is that over the last three years the service has improved considerably and 2021 saw a record number of subscribers.

Year	No of customers who have reported 3 or more consecutive missed garden collections
2016	132
2017 (included period of industrial action)	1,399
2018	305
2019	377
2020	102
2021	63

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER

H9 Costing Of Original 'Slab in Cab' Technology

Question:

When it was first introduced (Approximately 2017), what was the cost of 'Slab in the Cab' technology?

Answer:

The Cabinet report "Mobile Technology System for Fleet and Waste Management" dated 19th January 2015 stated that the estimated cost of the Waste Management ICT investment would be £3.463m over 5 years, £2.5M of which was grant funded by DCLG. This included procurement of hardware, integration with existing systems, on-going annual operational costs and project management by Service Birmingham (SB). The recorded spend on the 'Slab in the Cab' technology at the end of 2016 was £1.26m which covered hardware, software and services to deliver the slab solution and this was projected to spend £1.293m by the end of that financial year and was based on a reduced specification from the original report. Record of spend specific to the Mobile Technology System after 2016 was not held separately as projects costs were subsumed into the business as usual costs of the service.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL

H10 Replacing 'Slab in Cab' Technology

Question:

We understand that the 'Slab in Cab' technology is being replaced with a new system. Can you please detail what the new technology is, how much it has cost and the reasons why the old technology is being replaced?

Answer:

The original in-cab hardware for the slab in the Cab technology is life expired and no longer supported, and at 4-5 years old this is normal for this type of hardware. The new in-cab hardware is the latest Samsung / Android technology with 4G connectivity, and fully supported. This has a number of advantages including the ability to use familiar applications such as Google Maps with live traffic overlaid on collection routes, a much larger and clearer screen aiding the driver from a visibility and ergonomics perspective, and a much more robust data connection ensuring reliability and accuracy of data recording. The new devices also make it much easier to add future enhancements, such as BCC intranet access for crews, and group messaging facilities. The in-cab mounting hardware and installation is also significantly improved, making it better for the driver for ergonomics, and a much more robust and secure electrical connection. There are no changes to the back office ICT system as the new hardware is fully compatible with the existing back office systems. The supply and install of new equipment with associated support and refresher training is in the region of £150k, with around £30k annual recurring costs for data/BCC ITD costs which largely replace the recurring costs of the original hardware.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

H11 Missed Collections

Question:

From 25th December 2021 until 5th January 2022, how many waste/recycling collections that were due to take place were missed?

Answer:

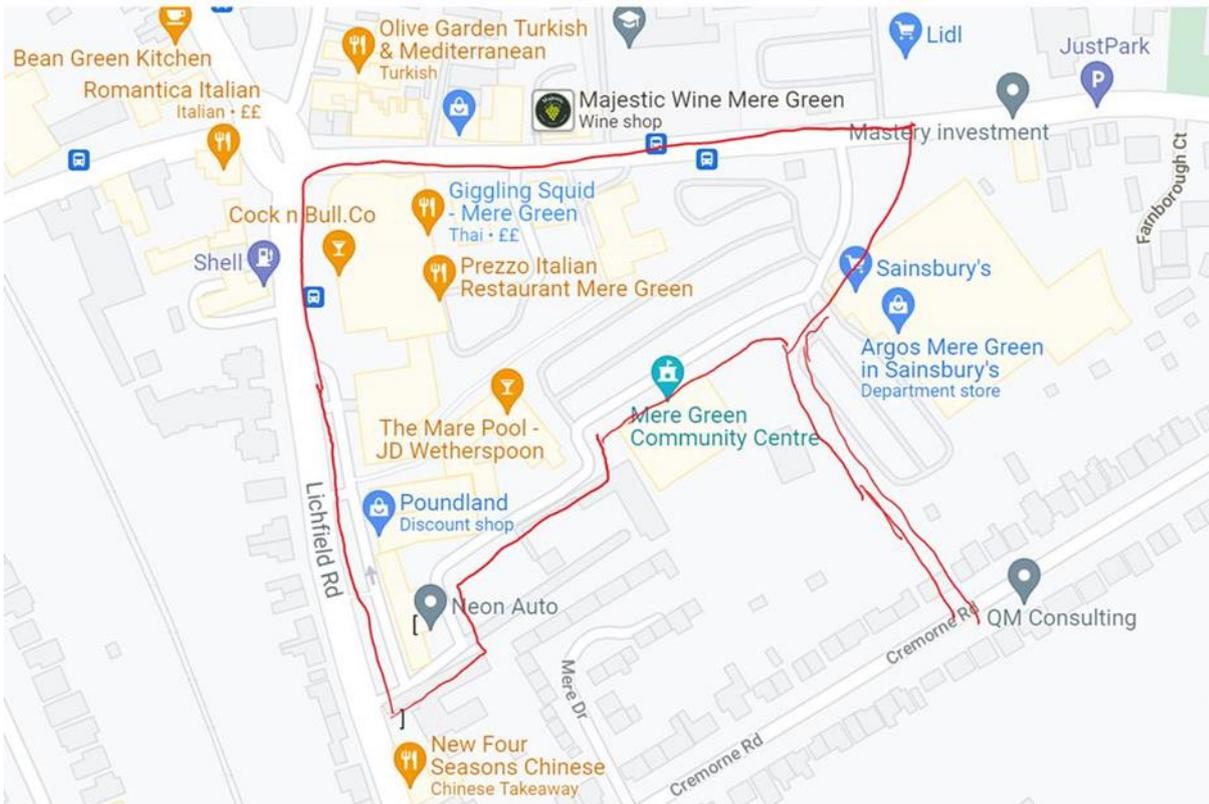
Between 25 December 2021 and 5 January 2022, we received 2,978 reports of missed residual and recycling collections.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS

H12 Bins

Question:

What bins does the Council maintain, if any, in the area shown in the map below?



Answer:

Waste Management is responsible for three bins within the boundary as drawn – one at the bus stop, one outside Poundland and one outside the Star Anise takeaway. Street Cleansing crews empty these on a daily basis Monday to Friday and on Sunday mornings. There are other bins within the site, but they are managed by the property company.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

I1 Green Legacy Plan

Question:

The Commonwealth Games Green Legacy Plan relies heavily on the Perry Barr Masterplan, which in turn relies heavily on the 3Bs Neighbourhood Plan. Will the Cabinet Member give assurances that the Council will restore the tree canopy cover which has been lost in parks and on roads as a result of preparations for the Games, indicating the locations where trees are to be planted?

Answer:

As part of the Commonwealth Games Legacy 2022 acres of woodland are being planted along with 72 tiny forests. Of this, approximately 24 acres of new woodland and 8 tiny forests will be planted in Birmingham between now and winter 2022/23.

The woodland sites are primarily along the Cole Valley and one large site in Quinton.

8 tiny forest locations are provisionally as below.

Site name	Type i.e school, Club, Park etc	Postcode	Status
Erdington Rugby Club	Community Group	B24 9NF	Awaiting planting of the forest
Four Dwellings Primary	School	B32 1PJ	Awaiting signed land agreement
Saltley Academy (Peter White)	School	B9 5RX	Awaiting signed land agreement
King's Norton Boys school	School	B30 1DY	Awaiting planting of the forest
Aston School	School	B6 6DJ	Awaiting signed land agreement and test pits
Handsworth Girls School	School	B21 9AR	Awaiting signed land agreement and test pits
Birmingham County football Association	Community Group	B43 6JF	Awaiting signed land agreement and test pits
Kings Heath Boys School	School	B13 0QP	Awaiting signed land agreement and test pits

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ

I2 Highways Improvement Fund

Question:

Could the cabinet member provide a list of projects submitted for the £1m highways improvement fund, announced at December cabinet, indicating how much of the fund has already been allocated and what is the scope for new bids?

Answer:

The Local Improvement Budget (LIB) which was approved by Cabinet in December will seek to deliver a variety of small highway improvements across the City.

Whilst a list of potential improvement measures provided through the Local Engineering service has been used as the initial source of information to develop the LIB programme, other sources such as complaints and petitions are also being assessed in order to ensure the full range of local concerns are being considered. Given that scope, it should be recognised that the total cost of all of those potential measures will exceed the available LIB funding.

As the programme develops, elected members who have LIB measures proposed within their wards will be consulted as part of the standard project delivery process.

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

I3 Highways Improvement Fund

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give full details of the projects, by ward, that have been proposed by District Highways Engineers which forms part of the Highways Improvement Finding to include:

- (a) Name of the road that has been proposed by Highways Engineers**
- (b) Works to be proposed/undertaken**
- (c) Confirmation of approval for the work to proceed**
- (d) Approximate cost of the proposed work?**

Answer:

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY

14 Clean Air Zone

Question:

At city cabinet you stated that you are lobbying government for changes to the Clean Air Zone charging arrangements. Could you set out what specific reforms you are seeking?

Answer:

At the last cabinet meeting (14 December 2021), to clarify, I did not say that I was 'lobbying government'. However, I did explain that the design and operation of the 'back office' systems that support the operation of the Clean Air Zone are provided by the Government. These systems are shared by all local authorities implementing a Clean Air Zone and include the daily fee payment platform, online vehicle checker and national contact centre.

I also explained that regular dialogue is held with the Government (via the Joint Air Quality Unit) and the other Clean Air Zone local authorities around the performance of these systems.

These conversations include reviews of the performance of these systems against agreed key performance indicators (KPIs) as well as feedback from users. This forms the basis of a continuous improvement programme with the Joint Air Quality Unit, ourselves and the other Clean Air Zone local authorities.

I am also leading the coordination of a letter to the Government from the Clean Air Zone local authorities calling on it to do more to raise awareness of Clean Air Zones, and their role in tackling the air quality challenge, amongst drivers across the whole of England.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS

I5 Charges and Fines

Question:

How many charges and fines have the council had to pay up in the period from 1st September to the 31st December 2021 for the Clean Air Zone?

Answer:

In responding to this question 'charges' is assumed to refer to the Clean Air Zone daily fees. 'Fines' has been interpreted as penalty charges.

The Clean Air Zone team is unable to identify individuals or individual organisations through the daily fee payment platform so is unable to respond to this part of the question.

The Clean Air Zone team is also unable to provide information on the number of 'fines' that have been issued to the Council. This is because Clean Air Zone Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) are issued to the registered keepers of vehicles. These addresses are obtained from the DVLA for the specific purpose of recovery of penalty charges in accordance with the statutory process. On that basis the team is unable to provide information on individual organisations and/or registered keepers.

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

I6 Tree Protection Orders

Question:

How many Tree Protection Orders are there in the City?

Answer:

We have 1,553 Tree Preservation Orders in the various wards of the City of Birmingham.

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

I7 Tree Protection Orders 2

Question:

Broken down by year, please provide the number of new Tree Protection Orders added in Birmingham since 2012.

Answer:

Year		No of TPOs
2012	-	38
2013	-	52
2014	-	32
2015	-	34
2016	-	22
2017	-	27
2018	-	14
2019	-	27
2020	-	11
2021	-	17

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

18 Tree Removal

Question:

Since 2012 how many trees have the Council removed. Please breakdown the number by each year.

Answer:

The table shows the numbers of trees in direct BCC management removed for each year from 2012 through to 31st December 2021.

Trees in the Highways column only cover those within the Highway Maintainable at Public Expense (HMPE). This figure will include trees removed for safety reasons but also those as part of highways improvement projects. For each tree removed at least one replacement has been made over that period.

The Figure for “parks” covers trees for which they have management responsibility for and includes parks, communal housing areas, cemeteries, schools (where still within BCC management) and some land within the wider BPS portfolio where this is not delegated to a tenant or lessee. It does not include trees/ scrub removed as part of the management of priority habitats such as the ongoing heathland restoration at Sutton Park National Nature Reserve (NNR).

Working in partnership with Birmingham Trees for Life over this same period (and including scheduled plantings for this winter), 100,000 trees have been planted across the city on BCC owned land within the parks, housing and education portfolios.

Highways	Parks
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Year	Trees Removed	Trees removed
2012	1265	3455
2013	1242	3095
2014	1563	4839
2015	1201	3677
2016	1226	2983
2017	1698	2468
2018	1634	2633
2019	1624	3074
2020	1031	1753
2021	1021	2068

Total BCC tree removals over the above period – 43,550

Trees planted over the same period on BCC land holdings >143,550

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

J1 Asylum Seeking Children in the City

Question:

The Government has given legal notice to accept transfers of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children into their care as a result of large numbers of recent arrivals. Could the Cabinet Member give details of the numbers of unaccompanied children the City has already accepted?

Answer:

Prior to the mandating of the National Transfer Scheme (NTS) and on the voluntary transfer scheme the Trust / City accommodated 4 young people this being 'cycles 1-8' of the scheme. The mandated transfer scheme through 'cycles 9-12' will require the Trust / City to accommodate another 5 young people which we will.

Having highlighted this and over the same period of cycles 1-8, this being March 2021 to Mid-December 2021, the Trust in fact accommodated 99 young people mainly through the adult dispersal accommodations that are sited within the City boundary.

In this context and as of 4th January 2022 the Trust is supporting in total:

- 112 unaccompanied children under 18
- 220 unaccompanied care leavers aged 18+

With this current cohort of 332 being support, this then sets the context of the 9 young people that have been and will be accommodated from the voluntary and mandated national transfer scheme.

Support to young people seeking asylum is strong, and has repeatedly been positively inspected by Ofsted, and many of the young people progress successfully into higher education, training and employment

Numbers of arrivals are rising, putting pressure on services, in particular our Care Leaver service, because the funding received from central government does not match the costs the Trust incurs.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ

J2 Vulnerable Child Safety

Question:

Following the horrific case of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes, could the Cabinet Member give reassurances officers working in children's services have the correct support and resources available to them safely serve the children of this City? Could they also

give an indication of the measures that have been put in place to ensure this dreadful situation is not repeated in future?

Answer:

Birmingham Children's Trust provides the city's safeguarding and child protection services. Evidence, from external inspection and from our own contract and performance monitoring supports that services are stronger than they were and continue to improve. There are a range of assurance processes in place that give confidence that the Trust's social workers and family support workers are seeing the children and families they need to, and are increasingly effective in their work.

Demand for services, as measured through contacts and referrals, is rising. The Council and Trust work well together to ensure that the appropriate resources and support are in place. The Trust delivers and commissions an extensive range of services to support families and safeguard children

Key steps taken in Birmingham during the Pandemic to keep children safe

- Throughout the first period of lockdown, social workers continued to visit the most vulnerable children, young people and families in the city.
- We worked hard across the partnership, with police, NHS and Education, to identify the vulnerable children who were not attending school, and parents were contacted by agency partners to encourage school attendance. Throughout the first lockdown period, school attendance by vulnerable children was slightly better than the national average
- New Partnership groups formed to monitor school attendance and to develop a multi-agency offer to families.
- We also supported 7000 families with food, wifi connectivity, setting up at pace a locally delivered Early Help service in partnership with BVSC.
- Many of our schools were diligent in visiting and supporting vulnerable children who were not attending school
- We did not see any increase in incidents of serious harm during the period. Nor did we, as things returned to normal, pick up concerns about significant ill-treatment that had occurred during lockdown.

Reflections

- We must wait for the reviews into how Arthur's case was managed before we will know who did what and what signs were or were not missed, and by whom

- Arthur was not deemed a ‘vulnerable child’ and as such was not entitled to attend school during lockdown. He was, effectively therefore, hidden.
- Social workers in Birmingham worked tirelessly, and at risk to themselves, to keep children safe and families supported during the pandemic. The evidence, during and since the pandemic’s impact lessened, is that they did a good job and were largely successful
- It is a sad reality that children will be hurt and, albeit rarely, killed by parents and care-givers. Despite our collective best efforts, we will never eradicate this. We can, and do, work hard with our partners to ensure we know of the children at risk of harm and work together to safeguard them.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

J3 Children and Exercise

Question:

It has been reported that fewer children and young people are getting 60 minutes of recommended activity each day due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with those from disadvantaged backgrounds more negatively affected. Could the Cabinet Member give details of how this matter is being addressed in the City?

Answer:

Following the Government's removal of covid restrictions in July 2021 Birmingham City Council were one of the few authorities to re-open all of its leisure facilities. In reopening, access to our free swimming for under 16's once again became available in all our pools. Birmingham remains one of very few local authorities that continues to provide this offer.

In addition, all of our leisure sites offer free access to leisure under our Be Active Scheme – with the level of free access being higher in the more deprived areas of the city. This offer is cited as one of the best examples nationally of proportionate universalism.

The Council also has a £10m Sport England Delivery Pilot operating in the most deprived areas of the city tackling inequalities and removing barriers to physical activity and sport. A number of local organisations across the city provide services to families and young people, including active streets, led bike rides and bike maintenance sessions, activities in parks and green spaces, lending games and sports equipment to families, working with schools to increase engagement family in physical activity, gardening and tree planting projects, and social prescribing to social and physical activities.

The Local Delivery Pilot funded a collaborative partnership with The Hazrat Sultan Bahu Trust (a charity and Islamic faith centre based in Balsall Heath) was co-designed with their young people, and they had a cohort of under 25-year-olds create a Delivery of virtual physical activity sessions live streamed each week throughout the second lockdown and received a good level of participation from local young people. This led to further physical multi-sport sessions at Joseph Chamberlain College through the school summer holidays influencing the Senior Leadership Staff at Joseph Chamberlain College with the outcome of a reduced facility cost for their community outreach bookings.

As part of the work TAWS supports across Birmingham, Bikeability training is delivered to between 8000-10,000 children and families across a number of community settings and in over 70 schools every year, working hard to ensure this is an inclusive and accessible offer for all. The main focus of the work is across IMD quintiles 1 and 2.

TAWS was one of a number of organisations who ran a successful Holiday Activity Fund programme in the Summer targeting 10-16 year olds working across 8 locations. With a total of 3,840 attendances, 96% of the attendances from Quintiles 1 & 2 and 90% from BME Communities, 59% were eligible for free school meals.

Our externally operated leisure centres also provided successful Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) schemes over the summer and Christmas holiday periods that delivered over 6000 places offering sporting activities & games as well as a packed lunch and nutritional guidance to children aged 4 – 12 years old. In addition more than 11,000 children are back in our swimming pools on learn to swim programmes and more than 1,300 children are keeping active back on our sports courses.

Through the pandemic Public Health ran the Be Healthy campaign to promote healthy lifestyles, this included physical activity advice and was supported by a webinar series on physical activity for community and voluntary sector groups. The videos from the webinar are available as a public resource at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vu9L_rJdkc&list=PLb1P0NWdnLLMTKHDxyew_4f11MOOXLiX. During the first wave of the pandemic Public Health also commissioned video resources to promote physical activity at home for different age groups, this includes specific

video playlist of videos for physical activity for children at home available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yjcNIVVN_I&list=PLb1P0NWdnLLMJIMJ6UosCP19w5v8jNHoS

Further Notes:

- The DfE's guidance is that schools should offer pupils at least two hours of physical activity each week. The additional measures currently in place in schools to respond to the pandemic do not affect this guidance.
- The council is encouraging all Birmingham schools to join a major effort to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of greener travel by [registering with Modeshift STARS](#).
- A number of primary schools in Birmingham participate in the Daily Mile through Sport Birmingham to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of children.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR TIM HUXTABLE

J4 Updated Version

Question:

Please provided an updated version of the tables you supplied in response to Written Question J5 at the last Full Council Meeting.

Answer:

Please be advised that we have yet to be invoiced for the costs associated with all interim/consultants in the service for December 2021 and therefore the figures go up to, and are inclusive of, November 2021.

Please see tables below with the following information:

- Appendix 1 - Interim/Consultant spend from Sept 2021 to Mar 2022

- Appendix 2 - Total Agency spend updated table

QUESTION J4 – APPENDIX 1

Role	Area	Commissioned By	Approved by	Agency (Do Not Share)	Start Date	Contract end date (if assignment active)	Actual End Date	Is assignment still 'active' Yes or No	Cumulative costs from Sept 2021 to Mar 2022	A high-level list of activities they've been involved with	A summary of the improvements they've made (bullet points of what has improved since the consultants have been here).
Head of SENAR Operations	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Lord	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£45,360.00	<p>ALL OF THESE OFFICERS ARE COMPLETING BUSINESS AS USUAL ACTIVITY ON THE ASSESSMENT AND REVIEWS OF EDUCATION HEALTH CARE PLANS.</p> <p>The service has been realigned into locality teams of North, South, East & West as well as dedicated officers to focus on complaint resolution and tribunal activity generated</p>	<p>The impact these officers will bring to the service is to maintain a manageable case load and determine the best outcomes for young people and their families.</p>
Interim Project Support Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,300.00		
Mediation Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	27/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£15,750.00		
Operations Lead Advisor	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£28,350.00		
Plan Writer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£18,900.00		
Plan Writer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£18,900.00		
Plan Writer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£18,900.00		
Resolution Lead	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£34,650.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£21,165.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£12,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	15/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	INTERNAL	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£3,080.00		

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SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00	through the assessments and reviews outcomes.	
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	INTERNAL	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£3,080.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Tripod	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£10,050.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	08/11/2021	12/11/2021	12/11/2021	No	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£13,400.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£10,050.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	25/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£8,375.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Education Futures	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	15/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,905.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	08/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	INTERNAL	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£3,080.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	15/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		

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SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case Worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	11/10/2021	26/11/2021	26/11/2021	No	£11,725.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£12,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	30/10/2021	30/10/2021	No	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£13,400.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
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SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	17/12/2021	17/12/2021	No	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£10,050.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£20,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/01/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
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SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£10,050.00		
SEN Case Worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	11/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£11,725.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	INTERNAL	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£3,080.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		

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SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	06/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£21,105.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	13/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	20/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/01/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/01/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/01/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/01/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/02/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/02/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£13,500.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£9,000.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£26,850.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	08/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£9,000.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/10/2021	26/11/2021	26/11/2021	No	£9,000.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£28,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£13,500.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£27,350.00		

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Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£28,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£28,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£11,200.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£18,000.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£11,200.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£28,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	19/11/2021	19/11/2021	No	£193,350.00		
SOUTH - Team Manager	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£31,500.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	25/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£9,875.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£17,000.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£17,000.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£18,400.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	27/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£11,000.00		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£7,853.84	These officers are maintaining the Parent &	Increasing the support to families whilst the service
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£7,245.00		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£7,245.00		

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Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£7,245.00	School link service - offering support and advice to parents, carers, young people and schools	undergoes the significant change needed to provide a better service to citizens of Birmingham
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£7,245.00		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£7,853.84		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£7,853.84		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£7,853.84		
Interim Communication officer	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£22,050.00	These officers are working directly on the SEND transformation objectives set out in the Accelerated Progress Plan	The impact these officers are having is yet to be determined as this is a new function within the service following the Ofsted inspection outcome
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Lord	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£31,500.00		
PMO Manager	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£18,000.00		
Project Support Officer	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£15,600.00		
Co-Production Officer	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£17,250.00		
Performance Officer	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£13,500.00		

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Agency	Spend	Confirmed Address
Baltimore	£403,600	PS21, 21 Princes Street, Bristol, BS1 4PH
Education Futures	£83,000	19 New Street, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4BH
Hays	£1,508,961	1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AJ
Lords	£230,900	Crown House, The Square, Alvechurch, Birmingham B48 7LA
Panoramic	£2,275,790	St Bartholomew's House, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2NH
Penna	£320,000	2 nd Floor, 10 Bishops Square, Spitalfields, London, E1 6EG
Smart Education	£144,833	1-3 The Courtyard, Calvin Street, Bolton, BL1 8PB
Spencer Clarke	£328,465	11 Bartle Court Business Centre, Rosemary Lane, Preston, PR4 0HF
Tile Hill	£105,000	York House, 221 Pentonville Road, London N1 9UZ
Venn Group	£581,446	Waterloo House, 20 Waterloo Street, Birmingham, B2 5TB