



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM  
CITY COUNCIL  
1 DECEMBER 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2020 AT 1400 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE  
MEETING**

**PRESENT**:- Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Yvonne Mosquito) in the Chair.

**Councillors**

Muhammad Afzal	Eddie Freeman	Zhor Malik
Akhlaq Ahmed	Peter Griffiths	Karen McCarthy
Mohammed Aikhlal	Fred Grindrod	Saddak Miah
Alex Aitken	Paulette Hamilton	Gareth Moore
Safia Akhtar	Roger Harmer	Simon Morrall
Deirdre Alden	Kath Hartley	Brett O'Reilly
Robert Alden	Adam Higgs	John O'Shea
Olly Armstrong	Charlotte Hodivala	David Pears
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Penny Holbrook	Robert Pocock
David Barrie	Jon Hunt	Julien Pritchard
Baber Baz	Mahmood Hussain	Hendrina Quinnen
Bob Beauchamp	Shabrina Hussain	Chauhdry Rashid
Matt Bennett	Timothy Huxtable	Carl Rice
Kate Booth	Mohammed Idrees	Lou Robson
Sir Albert Bore	Zafar Iqbal	Gary Sambrook
Nicky Brennan	Ziaul Islam	Kath Scott
Marje Bridle	Morriam Jan	Lucy Seymour-Smith
Mick Brown	Kerry Jenkins	Shafique Shah
Tristan Chatfield	Meirion Jenkins	Mike Sharpe
Zaker Choudhry	Julie Johnson	Sybil Spence
Debbie Clancy	Brigid Jones	Martin Straker Welds
Liz Clements	Nagina Kauser	Sharon Thompson
Maureen Cornish	Mariam Khan	Paul Tilsley
John Cotton	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Lisa Trickett
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal	Ian Ward
Adrian Delaney	Mike Leddy	Mike Ward
Diane Donaldson	Bruce Lines	Suzanne Webb
Neil Eustace	John Lines	Ken Wood
Mohammed Fazal	Mary Locke	Alex Yip
Peter Fowler	Ewan Mackey	Waseem Zaffar
Jayne Francis	Majid Mahmood	

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

19405 The Deputy 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 Deputy 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.

The Deputy Lord Mayor requested that Members ensure that their video cameras are switched off unless called to speak and that their microphone is switched off when they are not speaking.

The Deputy Lord Mayor advised Members that If they wished to speak, to indicate in the chat function and wait to be invited to speak and to state their name at the start of every contribution.

The Deputy Lord Mayor requested Members not to use the chat function unless they were having technical difficulties.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

19406 The Deputy Lord Mayor reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting

Any declarations would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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**MINUTES**

It was moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded and –

19407 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 15 September 2020 having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

It was moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded and –

19408 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 15 September having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

It was moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded and –

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**RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2020 having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

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**LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Death of Former Councillor Theresa Joyce Stewart**

The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that her first announcement was a sad one in that she had to inform the meeting of the death of former Councillor, Leader of the Council, and Lord Mayor - Honorary Alderman Theresa Stewart who served as a Councillor for the Billesley Ward for 32 years, from May 1970 to May 2002.

The Deputy Lord Mayor advised that Theresa was:

- Leader of the City Council from 1993 to 1999
- Lord Mayor of Birmingham, 2000 to 2001 and
- Deputy Lord Mayor 2001 to 2002, and
- was made an Honorary Alderman on the 14th May 2002.

and leaves behind:

- her husband, Professor John Stewart
- two daughters, Lindsey and Selina
- two sons, David and Henry
- grandchildren and great-grandchildren

The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that as previously agreed, that tributes to Theresa would be reserved until such time as meetings were able to be held in the Council Chamber and in the meantime she invited all to join her in extending sincere condolences to Theresa's husband, John and all the family

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

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**RESOLVED:-**

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

**B. Brum Xmas Dinner**

19411 The Deputy Lord Mayor reminded colleagues about the annual Brum Xmas Dinner project ensures that no young care-leaver need be alone on Christmas Day.

The Deputy Lord Mayor noted that usually representatives of Brum Xmas Dinner would be in the Names Room prior to the December Council meeting, collecting donations from Councillors but obviously, this cannot happen this year and the usual dinner will now also take place virtually, connecting recent care-leavers on Christmas Day, with each being provided with a festive hamper and food vouchers.

The Deputy Lord Mayor was delighted to announce that the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Charity has donated £2,000 towards this year's event and she was aware that many Councillors have also made donations personally and thanked everyone for their generosity as Corporate Parents. The Deputy Lord Mayor advised that this year there was also an online raffle for those who wished to participate.

The Deputy Lord Mayor invited all to join her in wishing all of our looked after children and recent care-leavers a wonderful Christmas.

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**PETITIONS**

**Petition Relating to City Council Functions Presented prior to the Meeting**

The following petition was presented:-

(See document No. 1)

In accordance with the proposals by the persons presenting the petition, it was moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19412 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer to examine and report as appropriate.

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**Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting**

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 2)

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

19413 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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**Petitions Update**

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 3)

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

19414 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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**QUESTION TIME**

19415 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.

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**SCRUTINY BUSINESS REPORT (DECEMBER 2020)**

The following report of the Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Councillor Carl Rice presented the report and the recommendation was seconded by Councillor Ewan Mackey.

A debate ensued

Councillor Carl Rice replied to the debate.

The recommendation having been moved and seconded was agreed.

It was therefore-

19416 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded and

17417 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1621 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1606 hours.

At 1628 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

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**LEAD MEMBER REPORT: WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY  
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The following report of the Chair of the West Midlands Combined Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committee was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

Councillor Lisa Trickett presented the report and the recommendation was seconded.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Lisa Trickett replied to the debate.

The recommendation having been moved and seconded was agreed.

It was therefore-

19418 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

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**POINT OF PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

19419 The Deputy Lord Mayor invited Councillor Kath Scott to raise a point of personal explanation relating to the Scrutiny Business Report agenda item.

Councillor Kath Scott wanted to respond to the negative and personal negative comments made against herself and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that she chaired. She felt that it was churlish to put down the work of the Committee that has the parents, carers and children at its heart and it served no purpose to criticise the Committee by suggesting that it is not there to do good effective work on behalf of citizens of the city. She indicated that scrutiny was an effective tool for change adding that she took her role seriously and it was her who listened to parents, called for an inquiry

in to Travel Assist and went the service failed again called for a further inquiry.

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**INTERIM STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2020**

The following report of the Acting Director of Neighbourhoods was submitted:-

(See document No 6)

Councillor Phil Davis moved the motion which was seconded.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Gareth Moore and Adam Higgs gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 7)

Councillor Gareth Moore moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Adam Higgs.

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. 8)

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

A debate ensued.

Councillor Phil Davis replied to the debate.

**POINT OF ORDER**

At the invitation of the Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Gareth Moore indicated that Cumulative Impact assessment that took place for the policy took place in 2016. The policy as it stands was adopted in December 2016, but the assessment had to take place before then, so 3 years on from 2016 is 2019. Therefore, the points he made in his speech were valid and the assessment should have been done last year before the pandemic. Councillor Phil Davis in his right of reply had not addressed why the assessment had not been undertaken last year and continued to mislead the Council

The first amendment in the names of Councillors Gareth Moore and Adam Higgs having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

**For the amendment (26)**

Deirdre Alden	Eddie Freeman	Ewan Mackey
Robert Alden	Roger Harmer	Gareth Moore
Baber Baz	Adam Higgs	David Pears
Bob Beauchamp	Charlotte Hodivala	Julien Pritchard
Matt Bennett	Jon Hunt	Gary Sambrook
Debbie Clancy	Timothy Huxtable	Paul Tilsley
Maureen Cornish	Morriam Jan	Ken Wood
Adrian Delaney	Meirion Jenkins	Alex Yip
Peter Fowler	Bruce Lines	

**Against the amendment (54)**

Akhlaq Ahmed	Paulette Hamilton	Saddak Miah
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Kath Hartley	Brett O'Reilly
Alex Aitken	Mahmood Hussain	John O'Shea
Safia Akhtar	Shabrana Hussain	Robert Pocock
Olly Armstrong	Mohammed Idrees	Hendrina Quinnen
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Ziaul Islam	Chauhdry Rashid
Kate Booth	Kerry Jenkins	Carl Rice
Sir Albert Bore	Julie Johnson	Lou Robson
Marje Bridle	Brigid Jones	Kath Scott
Mick Brown	Nagina Kauser	Lucy Seymour-Smith
Tristan Chatfield	Mariam Khan	Shafique Shah
Liz Clements	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Mike Sharpe
John Cotton	Chaman Lal	Sybil Spence
Phil Davis	Mike Leddy	Martin Straker Welds
Diane Donaldson	Mary Locke	Sharon Thompson
Jayne Francis	Majid Mahmood	Lisa Trickett
Peter Griffiths	Zhor Malik	Ian Ward
Fred Grindrod	Karen McCarthy	Waseem Zaffar

**Abstentions (2)**

Zaker Choudhry	Mike Ward
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The second amendment in the names of Councillors Robert Alden and Ewan Mackey having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.



**For the amendment (25)**

Deirdre Alden	Roger Harmer	Ewan Mackey
Robert Alden	Adam Higgs	Gareth Moore
Baber Baz	Charlotte Hodivala	David Pears
Bob Beauchamp	Jon Hunt	Julien Pritchard
Matt Bennett	Timothy Huxtable	Gary Sambrook
Debbie Clancy	Morriam Jan	Paul Tilsley
Maureen Cornish	Meirion Jenkins	Ken Wood
Adrian Delaney	Bruce Lines	Alex Yip
Peter Fowler		

**Against the amendment (56)**

Muhammad Afzal	Paulette Hamilton	Saddak Miah
Akhlaq Ahmed	Kath Hartley	Brett O'Reilly
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Mahmood Hussain	John O'Shea
Alex Aitken	Shabrana Hussain	Robert Pocock
Safia Akhtar	Mohammed Idrees	Hendrina Quinnen
Olly Armstrong	Zafar Iqbal	Chauhdry Rashid
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Ziaul Islam	Carl Rice
Kate Booth	Kerry Jenkins	Lou Robson
Sir Albert Bore	Julie Johnson	Kath Scott
Marje Bridle	Brigid Jones	Lucy Seymour-Smith
Mick Brown	Nagina Kauser	Shafique Shah
Tristan Chatfield	Mariam Khan	Mike Sharpe
Liz Clements	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Sybil Spence
John Cotton	Chaman Lal	Martin Straker Welds
Phil Davis	Mike Leddy	Sharon Thompson
Diane Donaldson	Mary Locke	Lisa Trickett
Jayne Francis	Majid Mahmood	Ian Ward
Peter Griffiths	Zhor Malik	Waseem Zaffar
Fred Grindrod	Karen McCarthy	

**Abstentions (3)**

Zaker Choudhry	Eddie Freeman	Mike Ward
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The Motion having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

**For the Motion (57)**

Muhammad Afzal	Kath Hartley	Brett O'Reilly
Akhlaq Ahmed	Mahmood Hussain	John O'Shea
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Shabrana Hussain	Robert Pocock
Alex Aitken	Mohammed Idrees	Julien Pritchard
Safia Akhtar	Zafar Iqbal	Chauhdry Rashid
Olly Armstrong	Ziaul Islam	Carl Rice
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Kerry Jenkins	Lou Robson
Kate Booth	Julie Johnson	Kath Scott
Sir Albert Bore	Brigid Jones	Lucy Seymour-Smith

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Marje Bridle	Nagina Kauser	Shafique Shah
Mick Brown	Mariam Khan	Mike Sharpe
Tristan Chatfield	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Sybil Spence
Liz Clements	Chaman Lal	Martin Straker Welds
John Cotton	Mike Leddy	Sharon Thompson
Diane Donaldson	Mary Locke	Paul Tilsley
Jayne Francis	Majid Mahmood	Lisa Trickett
Peter Griffiths	Zhor Malik	Ian Ward
Fred Grindrod	Karen McCarthy	Mike Ward
Paulette Hamilton	Saddak Miah	Waseem Zaffar

### **Against the motion (23)**

Deirdre Alden	Eddie Freeman	Bruce Lines
Robert Alden	Peter Fowler	Ewan Mackey
Baber Baz	Roger Harmer	Gareth Moore
Bob Beauchamp	Adam Higgs	David Pears
Matt Bennett	Charlotte Hodivala	Gary Sambrook
Debbie Clancy	Timothy Huxtable	Ken Wood
Maureen Cornish	Morriam Jan	Alex Yip
Adrian Delaney	Meirion Jenkins	

### **Abstentions (1)**

Jon Hunt

It was therefore-

19420 **RESOLVED:-**

That City Council approves the Interim Statement of Licensing Policy 2020 and authorises:

- (i) the City Solicitor to update the list of Policy Framework Plans to include the same; and
- (ii) the Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement to do what is necessary to publish and comply with the same.

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### **PROVISIONAL DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

19421 The Deputy Lord Mayor asked Members to note that the provisional date of the next meeting of City Council is 12 January 2021.

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The meeting ended at 1755 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  
MIKE WARD.**

**A1     UNEMPLOYMENT**

**Question:**

**According to the Guardian, Birmingham now has the second highest unemployment rate in the country. Could the leader state how this situation (if correct) has arisen?**

**Answer:**

I would have thought the reasons behind this were obvious. The local economy and labour market have been hit hard by Covid-19 due to the high concentration of exposed sectors like tourism and hospitality and retail in the city. Since the pandemic began claimant count unemployment in Birmingham has increased by 33,255 (+68%).

The city also has a young and diverse population and emerging evidence nationally has indicated that young workers and BAME workers have been more exposed to the labour market impacts of the pandemic. Youth claimant count unemployment in the city is high and has increased by 7,545 (+85%) since February.

As a City Council we have worked hard to ensure our businesses benefit from government financial aid and have issued Small Business Grants and Discretionary Grant payments totalling £230m to 19,000 businesses. We have also consulted on our plans for economic recovery which includes a number of major schemes that will help tackle the inequalities and injustices highlighted by the crisis; and we have led efforts to establish a Jobs and Skills Taskforce for the city and region.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT.**

**A2     2030 STEPS**

**Question:**

**What steps is he taking to ensure the council meets its zero carbon objectives for 2030?**

**Answer:**

Since the declaration of the Climate Emergency in June 2019 work has been undertaken to:

- Agree initial priorities for the Council and work to deliver these. Updates on these actions were most recently provided to Full Council in September 2020.
- Bring together the Route to Zero Task Force to guide work on an Action Plan to reduce carbon emissions. This has included a number of areas of work including:
  - Community engagement through an online survey and focus groups
  - Sandpit policy discussion session to identify barriers and opportunities around achieving net zero carbon in relation to specific topics including transport, planning, and housing.
- Commissioning a study to set out the current emissions baseline and identify the actions that can be taken to reduce both the Council's own emissions and emissions arising from the city as a whole (known as the Anthesis report). These recommended actions were reported to Full Council in September.
- Work is currently underway to prepare a more detailed, prioritised, and as far as possible, costed action plan to set out the priorities for the next two years. This Action Plan will set out the achievements to date, what we need to do next to scale up the delivery of the actions and where lobbying and funding is required. This Action Plan will be reported to Full Council in January 2021.

In addition to the Action Plan which will set out the priorities, work is also on-going to consider how the recommendations from the Anthesis report (as reported to September Council) can be implemented and the timescales and costs for doing so.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY.**

**A3     SOCIAL HOUSING**

**Question:**

**Could he set out what proportion of the council's planned new housing stock will be a) affordable housing and b) social housing, explaining in what way housing defined as affordable will be accessible for those on low incomes?**

**Answer:**

Our BMHT housing building programme is set currently to deliver 3000 new homes over the next ten years with approximately 60% of these homes retained by the council for rent. The vast majority of those will be at a social rent level, an affordable rent level will be applied to new homes built using affordable housing grant and this is no more than £2-3 per week above the social rent level. The remaining 40% of homes will be for outright sale, experience tells us that a large proportion of our sale properties are bought by first times buyers, assisted through the Help to Buy scheme.

We are working with internal and external partners to accelerate the delivery of affordable homes across the City with an aspiration to deliver 7000 new affordable homes by 2031.

We are also in the process of carrying out what is commonly known as a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (Local Needs Assessment) which will give us current and detailed information on the demographic characteristics of our housing market, income levels and household housing needs. This will enable us to establish the proportion of our affordable homes that need to be a) affordable and b) social rented, for those on low income. This proportion will then be reflected in our development plans.

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

**A4     New Equalities Training**

**Question:**

**Please provide a copy of the new equalities training being provided to staff?**

**Answer:**

In response to the actions identified in the Workforce Race Equity Review 2020-2021 which was signed off on the 10 November, the OD/Workforce Development team have made the following additions to the council wide Your Development programme. The courses are hosted on a learning platform and available to access by all employees along with over 100 additional courses covering management, core and transitional skills.

- **Unconscious Bias for managers** – delivered as a virtual instructor led workshop where people dial in via Microsoft Teams. The first course is to be delivered on the 10 December and dates are booked to run monthly thereafter. In January a Future Leader programme is to be piloted and this training is a core module that all managers will be expected to complete.
- **Unconscious Bias for employees** – This will be delivered from January by as a virtual instructor led workshop where people dial in via Microsoft Teams but also consideration will be made to those operational “off line” workers where alternatives such as managers guides, leaflets and flash cards will be made available to ensure key messages are relayed.
- **Recruitment and Selection modules 1 and 2** – Module 1 relates to the initial recruitment process and module 2 became live from the 12 November which relates to interview and selection. Reference to unconscious bias, equality, diversity and inclusivity runs throughout and it is expected that all recruiting managers complete prior to engaging in the recruitment process.

In recognition to varied learning styles a suite of **micro learning** online modules lasting no more than 10 minutes are also to be launched in the next 2 weeks. These will again be available to all staff to access either through their laptop or smart phone.

- Direct and indirect discrimination
- Bullying and harassment
- Sexual harassment
- Achieving equality and diversity
- Gender identity

- Unconscious bias
- Gender equality
- Gender pay gap
- Introduction to neurodiversity
- Ways to make your workplace more equal
- Sorry
- Anti-racism
- Black lives matter
- Privilege

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

**A5     Council Facilities**

**Question:**

**What Council facilities/assets have received 'Covid safe' rating from Visit England?**

**Answer:**

Prior to the opening of our operational buildings risk assessments have been undertaken to ensure they are COVID secure. There are robust processes in place to ensure all of our facilities are COVID safe.

It is not necessary for the estate to obtain the COVID safe rating from visit England as this is aimed at the tourist industry. Therefore, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery has received a rating from Visit England.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

**A6     Flyover**

**Question:**

**What is the latest proposed timetable for delivery and completion of the administration's plan to demolish the flyover in Perry Barr?**

**Answer:**

The flyover will be dismantled in stages as part of the second phase of works for the Highway scheme which is due to start on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

By Summer 2021 the Birchfield Structure and the A34 Mainline Works will be substantially complete and by Winter 2021 the whole project will be completed.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

**A7     Perry Barr Village**

**Question:**

**How many people will be living on the Perry Barr Village site by August 2022?**

Answer:

The Homes on the Perry Barr residential scheme are planned for completion in 2022.

The ongoing impact of COVID-19 on construction productivity and timelines is being monitored closely. The Council is also developing its sales and marketing strategy presently and remains committed to enabling new residents to move in at the earliest opportunity when construction has been completed to all relevant and satisfactory standards.

As a result of this it is not possible to give a number in answer to the question at this time

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

**A8     Tree Removal**

**Question:**

**Listed by Ward how many trees have been removed by any Council department, or any contractor on behalf of the Council in each year since May 2012?**

Answer:

**Parks Department Data**



A8 - Parks.xlsx

Due to the change in Wards part way through 2019, the data for that year includes both the old and new Wards.

**Highways HMPE Data**

Ward	Felled Trees 2012 to Date
Acocks Green	407
Aston	150
Bartley Green	321
Billesley	589
Bordesley Green	264
Bournville	302
Brandwood	206
Edgbaston	97
Erdington	262
Hall Green	640
Handsworth Wood	332
Harborne	323
Hodge Hill	271
Kings Norton	306
Kingstanding	193
Ladywood	114
Longbridge	293
Lozells and East Handsworth	238
Moseley and Kings Heath	123
Nechells	422
No Code Allocated	3
Northfield	332
Oscott	522
Perry Barr	423
Quinton	415
Selly Oak	206
Shard End	215
Sheldon	424

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Soho	78
South Yardley	361
Sparkbrook	77
Springfield	218
Stechford and Yardley North	274
Stockland Green	228
Sutton Four Oaks	126
Sutton New Hall	203
Sutton Trinity	158
Sutton Vesey	328
Tyburn	257
Washwood Heath	108
Weoley	463
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11272</b>

Due to a system upgrade this information also includes historical information from June 2010 onwards.

It has not been possible in the time allowed to collate the information from Highways on a year by year basis. However, the Principal Arboriculturist at the City Council has offered to provide an information session for Elected Members to answer queries and I will ensure that this is arranged.

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

**A9     Trees Planted**

**Question:**

**Listed by Ward, how many trees have been planted by or on behalf of the Council in each year since May 2012?**

**Answer:**

**TREE PLANTING DATA BY WARD FOR HIGHWAYS HMPE**

<b>Const / District</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Years 2012-2020</b>
Edgbaston	Quinton	271
Edgbaston	Bartley Green	131
Edgbaston	Edgbaston	61
Edgbaston	Harborne	238
Erdington	Tyburn	254
Erdington	Erdington	263
Erdington	Kingstanding	246
Erdington	Stockland Green	241
Hall Green	Moseley & Kings Heath	105
Hall Green	Springfield	209
Hall Green	Hall Green	595
Hall Green	Sparkbrook	62
Hodge Hill	Bordesley Green	215
Hodge Hill	Hodge Hill	259
Hodge Hill	Washwood Heath	126
Hodge Hill	Shard End	251
Ladywood	Ladywood	96
Ladywood	Soho	88
Ladywood	Nechelles	318
Ladywood	Aston	185
Northfield	Longbridge	269
Northfield	Northfield	413
Northfield	Weoley	435
Northfield	Kings Norton	325
Perry Barr	Oscott	587
Perry Barr	Perry Barr	396
Perry Barr	Handsworth Wood	358
Perry Barr	Lozells & East Handsworth	194
Selly Oak	Selly Oak	206
Selly Oak	Brandwood	269
Selly Oak	Billesley	498
Selly Oak	Bournville	337
Sutton Coldfield	Sutton Four Oaks	192
Sutton Coldfield	Sutton Vesey	333

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Sutton Coldfield	Sutton Trinity	182
Sutton Coldfield	Sutton New Hall	246
Yardley	Acocks Green	344
Yardley	Sheldon	495
Yardley	South Yardley	337
Yardley	Stechford and Yardley North	291

### **TREE PLANTING DATA FOR BIRMINGHAM TREES FOR LIFE (BTFL)**

BTFL aimed to have two plantings per constituency per year. However, it isn't always possible to cover all Wards (over a cycle of years) as some Wards did not have suitable planting sites.

BTFL report to O&S on an annual basis and an annual report is produced which details where each planting occurred, who was involved and what trees were planted.

This is all available on their web pages as freely accessible. [www.btfl.org.uk/past-projects/](http://www.btfl.org.uk/past-projects/)

It has not been possible in the time allowed to collate the information on a year by year basis. However, the Principal Arboriculturist at the City Council has offered to provide an information session for Elected Members to answer queries and I will ensure that this is arranged.

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

**A10     Commonwealth Games**

**Question:**

**What is the current project timeline and completion date for all Commonwealth Games projects being delivered by Birmingham City Council?**

**Answer:**

Birmingham City Council is directly responsible for the delivery of the Alexander Stadium. The main construction works commenced on site on 26 May 2020 and is on target for completion on 01 April 2022.

Birmingham City Council is also responsible for the delivery of a cleared site at Smithfield. The works will commence on 19 April 21 and complete on 10 January 2022.

We continue to work extremely closely with the OC and are looking to agree works for other events and training venues. Once we have clarity on the exact requirements, information will be shared.

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

**B1      Developing Local Provision (DLP)**

**Question:**

**“You have confirmed that the Government has provided you with substantial increase in the money you receive for pupils with more complex SEND (the High Needs Block). You have further confirmed that there is a substantial amount still available to support local developments. Currently, there are hundreds of SEND children:**

- **receiving no education;**
- **not receiving their SEND provision as stated in Section F of their EHCPs and are taught by your Home Bridging Team (thus rendering a clear failure by the LA to not secure Section F provision);**
- **not attending their named mainstream school on a full-time basis as the school cannot meet their needs;**
- **with Annual Reviews recommending a change of placement to special school but due to no appropriate special school places available are having to carry on at mainstream without having their needs properly met;**
- **have EHCPs Finalised by ‘type’ i.e. Special School placement but not naming a Special School due to insufficiency of places**  
*(this list is not exhaustive, and we are confident that you could add to this with further examples/reasons of SEND children out of school or not having their needs met due to lack of special school places)*

**Please state clearly how the DLP will support these hundreds of SEND children by providing an outcome and impact map based on accurate data?**

**Answer:**

The Developing Local Provision project is supporting school led activity to:

- Enable and facilitate partnerships of schools to develop capacity and provision for pupils with SEND in mainstream schools
- Provide creative and innovative solutions to identify and develop additional provision in mainstream schools working with a range of partners to help to get pupils not attending back into school and to address locality priorities e.g. pupils on part time timetables, poor attenders etc
- Developing the outreach role of special schools to support mainstream schools in meeting the needs of more complex pupils
- Working with Alternative Providers to create be-spoke programmes and placements for pupils for whom school is not currently the right place

All consortia and networks have been given contextual data for the overall performance of all schools in their network or consortia to inform their decisions on priorities for improvement. This data includes progress performance data in maths English, attendance, exclusions mobility. Due to COVID-19 and the impact of this pandemic on pupils' attendance and performance and on the integrity of data, the use of comparative data to show impact based on data from last year is not possible.



Therefore, consortia and networks are using their own current live data on the priorities for improvement they have identified and are being provided with support from the DLP funding to collate and analyse this data to establish baselines from which to measure the impact on outcomes. Schools will regularly update this data from their own systems, and this will be reported to enable Consortia and networks to show impact of the DLP projects on those priority areas using their own live data. This process has been developed with headteachers. Priorities being identified by consortia and networks are based on many of the priority areas itemised in this question e.g. Those pupils out of school, not attending, on part time timetables. etc

The project overall is aimed at improving outcomes and provision for pupils in mainstream schools. See B11 for context and reasons for this.

In addition all project proposals are required to identify the Key Performance Indicators they will use to show impact and also to demonstrate how they will collect and use views from pupils and parents to show impact of the project .No proposals will be agreed unless this information is provided and convincing An additional strand of the funding is being used to work on identified cohorts of pupils in Early Years and in secondary schools who are currently without a school place or at risk of placement breakdown. The DLP will report on numbers of those children and young people who are now in provision or who have been retained in their current place due to support provided

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

**B2      Independent Provision Costs**

**Question:**

**Please provide a breakdown of the names of all Independent Schools and education providers that children with EHCPs are attending, specifying:**

- **The number of students attending**
- **The amount of money that is paid to each schools and education providers.**
- **The year groups the students are in**
- **The categories of presenting need**
- **An explanation of why this need cannot be met in local maintained specialist provision.**

**Answer:**

**\*Key for the categories of presenting need:**

ASC: Autism Spectrum Condition

C&L: Cognition and Learning

PMLD/SLD: Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities/Severe Learning Disability

SENSORY: Visual/hearing Impairment, or physical difficulties

SEMH: Social, Emotional, Mental Health

SPLD: Specific Learning Difficulty

SLCN: Speech, Language and Communication Needs

OTHER: Other/Not recorded

The decisions made around the need for specific and individual independent placements are mostly historical and therefore it is difficult to provide an accurate and detailed narrative for each provider or each placement.

Overall placements in independent provision are almost exclusively related to the lack of capacity in maintained and academy provision at the time, the requirement for residential provision alongside specialist educational provision, the result of tribunal decisions or the inability of the LA to defeat preference on grounds of cost. On occasions where a child or young person is extremely vulnerable or has very complex, unique and wide ranging educational, social, emotional, physical or health needs or if placed in local provision they would be a danger to themselves or others, a highly specialised and bespoke independent placement is needed

Name of setting	Number of students attending	Projected Spend Current Pupils 2020/21 (£)	The year groups the students are in	Categories of presenting need
Riverside Education	55	1,211,909	Y9, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13, Y14	ASC, Other, SEMH

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St George's School Edgbaston	50	1,206,444	Y2, Y4, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13, Y14	ASC, C&L, SEMH, SENSORY, SLCN, SpLD
St Paul's	31	700,133	Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, Y12	ASC, C&L, SEMH
Arc School Oakbridge	16	762,012	Y3, Y4, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11	ASC, OTHER, SEMH
Longdon Hall School	16	636,755	Y6, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11	ASC, C&L, SEMH, SLCN
New Ways School (Keys Group)	14	501,586	Y8, Y9, Y11, Y12	ASC, C&L, SEMH
Maple Hayes Hall School	12	175,825	Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11	C&L, SpLD
Newbury School	11	299,406	Y8, Y9, Y10, Y12	ASC, SEMH
Nova Training - Birmingham	10	42,320	Y12, Y13, Y14, Y16, Y17	ASC, C&L, OTHER, SEMH, SLCN
Rugeley School	9	924,968	Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y11, Y12	ASC, C&L, SEMH
Kimichi School	8	130,741	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, Y13, Y14	ASC, C&L, SEMH, SpLD
Wenlock School	7	421,696	Y4, Y6, Y8, Y11	ASC, SEMH
Birmingham Independent College (BIC)	7	193,616	Y12, Y14, Y15	ASC, PMLD/SLD, SEMH
Spring Hill High School	7	478,732	Y9, Y11, Y12, Y13, Y14	ASC, C&L, SEMH
R.Y.A.N. Education Academy	6	168,000	Y10, Y11, Y12	ASC, C&L, SEMH
Hamd House School	6	227,750	Y3, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10	C&L, OTHER, SEMH, SENSORY
Longdon Park School	6	265,998	Y8, Y9, Y10, Y13	ASC, SEMH
The Island Project School	6	332,968	Y4, Y6, Y8, Y10, Y13	ASC, C&L
National Institute for Conductive Education	6	100,733	Y0, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4	C&L, PMLD/SLD, SENSORY
Values Academy	5	129,025	Y9, Y10, Y11	SEMH
Arc School Old Arley	4	227,244	Y10, Y11, Y12	ASC, C&L
Arc School Ansley	4	212,964	Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11	ASC, C&L, SEMH
Sunfield School	3	300,172	Y8, Y12	ASC, SEMH, SENSORY
Highclare School	3	64,080	Y7, Y8, Y11	ASC, SEMH, SENSORY
Future First Independent School	3	84,825	Y10, Y11	SEMH
Oscott Academy	3	72,000	Y11	ASC, SEMH
Norton College	3	105,430	Y11, Y13	SEMH
Silver Birch	2	55,500	Y11, Y12	ASC, SEMH
Rowden House School	2	170,224	Y13	PMLD/SLD
Titan Aston Academy	2	22,500	Y11	ASC, SEMH
Mary Hare School	2	94,820	Y10, Y11	SENSORY
Hillcrest Shifnal School	2	130,000	Y7, Y9	ASC, SEMH

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Nova Training - Oldbury	2	18,788	Y14, Y17	C&L, SEMH
Lichfield Cathedral School	2	20,406	Y7, Y10	ASC, SLCN
Gloverspiece School	2	57,000	Y5, Y6	ASC
Arc School Napton	2	106,833	Y7, Y8	SEMH
Riverside Education (Erdington)	2	46,336	Y11, Y14	ASC, SEMH
Mander Portman Woodward Independent College	2	12,376	Y13	ASC, SEMH
Inscape House School	1	*	Y11	SEMH
The Rowan School	1	*	Y3	ASC
Strathmore College	1	*	Y15	ASC
Cambian New Elizabethan School	1	*	Y12	ASC
Broadwood School (Keys Group)	1	*	Y11	SEMH
Options Higford	1	*	Y8	ASC
St Rose's Special School	1	*	Y11	ASC
Orion School	1	*	Y9	SEMH
The Haven School	1	*	Y10	SEMH
Meadow View Farm School	1	*	Y3	SEMH
TLG North Birmingham	1	*	Y9	SEMH
Peak Education	1	*	Y13	SEMH
Hopwood Hall School	1	*	Y9 -	SEMH
Queenswood School	1	*	Y9	SEMH
Avecinna Academy	1	*	Y8	SENSORY
Bladon House School	1	*	Y10	ASC
Stafford Hall School	1	*	Y14	PMLD/SLD
Woodbury School - Horizon Care and Education	1	*	Y11	SEMH
Bredon School	1	*	Y9	OTHER
City United Academy	1	*	Y11	SEMH
Northleigh House School	1	*	Y2	SpLD
New College Worcester	1	*	Y14	SENSORY
Beechwood College	1	*	Y16	PMLD/SLD
Royal School, Manchester(Seashell Trust)	1	*	Y17	PMLD/SLD

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Blackwater Academy	1	*	Y10	SEMH
Aran Hall School	1	*	Y12	ASC
Nova Training - Dudley	1	*	Y14	ASC
Evergreen School	1	*	Y7	SEMH
Blue Whale Training Ltd	1	*	Y12	ASC
<b>Total</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>12,403,351</b>		

\*Due to data protection requirements the figures showing the cost of provision for a single child have not been included. However, the total figure does include them.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS**

**B3     Alternative Providers**

**Question:**

**Please provide a breakdown of the names of all Alternative Providers and that children in Birmingham are attending, specifying:**

- **The number of students attending**
- **The amount of money that is paid to each Alternative Provider**
- **The year groups the students are in**
- **The number of these students that have EHCPs**
- **An explanation of why this need cannot be met in local mainstream provision.**

**Answer:**

Birmingham has eight state funded and registered alternative provision (AP) establishments. These include six alternative provision free schools, one pupil referral unit (PRU) and James Brindley School which provides support to children unable to attend mainstream school because of health related or special educational needs (the school is both registered as a special school and falls within the DfE definition of an AP). The largest provision is the City of Birmingham School (COBS), a PRU which operates over eight sites across the city, providing support and education for permanently excluded pupils.

<b>Alternative Provision</b>	<b>Number of students</b>	<b>Amount paid</b>	<b>Year groups</b>	<b>Number of EHCPs</b>	<b>Why this need cannot be met in local mainstream provision</b>
City of Birmingham School (COBS)	441	For 2020/21 the allocated total funding is £7,373,607.  This includes full year agreed place funding and the top up funding for COBS pupils.	Yr1 – 3 Yr2 – 10 Yr3 – 16 Yr4 – 24 Yr5 – 27 Yr8 – 25 Yr9 – 71 Yr10 – 98 Yr11- 129	38	The purpose of COBS is to assess children who have been permanently excluded from mainstream settings, respond with appropriate support and interventions with a view to their reintegration back into a mainstream school. COBS also support children in care who are at significant risk of permanent exclusion to prevent that eventuality.
East Birmingham Network Academy	60	East Birmingham Network Academy is a free school and so primarily receives its funding directly from the DfE. East Birmingham Network Academy has	Yr 9 – 4 Yr 10 - 14 Yr 11 - 42	1	Referrals by schools of children at risk of permanent exclusion or whose behaviour requires intervention to support engagement in mainstream provision.

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		not received any funding from BCC in 2020/21 to date.			
EBN Academy 2	44	EBN Academy 2 is a free school and so primarily receives its funding directly from the DfE. EBN Academy 2 has not received any funding from BCC in 2020/21 to date.	Yr 9 - 9 Yr10 – 12 Yr 11 – 23	1	Referrals by schools of children at risk of permanent exclusion or whose behaviour requires intervention to support engagement in mainstream provision.
James Brindley School	233	James Brindley is an Academy Hospital School and is funded directly by the ESFA having recouped it against DSG High Needs Block as High Needs places. Total top up funding for James Brindley school/teaching centres/AP for 2020/21 is projected at £742,372. Of this, £130,659 is projected for Alternative Provision with the remainder being for the James Brindley Dovedale setting which is for children and young people with a diagnosis of ASD.	Yr5 – 9 Yr7 – 10 Yr8 – 15 Yr9 – 61 Yr10 – 69 Yr11 - 69	35	Supports children who are not able to attend mainstream school because of medical conditions and special educational needs.
Reach School	27	Reach School is a free school and so primarily receives its funding directly from the DfE. Reach School received £37,422 from BCC during 2020/21.	Yr 9 – 8 Yr 10 – 28 Yr 11 – 28	0	Referrals by schools of children at risk of permanent exclusion or whose behaviour requires intervention to support engagement in mainstream provision

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The Edge Academy	52	The Edge Academy is a free school and so receives its funding directly from the DfE.	Yr 8 – 7. Yr 9 – 10. Yr 10 – 22 Yr 11 – 32	1	Referrals by schools of children at risk of permanent exclusion or whose behaviour requires intervention to support engagement in mainstream provision
Titan Aston Academy	37	Titan Aston Academy is a free school and mainly receives its funding directly from the DfE. Titan Aston Academy has not received any funding from BCC in 2020/21 to date.	Yr 9 – 1. Yr 10 – 10 Yr 11 – 26	2	Referrals by schools of children at risk of permanent exclusion or whose behaviour requires intervention to support engagement in mainstream provision
Titan St George's Academy	63	Titan St George's Academy is a free school and mainly receives its funding directly from the DfE. Titan St George's Academy has not received any funding from BCC in 2020/21 to date.	Yr 8 – 3 Yr 9 – 6 Yr 10- 22 Yr 11- 32.	1	Referrals by schools of children at risk of permanent exclusion or whose behaviour requires intervention to support engagement in mainstream provision



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

**B4     Judicial Reviews**

**Question:**

**There has been a 540% increase from 2019 in JRs. This represents significant statutory failings by the SEND department. Please details these statutory failings and clear action being taken to resolve these failings?**

**Answer:**

There has not been a 540% increase in Judicial Reviews.

There has been an increase this year in the number of letters received under the Pre-action Protocol for Judicial Review. This is the stage before Court proceedings might be started and where any issues in dispute can be resolved without going to Court. There have been no Judicial Review Court rulings of statutory failings by the SEND department in 2020.

The pre-action letters received this year have alleged in some cases that the Council has:

- Failed to secure the provision set out in the EHCP in breach of section 42 of the Children and Families Act 2014;
- Failed to secure alternative suitable education for children who are unable to attend school in breach of section 19 of the Education Act 1996;
- Failed to comply with the timescales set out in the Children and Families Act 2014 and Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014, for example to issue a Final EHCP within 20 weeks of a request for an assessment being received.

The Council is able to avoid a claim for Judicial Review being issued in Court where it is able to demonstrate that either it is not in breach of its statutory duties, or it has already taken or is willing to take some, or all, of the steps requested by the proposed claimant.

Regular meetings are now taking place between the Interim Head of the SEND Service and Legal Services in order to ensure that the legal framework and the requirements of the SEND Code of Practice are being followed. Decision-making procedures and other processes within the SEND Service are also being reviewed by Legal Services in order to identify any areas for improvement.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE**

**B5      Attendance Rates at Alternative Provision (AP)**

**Question:**

**Please provide a monthly breakdown of attendance at each AP in Birmingham since September 2020?**

**Answer:**

Birmingham has eight state funded and registered alternative provision establishments. These include six alternative provision free schools, one pupil referral unit (PRU) and James Brindley School which provides support to children unable to attend mainstream school because of health related or special educational needs. The largest provision is the City of Birmingham School (COBS), a PRU which operates over eight sites across the city, providing support and education for permanently excluded pupils. Attendance information for these eight settings is below:

<b>School Name</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
East Birmingham Network Academy	72.7	71.7	69.6
EBN Academy 2	65.1	71.7	64.7
Reach School	66.8	79.1	77.9
The Edge Academy	64.6	75	50.3
Titan Aston Academy	72.4	20.3	47.8
Titan St Georges Academy	39.3	52.1	51.2

<b>School Name</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
City of Birmingham School	38.2	40.5	27.4
James Brindley School	43.4	45.2	39.4

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

**B6     SEN Support Plans**

**Question:**

**Of the 60 children and young people receiving SEN Support Plans identified in the answer to written question C16 last month have any subsequently requested EHCP assessments? Please only answer yes/no**

**Answer:**

**Yes**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**B7      Developing Local Provisions**

**Question:**

**How will “Developing Local Provision” ensure that no student is transferred to an Alternative Provider?**

**Answer:**

The Developing Local Provision team will work with school leaders, specialist staff, children and young people and parents to ensure that pupils are placed in the provision that best meets their needs and maximises the young peoples' chances of success. For some pupils this may result in placements in alternative provision.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

**B8      Mainstream Schools Awaiting Special School Placement**

**Question:**

**The answer to written question C15 of last month stated that 199 children with EHCPs in Birmingham are currently being educated in mainstream schools, but awaiting a specialist placement. Please detail how and by whom it is being ensured that the mainstream schools are meeting statutory Section F requirements for these children?**

**Answer:**

We have identified over 100 spaces in our special schools and are in the process of trying to match pupils to these vacancies. We are also planning to commission additional places in our SEMH and ASC specific schools, as these are currently areas where there is a shortage of provision.

While pupils are awaiting placement, the SEND Advisory services are offering support and advice to current settings around appropriate provision.

The ASC team are reviewing all children whose EHC names special and they are in a mainstream school and through planning meeting notes, knowledge from the link professional and contact with school are identifying where additional support is needed for the school and child. This will be an on-going piece of work.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

**B9      Home Bridging Team (HBT) and Link Professionals**

**Question:**

**The answer to written question C12 of last month stated that 55 children with EHCPs in Birmingham are currently being home educated. Please detail how you are assured that the Home Bridging Team and Link Professionals referred to in that answer ensure that statutory Section F requirements are being met for these children**

**Answer:**

As part of safe and well calls with families, conversations have been had around how the Home Bridging Team and tutoring agencies ensure that the child needs are in place. Where families need physiotherapy for example this has been more challenging to deliver as lockdown and social distancing measures have prevented some working. The Home Bridging Team has been working with families to hold annual reviews and support with transition into a setting.

The Home Bridging Team and Link Professionals have worked hard with families since lockdown began to ensure that all aspects of EHC plan can be delivered, where this has not been possible families have been aware of reasons why and next steps to support. Academically the team have been able to offer a wider range of support but where a child is in need of mentoring support because of their social and emotional needs it has been more of a challenge to do direct work as some of these young people do not want to engage with online sessions with cameras on. There are families who are also anxious and have not wanted to attend appointments or have visitors to the home while Covid restrictions are in place. Home Bridging Team and Link Professionals have worked hard to build positive relationships with families so that the right support can be put in place.

The Home Bridging Team works closely with link professionals, families and interim tuition agencies to ensure that families are supported while they await a school placement.

This academic year face to face tutoring has resumed with the tuition agencies where possible. Families have reported positive feedback on how tutors have used PPE and risk assessed coming into the home. Equally there are number of children who have continued with online/virtual tuition sessions as their engagement and attainment is better. The Home Bridging Team continue to set work for students and have this academic year delivered more online teaching sessions alongside mentoring and supporting children in their safe and well calls.

A number of families feel that their child is not yet ready for a school placement yet have engaged well with online learning and Home Bridging Team are working with Academy 21 for online tutoring and continuing to offer regular mentoring sessions. Crucial to this is the regular contact with families which takes place.

As new children are identified as being without a school place they are being referred to Home Bridging Team, are allocated a key worker and discussions with families around the interim support which can be offered. Some families have vulnerable family members or are highly anxious and do not want tutors to come into the home. Home Bridging Team liaise with any

other professionals involved with the child and or family so that contact and support for the family is consistent and all agencies know next steps.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

**B10    EHCP Requests**

**Question:**

**Please provide a month by month breakdown of EHP requests since September 2019 specifying each month:**

- **The number of EHCP requests received**
- **The percentage of requests declined.**
- **The number of appeals lodged at tribunal**
- **The percentage where the council's decision not to assess was upheld by the tribunal**



Answer:

Month	Number of Requests Received	Number of Refusal To Assess from those received	Percentage of Refusal To Assess from those received	Note	Appeals Lodged	Appeals relating to Refusal to Assess	Percentage of Appeals lodged as Refusal To Assess	Percentage of Refusal to Assess Decisions Upheld	Note
Sep-19	115	46	40%		22	5	23%	0%	These appeals were not opposed prior to the appeal progressing, therefore went on to assessment.
Oct-19	145	56	39%		22	6	27%	0%	
Nov-19	135	39	29%		12	4	33%	0%	
Dec-19	159	36	23%		9	2	22%	0%	
Jan-20	128	36	28%		21	4	19%	0%	
Feb-20	137	37	27%		18	3	17%	0%	
Mar-20	159	47	30%		19	5	26%	0%	
Apr-20	120	12	10%		18	4	22%	0%	
May-20	96	25	26%		20	2	10%	0%	
Jun-20	117	27	23%		29	5	17%	0%	
Jul-20	92	16	17%		40	3	8%	0%	
Aug-20	37	8	22%		26	2	8%	0%	
Sep-20	68	19	28%		22	2	9%	0%	

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Oct-20	128	11	9%	Decisions are still to be made on all 101 Requests	16	2	13%	0%	
Nov-20	101	0	0%	Decisions are still to be made on 105 Requests	16	3	19%	0%	
Total	1737	415	24%		310	52	17%		

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

**B11     Developing Local Provision (DLP)**

**Question:**

**The Council is proposing, through the DLP, to spend a substantial amount of money developing local provision in mainstream schools without the need for EHCPs. The law entitles parents and young people to request EHCPs and express preferences for Special Schools. If parents and young people wish to attend a local Special School how will the DLP meet this, given there is an insufficiency of local Special School places?**

**Answer:**

Since the national SEND reforms of 2014, and the resultant move from school action, school action plus and statements to SEND support and EHCPs, the DFE and Ofsted have identified that the numbers of EHCPs across the country have risen, indicating that fewer pupils' needs are being identified and met earlier in the process. In addition, Ofsted reports that provision and outcomes for pupils on SEND support is an area for development across the country. Therefore, the DLP is targeted at building the capacity and developing provision of mainstream schools to better meet the needs of pupils with SEND and those on SEND support earlier in the process and enable children access to more resources and expertise to avoid the need for an EHCP.

The DLP is not in any way intending to stop parents and young people who need an EHCP to apply for one nor to stop any pupils who need a special school place to have one. The use of £7m for the DLP was a decision made by Birmingham Schools Forum whose members are from maintained schools, academies, early years providers, local partners and others across the Birmingham City Council

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

**B12     Views on Developing Local Provision (DLP)**

**Question:**

**Please detail how you have obtained the views of parents and children and young on the Developing Local Provision proposal?**

**Answer:**

We have included a section in the proposal application forms that asks the consortia and networks to state how they will collect and use the views of parents, carers, children and young people to inform their project proposals and to measure the impact.

No proposals will be accepted if this part of the form is not adequately and convincingly completed

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

**B13     Special School Places Waiting List**

**Question:**

**There are currently 199 children and young people in Birmingham awaiting a special school place because there is an insufficient number of places. How many Special Schools has the Cabinet Member visited to fully appreciate why many parents and mainstream schools are asking for SEND children to attend Special School?**

**Answer:**

So far I have visited 17 out of our 27 special schools.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

**B14     Accommodating SEND Children**

**Question:**

**How are you planning on accommodating the current 199 SEND children awaiting Special School places presently?**

**Answer:**

We have identified over 100 spaces in our special schools and are in the process of trying to match pupils to these vacancies. We are also planning to commission additional places in our SEMH and ASC specific schools, as these are currently areas where there is a shortage of provision.

We are working with mainstream settings and link professionals to develop the inclusivity of schools which will demonstrate to families that local schools can meet needs of an increasing range of children.

We are working with the commissioning team to establish what additional places are needed for specific area of SEND and locality of Birmingham. This is also being supported by the DLP work to look at how funding and resources can be made available to schools.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR SUZANNE WEBB**

**B15     Potential Litigation Risks**

**Question:**

**Please detail the potential litigation risks that the Council faces as a result of insufficiency of Special School places?**

**Answer:**

It is the local authority's legal responsibility to ensure sufficiency of places for those with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP). To ensure we meet our duty we have increased the numbers of pupil places in our special schools by over 200 from 4306 in Sept 18 to 4538 by Sept 20. We currently have unused capacity in our special school estate and we are working hard to ensure that this can be maximised in order to meet local needs. This may mean working with schools to ensure that they are able to work with children with a range of disabilities beyond what they were previously supporting.

The latest review of our sufficiency in all settings is currently underway in order to plan for the next 5 years to ensure we can meet need. Our sufficiency requirements cannot be based purely on numbers of special school places but also an understanding of parental/carers choice and to this end we have developed a range of additional provision including resourced provision (special provision in mainstream schools) committing around £7.2m in the last three years to create an additional 189 places when completed.

The potential litigation risks for a local authority which would arise in the event of insufficient Special School Places are:

1. Claims for Judicial Review requiring a council to meet its statutory duty to ensure that sufficient special school places are available; requiring educational provision and placements to be made in accordance with Education, Health and Care Plans; and requiring compliance with the duties contained in the Children and Families Act 2014 in respect of children and young people with SEND.
2. Increased numbers of appeals to the First-tier Tribunal for SEND; and
3. Civil court claims for damages for failure to educate, including claims brought under the Human Rights Act.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**B16     SEND Consultant**

**Question:**

Your answer to Written question C17 last month revealed that the total cost of consultants since September 2019 in relation to SEND and home to school transport is £1.8 million. Given this extraordinarily large figure, it was disappointing that you neglected to answer the question in full and tell us who received this money and what benefit we obtained from it. Please could you therefore answer the question again with the missing information included, namely:

- Interim/consultant details (named where permissible)
- Reports produced
- Performance improvement that has been made as a result of these costs

**Answer:**

The service area is collating the information and this will be provided the first week in the new year. Collating this information whilst the service is undergoing service improvement and transformation, will detract from officers working on service delivery in this key area, which impacts on service delivery to our children, young people and their families.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

**B17    Interims**

**Question:**

**When interims have left earlier than expected have Exit interviews been undertaken with the interims/consultants?**

Answer:

*Question redirected to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (D11) as it relates to HR.*

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

**B18     Decision Making Group**

**Question:**

**In your answer to written question C6 last month you stated that the Terms of Reference for Decision Making Groups was attached but did not actually attach the document. Please could you supply this document.**

**Answer:**

The terms of reference are currently draft, these will be shared once agreed.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

**B19     Decisions**

**Question:**

**In your answer to written question C10 last month you were unable to provide the following information (despite having been able to do in response to past written questions):**

- **The number of decisions that SHOULD have been made by SENAR that would have been appealable to the SENDIST (this includes requests for assessment, issuing of plans, contents of final plans and placements, as well as decisions to amend following annual reviews and transfer reviews)**
- **The number of decisions that were ACTUALLY made (same criteria as above)**
- **Of those, the number of decisions that were outstanding from the period prior to January 2020**
- **The number of resulting tribunal orders which have not yet been complied with by the Council**

**As another month has now elapsed could you please supply the outstanding information?**

**Answer:**

**For the period 1 January 2020 to 31 October 2020:**

- **The number of decisions that SHOULD have been made by SENAR that would have been appealable to the SENDIST (this includes requests for assessment, issuing of plans, contents of final plans and placements, as well as decisions to amend following annual reviews**

*- Number of initial requests for Education, Health and Care (EHC) assessments refused: 310*  
*- Number of assessments completed and a decision made not to issue an EHC plan: 46*  
*- Number with an EHC plan as at 31 October: 9,883*  
*- Number of EHC plans ceased because the special educational needs of the child or young person are being met without an EHC plan: 9*

**Total Appealable Decisions there should be – 10,248**

- **The number of decisions that were ACTUALLY made (same criteria as above)**

*- Number of initial requests for Education, Health and Care (EHC) assessments refused: 310*  
*- Number of assessments completed and a decision made not to issue an EHC plan: 46*  
*- Number with an EHC plan where a decision was made after review: 3,806*  
*- Number of EHC plans ceased because the special educational needs of the child or young person are being met without an EHC plan: 9*

**Actual Appealable Decisions – 4,171**

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- **Number of decisions that were outstanding from the period prior to January 2020:**  
5,126
- **The number of resulting tribunal orders which have not yet been complied with by the Council:** NIL

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**B20     Training – Parent Link Service**

**Question:**

**Please detail the training that the Parent Link Service has had on SEND law and how is this training being applied?**

**Answer:**

Parent Link Officers work alongside all agencies to seek a resolution, improving the outcomes for the child/young person. The team consists of one team coordinator, and 4 Parent Link Officers.

The themes for the referrals received are primarily linked to requests for an EHCP assessment, school placements, communication breakdown and advice and guidance.

At the moment cases are assigned to the appropriate officer according to their area of expertise; the coordinator and one officer has experience of working in SEND and Inclusion with parents and families and within SENAR; one has experience of working with Post 16 students and counselling, particularly within that age range; one officer has experience of supporting families at the point of diagnosis in a multi-agency environment; and the other two officers have experience working within an education environment, supporting young people and families.

All officers have undertaken Mandatory Training modules identified by Birmingham City Council.

A series of training sessions is being planned with the Principal Educational Psychologist, which will include SEND law and other appropriate topics.

The Parent Link Service was set up as a conduit service to liaise with parents and the appropriate professionals to identify the support required. Any specific legal questions are directed to the appropriate Heads of Service.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES**

**B21     Training – Parent Link Service**

**Question:**

**If the Parent Link Service is contacted by a parent and there have been statutory failings by the council relating to the SEND Code of Practice (i.e. delays in EHC assessment decisions; EHCP delays; children with no school place) what action is the Parent Link Service undertaking to ensure that the statutory requirements are met?**

**Answer:**

When a parent contacts the Parent Link Service and asks about support for their young person the officer will gain permission to record details and then discuss options.

The first advice is to make sure they have spoken to the setting and shared their concerns, if they do not feel able to do this the Parent Link Officer will advise that one of the team can arrange a meeting and attend with the parent.

The parent will be advised that the Parent Link Officer will contact an appropriate link professional (depending on the needs of the child), who will be able to offer strategies to the setting and parent in order to meet the needs of the child in the first instance. The Parent Link Officer forwards the query to the appropriate Provision Lead for an update or with a request for the appropriate Link Advisor to contact the parent and/or setting that is relevant to the query.

The parent will also be advised that if this is not successful then they can apply for an Education Health & Care Plan and it is explained that the process has statutory timelines and in total the process may take up to 20 weeks and that evidence from previous conversations with professionals and subsequent action plans can be used as evidence towards the application.

The themes for the referrals received are primarily linked to requests for an EHCP assessment, school placements, communication breakdown, transport and advice and guidance.

The Parent Link Co-ordinator is a member of the Decision Making Groups (DMG) for both Assessment Decisions and Issuing of the EHCP and therefore is able to flag cases which are close to Statutory timelines or which urgently need a decision.

There is a Master Spreadsheet which identifies the statutory time lines for all cases and where the case sits on the timeline. This is carefully monitored by the appropriate provision lead and Business Support officers.

This information can be accessed by all of the Parent Link Team as well as having access to any notes made at the DMG regarding the decisions. Any specific cases which are identified by the group as needing specific input by the Parent Link Team i.e. a call to a parent to explain the next part of the process are highlighted and feed back is recorded at the following meeting.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**B22    Travel Assist Inquiry**

**Question:**

**How much has been spent on the Independent Inquiry on Travel Assist asked for by full Council reporting back November 2020, including breakdown?**

**Answer:**

The cost of the Home to School transport was £95k. This funding was made available to respond to the Motion put forward in September calling for urgent action and an independent review of the service.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS  
AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

**C      Holiday Meals**

**Question:**

**Have you ensured that those students who do not have school places and are entitled to Holiday Meals have received the vouchers?**

**Answer:**

School age children are eligible for free school meals if their family is in receipt of certain income related benefits and they are in full-time education. Birmingham City Council provided one week of vouchers for eligible children to cover families' expenses for October half-term. These vouchers were available through schools from 16th November.

We are aware that there are also families in Birmingham who are in receipt of income related benefits but whose children do not have school places. We are working with colleagues, including in the Department for Work and Pensions, to establish eligibility of these families so that one week of vouchers can be provided. We are also signposting families to the support that is available through the Locality Early Help Hubs.

Children being electively home educated are not eligible for free school meals. We are ensuring that electively home educating families are aware of the support that is available through the Locality Early Help Hubs.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

**D1      Revised Inflation Provision**

**Question:**

**In the Council refresh of the medium term financial plan agreed at Cabinet on November 10th, what rate of inflation was used to generate the Revised Inflation Provision for each of the next four years?**

**Answer:**

Inflation rates for the different budget categories for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account are shown in the table below.

<b>Category of expenditure/income</b>	<b>Annual increase</b>
Employees	2.50%
Premises	2.00%
Transport	2.00%
Supplies & Services	2.00%
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	2.50%
Third Party Payments	2.00%
Transfer Payments	2.00%
Capital Financing/Recharges/Appropriations	0.00%
Grants & Contributions	2.29%
Fees & Charges	2.00%
Rents	2.00%
Other Income	2.29%

Additionally, where there are specific contractual arrangements, the inflation has been provided in line with contract specifications.

Specific to Adults Social Care placement costs have been inflated by the following rates to reflect market conditions.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Annual increase</b>
Adults Residential Care	3.70%
Adults Respite Care	3.70%
Adults Nursing Care	3.70%

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Adults Nursing Care - short term	3.70%
Home Support	4.60%
Adults - Direct Payments	4.60%
Adults Supported Living	4.60%
Adults Day Care	2.00%

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

**D2      Financial Plan 2020-24**

**Question:**

**In the Council Medium term financial plan agreed at City Council in February 2020, what rate of inflation was used to generate the Inflation provision in the Financial Plan 2020-24?**

**Answer:**

Inflation rates for the different budget categories for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account are shown in the table below.

<b>Category of expenditure/income</b>	<b>Annual Rate</b>
Employees	2.50%
Premises	2.00%
Transport	2.00%
Supplies & Services	2.00%
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	2.50%
Third Party Payments	2.00%
Transfer Payments	2.00%
Capital Financing/Recharges/Appropriations	0.00%
Grants & Contributions	2.21%
Fees & Charges	2.00%
Rents	2.00%
Other Income	2.21%

Additionally, where there are specific contractual arrangements, the inflation has been provided in line with contract specifications.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**D3      Meeting Budget Issues**

**Question:**

**Page 5 of the Council refresh of the MTFP, includes a line in the table under 3.9 for "Meeting Budget Issues and Policy Choices". Please provide a detailed breakdown of what the figures under this section relate to for each of the next four years?**

**Answer:**

The following provides a breakdown of the category "Meeting Budget Issues and Policy choices" as shown in Financial Plan 2020 – 2024, with one further year added.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

**D4     Savings Proposals Scrapped**

**Question:**

**For this financial year and the next four years please provide a list of all savings proposals scrapped or delayed with explanation explaining why, and if it is delayed, when it will be met?**

**Answer:**

The tables below set out the results of the initial assessment of savings non-delivery from Directorates which were reported as part of the MTFP Refresh Report. There are a variety of reasons for the savings non-delivery.

As indicated in the MTFP Refresh Report, as soon as COVID allows, the Council will look to deliver already agreed savings and where these do not prove deliverable, recovery proposals will be brought forward.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**D5     Yearly Collection Rate**

**Question:**

**What is the yearly collection rate for Business rates and Council tax for each year since 2000?**

**Answer:**

Please see attached the historic business rates and council tax in-year collection rates. Unfortunately, we are only able to report back to 2008/9.

		%
2008/09	Council Tax	94.75
	Business Rates	96.90
2009/10	Council Tax	94.93
	Business Rates	97.82
2010/11	Council Tax	94.57
	Business Rates	95.17
2011/12	Council Tax	94.69
	Business Rates	95.60
2012/13	Council Tax	95.36
	Business Rates	95.56
2013/14	Council Tax	95.34
	Business Rates	95.46
2014/15	Council Tax	94.56
	Business Rates	96.73

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2015/16	Council Tax	94.63
	Business Rates	96.73
2016/17	Council Tax	94.55
	Business Rates	97.20
2017/18	Council Tax	94.50
	Business Rates	97.05
2018/19	Council Tax	94.40
	Business Rates	96.26
2019/20	Council Tax	94.28
	Business Rates	96.90

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

**D6      Assumed Collection Rate**

**Question:**

**What is the assumed collection rate for business rates and Council tax each of the next four years in the MTFP agreed in Feb 2020?**

**Answer:**

The assumed collection rates for all the next four years in the MTFP agreed in February 2020 are 97.1% for Council Tax and 98.0% for Business Rates.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

**D7     Business Rates**

**Question:**

**What is the assumed collection rate for business rates and Council tax each of the next four years in the MTFP agreed in Nov 2020?**

**Answer:**

The assumed collection rates for all the next four years in the MTFP agreed in November 2020 are 97.1% for Council Tax and 98.0% for Business Rates. These will be reviewed as part of the budget setting process.

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

**D8      New Pressures**

**Question:**

**Page 14 of the Council refresh of the MTFP includes a line in the table 10 for "New Pressures". Please provide a detailed break down of what the figures under this section relate to for each of the next four years?**

**Answer:**

The breakdown for the "New Pressures" figures is shown in the table below. However, it should be noted that this is the position mid-way through the year and will be subject to further investigation and potential change before the final MTFP position is confirmed:

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Directorate	Description	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m
Adult Social Care	Rebasing of base social care budgets	6.000	6.000	6.000	6.000
Adult Social Care	Fall out of prudential borrowing	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)	(0.800)
Adult Social Care	Voluntary Sector - increased support to voluntary sector to support preventative measures	0.195	0.000	0.000	0.000
Corporate	Pension Costs	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Cross Directorate	DBS checks	0.224	0.224	0.224	0.224
Digital & Customer Services	Benefits Service Budget realignment due to Universal Credit roll out	1.500	2.000	2.500	2.900
Education & Skills	Children's Trust - Demand placements	5.700	8.100	10.100	11.000
Education & Skills	Schools Deficits	3.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Education & Skills	World of Work and the Youth Employment Initiative- temporary funding to cover winding down as grant ceases	1.500	0.000	0.000	0.000
Education & Skills	Additional security and dealing with flytipping - surplus property and unattached playing fields	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350
Finance & Governance	BT appropriation not being made	(0.600)	(0.328)	0.000	0.000
Finance & Governance	Creation of whistleblowing budget	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
Finance & Governance	Civic Cleaning - additional income loss Car Park closures- Perhore Road and Markets	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031
Finance & Governance	Interim Finance Staff	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finance & Governance	Temporary cost of support for Modernisation Agenda	0.059	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finance & Governance	Legal Services for Professional Standards Work	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
Finance & Governance	Potential ongoing covid impact on advertising market (GLS only) £631k if Car Park losses not mitigated	0.501	0.371	0.000	0.000
Finance & Governance	Sale of Brindley Car Park loss of Banner income	0.000	0.130	0.130	0.130
Finance & Governance	Sale of Moathouse Car Park loss of Banner income	0.130	0.130	0.130	0.130
Finance & Governance	End of Ocean Digital Advertising contract	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finance & Governance	Birmingham Audit - Supplier Statement Income Target	0.100	0.208	0.208	0.208
Finance & Governance	Birmingham Audit BCT Income	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.052
Finance & Governance	Shortfall in Audit IT budget	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031
Finance & Governance	Reduced charge to HRA due to COVID- inability to deliver Social Housing Fraud function	0.050	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finance & Governance	Procurement - loss of income	0.200	0.200	0.200	0.200
Finance & Governance	Governance - appointment of 2 Political Assistant posts	0.101	0.101	0.101	0.101
Finance & Governance	System transition delays	12.400	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finance & Governance	Council Tax Hardship Fund	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.000
HR	Apprentice Levy Delivery	0.160	0.000	0.000	0.000
HR	Apprentices Succession Planning	0.350	0.000	0.000	0.000
HR	Culture Change	0.450	0.000	0.000	0.000
HR	Directorate Change	0.230	0.000	0.000	0.000
HR	Equality Review Team	0.205	0.205	0.205	0.205
Neighbourhoods	NEP023 20+ Hire Repairs and Maintenance - reprofiling of pressure by a year	(2.000)	0.500	1.500	0.000
Neighbourhoods	Waste procurement project - external legal advice	0.223	0.165	0.000	0.000
Neighbourhoods	Markets income pressure	0.670	0.670	0.670	0.670
Neighbourhoods	Trade waste income	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Neighbourhoods	Bereavement income	0.446	0.446	0.446	0.446
Neighbourhoods	Selective Licensing Scheme	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Neighbourhoods	Recycled Paper	0.800	0.800	0.800	0.800
Neighbourhoods	Markets - St Martins - loss of income	0.052	0.052	0.052	0.000
Neighbourhoods	Markets - Rag - loss of income	0.067	0.067	0.067	0.000
Partnerships, Insight & Prevention	Ongoing Covid pressures-Income loss re CCTV footage	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>		<b>37.097</b>	<b>23.905</b>	<b>27.197</b>	<b>26.878</b>

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND  
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

**D9      Allocated and Unallocated Reserves**

**Question:**

**Please provide a list of all allocated and unallocated reserves and contingency pots under the control of Birmingham City Council?**

**Answer:**

The Council provided a complete schedule of all reserves and their planned movement in the Financial Plan 2020-24 on 25 February 2020 (see Chapter 3 page 47 and Appendix D page 101). The latest position was set out in the Quarter 2 Financial Monitoring Report to Cabinet on 10 November 2020 (see paragraphs 8.1-8.12 of Appendix 1 pages 216-217 and Annex 5 page 247).

The original budget for Policy Contingency was set out in the Financial Plan 2020-24 on 25 February 2020 (see Chapter 3 page 48). The latest allocations of Policy Contingency were set out in the Quarter 2 Report Financial Monitoring to Cabinet on 10 November 2020 (see paragraphs 9.1-9.14 of Appendix 1 pages 218-219).

Please note that page numbers for the Quarter 2 refer to the full Cabinet Pack

**Table 3.15 Reserves Position**

Description	31/03/2020	31/03/2021	31/03/2022	31/03/2023	31/03/2024
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>General Reserves and Balances</b>					
Invest to Save Reserve	24.572	10.642	13.938	20.247	26.246
Corporate General Fund Balance	35.478	35.478	35.478	35.478	35.478
Financial Resilience Reserve Gross	83.122	77.212	72.212	68.212	65.212
Net Borrowing from Financial Resilience Reserve	(25.633)	(24.359)	(30.017)	(30.242)	(25.581)
Subtotal Financial Resilience Reserve	57.489	52.853	42.195	37.970	39.631
<b>General Reserves and Balances</b>	<b>117.539</b>	<b>98.973</b>	<b>91.611</b>	<b>93.695</b>	<b>101.355</b>
<b>Earmarked Reserves</b>					
Insurance Fund	7.867	9.867	11.867	13.867	15.867
Capital Fund	49.326	49.601	49.876	50.151	50.426
One-off resources from previous years	7.790	2.408	2.408	2.408	2.408
Cyclical Maintenance	13.786	16.876	19.966	23.056	26.146
Business Rates Volatility Contingency	21.301	20.333	21.076	21.076	21.076
Commonwealth Games Contingency Reserve	12.232	12.232	28.086	0.000	0.000
Waste Disposal Outage Contingency	0.000	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.000
Enhanced Operations CWG	9.103	9.103	4.103	0.000	0.000
Education & Skills PFI Reserve	3.383	3.785	4.597	5.829	7.490
Other Corporate Reserves	(2.073)	(1.341)	(0.598)	0.156	1.427
Other Earmarked Reserves	25.408	50.063	50.242	49.382	49.661
<b>Total Earmarked Reserves</b>	<b>148.123</b>	<b>174.927</b>	<b>193.623</b>	<b>167.925</b>	<b>176.501</b>
Reserves for budgets delegated to schools	36.955	36.955	36.955	36.955	36.955
<b>Ring-fenced Reserves</b>	<b>36.955</b>	<b>36.955</b>	<b>36.955</b>	<b>36.955</b>	<b>36.955</b>
<b>Grant Reserves</b>					
Highways PFI	229.173	249.173	249.173	249.173	249.173
Non Schools DSG	3.445	3.445	3.445	3.445	3.445
Other Grant Reserves	85.258	75.423	62.257	57.020	56.527
<b>Grant Reserves</b>	<b>317.876</b>	<b>328.041</b>	<b>314.875</b>	<b>309.638</b>	<b>309.145</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>620.493</b>	<b>638.896</b>	<b>637.064</b>	<b>608.213</b>	<b>623.956</b>

Note: Details of Other Earmarked Reserves can be found in Appendix D

**APPENDIX D: OTHER EARMARKED RESERVES**

Directorate	Description	31/03/2020	31/03/2021	31/03/2022	31/03/2023	31/03/2024
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Digital & Cust' Services	Benefits Service Transformation	0.169	0.169	0.169	0.169	0.169
Digital & Cust' Services	Housing Benefit Subsidy Reserve	4.247	4.247	4.247	4.247	4.247
Digital & Cust' Services	ICT&D Transition Reserve	2.280	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Digital & Cust' Services	Landing Team	0.052	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Education & Skills	EWS Fixed Penalty	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110
Education & Skills	LOB - Archives Development Fund	0.130	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.043
Education & Skills	SEND preparation for Employment	0.066	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Education & Skills	Youth Promise Plus	0.536	0.536	0.536	0.536	0.536
Finance & Governance	ERP System Temporary Reserve	1.016	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Finance & Governance	Audit - POCA Reserve	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.037
Finance & Governance	Finance Birmingham Loan Contingency	0.386	0.386	0.386	0.386	0.386
Finance & Governance	Local Election Costs - Not Assigned	0.300	0.600	0.800	(0.039)	0.261
Finance & Governance	VAT Reserve	1.455	1.455	1.455	1.455	1.455
Human Resources	Schools HR IT	0.324	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Inclusive Growth	Sheldon Transport Action Group (VAS Signs)	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014
Inclusive Growth	Bus Lane Enforcement Equipment	7.410	7.410	7.410	7.410	7.410
Inclusive Growth	CAZ income and CAZ FPN income	0.000	28.228	28.228	28.228	28.228
Inclusive Growth	Clean Air Zone	0.284	0.284	0.284	0.284	0.284
Inclusive Growth	Fire Insurance (old CO-OP Building)	1.766	1.766	1.766	1.766	1.766
Inclusive Growth	General Maintenance Tenants	2.355	2.355	2.355	2.355	2.355
Inclusive Growth	Grand Central	0.571	0.571	0.571	0.571	0.571
Inclusive Growth	Highways Commuted Sums	0.013	0.013	0.013	0.012	0.012
Inclusive Growth	Highways Initiatives	0.557	0.557	0.557	0.557	0.557
Inclusive Growth	Highways - Bridge Agreements	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.314	0.314
Inclusive Growth	Highways - Interest on Compensation Highways	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175
Inclusive Growth	Joint Venture Contribution	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024
Inclusive Growth	Graduate Hub	0.872	0.872	0.872	0.872	0.872
Inclusive Growth	Permanent Loss of Parking Bays (Car Parking Commuted Sums)	0.133	0.113	0.092	0.072	0.051
Inclusive Growth	Portfolio Reserve	0.883	0.883	0.883	0.883	0.883
Inclusive Growth	Speed Camera	0.066	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038
Inclusive Growth	Wider Hospital Masterplan	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015
Neighbourhoods	BMT Loan Guarantee	(0.920)	(0.920)	(0.920)	(0.920)	(0.920)
Neighbourhoods	Hackney Carriages	0.237	0.237	0.237	0.237	0.237
Neighbourhoods	Licensing Entertainment/General	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.116
Neighbourhoods	Manor Farm Park Barn	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.250
Neighbourhoods	Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) - Illegal Money Lending Team	0.708	0.708	0.708	0.708	0.708
Neighbourhoods	Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) - Trading Standards	0.374	0.374	0.374	0.374	0.374
Neighbourhoods	SERCO Pension Guarantee	(1.917)	(1.917)	(1.917)	(1.917)	(1.917)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>25.408</b>	<b>50.063</b>	<b>50.242</b>	<b>49.382</b>	<b>49.661</b>

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**8. Reserves**

- 8.1 The Council operates a policy of not using reserves unless they have been set aside for specific purposes; they will not be used to mitigate the requirement to make savings or meet on-going budget pressures, except in exceptional circumstances. The main use of reserves relates to grant reserves where funding has been received prior to the requirement to spend the resource. The Council also has earmarked reserves where it has made a decision to set money aside to fund specific costs when they occur in later years.
- 8.2 The Council anticipated the net contribution of £18.4m to reserves in setting the 2020/21 budget. This is summarised in Table 5 together with the current forecast outturn balance. No changes were requested at Quarter 1. At Quarter 2, a net change in use of reserves of £31.7m is forecast. The Quarter 2 forecast assumes that these reserves changes will be approved at year end. Details of the forecast changes are set out in Table 5. Specific forecast changes in reserves since Quarter 1 are set out in Annex 5.

Table 5: Reserves	Balance as at 31st March 2020 *	Original Budgeted (Use) / Contribution	Changes Forecast Period 3	Changes Forecast Since Period 3	Forecast Proposed (Use) /Contribution at Month 6	Forecast Outturn Balance at 31st March 2021
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
General Reserve	141.674	(18.565)	0.000	0.000	(18.565)	123.109
Corporate Reserve	153.746	(0.553)	0.000	4.217	3.664	157.410
<b>Subtotal Corporate Reserves</b>	<b>295.420</b>	<b>(19.119)</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>4.217</b>	<b>(14.902)</b>	<b>280.518</b>
Other Reserves						
Grant	271.945	10.465	0.000	(1.806)	8.660	280.605
Earmarked	44.745	27.057	0.000	(34.074)	(7.017)	37.728
Schools	40.537	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	40.537
Non Schools DSG	5.580	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.580
<b>Subtotal Other Reserves</b>	<b>362.807</b>	<b>37.522</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>(35.879)</b>	<b>1.643</b>	<b>364.450</b>
<b>Grant total</b>	<b>658.227</b>	<b>18.403</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>(31.662)</b>	<b>(13.259)</b>	<b>644.968</b>

- The Opening Reserves Balances in the Financial Outturn Report reported to Cabinet in June 2020 is subject to confirmation when the Accounts have been finalised. Following the completion of the accounts, the opening balance has been increased by £8.4m
- 8.3 As stated above, it is proposed that the Opening Balance is increased by £8.4m, almost all due to the following proposed change.



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- 8.4 As part of the reported outturn to Cabinet on 23 June 2020, the Council had funded £8.7m of capital expenditure from Direct Revenue Financing (DRF) of capital expenditure. The Council's financial statements for 2019/20 are being audited by Grant Thornton and it is proposed that, given the financial pressures faced as a result of the demands placed on the Council in its response to Covid-19, the Council replace the DRF incurred by increasing the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). This will increase the level of usable reserves available to the Council to meet future funding pressures.
- 8.5 The increase in CFR will be met through an annual increase in the Minimum Revenue Provision over the life of the relevant assets. The proposed change will amend the financial statements currently being audited through an adjusting post balance sheet event.
- 8.6 There are uses of £1.1m of Corporate Reserves, relating to use of the Library of Birmingham Cyclical Maintenance Reserve, as approved by Cabinet in September 2020.
- 8.7 It is expected that £38.7m of Corporate Reserves relating to the Covid Grant received from the Government at the end of 2019-2020 financial year will be utilised in 2020-2021. This is part of the £84.3m grant funding described in paragraph 1.2 of this report.
- 8.8 It is recommended that £44.2m of Covid Grant announced by the Government on 22<sup>nd</sup> October be transferred to a specific Covid reserve to manage the ongoing pandemic through the higher risk winter months, as described in paragraph 1.3.
- 8.9 Within Corporate Reserves, there are also forecast uses of £0.1m of Policy Contingency Reserves, mainly to fund projects that were delayed in 2019-20 due to Covid-19.
- 8.10 The Council holds Earmarked Reserves where resources have been set aside to support future years' service delivery. Since Quarter 1, there are net forecast uses of £34.1m of earmarked reserves. However, this includes a reduction in planned contributions to reserves of £28.2m related to the Clean Air Zone (CAZ), where delays due to Covid-19 have meant that income will not be received when originally planned, thus reducing contributions to reserves in this financial year. This and the other forecast net uses of £5.9m are in line with the Reserves Policy approved by Cabinet in July 2020.
- 8.11 The Council holds Grant Reserves for the unused element of grant support for which the conditions of the grant are expected to be met. The reserves will be used to meet future years' expenditure for the service for which the grant was awarded. Since Quarter 1, there are net forecast uses of £1.8m of grant reserves. The forecast contributions to and uses of grant reserves are in line with the Reserves Policy approved by Cabinet in July 2020.
- 8.12 Given the significant financial pressures facing the Council due to the Covid-19 emergency it may become necessary to utilise reserves in 2020/21 to support the budget, but only as a last resort. Policy Contingency Budget



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Detailed Breakdown of Proposed (Use of) / Contribution to Reserves					
Directorate making forecast	Reserve	Reason for forecast (use)/contribution	Budget Approved Period 3	Changes forecast Since Period 3	Forecast (Use) /Contribution at Month 6
			£m	£m	£m
Corporate	Financial Resilience Reserve		(5.910)	0.000	(5.910)
Corporate	Net borrowing from General Reserves		(12.655)	0.000	(12.655)
	<b>Subtotal Use of General Reserves</b>		<b>(18.565)</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>(18.565)</b>
Education & Skills	Cyclical maintenance reserve -LoB	Drawdown funding from the Library of Birmingham's Cyclical Maintenance Reserve for the replacement of large plant items	1.800	(1.100)	0.700
Corporate	Covid-19 Local Authority Support Grant	Drawdown of Government Grant received at the end of 2019/20 to fund expenditure related to Covid-19	0.000	(38.744)	(38.744)
Corporate	Covid-19 Local Authority Support Grant	Contribution to reserve of un-ringfenced government grant to support covid-19 cost to the Council during the winter months and any second wave of Covid-19.	0.000	44.200	44.200
PIP	Use of underspend from 19/20 Policy Contingency allocation to complete CCTV decommissioning delayed as a result of Covid 19.	Use of underspend from 19/20 Policy Contingency allocation to complete CCTV decommissioning delayed as a result of Covid 19.	0.000	(0.093)	(0.093)
PIP	Use of underspend from 19/20 Policy Contingency allocation for Assurance Framework for completion of project work.	Use of underspend from 19/20 Policy Contingency allocation for Assurance Framework for completion of project work.	0.000	(0.030)	(0.030)
PIP	Use of underspend from 19/20 Policy Contingency allocation for Covid to fund continued spend.	Use of underspend from 19/20 Policy Contingency allocation for Covid to fund continued spend.	0.000	(0.016)	(0.016)
	Other Net Uses of Corporate Reserves		(2.353)	0.000	(2.353)
	<b>Subtotal Use of Corporate Reserves</b>		<b>(0.553)</b>	<b>4.217</b>	<b>3.664</b>
Adult Social Care	Controlling Migration Fund (CMF)	Appropriation of reserve required to enable continuation of project into 2020/21. Original budgeted reserve overstated due to increase in expenditure at the end of 2019/20.	(0.530)	0.180	(0.350)
Adult Social Care	Mt Friendly Cities	Appropriation of reserve required to enable continuation of project into 2020/21	0.000	(0.048)	(0.048)
Adult Social Care	PURE - ESF	Appropriation of reserve required to enable continuation of project into 2020/21	0.000	(0.052)	(0.052)
Adult Social Care	Rough Sleeping Initiative	Appropriation of reserve required to enable continuation of project into 2020/21	0.000	(0.191)	(0.191)
Adult Social Care	Syrian Refugee Programme	Funding received from Home office in 2020/21 to support the Syrian Programme where refugees will receive support over a 5 year period up to 2025.	0.000	0.492	0.492
Education & Skills	Section 106 Children's Directorate	To support the Basic Need Capital Programme providing additional school places for children in Birmingham.	0.000	(0.386)	(0.386)
Inclusive Growth	BCR1 Monitoring TA-01758-01	Fund project expenditure	0.000	(0.006)	(0.006)
Inclusive Growth	CIL - Bournville & Cotteridge Ward	NEW CIL receipted to date	0.000	0.007	0.007
Inclusive Growth	CIL - City Wide Projects	NEW CIL receipted to date	0.000	0.144	0.144
Inclusive Growth	CIL - Harborne Ward	NEW CIL receipted to date	0.000	0.003	0.003
Inclusive Growth	CIL - Ladywood Ward	NEW CIL receipted to date	0.000	0.015	0.015
Inclusive Growth	CIL - North Edgbaston Ward	NEW CIL receipted to date	0.000	0.001	0.001
Inclusive Growth	Clean Air Zone Grant Allocation	Increase use of CAZ Grant as Reported	(3.756)	(0.489)	(4.244)
Inclusive Growth	Clean Air Zone TA-01849-01,02,03	Fund project expenditure	0.000	(0.126)	(0.126)
Inclusive Growth	Climate KIC TA-01801-07	Fund project expenditure	0.000	(0.047)	(0.047)
Inclusive Growth	Easysights EU 870980 (TA-02337-01)	Project now being delivered	0.000	(0.073)	(0.073)
Inclusive Growth	Section 106's	New S106 receipted to date	0.000	0.035	0.035
Neighbourhoods	Access Programme	Meet project costs	0.000	(0.148)	(0.148)
Neighbourhoods	Controlling Migration Fund	grant funding to meet project costs	0.000	(0.277)	(0.277)
Neighbourhoods	High Rise Cladding Survey	High Rise Blocks Surveys	0.000	(0.016)	(0.016)
Neighbourhoods	Housing Assistance Payment Grant	Funding specific project	0.000	(0.025)	(0.025)
Neighbourhoods	Modern Slavery	Funding specific project	0.000	(0.047)	(0.047)
Neighbourhoods	New Burdens	Used for preventative work	0.000	(0.048)	(0.048)
Neighbourhoods	Regional Intelligence Team	Meet commitments and repay funding organisation following completion of audit	0.000	(0.022)	(0.022)
Neighbourhoods	Section 106 Place Directorate	Wilton Festive Lights	(0.016)	(0.016)	(0.032)
PIP	Brexit funding	To fund project spend from grant received in 2019/20.	0.000	(0.143)	(0.143)
PIP	Community Safety Strategy - BCSP	To fund project spend from grant received in 2019/20.	0.000	(0.245)	(0.245)
PIP	EU migration fund	To fund project spend from grant received in 2019/20.	(0.342)	(0.030)	(0.372)
PIP	INLOGOV	To fund project spend from grant received in 2019/20.	0.000	(0.019)	(0.019)
PIP	Prevent	To reduce budgeted project spend in line with lower grant underspend brought forward from 2019/20.	(0.150)	0.045	(0.104)
PIP	Prevent - admin	To fund project spend from grant received in 2019/20.	0.000	(0.010)	(0.010)
PIP	Prevent - Out of School (OSS)	To fund project spend from grant received in 2019/20.	0.000	(0.075)	(0.075)
PIP	Public Health - Obesity Trailblazers	To fund project spend from grant received in 2019/20.	0.000	(0.075)	(0.075)
PIP	Strategic Migration Partnership	To fund project spend from grant received in 2019/20.	0.000	(0.114)	(0.114)
Various	Other Net Uses of Grant Reserves		15.259	0.000	15.259
	<b>Subtotal Use of Grant Reserves</b>		<b>10.465</b>	<b>(1.806)</b>	<b>8.660</b>
Digital & Customer Servi	Benefits Service Transformation 2	Funds BCC staff costs in view of reduced funding from DWP. Safe guards citizens from homelessness by ensuring Housing Benefits is paid in a timely manner.	0.000	(0.439)	(0.439)
Digital & Customer Servi	Customer Services Access Strategy Programme	To fund acceleration of the new customer programme in order to improve the customer experience council wide.	0.000	(0.247)	(0.247)
Digital & Customer Servi	Project Support	To fund in year variations in third party costs (circa 400+ suppliers) following transition from Capita.	(2.280)	(1.017)	(3.297)
Digital & Customer Servi	ICT&D Transition Reserve	This is being used to fund staff who are currently in post to assist in the transition from Capita.	(0.052)	(0.270)	(0.322)
Digital & Customer Servi	Landing Team TA-01930-01	To Fund slippage of Business rate revaluation costs from 19/20 due to be released in year.	0.000	(0.938)	(0.938)
Digital & Customer Servi	Revenues NNDR Revaluations & Project Developments	To cover the costs of providing the service which is funded by income generation. Income is expected to be low in 19-20 due to Covid effect.	0.000	(0.098)	(0.098)
Education & Skills	EWS Fixed Penalty	Audit Total Impact Assessment and Audit Committee Effective reviews delayed due to Covid19.	0.000	(0.030)	(0.030)
Finance & Governance	Audit - PWC	Unidentified Income carried forward from 2019/20 to be allocated to Directorates	0.000	(1.130)	(1.130)
Finance & Governance	Unidentified Income	JADU Development	(0.324)	(0.088)	(0.412)
Human Resources	Schools HR IT	Delay in implementation of CAZ	28.228	(28.228)	0.000
Inclusive Growth	CAZ income and CAZ FPN income	Contract Payment Goodman's Development "Steamhouse" made	0.000	(1.500)	(1.500)
Inclusive Growth	Fire Insurance (old CO-OP Building)	Required to fund Graduate/Apprentice expenditure	0.000	(0.100)	(0.100)
Inclusive Growth	New TA-01741-01 Graduate Hub	Expansion of Speed Camera Site	(0.027)	0.025	(0.002)
Inclusive Growth	Speed Camera (TA-00543-11)	Complete Repairs to Old Rep building	0.000	(0.015)	(0.015)
Neighbourhoods	Old Rep Theatre		1.512	0.000	1.512
Various	Other Net Uses of Earmarked Reserves				
	<b>Subtotal Use of Earmarked Reserves</b>		<b>27.057</b>	<b>(34.074)</b>	<b>(7.017)</b>
	<b>Total Use of Reserves</b>		<b>18.403</b>	<b>(31.662)</b>	<b>(13.259)</b>

**Table 3.16 Policy Contingency**

	£m
Loss of Income from Car Park Closures	0.252
National Living Wage	0.365
Autoenrolment in Pension Fund	0.300
Inflation Contingency	5.446
Highways Maintenance	0.500
Apprenticeship Levy	1.093
Commonwealth Games Project Team Costs	4.000
Short-term Improvement in the Council House	0.300
Corporate Funding for Owning & Driving Performance	0.129
(ODP)Culture Change Programme	
Modernisation Fund - Social Care	18.000
Modernisation Fund - Other	3.865
HR Additional Temporary Resources	0.300
Potential Additional Interim Staff	0.750
General Contingency	5.474
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.774</b>

**9. Policy Contingency Budget**

- 9.1 The Council Financial Plan and Budget 2019-2023 approved by Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 reflected £35.3m for Specific Policy contingency budget in 2020/21 and £5.5m for General Policy Contingency budget. A breakdown of the specific contingency items is set out below:

<b>Table 6: Policy Contingency 2020/21</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Committed</b>	<b>Not yet committed</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Modernisation Fund - Social Care	18.000	4.200	13.800
Modernisation Fund - Other	3.865		3.865
Inflation Contingency	5.446	0.292	5.154
Commonwealth Games Project Team Costs	4.000	4.000	0.000
Apprenticeship Levy	1.093		1.093
Potential Additional Interim Staff	0.750		0.750
Highways Maintenance	0.500		0.500
National Living Wage	0.365		0.365
Superannuation - Auto-enrolment Pension Fund	0.300		0.300
Short-term Improvement in the Council House	0.300		0.300
HR Additional Temporary Resources	0.300		0.300
Loss of Income from Car Park Closures	0.252		0.252
Corporate Funding for ODP	0.129		0.129
General Policy Contingency	5.474	3.517	1.957
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.774</b>	<b>12.009</b>	<b>28.765</b>

- 9.2 As part of the Council's simplification of processes, the Cabinet meeting of 23 June 2020, approved that the Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority for the verification and allocation of Specific Policy contingency to fund expenditure which is in line with the approval given as part of the Council Financial Plan and Budget 2020-2024.
- 9.3 Any requests for funding from Specific Policy Contingency that are not in line with the original application in the Council Financial Plan and Budget 2020-2024 will require approval by Cabinet.

**Brexit**

- 9.4 Cabinet of 13 October 2020 approved the release of £0.2m of General Policy Contingency to fund the Brexit Readiness Programme and a further £0.2m to fund to transition the Brussels Office into a financial sustainable operation effective from April 2021.
- 9.5 The Council will continue to review and monitor costs associated with the impact of the Brexit outcome and will reflect in future updates of the MTFP.

**Commonwealth Games Project Team**

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- 9.6 The Section 151 Officer has approved the release of £4.0m of Specific Policy contingency to fund the Commonwealth Games Project Team costs, in line with the Council Financial Plan and Budget.

**Inflation**

- 9.7 The Section 151 Officer has approved the release of £0.3m of Specific Policy contingency to fund inflationary pressures, in line with the Council Financial Plan and Budget.

**Modernisation Fund-Social Care**

- 9.8 It is recommended that £4.2m of the Modernisation Fund within Specific Policy Contingency is released to fund the Birmingham Children's Partnership (BCP) Early Help (EH) programme in 2020/2021. The business case was approved by the Modern Council Delivery Board.

**General Policy Contingency - Homelessness Reduction**

- 9.9 It is recommended that £0.9m of General Policy Contingency is released to fund a number of preventative and early intervention plans designed to reduce homelessness to ensure the service remains on target to deliver on its prevention agenda.

**General Policy Contingency - Whistleblowing**

- 9.10 It is recommended that £0.2m of General Policy Contingency is released to provide the Professional Standards Team with sufficient funding to enable them to robustly investigate allegations received.

**General Policy Contingency – Delivery Plan**

- 9.11 It is recommended that up to £2.0m of General Policy Contingency is released to provide funding for the associated costs of the development and implementation of the Delivery Plan over two years.
- 9.12 If the above proposals are approved, the balance on Policy Contingency will be £28.8m.
- 9.13 Given the significant financial pressures facing the Council due to the Covid-19 emergency and the need to drive delivery there may be a need to re-prioritise the use of the policy contingency budget.
- 9.14 The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Refresh (that is also on the agenda for Cabinet this month) considers the use of Policy Contingency.

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

**D10     DBS Checks**

**Question:**

**Can you confirm that every interim/consultant who has worked in SENAR has had their DBS checked and copy is available for Audit purposes?**

**Answer:**

The interims/consultants in SENAR do not have substantial unsupervised contact with vulnerable groups, and therefore BCC policy (in line with legal requirements) is that a DBS check cannot be requested. Where individuals can be DBS checked, BCC policy (in line with DBS code of practice and GDPR) means that copies of DBS certificates are not retained, however, evidence of a robust process to determine suitability is recorded for audit purposes. Furthermore, where a DBS is necessary and interims/consultants are supplied via agencies it is process that the agency (as employer) are required to conduct appropriate checks against individuals engaged and are responsible for holding data in line with GDPR requirements, assurance of checks would be provided to BCC in this instance.

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

**D11    Interims**

**Question:**

**When interims have left earlier than expected have Exit interviews been undertaken with the interims/consultants?**

**Answer:**

Most interims and consultants who have left the service over the last six months have done so as their contract term has ended. Exit conversations have taken place, although these need to be undertaken in a more structured way and formally documented in future.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**E1     Housing Survey**

**Question:**

**Please provide a copy of the Housing Survey for each Ward and Constituency?**

**Answer:**

Following discussions between officers and Councillors in order to clarify the request for information, the following is the response.

We currently do not have detailed housing market survey reports for each ward in the city. There was a specific housing survey report relating to Stockland Green which was commissioned by Pioneer Housing with support from the City Council. It is published on the Pioneer website link below. As this was instigated by Pioneer as part of wider planning work they are doing in this area there are currently no plans for this to be replicated across the city at this stage.

<https://www.pioneergroup.org.uk/housing-need-in-stockland-green/>

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

**E2      Contributions**

**Question:**

**“What are the current rent arrears and leaseholders contributions?”**

Answer:

Current rent arrears for Birmingham City Council (BCC) tenancies is £20,269,935.55.

In regard to leaseholder contributions this is made up of both annual service charges and recharges for major works. This is split out as per below:

Major Works as at 23rd November 2020 Payments received      £71,774.05.

Leaseholder Service Charges as at 23 November 2020 Payments received £1,028,289.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

**“Exemptions”**

**Question:**

What are the exemptions for accommodation on a Ward basis? Supported Exempt Accommodation is not the same as licenced Houses in Multiple occupation (HMOs) in that they are accommodation units for people requiring and receiving care support or supervision and are shared units. In the main this accommodation is not commissioned by the City Council.

If the question is asking for the numbers of supported Exempt units at a ward level these are provided below: NB these are the number of actual properties not individual units and within these 6768 properties are approximately 18700 units.

Figures are correct as at September 2020.

Acocks Green Ward	8
Allens Cross Ward	25
Alum Rock Ward	162
Aston Ward	188
Balsall Heath West Ward	100
Bartley Green Ward	87
Billesley Ward	46
Birchfield Ward	211
Bordesley & Highgate Ward	171
Bordesley Green Ward	144
Bournville & Cotteridge Ward	10
Bournville & Selly Park Ward	49
Brandwood & Kings Heath Ward	102
Bromford & Hodge Hill Ward	100
Castle Vale Ward	19
Druids Heath & Monyhull Ward	102
Edgbaston Ward	31
Erdington Ward	258
Four Oaks Ward	26
Frankley Great Park Ward	41
Garrets Green Ward	28
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross Ward	62
Gravelly Hill Ward	300
Hall Green North Ward	63
Hall Green South Ward	12

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Handsworth Ward	101
Handsworth Wood Ward	24
Harborne Ward	160
Heartlands Ward	30
Highters Heath Ward	102
Holyhead Ward	190
Kings Norton North Ward	16
Kings Norton South Ward	20
Kingstanding Ward	120
Ladywood Ward	144
Longbridge & West Heath Ward	190
Lozells Ward	147
Moseley Ward	204
Nechells Ward	334
Newtown Ward	105
North Edgbaston Ward	275
Northfield Ward	182
Oscott Ward	49
Perry Barr Ward	141
Perry Common Ward	57
Pype Hayes Ward	29
Quinton Ward	104
Rubery & Rednal Ward	16
Shard End Ward	4
Sheldon Ward	138
Small Heath Ward	118
Soho & Jewellery Quarter Ward	77
South Yardley Ward	33
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath Ward	279
Sparkhill Ward	222
Stirchley Ward	32
Stockland Green Ward	380
Sutton Mere Green Ward	48
Sutton Reddicap Ward	39
Sutton Roughley Ward	7
Sutton Trinity Ward	1
Sutton Vesey Ward	16
Tyseley & Hay Mills Ward	79
Walmey & Minworth Ward	5
Ward End Ward	61
Weoley & Selly Oak Ward	30
Wylde Green Ward	7

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Yardley East Ward	79
Yardley West & Stechford Ward	28
Totals	6768

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

**E4     HMO's**

**Question:**

**Could you please provide a list of HMO's on a Ward basis?**

**Answer:**

Attached is a list of HMOs known to the council. The information is compiled from the declarations of HMOs provided to Planning prior to the implementation of Article 4, approved HMO planning applications, HMOs identified from council tax student exemptions and the PRS database of HMO licensed properties.

This data is being regularly updated, and the attached spreadsheet provides a snapshot of the data when it was last updated on 2 October 2020.



List of HMOs by  
Ward.xlsx

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Week beginning	Percentage of bulky waste collection slots that were used
10/05/2020	98.75%
17/05/2020	100.00%
24/05/2020	100.00%
31/05/2020	98.00%
07/06/2020	100.00%
14/06/2020	100.00%
21/06/2020	95.75%
28/06/2020	100.00%
05/07/2020	100.00%
12/07/2020	100.00%
19/07/2020	100.00%
26/07/2020	100.00%
02/08/2020	97.25%
09/08/2020	100.00%
16/08/2020	100.00%
23/08/2020	100.00%
30/08/2020	95.65%
06/09/2020	99.09%
13/09/2020	100.00%
20/09/2020	96.91%
27/09/2020	98.36%
04/10/2020	100.00%
11/10/2020	98.73%
18/10/2020	96.36%
25/10/2020	97.64%
01/11/2020	96.73%
08/11/2020	93.27%
15/11/2020	95.27%

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS  
FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

**F1      BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS**

**Question:**

**Can the cabinet member report on the percentage of bulky waste collection slots that have been used up weekly since the service was reinstated?**

**Answer:**

Week beginning	Percentage of bulky waste collection slots that were used
10/05/2020	98.75%
17/05/2020	100.00%
24/05/2020	100.00%
31/05/2020	98.00%
07/06/2020	100.00%
14/06/2020	100.00%
21/06/2020	95.75%
28/06/2020	100.00%
05/07/2020	100.00%
12/07/2020	100.00%
19/07/2020	100.00%
26/07/2020	100.00%
02/08/2020	97.25%
09/08/2020	100.00%
16/08/2020	100.00%
23/08/2020	100.00%
30/08/2020	95.65%
06/09/2020	99.09%
13/09/2020	100.00%
20/09/2020	96.91%
27/09/2020	98.36%
04/10/2020	100.00%
11/10/2020	98.73%
18/10/2020	96.36%
25/10/2020	97.64%
01/11/2020	96.73%
08/11/2020	93.27%
15/11/2020	95.27%

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

**F2      Waiting List for Bulky Waste Collections**

**Question:**

**Many residents have reported being unable to get booking slots for bulky waste collection. Should there not be some kind of waiting list system so the council knows how much unmet demand there is?**

**Answer:**

It is regrettable that your constituents have reported that they have been unable to make a booking for a bulky waste collection. We are aware that there has been a massive demand for bulky waste collections since collections resumed in May. Appointment slots are released on a regular weekly basis, for one week ahead. This ensures a consistent workflow and prevents many weeks or months being booked ahead. It also helps to ensure we can provide a reliable service, in the event that there were a significant amount of staff in self-isolation or sick. If there were a waiting system, at points this year the wait potentially would have been several months long, which equally may have given rise to complaints.

We are currently making more bulky waste collection appointments available than there were available pre lockdown (90 per day as opposed to 80, tail lift collections for white goods remain unchanged at 20 per day). As of 25th November, there was availability in all 5 north bulky areas, and 3 out of 5 areas in the south of the City. There will be availability again in all areas on Friday morning.

As is usual practice, the bulky waste collection service will be suspended over the Christmas and New Year period between Friday 18th December 2020 and Monday 18th January 2021.

Slots are available for residents to take their waste to the Household Waste Recycling Centres if they choose.

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

**F3      Waiting List for Bulky Waste Collections**

**Question:**

The cabinet member informed a constituent of mine, correctly, that he should not put unbooked items out on the grass verge in response to being unable to get a bulky waste collection service. However, having been informed by the resident that he had tried unsuccessfully to book a bulky waste collection and that it is the council service that is failing, was this really the appropriate response to give: "I would suggest that if you are the sort of person to flytip, then you aren't going to be looking to book a collection through the council service"?

**Answer:**

It is regrettable that the question has failed to provide the full detail of the response I gave to Cllr Hunt's constituent, which I am happy to provide below:

*Dear Mr {redacted},*

*If you could confirm your son's address, I will get an officer to look into this for you.*

*We do only offer slots on a weekly basis to ensure that other, more critical parts of the refuse collection service can be maintained if we start to suffer from the impact of staff isolating or falling sick. We have actually increased the number of slots available as well, but there remains a high demand for the service.*

*There is no excuse for fly-tipping. I would suggest that if you are the sort of person to flytip, then you aren't going to be looking to book a collection through the council service.*

*Regards,*

*John*

*Cllr John O'Shea*

*Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Parks Birmingham City Council*

Members will I'm sure see that whilst there was no intent on my part to imply that Mr {redacted} was the sort of person to fly tip, it could have been interpreted differently. I will bear this in mind when responding to enquiries in future, but my intended sentiment holds – namely that any person (in general) that would be minded to fly tip is likely to not be somebody that would utilise our bulky waste service.

I am also pleased to confirm that the issue with the bulky waste collection that was raised with me by the constituent has been resolved to his satisfaction.

The Council's bulky waste collection service has been extremely successful during these unprecedented times, with the online booking system accessed in excess of 16,000 occasions and on the rare occasion reported by Mr [redacted] where there was a glitch in the IT system it was quickly rectified.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank colleagues and residents for their continued patience whilst we endeavour to provide the optimum service possible across all the Council's waste services.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND  
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

**F4      Recycling Rate**

**Question:**

**What is the recycling rate by ward for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 YTD?**

**Answer:**

Collection rounds collected by the kerbside collection services for residual waste (wheelie bins and sacks), paper/card and co-mingled are not separately collected from individual wards. The collection rounds straddle and cross ward boundaries and as such it is not possible to create accurate recycling rates

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

**F5      Missed Collection Rate**

**Question:**

**What is the missed collection rate broken down by type of collection by week for 2020?**

**Answer:**

These figures are based on there being 352,900 residual collections per week, 181,700 recycling collections per week and 30,011 garden waste collections per week. It not based on the total number of residential properties in Birmingham (as reported for the current corporate target) and hence does not include containers at flats/apartments. Garden waste has been simplified to assume that all customers had subscribed at the start of the beginning of the season.

Week beginning	Residual missed per 100K collections due	Recycling missed per 100K collections due	Garden missed per 100K collections due
05/01/2020	162	779	
12/01/2020	111	305	
19/01/2020	107	243	
26/01/2020	123	183	
02/02/2020	101	193	
09/02/2020	108	171	
16/02/2020	103	177	
23/02/2020	110	143	
01/03/2020	184	226	680
08/03/2020	275	286	916
15/03/2020	195	391	606
22/03/2020	187	254	1806
29/03/2020	154	234	1096
05/04/2020	105	121	510
12/04/2020	97	180	493
19/04/2020	93	125	433
26/04/2020	98	164	397
03/05/2020	79	104	330
10/05/2020	94	177	500
17/05/2020	101	184	353
24/05/2020	111	198	470
31/05/2020	123	201	417
07/06/2020	112	238	300
14/06/2020	118	180	313
21/06/2020	145	234	393
28/06/2020	133	192	320
05/07/2020	127	248	283
12/07/2020	148	216	300
19/07/2020	138	211	543
26/07/2020	140	173	620
02/08/2020	143	218	543
09/08/2020	151	232	486
16/08/2020	147	201	403
23/08/2020	125	183	543
30/08/2020	124	159	520

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06/09/2020	130	187	550
13/09/2020	170	199	653
20/09/2020	157	169	583
27/09/2020	132	207	460
04/10/2020	151	171	456
11/10/2020	131	178	546
18/10/2020	134	185	493
25/10/2020	138	192	646
01/11/2020	144	170	760
08/11/2020	126	168	643
15/11/2020	127	154	640

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

**F6     Locations of Flytipping**

**Question:**

**Please list all locations of fly tipping that the Council have placed barriers round since 1st January 2020 to 24th November 2020?**

**Answer:**

Highways are the only service which place barriers around fly tipped rubbish and the locations are not recorded.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

## F7 Reports of Flytipping

**Question:**

**Broken down by Ward, how many reporting's of fly tipping have been received each month since 1st January 2020, including how many have been cleaned up and how many have had barriers placed around them?**

Answer:

											Nov 20 (received before 21/11/20)
Ward / Month received	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20	Oct 20	
Acocks Green	47	50	38	33	59	88	97	94	60	94	52
Aston	95	73	59	53	63	88	118	182	182	108	51
Bartley Green	47	42	28	40	52	60	65	62	56	40	43
Billesley	39	30	22	39	66	60	66	45	61	48	37
Bordesley Green	144	141	108	157	190	262	229	221	293	220	201
Bournville	22	27	13	16	27	22	35	50	20	27	15
Brandwood	28	19	23	32	36	51	58	42	45	49	25
Edgbaston	21	24	13	33	28	29	32	41	33	32	21
Erdington	59	52	42	43	49	55	69	76	51	64	35
Hall Green	39	33	21	26	56	43	49	45	72	42	34
Handsworth Wood	88	83	66	122	77	121	120	177	186	136	77
Harborne	25	21	24	62	38	44	74	52	82	66	63
Hodge Hill	37	59	42	43	60	94	93	95	124	141	70
Kings Norton	35	25	16	32	37	76	48	61	47	44	21
Kingstanding	27	30	26	42	35	42	66	71	81	79	54
Ladywood	34	25	25	35	36	76	69	60	43	54	38
Longbridge	21	29	14	20	40	46	43	45	37	36	33
Lozells and East Handsworth	130	125	93	111	128	174	204	226	177	183	111
Moseley and Kings Heath	41	32	24	31	51	64	82	73	83	81	48
Nechells	146	134	102	134	139	205	271	198	292	190	117
Northfield	21	23	11	31	22	26	27	24	27	31	32
Oscott	21	15	11	19	28	37	37	20	31	26	14
Perry Barr	31	37	32	32	28	53	54	56	60	44	23
Quinton	37	34	21	32	47	47	45	70	64	49	53
Selly Oak	45	44	28	25	39	49	92	55	57	91	40
Shard End	32	31	29	49	51	65	77	55	71	45	24
Sheldon	23	27	14	24	29	40	25	34	39	26	31
Soho	146	123	100	118	136	230	233	268	250	173	87
South Yardley	57	51	48	88	62	118	173	117	142	132	77
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Sparkbrook	205	199	117	147	177	290	280	241	303	182	145
Springfield	81	63	63	78	65	123	105	118	154	103	85
Stechford and Yardley North	33	31	41	49	53	77	70	74	74	56	46
Stockland Green	41	25	27	47	38	54	113	60	51	56	56
Sutton Four Oaks	5	3	6	8	5	13	8	7	6	6	8
Sutton New Hall	18	20	5	22	17	26	20	13	21	15	17
Sutton Trinity	18	6	10	20	19	19	23	18	16	18	14
Sutton Vesey	4	9	9	5	10	10	16	11	17	9	5
Tyburn	30	26	29	27	34	44	41	40	50	29	18
Washwood Heath	127	126	118	114	91	152	250	165	204	181	89
Weoley	48	22	19	28	38	49	45	70	41	39	29
Unknown Ward	129	122	69	106	124	147	177	142	203	144	60

These numbers may include duplicate reports about the same fly tipping incident. Information about the number of incidents cleared up is not held.

Highways are the only service which place barriers around fly tipped rubbish and the locations are not recorded.

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

**G1     Transport Plan Consultation**

**Question:**

**When will the results of the consultation on the Birmingham Transport Plan be published?**

**Answer:**

As the end of the formal consultation period on the Birmingham Transport Plan was impacted by the COVID emergency, some elements of the consultation will need to be concluded in 2021.

The results of the consultation will be published alongside the final version of the Plan which we hope to be in later in 2021.

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

**G2     Community Engagement**

**Question:**

**Earlier this year the cabinet member promised there would be community engagement about the planting of replacement trees following the removal of trees on the A34 Walsall Road for bus lanes. Could the cabinet member state what form that community engagement has taken?**

**Answer:**

The Sprint team - part of Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) - is leading the community outreach in respect of identifying suitable locations for the planting of trees along the Sprint corridor.

It is important that wherever possible, trees are planted in locations that benefit the wider communities along the corridor.

Local ward councillors representing the location along the A34 corridor were contacted via email on 2nd November, asking for advice on areas within their wards that they feel would benefit from tree planting and also for the names of any individuals or groups that may have a particular interest and could help to guide these conversations.

TfWM are now engaging with these groups and individuals and exploring the possibilities of planting in locations suggested under the guidance of Birmingham City Council's Tree Officer.

While TfWM will seek to accommodate as many suggestions as possible, it must be noted that not all trees will thrive in a given location. TfWM is therefore being advised by Birmingham City Council's Tree Officer on appropriate locations.



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

**G3     EIA Of Delays**

**Question:**

**Could the cabinet member state whether there is an environmental impact assessment for the A34 Transport Scheme, setting out whether it accounts for the significant delays across north Birmingham and parts of Walsall and Sandwell predicted by the council's own officers to take place throughout next year?**

**Answer:**

Officers sought an 'EIA screening opinion' for the whole scheme back in the summer of 2019 and the response received was that an EIA was not required.

I believe the reference to 'significant delays' comes from a TfWM presentation to Scrutiny Committee and referred to the potential impact if mitigation measures were not to be put in place. The rest of that presentation details the mitigation works that will be put in place to minimise those impacts.

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

**G4     Traffic Light Changes**

**Question:**

**A recent scrutiny report outlined the traffic management proposals for next year to handle the impact of Perry Barr flyover demolition. These include changes to traffic management signals at several locations in the boroughs of Sandwell and Walsall. Could the cabinet member state whether those boroughs have agreed to these amendments?**

**Answer:**

The traffic management proposals described have been developed by a cross-authority mitigations group which includes representatives from both Sandwell and Walsall.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER.**

**G5     Traffic Light Changes**

**Question:**

**Could the cabinet member set out what plans the council has for new average speed camera systems?**

**Answer:**

The Average Speed Enforcement (ASE) pilot was implemented in August 2016. The pilot scheme has successfully demonstrated that ASE has a positive impact on speed limit compliance and speed reduction, with consequent benefits in reducing the number and severity of Road Traffic Collisions.

Whilst road safety and speed management remain high priorities, a funding source to support further roll-out of ASE has not been identified. We are in early discussions with West Midlands Combined Authority in terms of the future of ASE.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND  
ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

**G6     Walkway**

**Question:**

**Is the walkway between Sedgemere Road and Selby Close, Yardley adopted by the City.  
If not what is its status?**

**Answer:**

The walkway between Sedgemere Road and Selby Close is a recorded public right of way. The route is not recorded as adopted or Highway Maintainable at Public Expense and as such it is likely that the maintenance responsibility lies with the landowner.

Not all public footpaths are automatically maintained by the City Council. Those created after 1949 require a process of adoption after which they are maintained by the Council, if this adoption does not occur, the maintenance responsibility is retained by the landowner.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES**

**G7     Cycle Path**

**Question:**

**The cost and inconvenience in building the cycle path to Selly Oak is well known, therefore can you provide the numbers to date of the use of this facility?**

**Answer:**

Cycles are counted by automated counters at 3 locations on the route – at Edgbaston Road, Gooch Street and Priory Crossroads. The numbers counted since installation of these counters are given in the table below and are correct to 25/11/2020.

Total Cyclists per month			
Time	Edgbaston Rd	Gooch Street	Priory Crossroads
Feb 2019			
Mar 2019			
Apr 2019			
May 2019	3804		
Jun 2019	10813		
Jul 2019	16647	208	513
Aug 2019	14476	3097	9381
Sep 2019	16100	3131	10324
Oct 2019	17857	2706	11330
Nov 2019	14613	2052	9584
Dec 2019	9918	1625	6476
Jan 2020	13657	2123	8918
Feb 2020	11965	1962	7498
Mar 2020	12109	1815	7690
Apr 2020	16226	2331	10641
May 2020	23414	3595	16459
Jun 2020	19683	3106	14141
Jul 2020	18601	3152	12864
Aug 2020	16972	2929	11376
Sep 2020	19773	3611	14236
Oct 2020	16674	3595	12057
Nov 2020	12887	2464	9138

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN NORTHFIELD WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS**

**H      North Worcestershire Golf Course**

**Question:**

**Please provide a list of all meetings you have attended to discuss any section 106 or CIL arrangements for the development North Worcestershire Golf Course.**

**Answer:**

I have attended 0 meetings on S106 and 0 meetings on CIL. I have however asked questions of the planning dept about how and where the S106 money will be spent and who will get a say on this. I have not yet asked about SIL.

We have discussed the build and the site regularly at my ward forums, as it deeply impacts the communities I represent, but I have no recollection of ever specifically talking about S106 or CIL at my ward forums.

NB: As this development sits fully in the Frankley ward, not Northfield ward, your Conservative colleague Cllr Simon Morrell may well have attended meetings discuss any section 106 or CIL arrangements for the development North Worcestershire Golf Course.