



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Mohammed Azim) in the Chair until the break.

Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Yvonne Mosquito) in the Chair from the break.

Councillors

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 19273 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 19274 The Lord Mayor reminded members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.
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MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 19275 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2019 having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poppy Appeal

- 19276 The Lord Mayor reminded all that today the annual Poppy Appeal was launched. If people had not got a poppy, they could buy one from reception, or from plenty of our armed services personnel selling them throughout the city centre. The Lord Mayor explained that Birmingham was one of only 5 cities to have a City Poppy Day and that this year he had agreed to attend a special event at New Street Station where he would have the opportunity to thank the volunteers, both military and civilian. The Lord Mayor explained that he would have to leave the Council meeting at the break, at which time the Deputy Lord Mayor would take the chair.
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PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 1)

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

19277 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 2)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19278 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

19279 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

The following schedule was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Councillors Martin Straker Welds, Gareth Moore and Mike Ward made further nominations and it was-

19280 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Council Business Management Committee

The Chair of the Coordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Carl Rice be appointed on to the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020.

Standards Committees

The following are appointed as Lay Members

Stephen Atkinson	6 November 2019 – 31 October 2023
Alastair Cowan	6 November 2019 – 31 October 2023
Mohammed Khan	6 November 2019 – 31 October 2023

Safety Advisory Groups

To make appointments as follows for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020:

Aston Villa Football Club Safety Advisory Group

Councillor Mike Leddy	(Lab)
Councillor Bob Beauchamp	(Con)
Councillor Roger Harmer	(Lib Dem)
Councillor Muhammad Afzal	(One Aston Ward Member)

Birmingham City Football Club Safety Advisory Group

Councillor Safia Akhtar	(Lab)
Councillor Ron Storer	(Con)
Councillor Mike Ward	(Lib Dem)
Councillor Yvonne Mosquito	(Bordesley and Highgate Ward Member)

Warwickshire County Cricket Club Safety Advisory Group

Councillor Zafar Iqbal	(Lab)
Councillor Neil Eustace	(Con)
Councillor Robert Alden	(Lib Dem)
Councillor Deirdre Alden	(One Edgbaston Ward Member)

Planning Committee

Councillor Martin Straker Welds be appointed on to the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020.

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Charlotte Hodivala replace Councillor Suzanne Webb for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020.

Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Ewan Mackey replace Councillor Charlotte Hodivala for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020.

Commonwealth Games, Culture & Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor John Lines replace Councillor Ewan Mackey for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020.

EXEMPTION FROM COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE.

19281 **RESOLVED:-**

That, pursuant to discussions by Council Business Management Committee, Council Rules of Procedure be waived as follows:

- Allocate 50 minutes for item 9 (Tackling Period Poverty and raising Period Awareness)
 - Allocate 50 minutes for item 10 (A34 Perry Barr Highway Improvement Scheme)
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TACKLING PERIOD POVERTY AND RAISING PERIOD AWARENESS

The following report from the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee was submitted:-

(See document No. 4)

Councillor Rob Pocock moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor Peter Fowler.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Rob Pocock replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore-

19282 **RESOLVED:-**

That the recommendations R01 to R06 be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

19283 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1645 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1600 hours.

At 1647 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

Deputy Lord Mayor in the Chair

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death of former Councillor Clare Bradley

The Deputy Lord Mayor informed the Chamber of the death of former Councillor Clare Bradley.

Clare served on the City Council from 1995 to 1999 as a Councillor for Oscott Ward.

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

19284 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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

A34 PERRY BARR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The wording of the petition relating to the demolition of Perry Barr Flyover and a report of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment were submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

Councillor Leddy declared a pecuniary interest in that he owned property not far from the flyover. Councillor Narinder Kaur Kooner declared a pecuniary interest in that she owned land in the area. Both Councillors were advised that they could remain in the meeting but not take part in any votes relating to the item.

Councillor Morriam Jan read out the wording of the petition.

Councillor Waseem Zaffar moved the motion which was seconded.

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

(See document No. 6)

Councillor Jon Hunt moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Morriam Jan.

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

(See document No. 7)

Councillor Timothy Huxtable moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Waseem Zaffar replied to the debate.

The first amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting with names listed in seat number order was as follows:-

(See document No. 8)

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes –26 (For the amendment)
No – 46 (Against the amendment)
Abstain – 1 (Abstention)

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

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting with names listed in seat number order was as follows:-

(See document No. 9)

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes –26 (For the amendment)
No – 46 (Against the amendment)

Abstain – 0 (Abstentions)

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

It was therefore-

19285 **RESOLVED:-**

Council notes the petitions 2142 and 2156 submitted in support of the A34 Flyover. Pending the re-consideration of the Full Business Case for the scheme by Cabinet, following a call-in by the Sustainability and Transport Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Council recommends that these petitions are discharged.

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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

A. Councillor Paulette Hamilton and Nicky Brennan have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 10)

Councillor Paulette Hamilton moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Nicky Brennan.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Paulette Hamilton replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore-

19286 **RESOLVED:-**

The Council notes:

- That although the Equality Act 2010 has specifically clarified that it is unlawful to discriminate against a woman because she is breastfeeding a child, there is some way to go until this is accepted as the norm on all premises.
- That the medical evidence supports breastfeeding as the preferred option for both mother and baby, and that this view is endorsed by the British Medical Association and the World Health Organisation.

- That breastfeeding can protect babies from infections including sickness and diarrhoea, ear infections and chest infections, and help prevent juvenile onset diabetes and obesity.
- That evidence demonstrates that breastfeeding also leads to health benefits for mothers, including a reduction in the risk of developing breast cancer.
- That breastfeeding can counteract health inequalities; leaves no ecological footprint and saves money.
- That ultimately the decision whether or not to breastfeed must lie with the mother, and no action should be taken which may make mothers feel guilty if they are unable or choose not to breastfeed.

The Council believes that:

- Birmingham should be seen as a 'Breastfeeding Friendly' city and that it should be made clear to all mothers that breastfeeding is welcomed in all public areas.
- All women should be supported to feel confident and comfortable in breastfeeding their babies in line with WHO recommendations, to help babies (and mothers) to receive the benefits of breastfeeding.

The Council therefore resolves to:

- Continue to promote and support breastfeeding in the City through the BCC commissioned 'Birmingham Forward Steps' Early Years Service and the Birmingham and Solihull United Maternity and Newborn Partnership (BUMP), in line with the UK Unicef and WHO 'Baby Friendly Initiative'.
- Ensure that all Council premises are aware of their duty under the Equality Act 2010 not to discriminate against breastfeeding mothers and display signage to indicate that breastfeeding is welcome.
- Encourage businesses, third sector organisations, schools, colleges and educational establishments to display signage to indicate that breastfeeding is welcome.

B. Councillor Robert Alden and Ewan Mackey have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 11)

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

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Ian Ward and Lisa Trickett gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 12)

Councillor Ian Ward moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Lisa Trickett.

A debate ensued

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

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting with names listed in seat number order was as follows:-

(See document No. 13)

The total results referred to in the interleaved read:-

Yes – 40 (For the motion)

No – 18 (Against the motion)

Abstain – 8 (Abstentions)

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

It was therefore-

19287

RESOLVED:-

This Council gives its full support to the Labour Party's plan for a 'Green Industrial Revolution', which includes a commitment to invest £2bn in the creation of Gigafactories across the country. This council will continue conversations with Rebecca Long-Bailey, Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy about how the development of Gigafactories and Labour's Green Industrial Revolution will directly support the creation of thousands of new jobs.

The meeting ended at 2003 hours.

APPENDIX

Questions and replies in accordance with Standing Order 10.2.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS

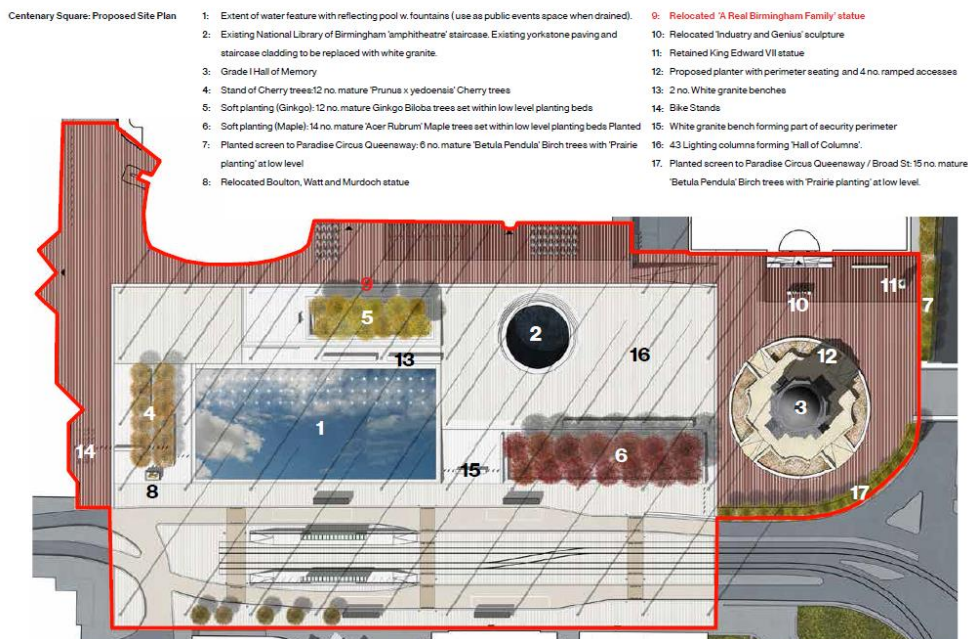
A1 Golden Boys Statue

Question:

The Statue of Boulton, Watt and Murdoch that was moved to make way for the tram extension, was due to be returned to public view in late 2018 according to the press release at the time, when do you now expect it to be repositioned, and where?

Answer:

The Boulton, Watt and Murdoch (BMW) statue is scheduled to be re-sited into the square, indicated by number 8 on the plan (please see below). The statue was removed as part of the metro development works and was scheduled to be re-sited in readiness for Centenary Square's reopening in June this year. The concrete plinth has already been constructed on site. However, as you can see from the plan, the allocated area for BMW within the square is too close to the Symphony Hall's development area and falls within the development compound. To avoid risk of damage to BMW, it will be returned by the Metro team to public view in the square on completion of Symphony Hall's façade in September 2020.



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

A2 Tax Justice

Question:

Can you provide an update on all work completed to date to comply with the Tax Justice Motion agreed by Full Council on 12th July 2016?

Answer:

Update to statements in the motion.

Statement:

The Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and Invitation to Tender (ITT) for the Open procedure states grounds for mandatory exclusion including the non-payment of taxes, social security contributions or VAT. These are pass/fail criteria.

Actions/Current position:

The Council's Selection Questionnaire follows the national template and includes pass/fail questions related to the detailed grounds for mandatory exclusion of an organisation that are referred to by a link to this web page:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/551130/List_of_Mandatory_and_Discretionary_Exclusions.pdf

These include the following:

- fraudulent evasion within the meaning of section 170 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 or section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
- an offence in connection with taxation in the European Union within the meaning of section 71 of the Criminal Justice Act 1993;
- Non-payment of tax and social security contributions
- Breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions that has been established by a judicial or administrative decision. Where any tax returns submitted on or after 1 October 2012 have been found to be incorrect as a result of:
 - HMRC successfully challenging the potential supplier under the General Anti – Abuse Rule (GAAR) or the “Halifax” abuse principle; or
 - a tax authority in a jurisdiction in which the potential supplier is established successfully challenging it under any tax rules or legislation that have an effect equivalent or similar to the GAAR or “Halifax” abuse principle;

a failure to notify, or failure of an avoidance scheme which the supplier is or was involved in, under the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Scheme rules (DOTAS) or any equivalent or similar regime in a jurisdiction in which the supplier is established

Statement:

The PQQ also includes grounds for discretionary exclusion where non-payment of taxes/social security can be demonstrated where no binding legal decision has been taken. These are pass-fail criteria and follow the CCS guidance as above and in line with PPN 03/14.

Action/Current position:

Non-payment of tax and social security contributions now included in the PQQ.

Statement:

The Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility (BBC4SR) contains the principle of Ethical Procurement which in turn requires Charter signatories to pay their fair share of taxes. This goes further than breach of obligation and essentially seeks to address tax avoidance mechanisms.

Action/Current Position:

Payment of fair share of taxes (other than that caught by the exclusion criteria above) would fall under part (i) of the BBC4SR below (and therefore not enforceable under the contract):

“The BBC4SR has 2 main objectives which are delivered through 6 themes:

(i) Promote good practice. The BBC4SR is a set of guiding themes which the Council adheres to and invites all organisations to adopt as a mechanism for managing how they deliver social value. These may not be measured but will reflect the ethos and standard of best practice of an organisation which we would expect from a BBC4SR signatory.

This is particularly the case of the Good Employer and Ethical Procurement themes, where further information and links to good practice can be found below and in the accompanying guidance notes.

(ii) Seek relevant and proportionate commitments related to the subject matter of the contract. In accordance with PCR15 Regulation 70 which allows for inclusion of special conditions, which may include environmental, social or employment related considerations. These commitments form the basis of a Social Value Action Plan that covers the life of the contract and is managed throughout the contract period.”

Statement:

The imminent review of the BBC4SR will, amongst other things, be seeking to consult on PPN 03/14 and whether the Charter should incorporate and apply the model terms and conditions to be included in contracts as set out in PPN 03/14. However, the Council will need HMR/external professional advice in order to determine whether there has been a breach and also where there is a breach the adequacy and efficacy of any self-cleaning measures which have been implemented.

Action/Current Position:

The BBC4SR is not the mechanism to include the terms of contract stated in PPN 03/14, but see note below.

Statement:

In addition to the measures that the Council already takes, Council asks officers to investigate whether and how PPN 03/14 could be effectively included in the Council's Procurement Procedures and at a threshold which does not detrimentally impact on SMEs and Third Sector Organisations or otherwise impact on wider social value considerations covered by the BBC4SR's six principles of : Local Employment, Buy Birmingham First, Partners in Communities, Good Employer (incorporating the Birmingham Living Wage), Green and Sustainable and Ethical Procurement.

Action/Current Position:

Currently the clauses in the PPN 03/14 are not in the councils standard terms, however this is being reviewed for contracts that are over £5M.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

A3 Walsall Road Allotments

Question:

What protections are in place within the contract with BCU for the Commonwealth Games site, to ensure that the Walsall Road Allotments continue to be safeguarded?

Answer:

The parameters of the Commonwealth Games and the new stadium development at Alexander Stadium are now established and there will be no impact on the allotments site. The site continues to benefit from the protections provided by the various Allotments Acts particularly the provisions of the Allotments Act 1925 which provides that the Secretary of State must be asked for consent before a 'statutory' allotment site can be disposed of by a local authority or taken out of allotment use. No such application has been made.

The ongoing involvement of BCU following the Games provides a lasting legacy for the stadium and will not involve use of the allotment site.

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

A4 Commonwealth Games Partner Contributions

Question:

Please list all partner contributions committed to date for the Commonwealth Games and all those still outstanding.

Answer:

The following table sets out the partner contributions as understood during the bid. To date £29m of the required £75m has been secured, with a decision on the contribution of the WMCA (£25m) anticipated to be made in November 2019, which would ensure that £54m was secured.

Work is continuing with partners who indicated their willingness to provide funding for the Commonwealth Games at the time of the Birmingham bid, with a view to securing formal agreements for all contributions over the coming months.

Partner	Contribution Value sought £'m	Status
West Midlands Combined Authority	25.0	Full Board approval anticipated in early November 2019. The case for this has been built on the Alexander Stadium Business case.
GBSLEP	20.0	The GBSLEP Board approved this funding (£20m) in their September 2019 meeting. The case for this was built on the Alexander Stadium Business case.
Black Country LEP	5.0	BC LEP have provided £5m of direct funding to Sandwell relating to the Aquatics Centre. Further conversations remain to be progressed about the grounds for a direct contribution.
C&W LEP	5.0	C&W LEP Board have confirmed £3m of the funding (September 2019) with a commitment to continue to work with BCC to achieve the £5m contribution.
Midlands Engine	10.0	BCC are liaising with the Midlands Engine team to identify how this funding might be realised
Universities	10.0	Both parties are in the process of creating a joint set of proposals for the sector which will need to be approved by senior management in both organisations before being presented to any of the Universities
CIL	5.0	Work under way to confirm timing of CIL funding availability and to identify specific elements of the overall programme that meet CIL requirements.
NEC (Revenue)	1.0	Agreed in principle, MoU to be progressed with the NEC
Total	81.0	Note only £75m assumed in financial modelling.

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

A5 Public Realm Works

Question:

By Ward, how much has been spent in total in each of the last 5 years on public realm works?

Answer:

The majority of public realm work in the city is associated with developer or third party led projects covering new or refurbished commercial accommodation, housing and transport improvements such as the Midland Metro Extension. Third party expenditure is not recorded in the Council's accounts.

Public realm works delivered by the Council are generally funded from multiple sources including Section 106 planning obligations, external grant (e.g. Department for Transport, Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership), corporate resources and private contributions. Notable examples over the last 5 years include Holyhead Road £0.068m; Longbridge £0.190m; Acocks Green £2.326m; Snow Hill £2.084m; Golden Square £2.283m; Caroline Street £0.197m and Centenary Square £15.500m.

Both planned and completed public realm works in the city centre are set out in the Big City Plan launched by the Conservative/Liberal Democrat coalition in 2010, with further projects to be reported in accordance with the Council's gateway and related financial approval framework. Further projects in urban centres will be set out in the Council's 'Urban Centres Framework for Inclusive Growth', which is to be presented for adoption by Cabinet in December 2019.

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

B1 Hunter Hill School

Question:

Ofsted have just published a particularly damning inspection report for Hunter Hill School, stating that “this school is failing its pupils”. At what point did the Council become aware of the problems at this school and what steps did it take?

Answer:

Hunter Hill College was judged by Ofsted to ‘require improvement’ in May 2016. Since this time the school has accessed support through the BEP.

A monitoring visit by Ofsted in July 2017 noted that ‘Leadership and management are improving’ and that ‘The Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) is providing effective support to the school in order to help it to improve. The link officer knows the school well and offers advice and challenge to leaders to help to improve the quality of education provided. The school has received regular visits from officers from BEP. The rapid recovery plan and the reviews commissioned by the partnership have helped leaders to improve the quality of teaching in the school. Leaders and governors value the input provided by BEP.’

An Ofsted inspection in October 2018 judged the school to ‘require improvement’ and noted that ‘The support of advisers and external partners has been effective’ and that ‘There is a culture of safeguarding, and staff build positive relationships with pupils’.

In August 2019 additional leadership capacity for the school was sourced by BCC through BEP to address concerns around safeguarding.

A further inspection by Ofsted in September 2019 judged the school to be ‘inadequate.’

A directive Academy Order has recently been issued to the school from the Department for Education.

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

B2 EHCP

Question:

According to the most recent performance monitoring report which went to Cabinet, there has been a significant drop in the performance of SENAR since last year's damning Ofsted inspection, with only 68% of EHCPs being issued within the statutory 20 week timeframe. What actions are being taken to resolve this and who is leading on it?

Answer:

Birmingham's performance for the completion of EHCPs being issued, dipped this month, although has remained above the national average. The authority recognise that this performance is not good enough and are addressing the systemic issues that underpin the high volume of request for an EHCPs.

Strategic direction moving forward:

- to move to a local area model for assessment and provision, so that resources are more locally accessed and managed
- specialist provision to be more inclusive of local need, so that travel distances are reduced and there is less needed to place pupils out of City and support in building local capacity
- SEN support service managers (educational psychology and advisory teachers) taking more responsibility for managing access to local provision and resources, through more local decision-making panels
- This will be achieved by freeing up their capacity to do this (and deliver school/pupil/family interventions) by reducing reliance on EHCP assessments to access resources in mainstream
- special schools having a more flexible role in their local area, for example through the provision of outreach or managing/supporting mainstream resource bases

Nichola Jones as Assistant Director Inclusion and SEND is the leading on this area.

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

B3 EHCP Annual Reviews

Question:

For each academic year since 1st September 2014, please give the percentage of EHCP Annual Reviews that have met the statutory requirement for a decision to be made regarding amendments within 4 weeks of the paperwork being submitted to SENAR.

Answer:

14 /15: 4.8%

15/16: 12.3%

16/17: 8.5%

17/18: 4.6%

18/19: 1.06%

The local authority recognises that the poor performance is not acceptable and has in place a planned programme to address the issues.

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

B4 Support for SEN parents

Question:

According to a report issued by the Commons Education Select Committee, parents of children with special education needs face “unlawful practices, buck passing and a treacle of bureaucracy”. In Birmingham, what support is available to inform and advise parents of their rights and to challenge unlawful practices?

Answer:

The quote above is not specifically attributed to Birmingham. In Birmingham through the **Special Educational Needs & Disability Information, Advice and Support Service** (SENDIASS) offers impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities.

The service is impartial, confidential, and free. The service can:

- Help to understand the referral process
- Act as a named contact throughout the process
- Help to communicate with everyone involved in the assessment process
- Provide information about personal budgets
- Signpost to other people who can help, if necessary.

Birmingham SENDIASS is part of a range of services provided by Birmingham City Council to deliver education services to children and young people in the City. While SENDIASS is provided 'in house' they work at 'arms' length' to the Council providing accessible, information, advice and support to children, young people and families on all matters related to special education needs and disability.

The service (formerly known as the Parent Partnership Service) was established in September 2014 as a result of the introduction of the Children and Families Act and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014. To take a lead in delivering an early intervention service supporting parents and families of children and young people with additional needs or disabilities, with an aim to build self-reliance and resilience for families.

In addition to these services the local authority are currently appointing **SEND PARENT LIAISON OFFICERS**. There will be a coordinator and four officers based in the North, South, East and West of the city who will work closely with the local team of professionals, supporting schools and families to improve communication and participation of parents, children and young people, seeking to avoid disagreements and earlier resolution of disagreements.

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

B5 SEND and Inclusion

Question:

Please define what you mean by Inclusion and SEND and explain the difference between the two?

Answer:

Inclusion

Inclusion in education refers to young people with special educational needs and disabilities having the right to being educated in mainstream schools alongside other children from their community rather than being educated in Special Schools

All schools have a duty to be accessible and inclusive for the children within their community with SEND.

SEND –Special Education Needs and Disability

A child or young person has SEND if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her. The Local Authority's job is to support parents with SEND children to access education and provide the best possible education for their children across the four areas of SEN:

1. Communication and interaction difficulties
2. Cognition and learning needs
3. Social, emotional and mental health difficulties
4. Sensory and/or physical needs

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

B6 SEND Locality Hubs

Question:

I understand that at a recent briefing for Members, it was stated that there are plans for SEND "locality hubs". Please can you outline what services will be provided at each of these hubs?

Answer:

Please see poster on next page outlining the SEND locality model.

The Birmingham SEND Locality Team

The Locality Team

Building on and developing current good practice, SEND teams of professionals are being established in four localities (North, South, East and West). The teams will support settings and families, through LA and health funding as well as traded services. These multi agency teams will promote inclusive practices ensuring children and young people are prepared for key transitions and adulthood. The team of professionals include:

- Educational psychologists
- Specialist teachers and practitioners
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Nurses
- Primary Mental Health Workers
- Family support workers
- Parent link officers

SENIOR LEADER UPDATES

Senior leaders within educational settings will work with the locality team to provide termly updates of data around the following trends:

- Fixed term and permanent exclusions
- Requests for Elective Home Education
- Numbers of learners on a part time placement
- Change of placement requests
- Requests for an EHC assessment
- Number of learners who are currently not attending school, including NEET data

The purpose of the data sharing is to inform developments within the locality. Information about placements in independent, special and resource base provision as well as enhanced allocation of resources will be shared annually with schools to plan and develop localised specialised support and provision.

MEETINGS WITH SCHOOLS

SEND INCLUSION AND REVIEW MEETINGS

In the Spring and Summer terms a consultation and planning meeting will be held with senior leaders in each school in the City to provide the opportunity to problem solve areas where the school are stuck and identify areas which require additional support to ensure the needs of children are met in their local school.

SENCO Forums

The locality wide Senco forum will provide the opportunity to develop collaborative working between schools and agencies to build capacity as well as provide solution focussed approaches.



SEND Termly Family Forum

The family forum will provide the opportunity for the specialist team of professionals to meet with the families in the locality. The forum also provides a network for families in the locality to enable peer to peer support and signposting to universal and targeted provision that is available across the city.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Locality Panels

Current centralised SEND and Inclusion panels, including the EHC panel, will be divided into 4 locality panels, based on area (North, South, East, West). Each locality panel will consider:

- Requests for statutory assessment of educational, health and care needs
- Enhanced (Top-up CRISP) support.
- Access to resource base provision.
- Access to special school/college placements.
- Transport requests for children and young people with complex needs

THE HUB

A 'hub' will facilitate the area led provision across the City based in the North, South, East and West. The hub will provide a base for teams to work from and be an information and advice centre for children with SEND and their families.

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

B7 SEND Locality Hubs

Question:

I understand that at a recent briefing for Members, it was stated that there are plans for SEND “locality hubs”. Please can you outline where each of these ‘hubs’ will be located?

Answer:

North, South, East and West of the City

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

B8 SEND Locality Hubs

Question:

I understand that at a recent briefing for Members, it was stated that there are plans for SEND “locality hubs”. Can you please set out the proposed staffing structures and implications for existing staff, including details of any consultation carried out?

Answer:

The locality hubs are based on the existing structures within the educational psychology and advisory team. Work has been undertaken with the team managers to coordinate the current activity to a more integrated way of working across the two teams. Initially the commencement of locality panels for agreeing additional support/specialist resources will take place from November.

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

B9 SEND Locality Hubs

Question:

I understand that at a recent briefing for Members, it was stated that there are plans for SEND “locality hubs”. What are the commissioning arrangements for these hubs?

Answer:

The locality hubs relate to services within the SEND/Inclusion team – there is no requirement to commission new services.

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

B10 SEND Locality Hubs

Question:

I understand that at a recent briefing for Members, it was stated that there are plans for SEND “locality hubs”. What is the business case for and budget allocated to these hubs?

Answer:

The hubs are based on existing services.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

B11 SEND Locality Hubs

Question:

I understand that at a recent briefing for Members, it was stated that there are plans for SEND “locality hubs”. Can you provide details of when this change was approved and by whom?

Answer:

The change in delivering the inclusion/SEND services, which is intended to commence in the New Year, has been discussed with team managers and the director as well as myself the portfolio holder, have been briefed and kept regularly updated.

The service is moving to locality panels to ensure the right professionals are part of the support and decision-making process for children and young people with SEND.

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

B12 SEND Locality Hubs

Question:

I understand that at a recent briefing for Members, it was stated that there are plans for SEND “locality hubs”. What is the timetable for implementation of these hubs?

Answer:

The integration of the work undertaken by the advisory and educational psychology teams will commence in January 2020.

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

B13 SEND Interim and Consultancy spend

Question:

How much has been spent on consultants and on interims at senior level with regard to SEND since January 2019?

Answer:

The total cost for this period is £207,440.

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

B14 SEND Interim and Consultancy Spend 2

Question:

How much has been spent on consultants and on interims at senior level with regard to SEND in each year since the 2014, including year to date?

Answer:

The cost for each year is:

Year	Cost £
2014	0
2015	0
2016	35,738
2017	0
2018	79,350
2019 (to date)	207,440

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER

C1 Savings not met

Question:

For each year since 2015/2016, including year to date, please list all planned savings not fully met on a recurring basis, including what the total of the saving not met for each was?

Answer:

Two separate files have been provided in response.

The first spreadsheet (C1 Savings CFW since 2015-16) summarises the savings achieved on a one-off basis. Savings are identified as being delivered on a one-off basis when the original plan could not be implemented as originally envisaged, and services had not identified a robust and sustainable plan for delivering the saving on a long term basis. In some cases, services may have had several attempts at trying to deliver the savings on a one -off basis before the saving was eventually written out of the programme. Where one-off savings have been written out of the programme, they have been reflected in the Undelivered Savings spreadsheet. This means that the totals of the two spreadsheets cannot be added as some savings will appear in both spreadsheets.



C1 Savings CFW
since 2015-16.xlsx

Separately, there are some savings that have been written out of the programme as services have been unable to deliver the original saving or provide an alternative as mitigations. Since 2015/16, the value of savings written out has totalled £92m. These are detailed in C1 Undelivered Savings.



C1 Undelivered
Savings.xlsx

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

C2 Financial Resilience Index

Question:

Please provide a copy of the ‘score’ for each service area under CIPFA’s financial resilience index.

Answer:

CIPFA has not released the final version of its Resilience Index. It is waiting until the release of local authority revenue and expenditure outturn data in November 2019, following which the Index is expected to be made publicly available.

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

C3 Insurance Claims

Question:

How many claims in number and value have been made by council against insurance and how much has been received in number and value?

Answer:

The Council elects to self-insure the majority of its insurable risk through the adoption of high levels of excess on its major insurance policies and no claims have been made against its insurers for incidents occurring since the start of the 2018/19 financial year.

An internal insurance reserve exists for claims which fall within the policy excess, but which would have been insured in the absence of that excess. For the same financial period payments of £315,000 have been made from that reserve in respect of four claims for damage to Council property.

The insurance reserve also meets claims where the Council has incurred a legal liability for injury to Council employees or third parties or damage to third party property, which fall within the insurance excess. For incidents occurring since the start of the 2018/19 607 claims have been received. To date £539,000 has been paid to claimants and their representatives and a further £3,764,000 has been reserved pending final decisions on liability and quantum.

This information excludes liability for injury and damage occurring on roads and pavements (Highways Maintainable at Public Expense) as these claims are paid by Amey under the terms of their contract with the Council.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL
CARE FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

D1 Where would underspend be allocated to if allowed

Question:

If the Directorate was allowed to retain its underspend, currently projected at nearly £8 million, what would she allocate the funds to?

Answer:

Transitions and Mental Health.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

D2 Alleviating delayed discharges of care for patients

Question:

Hospitals have struggled with continuing pressure over the summer months, evidenced in recent performance reports by continuing problems with delayed discharge of care. What could her Directorate to do alleviate this, given the resources?

Answer:

It is important to note that there has been increased demand seen across the Health Care system during the summer of 2019. For the week commencing the 23rd September there was a 14.74% increase in attendance across all acute organisations.

There has been similar increased demand for the Ambulance Service; September 2019 had a 4.9% increase in activity above contract levels. There is evidence now emerging that the spike in demand was experienced nationally.

The Adult Social Care directorate has been over recent years been transforming the way it works and will continue working with partners to:

- Embed the principles of Home First
- Work with the care home sector to try to reduce admissions
- Implement the Early Intervention Community Team to reduce admission from the community
- Tightening operational processes such weekly escalation meetings to resolve complex delays

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

E1 Meadvale Road

Question:

**What was the Cost of installation of secure door entry and new door\frontage at 83-93
Meadvale Road, Rednal?**

Answer:

To date, the cost of the works are £16,919 but the works are not yet complete.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

E2 Tollhouse Road

Question:

**What is the cost of installation of a secure door entry and new frontage of flats 1-15
Tollhouse Road, Rednal?**

Answer:

The cost of the works was £32,988.30

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

E3 Leaseholder costs

Question:

How many leaseholders have been made to contribute towards the costs of door entry systems on council owned blocks of flats since 2016?

Answer:

2015/16 = 0 leaseholders

2016/17 – 114

2017/18 – 197

2018/19 – 128

= 439 leaseholders

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY

E4 Leaseholder consultation

Question:

What is the policy for consulting with leaseholders prior to any work for which they will be charged, on Council owned properties, prior to that work being carried out?

Answer:

LEASEHOLDER PROCEDURE

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Foreword

i) Flat Information

All flats sold by BCC are sold as leaseholders.

BCC still own the fabric of the building: therefore, BCC are responsible for its maintenance, as all other council properties.

ii) Reason for Procedure

If the cost of the works to block exceeds £250 per unit, then a formal consultation process has to take place with the leaseholder.

For works under £250 per unit there is no formal consultation process however costs will still have to be supplied by Contractors so that the Leasehold Team know to record the expenditure and to invoice the leaseholders once the work is complete.

Failure to comply with the formal procedure, then BCC may not be able to charge the leaseholder for their contribution

The procedure also applies to repairs carried out to leaseholder blocks.

Leasehold Procedure

1. Programme Phase

Programmes of work are issued by the Capital Investment Team. Leaseholder blocks are identified on the programme along with the actual leaseholders within each block.

2. Preliminary Notification Phase

Once programmes are known BCC will issue a Pre-Notification letter to each leaseholder notifying them that they are on a programme in the forthcoming financial year along with a brief description of what the work will entail. This is not essential under leasehold legislation however it is good practise and will assist in smooth delivery of the programme.

3. Establish Lease Type

The BCC Leasehold Team will advise on the type of lease that each leaseholder has as there are several different types of leases in place and they determine the extent of works that are re-chargeable.

Example, under some leases the leaseholders only pay for the replacement of an existing door entry system, however under others they will have to pay for replacements and the installation of a new door entry system.

The Leasehold Team also check the leaseholders name, alternate billing address as many properties are sub-let and carry out a block address check to ensure all relevant properties are included in the calculations and subsequent Notice of Intention.

4. Determine Scope of Works

Joint surveys by Contractors and BCC staff are to be carried out to determine the scope of the works which will enable detailed costings to be prepared.

Works could include some or all of the following:

- Window replacement individual dwellings
- Window replacement communal areas
- Fascia, soffit and rainwater goods
- External repairs/painting
- Internal painting (communal areas)
- Structural
- Re-roofing
- Environmental Works

The total cost of the work for the block is broken down in to the individual elements of work, and includes all the additional costs such as overheads, profit, design and management fees etc. and is displayed in a standard format

The following are leaseholder's responsibility:

- All improvements/repairs within the dwelling
- The repair/replacement of their front door
- The repair/replacement of their rear door, unless it forms part of the combination frame incorporating a window.
- The replacement and painting of their external store/shed doors.

5. Primary Notification Phase

Contractors supply detailed costings for both the block and the individual flats in line with the agreed scope of work to BCC for preparation of the Notices of Intention. The costs will have to be issued in the agreed format.

BCC issue the Notices of Intention to the leaseholders and updates the NOI tracker to indicate when issued. The NOI will include the following information;-

- Copies of the relevant specifications
- A detailed breakdown of the cost for each element of work
- A copy of the payment procedure

The Notice also informs the leaseholder that they have a 30-day period to raise objections or seek further clarification regarding costs, specification and payment procedure.

BCC will also include works under £250 on the NOI tracker and a letter will be sent to leaseholders advising them of the works and the costs however the 30 day notice period does not apply.

No work can commence on any property within the block until the 30-day notification period has expired.

BCC will advise when the 30 day notification period has expired and works can commence or if any objections to the work have been received and therefore work cannot commence until a formal response has been issued. BCC have to respond to any formal requests within 21 days of receipt.

If windows are to be replaced an acceptance form is provided for the leaseholder to sign and return in a stamped addressed envelope agreeing to the window replacement and subsequent payment prior to windows going into production..

Letters confirming start dates or notification that scaffold is going to be erected should be sent by the Partners.

Contractors are to liaise with BCC representatives before commencing manufacturing or installation to obtain approval to proceed with the leaseholders work or with the work to the structure/block.

6. Completing Works

Once the work is completed block jointly re-measured to determine final costs prior to production of final invoice. Contractors are to provide BCC with an invoice for the actual cost of the works.

This process needs to be completed within 6 months or BCC may not be able to charge the leaseholder.

If the Partners do not comply then BCC will counter charge the Partners for the loss.

Contractor's representatives are to carry out an inspection of the property upon practical completion to ensure works are completed to the satisfaction of the leaseholder and issue the relevant maintenance manuals, if required.

Appendix

A Note on Schemes Involving Many Leaseholders

On schemes involving a large number of leaseholders such as multi-storey blocks or where the costs are high then the best course would be to hold a public meeting to discuss the process, nature of works and the costs before the Notice of Intention is issued. Representatives from the Leasehold Team, Capital Investment Team and the Contractor will be in attendance.

A Note on TMO's

With regards to the existing TMO's the Leaseholder procedure is the same except that a Notice of Intention must be issued to the TMO as well as the leaseholders. This also includes any recognized residents associations that are set up.

The TMO and residents associations that are recognised are:

Manor Close Residents Management Organisation

1 St Michael House
Manor Close
Melville Road
Edgbaston
Birmingham
B16 9NF

Bloomsbury Estate Management Board

4 Meadway Tower
52 Cromwell Street
Nechells
Birmingham
B7 5QB

Holly Rise Housing Cooperative Ltd

Flat 23 Southam House
141 Holly Bank Road
Billesley
Birmingham
B13 0QZ

Four Towers Management Organisation

3 Kendal Tower
Malins Road
Harborne
Birmingham
B17 0JY

Roman Way Estate Community Interest Company

27 Underwood Close
Edgbaston
Birmingham
B15 2SX

A Note on Windows

The Leaseholders are able to replace their own windows subject to an agreed specification (low-rise properties only). When windows are being replaced in multi storey blocks there is no choice for leaseholders to opt out.

The maintenance of the windows will become the leaseholders through a “Deed of Variation to the Lease”

When carrying out the consultation for the replacement of the leaseholder’s windows, the surveyor should consult on the style/design of the windows and get the leaseholder to confirm their acceptance and sign the survey sheet/documentation.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

E5 Door Entry Systems

Question:

What is the overall budgeted cost for the cost of the introduction of Door entry systems on flats since April 2016

Answer:

The overall budgeted cost is £2m per annum, therefore £8m.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

E6 Door Entry Systems 2

Question:

How many door entry systems have been installed on council owned flat blocks since April 2016?

Answer:

2016/17 – 84
2017/18 - 86
2018/19 – 30
2019/20 – 151 to date

Total = 351

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

F1 Street Bins

Question:

As of 1 April of each year since 2014, how many street bins were located in each Constituency?

Answer:

The information in relation to numbers of street bins in Constituencies is not held.

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

F2 Tyseley Incinerator

Question:

Prior to the contract extension in January 2019, what work was done to assess the state of repair of each of the chimneys at the incinerator which have since malfunctioned?

Answer:

On 5th of October 2019 there was an extremely rare failure of one of the reactor towers which form part of the Flue Gas Treatment process (FGT) that is in turn part of the Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) at Tyseley.

Maintenance of the reactor Towers prior to the contract extension included, routine maintenance of the structural supports, dispersion blades, flow shields and hopper, as these are considered by industry experts to be the areas that are most at risk within the structure.

BCC developed a five-year Essential Works Programme with Veolia, to deal with end of life works at the ERF, with the aim of giving additional life to the current plant in readiness for the future procurement post 2023. The FGT process, that the reactor towers are part of, had been highlighted as one of the principal areas requiring end of life works and this was scheduled to begin in April 2020 and is set to continue until 2023.

The reactor tower is a 30 meter high structure with a diameter of 9.9 meters and weighs 35 tonnes, in 2017 Veolia had inspected the thermal breaks between the reactor vessel and its supporting structure as part of the routine maintenance as above. Advice from the independent engineering experts Fichtner Engineering Ltd has informed us that the failure in 2019 was due to very localised thinning of the reactor vessel at the 16 metre level which is not typical for a vessel of this type. Therefore this type of failure of the reactor could not have been reasonably foreseen by anyone. We continue to work with our engineering experts on the essential works programme moving forward.

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

F3 Street Cleaning Staff Numbers

Question:

Please list, by depot, the number of staff assigned to street cleaning over the past five years.

Answer:

As at the 1st September 2019 the FTE posts assigned to each depot are as follows

Depot	Service Manager GR6	Assistant Service Manager GR4	Team Leader GR4	GR3 Various	GR2 Beat Sweeper
Perry Barr	1	3	2	60	16
Redfern	1	3	3	65	18
Lifford	1	3	3	62	13
Montague Street	0.5	6	1	103	13
Total	3.5	15	9	290	60

This model has been in place since 2008. It should be noted that a Street Scene Restructure is underway which incorporates Street Cleansing.

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

F4 Street Cleaning interventions and interactions with residents

Question:

Can the Cabinet set out the number of interventions and interactions with residents undertaken by WRCO's, per month, since April 2019, stating whether it is by face to face contact or leaflet?

Answer:

WRCOs are as the name suggests responsible for encouraging recycling and undertaking waste collections, rather than street cleaning. As a result, find below the amount of direct resident engagement interventions in relation to recycling made by the WRCOs, broken down by type of interaction.

Month	Total Direct Resident Engagement Interventions	Face to Face Contact		Leaflet Left	
		No	Yes	No	Yes
April	75	66	9	7	68
May	57	47	10	18	39
June	95	85	10	8	87
July	91	88	3	7	84
August	51	51	0	3	48
September	57	54	3	6	51
Up to 30 October	24	23	1	6	18
TOTAL	450	414	36	55	395

In addition, during the same period and linked to the overall cleanliness of streets they have logged 1741 incidents of Flytipping which has either been removed by the crews, referred through to Street Cleansing and or Waste Enforcement for action.

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

F5 Street Cleanings' missed and uncompleted rounds

Question:

Is the Cabinet Member satisfied that the problem of missed rounds and uncompleted rounds has been resolved?

Answer:

The daily statistics show significant improvement. However, I will not be happy until we consistently collect all bins and we have no missed collections.

We have been working hard with depot staff, crews and the Trades Unions to improve our performance but it only takes a breakdown, roads blocked through inconsiderate parking or sickness to create a missed collection.

There is a commitment at all levels of this service to resolve the problems, but this is an ongoing process of improvement.

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

F6 Loss of rounds due to vehicle breakdowns with Street Cleaning

Question:

How many collection rounds have been lost to vehicle breakdown since 1 April 2019?

Answer:

The Street Cleaning operation is not designed on a round basis therefore the data requested is not available.

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

**F7 Up-date of intended allocation of £15 million for Waste Collections and
Ground Maintenance vehicles**

Question:

Recent Cabinet papers indicated significant “slippage” in the spending of capital assigned for new Waste Collections and Ground Maintenance vehicles to the sum of £15 million. Can the Cabinet Member update Council on progress?

Answer:

Ensuring that we procure the right vehicle types i.e. size (weight), fuel type, cab/body and chassis is vital and to inform this we have been trialling a number of different vehicles with staff and crews. The procurement process has been progressing as planned but the reason for the slippage is due to the delivery time of vehicles, the earliest we can expect our first delivery of new waste collection vehicles is May 2020.

The Ground Maintenance vehicles were purchased at the start of the new contract period when the service was brought back in house and have been deployed to carry out that work across the city.

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

G1 Car Parking Permit

Question:

How many vehicles do you have registered against your Councillor car parking permit?

Answer:

One

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND
ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

G2 Workplace Parking Levy

Question:

On what date did the Council first start work on plans for the Workplace Parking Levy?

Answer:

Procurement for the Workplace Parking Levy Study commission commenced in September 2018 with the Contract Award Letter issued to the consultant support, Pell Frischmann, on 3 October 2018. The project inception meeting for the development of the WPL Best Practice Review and WPL Strategic Outline Business Case was held on 5 October 2018.

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

G3 Workplace Parking Levy

Question:

On what date was the WSP 'Birmingham Clean Air Zone Feasibility, Additional Measures Study' first commissioned as part as the introduction of CAZ D+?

Answer:

Contract award was made to Mouchel (Part of WSP Global Inc) commencing 10 July 2017 for the CAZ Additional Measures Appraisal. The project inception meeting was held on 13 July 2017.

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

G4 Malcolm Walker Memorial

Question:

Can you please outline what steps you plan to take to protect the safety and future of the Malcolm Walker Memorial in Perry Barr during any ground works for highways changes in Perry Barr?

Answer:

We are in contact with the Police Memorial Trust, and once the detailed design process is underway, we will be meeting with them to discuss how best to incorporate the memorial into the new layout.

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

G5 External spending for Workplace Parking Levy

Question:

How much has been spent on external advice and support in developing the proposal for Workplace Parking Levy?

Answer:

To date £21,792.12 has been spent.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND
ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

G6 External spending for advice supporting the Birmingham Transport Plan

Question:

How much has been spent on external advice and support in developing the emerging Birmingham Transport Plan?

Answer:

To date (30 October 2019), £8,596.30 has been spent.

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

G7 Projected costs for Moor Street Pedestrianisation and River Statue projects

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member set out the projected costs of some of the City Centre projects that have been listed in recent Cabinet Papers, specifically the pedestrianisation of Moor Street and the restoration of the River (Floozie) Statue?

Answer:

The Moor Street project seeks to remodel the area in front of the proposed HS2 Curzon Station rather than fully pedestrianise the area. The project is under development and costs will not be known until a preferred layout has been agreed between the Council and key stakeholders.

Outline costs for Victoria Square including the restoration of the River Statue are included within the private appendix of the report tabled at Cabinet on 29 October 2019.

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

G8 A34 Perry Barr Transport Project Carbon Emissions and Nitrogen levels

Question:

What will be the impact on Carbon Emissions and Nitrogen levels of the work and the disruption to transport networks of the A34 Perry Barr Transport Project? If precise estimates are not available, a range will be satisfactory.

Answer:

It is assumed that the reference to 'nitrogen levels' means nitrogen oxide emissions. The nitrogen oxide emission forecasts for the scheme are reported in the Air Quality Impact Assessment Summary report that is attached to the Full Business Case for the Scheme at Appendix H. The report considers NO₂ emissions and Particulate Matter as these are considered by DfT to be the primary gases that impact on the Local Air Quality for a highway scheme. The summary report shows that 23 of the 24 receptors are predicted to see a reduction in annual mean NO₂ by 2026. The full Air Quality Impact Assessment report is a background document that is also available if more detail is required.

Carbon emissions are greenhouse gases, rather than local air quality issues, and the biggest impact on greenhouse gases is achieved by encouraging more people to use mass transit systems such as bus, train, tram and Sprint rather than using the car. The highway scheme will improve bus and sprint services by providing bus lanes and bus priority measures, and the improvements to cycling and pedestrian infrastructure will also encourage a greater uptake of active travel options. Other local transport improvements to the Perry Barr rail station and bus interchange are also expected to contribute to an increased usage of bus and train by commuters. The scheme's contribution to this mode shift will help to reduce carbon emissions across the north of Birmingham.