

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 11 JULY 2023 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING

Lord Mayor to advise that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-I microsite [\(please click this link\)](#) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If other registerable interests are declared a Member may speak on the matter only if members of the public are allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless they have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', Members do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that they have an interest.

Information on the Local Government Association's Model Councillor Code of Conduct is set out via <http://bit.ly/3WtGQnN>. This includes, at Appendix 1, an interests flowchart which provides a simple guide to declaring interests at meetings.

3 MINUTES

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 June 2023.

4 LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10 minutes allocated) (1400-1410)

To receive the Lord Mayor's announcements and such communications as the Lord Mayor may wish to place before the Council.

5 PETITIONS

(10 minutes allocated) (1410-1420)

To receive and deal with petitions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 E of the Constitution)

As agreed by Council Business Management Committee a schedule of outstanding petitions is available electronically with the published papers for the meeting and can be viewed or downloaded.

6 QUESTION TIME

(70 minutes allocated) (1420-1530)

To deal with oral questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

- A. Questions from Members of the Public to any Cabinet Member or Ward Forum Chair (20 minutes)
- B. Questions from any Councillor to a Committee Chair, Lead Member of a Joint Board or Ward Forum Chair (up to 10 minutes)
- C. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to a Cabinet Member (up to 20 minutes)
- D. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Member to the Leader or Deputy Leader (up to 20 minutes)

7 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

(5 minutes allocated) (1530-1535)

To make appointments to, or removal from, committees, outside bodies or other offices which fall to be determined by the Council.

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8 **SREBRENICA MEMORIAL DAY**

(40 minutes allocated) (1535-1615)

Councillor Martin Brooks to move the following recommendation:

"That the City Council agrees to support the bullet points as outlined in the Motion included in this report."

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9 **DECISIONS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION**

(10 minutes allocated) (1615-1625)

Councillor John Cotton to move the following recommendation:

"That Full Council notes the report."

(break 1625-1655)

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10 **SCRUTINY BUSINESS REPORT**

(50 minutes allocated) (1655-1745)

Councillor Sir Albert Bore to move the following recommendation:

"That the report be noted".

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11 **MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

(90 minutes allocated) (1745-1915)

To consider the attached Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 G of the Constitution).



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL,
TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 2023**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 2023 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Chaman Lal) in the Chair.

Councillors

Akhlaq Ahmed	Ray Goodwin	Lee Marsham
Deirdre Alden	Rob Grant	Majid Mahmood
Robert Alden	Colin Green	Rashad Mahmood
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Fred Grindrod	Lee Marsham
Raqeeb Aziz	Roger Harmer	Karen McCarthy
Shabina Bano	Deborah Harries	Saddak Miah
David Barker	Kath Hartley	Shehla Moledina
Baber Baz	Adam Higgs	Gareth Moore
Jilly	Des Hughes	Simon Morrall
Bermingham	Mumtaz Hussain	Richard Parkin
Marcus	Mahmood Hussain	Rick Payne
Bemasconi	Shabrana Hussain	David Pears
Bushra Bi	Timothy Huxtable	Miranda Perks
Sir Albert	Mohammed Idrees	Rob Pocock
Bore	Zafar Iqbal	Julien Pritchard
Nicky	Katherine Iroh	Hendrina Quinnen
Brennan	Ziaul Islam	Kath Scott
Kerry Brewer	Morriam Jan	Shafique Shah
Marje Bridle	Kerry Jenkins	Rinkal Shergill
Mick Brown	Meirion Jenkins	Jamie Tennant
Zaker Choudhry	Brigid Jones	Sharon Thompson
Liz Clements	Jane Jones	Paul Tilsley
Maureen Cornish	Izzy Knowles	Lisa Trickett
John Cotton	Narinder Kaur	Penny Wagg
Phil Davis	Kooner	Ian Ward
Jack Deakin	Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Ken Wood
Adrian Delaney	Bruce Lines	Alex Yip
Diane Donaldson	Mary Locke	Waseem Zaffar
Barbara Dring	Ewan Mackey	
Jayne Francis	Basharat	
Sam Forsyth	Mahmood	

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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 143 The 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 the meeting.

Councillor Narinder Kaur-Kooner declared a pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 10, Motion A. Councillor Kaur-Kooner would leave the Chamber for this agenda item.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 144 **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the City Council meeting held on 23 May 2023 be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Death of Former Councillor, Honorary Alderman Jim Whorwood

The Lord Mayor indicated his first announcement related to the death of former Councillor and former Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Honorary Alderman Jim Whorwood who passed away on 27 March.

Jim served as a Councillor for Acocks Green Ward from January 1997 to May 2004, and for South Yardley Ward from 2004 to 2010, having previously served as a Councillor for Sutton Coldfield Borough Council from 1965 to 1974, and for West Midlands County Council from 1974 to 1977.

During his time with Birmingham City Council, Jim served on numerous Committees and Sub-Committees, as well as a number of outside bodies and charities.

He was elected as Lord Mayor of Birmingham 2001 to 2002, and Deputy Lord

Mayor 2002 to 2003; and became an Honorary Alderman in May 2010.

Jim leaves behind daughters Katie and Susan, stepchildren Simon, Rachel and Sarah and his grandchildren.

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

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RESOLVED:-

That this Council placed on record its sorrow at the death of former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Honorary Alderman Jim Whorwood and its appreciation of his devoted service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extended its deepest sympathy to Jim's family in their sad bereavement

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

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 1, 'Additional Meeting Documents')

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

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RESOLVED:-

That the petitions were received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer(s).

Petitions Update

A Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 2, 'Additional Meeting Documents')

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

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RESOLVED:-

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

QUESTION TIME

148 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

Councillor Des Hughes addressed the Council and it was-

149 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Cllr Raqeeb Aziz off the Economy & Skills O&S Committee and onto the Finance & Resources O&S Committee.

Cllr Sybil Spence off the Finance and Resources O&S Committee.

Cllr Lisa Trickett off the Trusts and Charities Committee and onto the Economy & Skills O&S Committee.

Cllr Phil Davis onto the Trusts and Charities Committee.

Cllr Lauren Rainbow off the Planning committee.

Cllr Mohammed Idrees onto the Planning Committee.

Cllr Amar Khan off the Audit Committee and onto the Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee.

Cllr Kirsten Kurt-Elli off the Health & Adult Social Care Committee and onto the Audit Committee.

Cllr Jane Jones off the Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee and onto the Education, Children and Young People O&S Committee.

Cllr Shabina Bano off the Education Children and Young People O&S Committee and onto the Health and Adult Social Care O&S Committee.

Cllr Sam Forsyth as Lead Member of the Police and Crime Panel.

Councillor Gareth Moore addressed the Council and it was-

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RESOLVED:-

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

Licensing Sub-Committee A: Cllr Simon Morrall to replace Cllr Adam Higgs.

Licensing Sub-Committee B: Cllr Adam Higgs to replace Cllr Simon Morrall.

WMCA O&S Committee: Cllr Ewan Mackey to replace Cllr Ken Wood. Cllr Robert Alden to replace Cllr Ewan Mackey as substitute Member.

City Housing Liaison Board: Cllr Ken Wood to replace Cllr Richard Parkin.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT

A report of Cabinet was submitted:-

(See document No. 3, agenda item 8)

Councillor John Cotton moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Karen McCarthy.

A debate ensued.

Councillors Robert Alden, Roger Harmer, Julien Pritchard, Liz Clements, Gareth Moore, Lisa Trickett, Ken Wood, Morriam Jan, Waseem Zaffar, Jack Deakin and Majid Mahmood spoke during the debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor John Cotton to sum up.

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

1.) That City Council noted the report.

ADJOURNMENT

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It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and-

RESOLVED:-

That the Council be adjourned until 1650 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1620 hours.

At 1650 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

HOUSING OMBUDSMAN SPECIAL REPORT (UPDATE)

A report from the Interim Director of City Housing was submitted:-

(See document No. 4, agenda item 9)

Councillor Jayne Francis moved the recommendation which was seconded from the floor.

A debate ensued.

Councillors Robert Alden, Roger Harmer, Lisa Trickett, Julien Pritchard, Deirdre Alden, John Cotton, Bruce Lines, Mohammed Idrees, Alex Yip and Lee Marsham spoke during the debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Jayne Francis to sum up.

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

1.) That City Council noted the report.

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).

Councillor Narinder Kaur-Kooner left the Chamber for Motion A.

A. Councillors Ewan Mackey and Richard Parkin had given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

(See document No. 5, agenda item 10)

Councillor Ewan Mackey moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Richard Parkin.

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

(See document No. 6, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Morriam Jan moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Baber Baz.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Nicky Brennan and Kerry Jenkins gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 7, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Nicky Brennan moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Kerry Jenkins.

A debate ensued.

Councillors Rick Payne, Sam Forsyth, Marcus Bernasconi, Ayoub Khan, Ray Goodwin, Ziaul Islam and Jack Deakin spoke during the debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Ewan Mackey to sum up.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Morriam Jan and Baber Baz having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Nicky Brennan and Kerry Jenkins having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

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.

RESOLVED:-

“Council notes that Government failure to tackle the growing threat of knife crime over the last decade has had catastrophic consequences for families in Birmingham and across the UK:

Since 2010/11, the total number of offences involving a knife or sharp instrument has increased by 34% (from around 34,000 to 45,000) and the number of threats to kill using knives or sharp objects has nearly quadrupled (from around 1,400 to 5,500).

The number of people killed with a knife in England and Wales in 2021/22 was the highest on record for 76 years.

According to ONS figures, in the 12-month period ending March 2022, 69 teenagers were murdered in England and Wales; knives or sharp instruments were used in 74 percent of all murders.

Council notes that July sees the 6th anniversary of the death of Daniel Baird and commends the work of the Daniel Baird foundation since then to raise awareness of and access to bleed kits across the country and the work of the West Midlands Police and West Midlands Fire Service to work with the foundation.

Birmingham city Council works closely with West Midlands Police, the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership and the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for the West Midlands, through the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership, to reduce serious violence and knife crime in the city.

As part of this effort to reduce knife crime, the Council has been working closely with the OPCC to raise awareness of the importance of having defibrillators and bleed kits at accessible locations.

Council notes the following actions:

In November 2018, the City Centre Local Community Safety Partnership (CCLCSP) developed a pilot project in partnership with Lynne Baird of the Daniel Baird Foundation.

The pilot saw 70 kits purchased and introduced into key businesses within the night-time economy. As part of this pilot the CCLCSP also reprinted a "Good Practice for Licenced Premises" booklet. Included is a recommended good practice for all licenced premises to have bleed control kits on their premises, with advice on which kit to be used.

Subsequently, working in partnership with West Midlands Ambulance Service, OPCC and BIDS, more kits were purchased. Further; Community Safety City Centre Intervention Officers have received training to use bleed kits in cases of emergency, with the training now rolled out to partner organisations.

This Council recognises the importance of having defibrillators and bleed kits accessible, especially in public spaces, sports grounds and Government funded facilities.

This Council understands the role that it has in facilitating the delivery of new defibrillators and bleed kits across our City in collaboration with the voluntary and community sector, businesses and partner organisations.

This Council acknowledges the benefits of the rollout of defibrillators by the Government to all state-funded schools that currently don't have one, with over 20,000 expected to be delivered by the end of the academic year to 18,000 schools.

This Council commits to working with the local community to find suitable places to place defibrillators, acknowledging that they are most effective within 3 minutes of a person collapsing.

This Council, therefore, resolves to work with partners to commission a report into the accessibility of defibrillators and bleed kits in Birmingham and to ascertain what steps are necessary to ensure that there is a defibrillator and

bleed kit within a 3-minute radius of our local centres and high-streets including a campaign of improved public awareness of where these are and how to use them as well. This ongoing work requires a multi-agency, collaborative approach to ensure the maximum impact.

The council resolves to facilitate the provision of bleed kits in schools, colleges, youth clubs, bars and nightclubs, and ensure that training in their use is provided by a qualified practitioner.

Trained users should have refresher training every three years. New persons should be appointed when trained individuals step down or leave.

The council will write to the Police Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands requesting that all West Midlands Police vehicles carry first aid kits that include bleed kits.”

B. Councillors Colin Green and Zaker Choudhry had given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

(See document No. 8, agenda item 10)

Councillor Colin Green moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Zaker Choudhry.

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

(See document No. 9, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Timothy Huxtable moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor David Pears.

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

(See document No. 10, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Julien Pritchard moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Rob Grant.

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

(See document No. 11, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Liz Clements moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Lee Marsham.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Colin Green to sum up.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Timothy Huxtable and David Pears having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Julien Pritchard and Rob Grant having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

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

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-

RESOLVED:-

“Council notes that:

Buses are Birmingham's mass transit network. Every day 700,000 bus journeys are made across the West Midlands. With around a third of households in Birmingham with no access to a vehicle, many Birmingham residents depend on bus services, but the current bus network does not serve them as well as it could.

The general population feel discouraged from switching because journey times can be long because of congestion, meaning that buses are seen to be unreliable, some services are infrequent, and facilities to shelter in at bus stops whilst waiting are not always adequate.

This council supports bus franchising under the powers set out in the 2017 Bus Services Act and calls on the WMCA and the West Midlands Mayor to expedite its current franchising assessment and implement franchising as soon as possible. Franchising will allow Transport for the West Midlands to specify routes and frequencies, and to have more control over fares.

This council further calls for the government to pass legislation to allow English councils to set up municipal bus companies on the model of the award-winning Nottingham City Transport.

Getting people onto public transport and out of cars vital for reducing congestion, and this is a key pledge for the Council's “route to zero” commitment which aims for carbon neutrality by 2030, and the WMCA ambition of carbon neutral travel by 2041. The WMCA green paper stated that 92% of respondents were concerned about climate change.

Road space reallocation and bus priority are vital to make bus journeys quicker across Birmingham, and this council re-affirms its commitment

to them and to the principles set out in the Birmingham Transport Plan.

It also reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that buses are accessible to everyone, including disabled people and people with additional needs of all kinds, and will continue to use its influence through the Enhanced Partnership and Bus Alliance to ensure that bus operators provide accessible services.

Since the pandemic, services have been cut, and reliability has been patchy.

Bus scheduling shouldn't be devolved to private companies but should be run for the public good.

Government must provide an adequate and consistent level of bus recovery funding and end its current stop-start approach. With services in the West Midlands still badly affected by a shortage of bus drivers, government must also work with the bus operators to increase the number of applicants and respond to the bus industry's calls for bus drivers to be added to the UK immigration shortage occupation list.

This council calls on the government to live up to its own requirement that half of all journeys in towns and cities are on foot, bike or public transport by 2030. This means a 'London-style' transport system in cities across the country to make public transport accessible and the natural choice.

Transport for the West Midlands, Birmingham City Council and its partner councils in the WMCA need the powers and the funding to make this a reality.

The 2017 Bus Services Act gave Mayoral Combined Authorities the powers to regulate bus services and create bus franchising schemes. However, this also specifically prevented Combined and Local Authorities from setting up new municipally owned bus operators. The few remaining municipally-owned bus companies in the UK are some of the best performing bus operators both on price and quality of service.

The Council calls on the West Midlands Mayor and the West Midlands Combined Authority to use what powers they do have to move to franchise and regulate West Midlands bus services.

The Council calls on Westminster to give local and combined authorities the full range of powers to regulate, franchise and own local bus services, depending on what is appropriate for their local area.

The Council calls on Westminster for an expansion of current fare subsidy with the aim to get to a £1 single bus fare.

The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to lobby for powers to regulate franchise and set up local bus operators.

The Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to lobby for a funding model that helps move to cheaper £1 single bus fares.

The Council resolves to lobby the West Midlands Mayor and Combined Authority to move to a franchising model for West Midlands bus services and use the full extent of their powers for bus regulation.

The Council resolves to lobby and work with the West Midlands Mayor and Combined Authority to improve cross-suburban bus routes.”

The meeting ended at 1920 hours.

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

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

“Sickness Absence”

Question:

For each year since 2012, please provide the total number of days lost to sickness absence and days per FTE, broken down by reason

Answer:

Please see attached table for sickness absence.



Sickness stats.xlsx

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

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

“Richard Parker”

Question:

Please list all occasions Richard Parker (Labour mayoral candidate) worked on projects for Birmingham City Council since 2012, either independently, or via RP Strategy Ltd, PWC, or another organisation, including the total cost for each?

Answer:

We have no record of Richard Parker or RP Strategy Ltd either in Oracle or Voyager so it would appear we have never paid for any services from either. It would be impossible to identify whether Richard has been paid via any other supplier from our records.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU

“Oracle Apology to schools”

Question:

Please provide a (dated) copy of the apology sent to schools for the issues with Oracle implementation that you stated had been made 'unreservedly' in media interviews.



Letter regarding Oracle
22.05.23.pdf

Answer:

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

“Wheels Site sale”

Question:

What is the latest position of the proposed sale of the council's freehold interest in the Wheels site, including any change from the valuation reported to Cabinet last year?

Answer:

Unfortunately, the negotiations with the proposed developer did not reach a satisfactory conclusion, in part due to recent market challenges and national economic uncertainties which inevitably led to a change in the valuation of the site. The Council's property advisors have advised that given the prevailing market uncertainties, any options which require immediate engagement with the market and exposure to risk are going to be heavily discounted. During a period of such turbulent market conditions, time and worthwhile expenditure would therefore be best channelled into remediating the site to an appropriate level. This would then enable a progression to the market – via an option to be agreed – with more certainty and an improved site.

As such officers are continuing to progress the remediation of the site using the Levelling Up Fund. The extensive Japanese Knotweed present on the site was addressed last year (with on-going monitoring) and remediation contractors are due to commence work on Phase 1 (land in Venetia Road and Bordesley Green Road) in early July.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

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

“DBS checking”

Question:

Can you confirm that since the roll out of Oracle in April 2022 the Council has been able to fully monitor compliance with DBS checks for all staff?

Answer:

Since April 2022, we have not been able to fully monitor compliance. However, we are urgently working to address this. The Oracle system has fields which record the date of a DBS check, the level, and the date an update is due under City Council policy.

We are in the process of conducting a verification exercise to ensure we have up to date centralised records to ensure compliance across the whole Council. For instance, in our Children and Young People’s Travel Service assurance is undertaken in-house and a workaround is in place to ensure there is comprehensive oversight of DBS records for this service as this cannot currently be done through Oracle.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

“DBS checks”

Question:

By month, since April 2022, how many DBS checks were due for staff (split between new checks and renewals) and how many of these were completed?

Answer:

In order to do provide this breakdown, we need to complete the verification exercise.

A full breakdown will be provided once the verification exercise referenced in the answer to written question A5 is completed.

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

“Overpayments”

Question:

In each of the last 4 years how many overpayments (and at what total value) have been made through payroll and what proportion of these have been recovered?

Answer:

Year	Total Number of Overpayments	Total Value of Overpayments	Total Value Under Repayment Plans	Total Value Passed for Invoice
2019/20	529	£534,868.56	£266,058.84	£14,166.12
2020/21	387	£534,874.52	£174,861.32	£57,439.50
2021/22	334	£402,160.17	£151,510.75	£8,107.22
2022/23	284	£635,987.41	£168,863.00	£124,074.41
Total	1534	£2,107,890.66	£761,293.91	£203,787.25

In total since over the last four financial years there have been 1,534 incidents of employees being overpaid.

In the main these again relate to late notification of employment changes such as leavers or change of hours.

Those cases that are shown under repayment plans remain within employment of the Council and are subject to payroll deductions.

Those cases that are shown as passed for invoice relates to employees that have left the Council and a repayment plan through payroll deduction cannot be put in place. Information on repayment is not currently available.

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

“Wheels Site funding”

Question:

Has the Council had to return any grant fundings (including levelling up) and/or commit any additional council resources to the Wheels site as a result of any changes to the valuation of the site since the business case?

Answer:

The Council has not returned any Levelling Up Fund (LUF) grant as a result of changes in land valuations. The grant was specifically for the remediation and addition of infrastructure / services to the site at a forecast cost of £19.050m (funded from £17.145m LUF capital grant and £1.905m from the Council (the required 10% local contribution)) consistent with the original LUF application. The LUF grant conditions require that expenditure is completed by 31 March 2025. To date the remediation programme is progressing to plan and officers continue to seek best value in awarding contracts and consultancy advice and secure savings where possible.

Therefore, to date no additional resources have been required nor has any grant funding been returned.

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

“Perry Park”

Question:

“Your predecessor’s response to the very large petition calling for Perry Park to be reopened following the Commonwealth Games was disappointing to say the least. As he grew up in the neighbourhood, will he do his best endeavours to ensure the park is open to the public for the summer holidays and that a children’s playground is reinstalled for the summer holidays?”

Answer:

We recognise the importance of Perry Park to the local community, and would like to reassure you that colleagues at Birmingham City Council are committed to reopening an enhanced Perry Park at the earliest opportunity.

There has however been a need to undertake works to reinstate the Park to its former condition following the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. These works are known as the ‘reinstatement works’, which are well underway and being undertaken in several packages.

Temporary fencing has been installed in the Park to ensure the safety of the public whilst the reinstatement works are undertaken. As some of the reinstatement works are now complete, we are pleased to have been able to open additional sections of the park recently, including the car park, the areas to the east of the Walsall Road Allotments and to the east of the Athletes’ Route. The hoarding line has also been adjusted to enable pedestrians to access Perry Reservoir from the Alexander Stadium, to create a circular route. At the time of compiling this answer, emails to stakeholders were scheduled to be sent on 9 June and posters erected on 12 June to provide notice of this.

The Stadium Project Team will continue to explore opportunities to open other areas of the Park as the reinstatement works progress, where it is feasible and safe to do so.

As set out in our response to the recent petition, the reinstatement works are the first step in a programme of works that will be undertaken to restore and enhance the Park. The Stadium design team are preparing proposals for enhancement works at the Alexander Stadium and Perry Park, which will be subject to public consultation between 26 June and 23 July 2023. The consultation will be an opportunity for the local community and stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposals, including in relation to key facilities and access. Feedback will be considered in the ongoing development of the design, prior to a planning application being submitted to Birmingham City Council for consideration in late summer 2023.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM
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“Perry Park”

Question:

“The leader may be aware that Perry Park – which I am sure he knows well – is not only closed to the public but is being subject to a secret master planning exercise. Will he ensure that planning for its future and investment involves the local community at every stage, in particular the Friends of Perry Park, the 3Bs Neighbourhood Forum and the ward forum?”

Answer:

Following the first stage of the Alexander Stadium Redevelopment, and the success of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, additional funding has been secured to deliver further enhancements at the Stadium and Perry Park.

We are developing proposals which support the aspirations of the Perry Barr 2040 Masterplan and seek to deliver an enhanced Park, and a multi-purpose Stadium for use by the community and to host sporting, leisure and cultural events. It is intended that a planning application for the proposed enhancements will be submitted to Birmingham City Council for consideration in late summer 2023.

A public consultation will be held between 26 June and 23 July 2023 which will be open to the entire community, and anybody who would like to be involved. At the time of compiling this answer, invitations to participate in the public consultation were scheduled to be issued 08 June, with posters erected on 09 June to inform stakeholders, residents and businesses in the area surrounding the Alexander Stadium and Perry Park. This includes the Friends of Perry Park, 3Bs Planning Forum, yourself and Councillor Hunt.

Your question references the ward forum, and we are mindful that no meeting of the forum is scheduled during this period. However, this is sufficiently offset by the two planned public consultation drop-in events will be held as an opportunity for stakeholders to meet the project team, view the proposals and share their feedback. The drop-in event details are provided below:

Event	Date	Time	Location
1	Monday 26 June 2023	6pm-9pm	South Lounge, West Stand, Alexander Stadium, Walsall Road, B42 2LR
2	Sunday 2 July 2023	10am-3pm	North Lounge, West Stand, Alexander Stadium, Walsall Road, B42 2LR

Anybody unable to attend the events will be able to view the materials and share their feedback online, or at Tower Hill Library and the Library of Birmingham from 26 June 2023.

Feedback will be considered in the ongoing development of the design, prior to the planning application being submitted.

Once the planning application has been submitted it will be published on Birmingham City Council's planning online website where stakeholders can review the full details of the application and provide feedback to the Council directly. The application will include a Statement of Community Involvement report which will set out how feedback has been considered in developing the proposals.

A11

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

“Democratic scrutiny – future of Birmingham”

Question:

“On Thursday 25 May at Highbury Hall, the plans for the future of Birmingham were showcased for the first time. At what point will these plans be scrutinised by the relevant departments?”

Answer:

The “Our Future City: Draft Central Birmingham Framework 2040 (Draft CBF)” was launched for an 8-week period of public consultation on 25th May 2023. The Draft CBF has been 2 years in the making starting with the launch of “Our Future City Plan – Shaping Our City Together” vision document in 2021. Engagement with relevant departments and service areas has been undertaken throughout the development of the document.

Prior to the launch of the Draft CBF, the council’s Extended Corporate Leadership Team received presentations with opportunities to comment and the expectation that the document would be taken back to BCC departments, service areas and appropriate external stakeholders for their detailed consideration and input to the proposals. Feedback will be considered in shaping the final document, alongside comments from the public consultation, any changes will be highlighted to the Cabinet where the final CBF 2040 will be taken to seek approval.

The Draft CBF has proposals that cross many service areas and forms a high-level strategy to work from. Looking ahead to delivery of the proposals, this is the start of many years of ongoing detailed engagement, consultation and partnership working both within BCC and with our communities and many external stakeholders

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
JULIEN PRITCHARD

“Planning Permission – BHMT housing developments”

Question:

How many Council BMHT housing development projects have both planning permission and executive approval but have not been started? How many homes does this represent (please provide the total and breakdown by social housing/private sale)?

And how many of these developments are late? And how many homes are on in these late developments (again please provide the total and breakdown between social housing and private sale)? And finally please break all this down by specific development?

Answer:

The table attached captures the individual BMHT developments which have planning consent and executive approval but have not started on site. Where known, the total number of new homes broken down across rent and sale is also shown. Indicative start on site timescales are provided, with schemes currently experiencing a delay highlighted in yellow.



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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
ROB GRANT

“Paul Farm Estate/Shannon Road Development”

Question:

In February 2021 The Council Cabinet approved the building of 267 (163 for social rent 104 for sale) new homes on Pool Farm estate and Shannon Road. The Council was due to start on site in April 2022. However despite the having planning permission, and large parts of already cleared land in this development, no building has started. What is the reason for the delay? When will building of new homes for this development start? And what are the new timelines for this scheme?

Answer:

Planning permission having been secured in February 2021 a procurement exercise was undertaken which due to the combined factors of build cost inflation, impact of the new Part L Building Regulations and cost of living pressures, produced total scheme costs which were more than the previously approved budget and did not represent value for money for the Council.

The decision was taken to conduct a scheme review sponsored by Homes England to re-assess the development capacity of the various sites and whether a range of affordable tenures could be produced in lieu of homes for sale, due to the increasing mortgage rates and pressures on the affordability of home ownership.

The Council engaged the services of Arcadis, BM3 architecture and JLL to review the various sites using a range of house sizes which are delivered by Registered Providers. In addition, financial modelling has been completed for a range of scenarios from policy compliant through to 100% affordable housing provision.

That exercise has recently been completed and draft scheme proposals show that an additional 50 homes have the potential to be delivered. It is the intention to shortly seek Expressions of Interest from developers and Registered Provider and to

consider a range of procurement options to select a partner or partners, who will develop detailed proposals which would be subject to a new planning application. There are significant topography issues to be addressed, together with completion of the demolition process. It is hoped however that a commencement on site in early Summer 2024 could be achieved. Subject of course to the necessary Cabinet approvals, planning permission etc.

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PLEASE NOTE NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS

“Early Years Block Funding”

Question:

A report from the National Day Nurseries association showed that, according to data provided under FOI, Birmingham underspent on its Early Years block funding by £1.4m in 21/22. This is money they say was earmarked to support providers in the sector. Please provide details of the under or overspend in each year since 2018, plus what happened to any overspend in each of those years (including which budget it was reallocated to if this occurred, or if some or all of it was returned to the DfE)

Answer:

As part of the conditions of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG), any underspends are not clawed back by the Department of Education. The conditions of grant allow local authorities to roll forward any underspends on the Early Years Block as part of the total Dedicated Schools Grants reserves, this can then be utilised in future years to support the sector.

All underspends within the Early Years DSG block have been retained within the Early Years DSG block and fully utilised to support the Early Years sector. The breakdown since 2018 is as follows:-

Fin Year	Budget	Outturn	Variance	Narrative
2018/19	90,150,000	87,450,000	-2,700,000	Allocated to EY SEND Projects as part of the Invest to Save approach. This supported projects such as the Childminder Inclusion Network, the rollout of the WellComm project across all settings and schools and the Castle Approach which was a pilot programme in 2 of the 27 maintained nursery schools.
2019/20	89,209,000	87,409,000	-1,800,000	The underspend generated in year was allocated and paid as an additional lump sum in 2020/21 based on the number of 3 and 4 years within each school/setting for the last 3 terms headcounts (actual numbers). The actual amount was confirmed following the conclusion of the closure of 19/20 final accounts and passported the funding in full directly to settings/schools.
2020/21	87,533,751	88,460,761	927,010	The underspend was not confirmed until much later in the year due to the change in DfE process during COVID. The underspend is currently being held in the EY DSG reserves and will be allocated/considered within the outturn position for the 2021/22 financial year.
2021/22	82,441,401	81,012,401	-1,429,000	There has been an issue with schools budgets allocations and payments during 2021/22 that are currently being resolved and have been subject to an external review commissioned by the Council. The underspend in year is being held in EY DSG reserves and will be considered once the funding queries have been resolved. It will be used to support the EY sector in full.
2022/23	86,708,647	86,708,647	0	The outturn figure is not yet available as we are currently awaiting confirmation of the final adjusted allocation from the DfE based on actual participation over the year which we will not receive until July 2023. We are assuming this has spent to budget in-year.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY

“Transport Appeals”

Question:

In each month since January 2023, what was the total number, and the average time taken to deal with, both stage one and stage two transport appeals within the home to school transport service?

Answer:

MONTH	Number of stage 1 appeals received	Number of stage 2 appeals received	Average time to process stage 1 appeals	Average time to process stage 2 appeals
January 2023	0	0	N/A	N/A
February 2023	14	0	20 – 30 days	N/A
March 2023	39	14	20 – 30 days	20 – 40 days
April 2023	19	13	20 – 30 days	20 – 40 days
May 2023	45	17	20 – 30 days	20 – 40 days

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU

“SENDIST Appeals”

Question:

For the period September 2018 - present please provide the following data, all broken down by type (Refusal to Assess, Refusal to Issue, Section B,F,I):

- The number of appeals against the Council registered by SENDIST
- The number of appeals conceded by the local authority prior to hearings
- The number that went to hearing where the appeal was dismissed (i.e. the local authority’s decision was deemed to be correct)
- The number of resulting tribunal orders which have not yet been complied with by the Council

Answer:

Please see breakdown of SEND Tribunal appeals received from September 2018 to May 2023:

Month	Total appeals received	Refusal to assess	Refusal to issue	Sections B, F &/or I	Cease to maintain
Sep-18	25	11	3	11	0
Oct-18	30	6	1	23	0
Nov-18	18	6	0	12	0
Dec-18	14	5	6	3	0
Jan-19	16	11	0	5	0
Feb-19	25	9	1	15	0
Mar-19	31	11	0	20	0
Apr-19	30	11	1	18	0
May-19	43	10	2	31	0
Jun-19	34	7	5	19	3
Jul-19	26	7	4	13	2
Aug-19	21	13	1	7	0
Sep-19	22	5	4	13	0
Oct-19	22	6	3	13	0
Nov-19	12	4	3	5	0
Dec-19	9	2	3	4	0

Month	Total appeals received	Refusal to assess	Refusal to issue	Sections B, F &/or I	Cease to maintain
Jan-20	21	4	7	10	0
Feb-20	18	3	3	12	0
Mar-20	19	5	2	12	0
Apr-20	18	4	1	13	0
May-20	20	2	0	18	0
Jun-20	28	5	5	18	0
Jul-20	40	3	0	37	0
Aug-20	25	2	2	21	0
Sep-20	19	2	1	15	1
Oct-20	12	2	1	9	0
Nov-20	15	4	3	8	0
Dec-20	14	8	4	2	0
Jan-21	10	7	0	3	0
Feb-21	18	7	3	8	0
Mar-21	9	2	1	6	0
Apr-21	24	3	2	19	0
May-21	25	0	2	23	0
Jun-21	27	0	3	24	0
Jul-21	46	0	9	37	0
Aug-21	56	6	5	45	0
Sep-21	52	10	8	34	0
Oct-21	42	8	5	29	0
Nov-21	25	7	3	15	0
Dec-21	30	6	10	14	0
Jan-22	59	20	14	24	1
Feb-22	30	9	2	19	0
Mar-22	44	5	2	37	0
Apr-22	40	11	6	22	1
May-22	68	19	2	46	1
Jun-22	39	6	1	32	0
Jul-22	40	4	3	33	0
Aug-22	59	8	2	49	0
Sept-22	68	9	3	53	3
Oct-22	59	10	0	49	0
Nov-22	48	6	3	38	1
Dec-22	37	5	5	26	1
Jan-23	37	8	5	24	0
Feb-23	33	9	1	23	0
Mar-23	27	3	1	24	1
Apr-23	31	5	2	24	0
May-23	30	2	0	27	1

Based on the data for appeals received in between January 2022 and May 2023 which have been concluded (502 appeals):

- 100 appeals were not opposed by the LA
- 46 appeals were withdrawn by parent/YP
- 7 appeals were struck out (due to parental/YP not complying with orders)
- 222 resolved by consent (without a final hearing)
- 127 final decisions were made by the Tribunal:
 - 21 were dismissed
 - 78 were upheld
 - 6 were made mainly in LA favour
 - 4 decisions were equally in favour of LA and parents
 - 18 were mainly in in parent/YP's favour

The LA has complied with 126 final decisions outlined above. There is 1 final decision which the LA has not complied with as the LA has applied for permission to appeal this decision and for the effect of the decision to be suspended. This matter is being considered by First- Tier Tribunal which is considering reviewing its decision due to an error in law. The family have also made an application for judicial review.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER

“Children without a placement”

Question:

Please provide, broken down by area of need, year group, number of children & young people with EHCPs who are currently:

- Without a school place
- In a mainstream school but awaiting a special school placement
- Having Section F provision met through the Home Bridging Team
- Having Section F provision met by other home- based providers (please define who is providing this and the cost)
- Have annual reviews recommending change of placement that have not yet been actioned

Answer:

- Without a school place

Need/ Year Group	Reception Not Compulsory School Age	Reception Compulsory School Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
	Autistic spectrum disorder (ASD)	1	4	6	6	5	7	1	7	6	1	4	4	
Moderate learning difficulty (MLD)	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	11
Physical disability (PD)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3

Profound and multiple learning difficulty (PMLD)	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Social, emotional and mental health (SEMH)	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	3	5	2	6	9	10	40
Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN)	10	7	3	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	25
Severe learning difficulty (SLD)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Specific learning difficulties (SpLD)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Not Recorded	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	7
Total	13	14	13	7	11	10	3	13	13	5	16	16	18	152

58 of the children and young people listed above have a named placement secured for September 2023.

- In a mainstream school but awaiting a special school placement

Need/ Year Group	Reception – Not Compulsory School Age	Reception – Compulsory School Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
ASD	3	5	20	8	16	9	5	1	3	2	2	0	2	76
SLCN	9	11	22	11	1	5	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	64
SEMH	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	20
SpLD	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	8
MLD	0	0	2	4	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
PD	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
SLD	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
MSI	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Not Recorded	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PMLD	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	13	19	50	27	22	16	9	4	6	5	6	2	6	185

76 of the children and young people listed above have a named placement secured for September 2023.

- **Having Section F provision met through the Home Bridging Team**

The Home Bridging Service does not deliver provision detailed in Section F of EHCPs for children and young people. The Service supports the child/family via the arrangement of interim provision and/or a bridging service to assist with transition to an appropriate placement. The Home Bridging Service is currently working with 147 children and young people.

Referrals to the Service may still be in progress for some of the children that are identified as out of school as listed above) in cases where they have recently moved into authority or received a newly finalised EHCP.

Need/ Year Group	ASD	MLD	PD	PMLD	SEMH	SLCN	SLD	SPLD	TBC	Total
0	3	1	0	0	0	10	1	1	1	17
1	5	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	11
2	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	8
3	4	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	10
4	6	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	10
5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
6	7	1	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	15
7	6	0	1	1	7	0	1	1	0	17
8	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	6
9	4	2	2	0	6	1	0	0	1	16
10	3	1	0	0	8	0	0	2	1	15
11	5	1	0	0	6	1	1	0	4	18
Total	52	8	4	4	39	19	5	5	11	147

- **Having Section F provision met by other home- based providers please define who is providing this and the cost)**

There are 94 children and young people in year groups between reception and Year 11 receiving interim education via a home tuition provider – the majority of these are awaiting a placement at a setting. Home Based providers for children and young people with an EHCP awaiting a school placement do not fully deliver the education detailed in Section F but offer interim education in the form of 1:1 tuition until a suitable setting can be identified and named in the EHCP. The tutors concerned specialise in working with children and young people with additional needs and tailor the provision to suit individual needs.

Need/ Year Group	ASD	MLD	PD	PMLD	SEMH	SLCN	SLD	SPLD	TBC	Total
0	2	1	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	12
1	5	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	9
2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3	4	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	8
4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4
6	5	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	10
7	3	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	10
8	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
9	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	9
10	3	1	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	12
11	4	1	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	13
Total	36	4	2	4	30	12	4	1	1	94

There are two home tuition providers (SMART Education and Connex Education) currently being used, delivering between 15 to 25 hours per week of education.

The spend for the last financial year was approximately £1.3 million for CYP in reception to Year 11 who received tuition. The hours delivered to each CYP will vary subject to individual circumstances and levels of engagement.

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In addition to the cohort set out above, 19 other children and young people have a home programme in place as per their EHCPs:

Year Group / Need	ASD	MLD	PD	PMLD	SEMH	SPLD	Total
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
6	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
7	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
8	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
9	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
10	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	8	1	2	2	5	1	19

These 19 packages are delivered via several different providers dependent on the nature of provision required. The total annual forecast for this type of provision amounts to £541,562.

- **Have annual reviews recommending change of placement that have not yet been actioned**

This data is not recorded or held. It is not for Annual Review meetings to recommend changes of placement. Any comments on, or proposed changes to, a child's needs or provision in Sections B and F of the EHCP are considered by the allocated SENAR Officer. Where appropriate, the SEN Panel will determine whether a change of placement is required to make the provision specified to meet the needs of children and young people. All children and young people where the need for a change of placement to a special school has been determined through this process are captured in the data above.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR KERRY BREWER

“Children without a placement”

Question:

How many new or ongoing SENDIST appeals against the Council had a SENDIASS officer as their representative as of the following dates:

- **1 Jan 23**
- **1 March 23**
- **1 June 23**

Answer:

- **1 January 23**

205 Tribunals listed with SENDIASS hearing representation.

In January, February and March 2023 all parents who were listed as having SENDIASS representation were contacted to confirm that information, advice and support would be provided by SENDIASS to help them navigate their appeals, and representation would be provided if required.

- **1 March 23**

5 Tribunals listed with SENDIASS hearing representation.

SENDIASS providing information advice and support to parents for pending SENDIST Tribunals = 146

- **1 June 23**

0 Cases with SENDIASS hearing representation.

SENDIASS providing information advice and support to parents for pending SENDIST Tribunals = 78

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP

“Transport Appeals”

Question:

In each of the last 4 years, how many transport appeals have there been at each stage and how many of these were successful?

Answer:

Data is available from January 2023 and is below:

MONTH	Number of stage 1 appeals received	Number of upheld stage 1 appeals	Number of stage 2 appeals received	Number of upheld stage 2 appeals
January 2023	0	0	0	0
February 2023	14	10	0	0
March 2023	39	24	14	10
April 2023	19	10	13	7
May 2023	45	28	17	2

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY

“Home to school transport letter”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the standard letters used for informing parents\carers of the outcome of an application for home to school transport, and stage one and stage two appeal outcomes (successful and unsuccessful)

Answer:

Letters as requested are below for reference. These have been in use since May 2023.



Stage 2 MASTER BPA Dismissed no change
Stage 2 MASTER TRA Dismissed no change
Stage 2 MASTER TRA Agreed-Upheld; Overt
Stage 1 MASTER BPA Agreed-Upheld; Overt
Stage 1 MASTER TRA Dismissed no change



Stage 1 MASTER TRA Agreed-Upheld; Overt
Stage 1 MASTER BPA Appeal Dismissed no

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES

“Interims”

Question:

For each month since September 2021, please provide the number of posts with SEND services currently held by interims/consultants, by grade, including the day rate charged* and the notional monthly cost if these were all permanent positions.

*If it is not possible to provide exact figures due to personal or commercial confidentiality then please provide this as a range (e.g., less than £250 per day, £250-£500, £500-£750, £750-£1000, more than £1000 etc.

Answer:

In the light of the challenges in introducing Oracle, this information can currently only be provided as at the end of the financial year 2022/23 for the SENAR service.

Please see summary below:

As at 31st March 2023 there were 113 Interim FTEs within the SENAR service.

Interim Fte	Daily Rate (£)
3	600-700
3	500-600
26	400-500
63	300-400
13	200-300
5	100-200
113	

The total forecast agency cost for the financial year 2022/23 is £11,292,466. The number of FTEs have fluctuated throughout the year, and this is the total agency cost accounting for leavers and part year starters

Based on the number of FTEs on 31st March 2023 and the average daily rate, an interim within the service is costing approx. £99,000 per annum. This is compared to the average cost of a permanent staffing budget of £74,000 per annum.

A redesign of the SENAR service has started and the service will be moving to a permanent staffing structure within the next six months. This is set out in the Children and Families Directorate Improving Services for Children and Families Plan and monitored by an independent Board.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES

“Disabled children’s services eligibility criteria”

Question:

“What is the threshold of assessment or the eligibility criteria for support by disabled children’s services?”

Answer

Many services for disabled children and their families can be accessed without assessment, through universal services and the City Council’s SEND offer. This includes some services set out in the Short Breaks Statement in particular community-based play and leisure activities commissioned through voluntary sector providers.

The Early Help, Front Door and Safeguarding Teams also carry out assessments for children with disabilities and their families and provide or signpost to services.

The Children with Disabilities Service is a specialist service which carries out assessments, provides services and also refers to specialist commissioned services, for children with more complex needs and their families.

Thresholds and eligibility for these specialist commissioned services are currently under review in line with the review of short breaks policies and the Short Breaks Statement and Right Help, Right Time, due to be completed by September.

In the interim period statutory criteria informs decision making about specialist help and support from the Children with Disabilities Service and access to these specialist commissioned services for new referrals, which includes:

Section 6 Equality Act 2010

Section 2 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act

Section 17 Children Act 1989 including sections 17ZD & ZE

Schedule 2 Paragraph (6)(C) Children Act 1989

The Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Regulations 2011

Short Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children Departmental Advice 2011

Statutory Guidance on Short Breaks 2010

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR IZZY KNOWLES

“Child protection conferences”

Question:

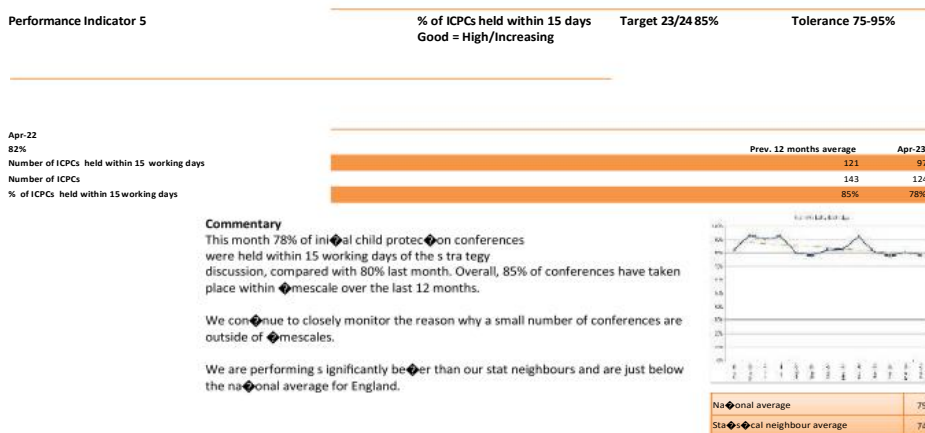
“For initial child protection conferences how, many are held outside of the 15 working days from the initial strategy meeting or section 47 assessment being initiated?”

Answer:

The Trust reports on this issue monthly to Operational Commissioning Group as part of our contractual key performance indicators. Over the last 12 months 85% of conferences have been held within required timescales. This is well above both national and statistical neighbours.

Although our performance can vary month on month, we constantly remain within tolerance.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

“Childrens disability services - complaints”

Question:

“How many complaints did the children's disability service receive in the past 3 years, separated by year and broken down by each step of the complaints process?”

Answer:

Children’s services providers are required by law to operate a three-stage procedure to manage complaints about specified functions relating to children’s social care. The current legal framework was established in 2006. Any complaint that does not qualify for consideration under the statutory procedure may be considered under the Trust’s two-stage non-statutory complaints procedure.

The tables attached set out the number of statutory and non- statutory complaints at each stage for the past three years that relate to the Children with Disabilities Service. Most complaints are complex and have a number of elements within them. The information includes the frequency at which elements of complaints are upheld, not upheld or are partially upheld as this is more indicative of quality of experience of children and their families.



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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR AYOUB KHAN

“Support from disabled childrens services”

Question:

“How many families in Birmingham are receiving support (rather than assessment) from the disabled children's services?”

Answer:

The table below demonstrates that a total of 213 children are receiving ongoing help and support through a defined plan and delivered by the Trust Children with Disabilities Service. The number of children with each plan type is: 70 children in our care, 25 children with a child protection plan and 118 children receiving support through a child in need plan.

In addition, 445 children receive a short breaks package, which can be a combination of direct payments for families to purchase their own package of support, home support or overnight residential support. Some of these children will be reflected in those children as set out below.

Count of Child Unique ID				
Row Labels	a) Looked after child	b) Child Protection plan	c) Child in need plan	Grand Total
DCSC - Complex & Enduring Mental Health	2		18	20
DCSC - East	34	5	35	74
DCSC - NWC	24	9	33	66
DCSC - South	10	11	32	53
Grand Total	70	25	118	213

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR COLIN GREEN

“Families who do not qualify for disabled childrens services”

Question:

“How many families are assessed by the disabled children's team and are found not to meet the threshold for the service each year?”

Answer:

Our electronic recording system does not capture this exact information. We do know that over the last six months of all new and re-assessments completed within the Children with Disabilities Service 20% resulted in no ongoing help and support from that specialist service (from the point of the completion of the assessment/re-assessment). The ‘no further action’ rate at 20% in the Children with Disabilities Service is lower than Birmingham average and below statistical, regional and national benchmarking.

Benchmarking Data – No further action following assessment

	2021-22
	%
Birmingham	29.0
Statistical Neighbours	27.1
West Midlands	25.4
England	27.4

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TOURISM FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN

“Library Attendance”

Question:

For the last 5 years what were the library attendance figures for each library by month?

Answer:

Community Libraries average monthly visitor numbers per site 2017 to 2021. Please note as Community Libraries do not have electronic door counters, this is a manual count, for these years, only annual figures are available.

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

Annual visitors per site 2017 to 2021

	2017	2018	2019	2021
Acocks Green	92,600	79,150	86,950	32,450
Aston	9,200	4,500	5,750	-
Balsall Heath	53,650	27,450	65,150	29,750
Bartley Green	6,000	1,550	4,000	3,350
Birchfield	37,500	32,250	31,750	14,900
Bloomsbury	4,400	1,050	3,550	2,300
Boldmere	21,050	17,450	25,400	14,000
Druids Heath	19,100	18,450	11,300	5,250
Erdington	86,000	77,550	81,450	38,600
Frankley	11,750	7,150	12,900	9,500
Glebe Farm	26,200	10,750	21,950	13,050

Hall Green	99,450	55,550	91,550	40,800
Handsworth	124,750	83,750	116,000	31,600
Harborne	81,800	58,600	-	36,500
Kings Heath	92,450	78,150	93,900	44,750
Kings Norton	51,300	39,400	49,700	33,250
Kingstanding	27,300	16,150	20,200	7,650
Mere Green	76,700	71,900	80,800	35,950
Northfield	62,350	53,350	67,200	33,750
Perry Common	27,050	17,100	21,500	15,950
Quinton	61,450	40,900	52,050	27,900
Selly Oak	-	2,400	7,650	-
Shard End	37,800	29,850	55,000	23,350
Sheldon	16,400	14,050	14,600	9,000
Small Heath	72,050	81,350	117,550	51,600
South Yardley	138,450	99,700	161,550	58,000
Sparkhill	75,750	49,350	89,950	23,700
Spring Hill	21,550	18,650	29,850	7,100
Stirchley	16,350	12,550	24,350	15,000
Sutton Coldfield	78,050	66,550	89,350	23,600
Tower Hill	26,250	21,650	27,800	23,150
Walmley	32,800	29,300	37,050	19,900
Ward End	51,200	38,250	79,850	22,750
Weoley Castle	72,350	68,050	64,350	31,200
Yardley Wood	95,350	58,800	86,700	24,000
TOTAL	92,600	1,382,650	1,860,450	803,600

Community Libraries visits per month and by site for January to December 2022. Libraries are now recording visitors monthly however, these remain manual counts.

Sep-22	Monthly total
Acocks Green	3,344
Aston	348
Balsall Heath	1,812
Bartley Green	504
Birchfield	2,452
Bloomsbury	296
Boldmere	1,412
Castle Vale	536
Druids Heath	600
Erdington	3,320
Frankley	412
Glebe Farm	876
Hall Green	3,712
Handsworth	3,512
Harborne	4,392
Kings Heath	3,960
Kings Norton	1,672
Kingstanding	1,088
Mere Green	7,052
Northfield	2,876

Perry Common	1,212
Quinton	3,380
Selly Oak Tbase	624
Shard End	2,020
Sheldon	744
Small Heath	3,500
South Yardley	7,060
Sparkhill	2,340
Spring Hill	1,108
Stirchley	1,272
Sutton Coldfield	6,160
Tower Hill	1,900
Walmley	2,480
Ward End	2,556
Weoley Castle	2,408
Yardley Wood	3,360
TOTAL	86,300

Oct-22	monthly total
Acocks Green	4,024
Aston	580
Balsall Heath	2,448
Bartley Green	544
Birchfield	2,532

Bloomsbury	364
Boldmere	1,648
Castle Vale	612
Druids Heath	644
Erdington	3,632
Frankley	672
Glebe Farm	1,040
Hall Green	4,904
Handsworth	3,272
Harborne	4,328
Kings Heath	5,548
Kings Norton	2,740
Kingstanding	1,080
Mere Green	5,240
Northfield	3,820
Perry Common	1,124
Quinton	3,912
Selly Oak Tbase	756
Shard End	2,472
Sheldon	720
Small Heath	4,072
South Yardley	8,576
Sparkhill	4,628
Spring Hill	1,324
Stirchley	1,780
Sutton Coldfield	6,976
Tower Hill	2,936

Walmley	2,488
Ward End	2,640
Weoley Castle	3,252
Yardley Wood	3,580
TOTAL	100,900

Nov-22	Monthly total
Acocks Green	3,260
Aston	476
Balsall Heath	2,660
Bartley Green	508
Birchfield	2,144
Bloomsbury	264
Boldmere	1,340
Castle Vale	680
Druids Heath	728
Erdington	3,320
Frankley	660
Glebe Farm	1,040
Hall Green	3,796
Handsworth	3,144
Harborne	3,740
Kings Heath	3,852
Kings Norton	1,888

Kingstanding	1,012
Mere Green	4,064
Northfield	2,760
Perry Common	1,956
Quinton	3,752
Selly Oak Tbase	308
Shard End	1,332
Sheldon	700
Small Heath	3,392
South Yardley	8,116
Sparkhill	2,900
Spring Hill	1,044
Stirchley	1,236
Sutton Coldfield	5,040
Tower Hill	1,876
Walmley	2,068
Ward End	2,080
Weoley Castle	2,668
Yardley Wood	3,376
TOTAL	82,280

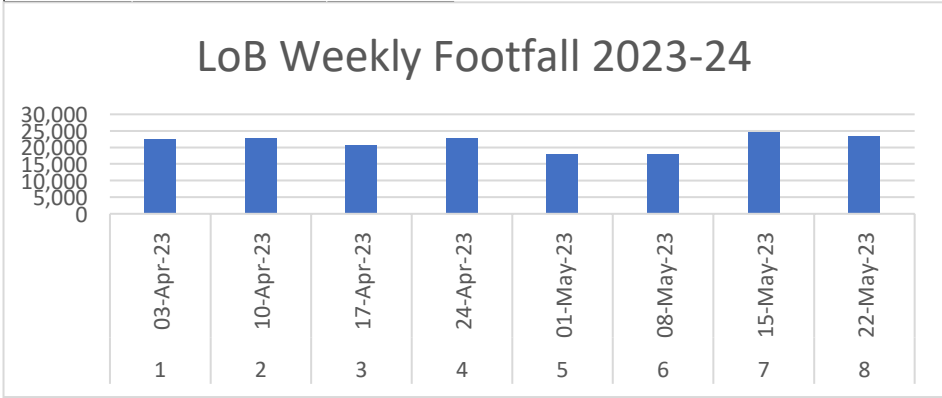
Dec-22	Monthly total
Acocks Green	3,204
Aston	336
Balsall Heath	2,296
Bartley Green	436
Birchfield	1,336
Bloomsbury	240
Boldmere	240

Castle Vale	616
Druids Heath	724
Erdington	2,924
Frankley	368
Glebe Farm	1,056
Hall Green	3,320
Handsworth	3,124
Harborne	4,140
Kings Heath	4,032
Kings Norton	1,640
Kingstanding	836
Mere Green	3,132
Northfield	2,300
Perry Common	644
Quinton	2,584
Selly Oak Tbase	1,692
Shard End	1,936
Sheldon	648
Small Heath	2,500
South Yardley	6,904
Sparkhill	3,648
Spring Hill	
Stirchley	992
Sutton Coldfield	3,072
Tower Hill	1,600
Walmley	1,880
Ward End	2,464
Weoley Castle	1,892
Yardley Wood	3,040
TOTAL	70,668

Library of Birmingham weekly footfall figures 2018 – 2023. These are collected by electronic footfall counters and capture all visitors to the building.

Week	2023-24 (w/c)	Totals
1	03-Apr-23	22,588
2	10-Apr-23	22,766
3	17-Apr-23	20,516
4	24-Apr-23	22,871
5	01-May-23	17,807
6	08-May-23	17,898

7	15-May-23	24,672
8	22-May-23	23,248



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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE,
HERITAGE AND TOURISM FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

“Library staffing”

Question:

As of 31 March, in each year for the last 5 years, what was the total number of staff employed at each library?

Answer:

Library staffing levels have remained constant since figures were established by the Future Operating Model that was agreed by Cabinet in 2017. For the Library of Birmingham, numbers were established by the 2015 restructure. See attached breakdown for site-by-site figures.

Library	Proposed Staffing
Kings Heath	4 FTE
Ward End	3.5 FTE
Small Heath	3.5 FTE

Acocks Green	3.5 FTE
Northfield	4 FTE
South Yardley	3.5 FTE
Sparkhill	3.5 FTE
Erdington	4 FTE
Balsall Heath	3.5 FTE
Hall Green	3.5 FTE
Harborne	4 FTE
Mere Green	4 FTE
Kings Norton	3.2 FTE
Handsworth	4 FTE
Quinton	3.2 FTE
Shard End	3.2 FTE
Sutton Coldfield	3.2 FTE
Weoley Castle	3.2 FTE
Yardley Wood	3.2 FTE

.....Column	Proposed Staffing
Break..... Library	
Birchfield	2 FTE
Walmley	2 FTE
Kingstanding	1.4 FTE
Perry Common	2 FTE
Boldmere	1.4 FTE
Frankley	1.2 FTE
Druids Heath	2 FTE
Spring Hill	2 FTE
Tower Hill	1.4 FTE
Sheldon	1.4 FTE

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Stirchley	2 FTE
Glebe Farm	1.4 FTE
Bartley Green	0.41 FTE
Bloomsbury	0.41 FTE
Selly Oak	0.41 FTE
Aston	0.82 FTE

Library of Birmingham	29 staff (Gr1 to Gr5) for full building opening (M-S) (7 Floors) 7 staff for extended partial opening (M-F) (Mornings and evenings 2 floors)
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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE,
HERITAGE AND TOURISM FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

“Birmingham Library”

Question:

“When is the lift at Birmingham Library that takes you directly to the Shakespeare room going to get fixed?”

Answer:

The scenic lift, when in service, operates between the 4th and 7th Floors only and does not travel as far as the Shakespeare Room. However, other lifts in the building are operating normally and customers can directly access the Shakespeare Memorial Room using the lifts operating at the front of the building.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

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

“Replacement Bins”

Question:

By year since 2014 what has been the average waiting time for a replacement bin?

Answer:

Please find below the mean average number of days for each different type of bin replacement between the date received and the date the worksheet was closed. Please be aware that the date the worksheet was closed may not necessarily be the date that the bin was delivered, for example if a business support officer was on leave, the worksheet may have been closed down several days after the bin was delivered, hence it could skew these figures.

This data excludes any worksheets which have been closed as ‘not justified’ (which are usually duplicate requests) and any requests that have not been completed and remain outstanding.

Requests received in 2014	
Replacement request type	Mean number of days between date received and date closed
Damaged POD	22
Damaged Recycle Box(Multi-mat)	13
Damaged Recycling (Multi-mat)	50
Damaged Recycling Bin (Paper)	16
Damaged Recycling Bin with POD	17
Damaged Recycling Box - Paper	13
Damaged Residual Bin	18

GWB - Missing Bin	22
Large Refuse Bin Clin Wst Cust	43
Large Refuse Bin(6-8 in House)	9
Missed Recycling Bin	10
Missed Recycling Box	10
Missing POD	12
Missing Recycle Box(Multi-mat)	13
Missing Recycling (Multi-mat)	19
Missing Recycling Bin (Paper)	46
Missing Recycling Bin with POD	18
Missing Recycling Box - Paper	13
Missing Residual Bin	14
Smaller Ref Bin-240/360L Cust	61
Large Refuse Bin(9+ in House)	12

Requests received in 2015	
Replacement request type	Mean number of days between date received and date closed
Damaged POD	11
Damaged Recycle Box(Multi-mat)	16
Damaged Recycling (Multi-mat)	28
Damaged Recycling Bin (Paper)	26
Damaged Recycling Bin with POD	13
Damaged Recycling Box - Paper	16
Damaged Residual Bin	16
GWB - Missing Bin	17
Large Refuse Bin Clin Wst Cust	12

Large Refuse Bin(6-8 in House)	6
Missed Recycling Bin	6
Missed Recycling Box	6
Missing POD	10
Missing Recycle Box(Multi-mat)	16
Missing Recycling (Multi-mat)	58
Missing Recycling Bin (Paper)	23
Missing Recycling Bin with POD	13
Missing Recycling Box - Paper	17
Missing Residual Bin	13
Replace Residual Bin - DBC	24
Smaller Ref Bin-240/360L Cust	8
Large Refuse Bin(9+ in House)	11

Requests received in 2016	
Replacement request type	Mean number of days between date received and date closed
Damaged POD	12
Damaged Recycle Box(Multi-mat)	17
Damaged Recycling (Multi-mat)	25
Damaged Recycling Bin (Paper)	21
Damaged Recycling Bin with POD	11
Damaged Recycling Box - Paper	15
Damaged Residual Bin	12
GWB - Missing Bin	12
Large Refuse Bin Clin Wst Cust	17
Large Refuse Bin(6-8 in House)	16

Missed Recycling Bin	8
Missed Recycling Box	9
Missing POD	12
Missing Recycle Box(Multi-mat)	14
Missing Recycling (Multi-mat)	9

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM
COUNCILLOR RICK PAYNE**

“No Mow May- litter”

Question:

Please provide dates of all litter picks carried out in all areas of 'no Mow May' before, during and after the trial along with the date of the first post-trial mow.

Answer:

The existing litter picking regimes were kept at the same frequency throughout the pilot. These dates and frequencies are different for each asset ie park, housing land and highways.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

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

“No Mow May- allergy study”

Question:

Has any assessment been made of the impact of the No Mow May pilot on individuals for allergies, including hay fever and asthma? If so please provide copies of these assessments.

Answer:

The No Mow May pilot was implemented in 4 wards this year for the first time this year. No assessments around the impact of individuals with allergies were made before the pilot was introduced.

An assessment of the impact and issues of the pilot will be undertaken before any further trials will be undertaken.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU

“Street cleaning fleet”

Question:

How many street sweeping vehicles are in the council’s fleet, broken down by owned, leased or rented?

Answer:

The details for mechanical sweeper vehicles are as follows

Leased	10
Hired	40
Fleet owned	2

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

“Asbestos”

Question:

“When asbestos has been found by the council, what duties does the council have, and what timescales must the council adhere to, in order to resolve the issue? Please give a response for all types of land ownership in the city.”

Answer:

Removal of asbestos reported to or by BCC on public land is dealt with by a third- party contractor who are requested to attend the site; this is usually within 36 hours of the request.

The Council provides a free collection service of Asbestos to residents and will collect up to 6 bags of wrapped asbestos from the home. If the resident has more than this, they will need to contact an independent licensed asbestos disposal company.

Asbestos cement will be collected as long as:

- it is wrapped and sealed in heavy duty plastic sheeting
- it is stacked in quantities that two people can handle easily
- any asbestos cement debris is sealed in double plastic sacks

This service can only be requested once in a 6-month period. Residents are not able to book a specific day for collection. The advice is to leave the wrapped asbestos at the front of the property but on the premises where it is accessible and it will be collected it within 2 weeks, but this is usually within 3 working days.

Asbestos on private land is the responsibility of the landowner and action can only be taken by the Council where a request is made by the landowner or following an enforcement notice being served and no action taken by the landowner for clearance.

Asbestos on land belonging to a commercial premises is the responsibility of the landowner and they will need to contact an independent licensed asbestos disposal company to arrange removal.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM
COUNCILLOR MUMTAZ HUSSAIN**

“Deykin Avenue”

Question:

“The clear up on Deykin Avenue, planned for 6 April, was suspended because the team found asbestos. To date, no clear up of the asbestos has been booked, without which, the wider site cannot be cleared. In the meantime, the site continues to be a health hazard to everyone. Can you please book for the asbestos to be cleared and get back to me as soon as possible?”

Answer:

Enquiries are being made of the land registry but it is proving very difficult to pinpoint the actual owners – as opposed to developers and other interested parties associated with the land. It is recognised that some time has elapsed since the original request was made, but it is equally recognised that this can be a lengthy process. The council will normally deal with up to 6 bags of asbestos for removal: there is significantly more than that on this site. Originally the plan was to clear the land in partnership with a community environmental clean up, however when the site was assessed before this could take place, it was identified that there was too much asbestos to remove via this method, so it needs to be undertaken by a contractor. In order to ensure that the Council does not end up funding the clearance, ownership of the land must be established in order that they (the owners) are given the chance to clear up their site. At that point BCC can go in, do the work and recharge, but to do the work without establishing this leaves the Council at risk. As well as that, asbestos on private land is the responsibility of the landowner and action can only be taken by the Council where a request is made by the landowner or following an enforcement notice being served and no action taken by the landowner for clearance.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM
COUNCILLOR IZZY KNOWLES

“Malcolm House”

Question:

“Since the fencing was removed from the car park and forecourt of Malcolm House, 582, Moseley Road it has become a hot spot for drug taking and dealing, parking of unroadworthy vehicles and dumping. Why is this not being regularly patrolled, and litter picked and what is the council's long-term intention for this land?”

Answer:

The Waste Enforcement Unit have been unable to find any reports of flytipping on the specified land. The Unit is predominantly a reactive team, without reports of tipping there would be no active monitoring of the area. If reports are received officers will investigate.

The road does form part of the scheduled street cleansing activities in the Ward with a Beatsweeper in the area daily, Ward Crew weekly and a sweeper vehicle fortnightly.

Reports of flytipping can be made to flytipping@birmingham.gov.uk and reports of antisocial behaviour can be made via the Birmingham City Council website.

There has previously been some dispute over the ownership of this carpark area. However, this was deemed by a court to be HMPE (Highways Maintained at Public Expense) land. HMPE can be sold and the person who wants to purchase the land has to apply for it, at a cost to them. There has been some interest to purchase the land and the process has been explained. Whilst this land remains as HMPE it is available for public use for no charge.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM
COUNCILLOR AYOUB KHAN

“Yew Tree Road, Aston”

Question:

“A petition for Yew Tree Road, Aston to install wheelie bins was recently denied, meaning that residents still have to use plastic bags. As well as being environmentally unsound, these bags are difficult to carry through the alleyways, get eaten by rats and are an historic way to manage waste. If you won’t install bins, what other suggestions to do you have to resolve the issues on this road of littering and fly tipping that are exacerbated by the lack of bins?”

Answer:

The request for wheelie bins was turned down in line with agreed City policy because these properties do not have adequate storage for wheelie bins. The policy remains that residents should store their waste on their own property and is advanced no earlier than the evening before collections are due.

We do understand the issues residents are facing and the particular problems around the school so additional resources have been allocated for extra services for the removal of sacks placed out in advance of collection.

Waste Prevention Teams and the Waste Enforcement Unit have been asked to carry out education with residents on better storage of sacks to minimise attack by vermin and discourage illegal littering and fly tipping and to tackle early advancement and any illegal littering and fly tipping activities.

We are currently in the process of reviewing the specifications and policies regarding waste bins. This review aims to ensure that we have the most effective and efficient systems in place.

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

“Assisted Collections”

Question:

“Following the announcement that those residents on Assisted Collections would be entitled to a free bulky waste collection, Can you tell me ward by ward how many residents are down for assisted collections and what has the uptake been to date per ward?”

Answer:

Please find the number of assisted collections and free bulky collections in the table below. At present citizens can request a free bulky collection by calling the contact centre only. DTS are currently working to develop the online form so that citizens can book their free collection online. This work will be completed very shortly and then we will be contacting all eligible citizens to make them aware of the free bulky service. We have updated the Birmingham City Council website to advertise this free service, however we have refrained from sending any communication until the development work has been completed. This will ensure our colleagues within the contact centre do not become overwhelmed with a large number of telephone calls, given citizen have a full year to make use of the free service.

We apologise for the oversight in our systems, which resulted in the failure to process refunds for those who have made bookings. Rest assured, we have rectified the issue, and we will now be offering refunds to all affected individuals.

Ward	Number of assisted collections @ 7 June 2023	Number of free bulky collections @ 7 June 2023
Acocks Green	184	1
Cross	182	2
Alum Rock	54	
Aston	75	
Bassall Heath West	63	
Bartley Green	381	
Billesley	235	
Birchfield	53	
Bordesley & Hiohoate	26	
Bordesley Green	50	1
Edingto n & Sellv Park	62	
Bomnv ille &	215	
Brandwood & Kings Heath	192	2

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Castle Vale	108	
Druids Heath & Monyhull	219	1
Edobaston	103	
Edingto n	190	1
Frankley Great Park	212	
Garretts Green	138	
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	220	
Gravellv Hill	93	
Hall Green North	148	
Hall Green South	89	
Handsworth	46	
Handsworth Wood	188	1
Harborne	264	
Heartlands	49	
High Heath	119	
Holyhead	73	
Kings Norton North	159	
Kings Norton South	176	
	281	

Ladywood	38	
Lonobridge & West Heath	361	1
Lozells	35	
Moseley	93	
	78	
Newtown	31	
North Edobaston	72	
Northfield	153	
Os cott	294	1
Perry Bar r	254	
Perrv Common	174	1
Pi m e Haves	137	
Quinton	319	
Rubery & Re dnal	150	
Shard End	199	
Sheldon	289	
Small Heath	56	
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	91	
South Yardley	79	

Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	66	
c n, h ;ll	52	
Stirchlev	101	
Stockland Green	215	
Sutton Four Oaks	105	
Sutton Mere Green	130	
Sutton Rort-<; n	144	
Sutton R,m n h ln	110	
Sutton Trinity	96	
Sutton Vesey	188	
Sutton Walmley & IMin worth	179	
Sutton Green	113	

Tyse ley & Hay Millis	104	
Ward En d	48	
Weoley & Selly Oak	356	
Yardley East	160	
Yardlev West & Stechford	103	

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

“Graffiti cleaning kits”

Question:

“In February, Councillor Izzy Knowles asked when graffiti cleaning kits were to be made available once more to community groups. The answer was a training programme for their use was being prepared and this was anticipated to be delivered in May. Please can you update on progress with this.”

Answer:

BCC is vicariously responsible for the actions of the community volunteers we support and as a result we therefore have a duty to provide training, P.P.E. etc to these volunteers. Suitable and sufficient train the trainer training can be provided by local BCC Street Scene Managers to the community volunteers to enable them to use Graffiti Wipes. It should be noted that issue of these wipes must be in line with the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2015 (COSHH 15). These regulations are very specific that all substances under this legislation MUST be transported in a locked cupboard with a suitable bunding to contain any spillage. If it can be demonstrated that these legal requirements can be adhered to, then the wipes can be issued. If this cannot be demonstrated, then we will not be able to issue the wipes.

Following review, it was decided that the use of Graffiti Liquid or Gel by community volunteers would no longer be supported. To use liquid or Gel there is a need to formally barrier off an area from the general public. P.P.E. to include Wellington Boots to BSEN 344, Safety Gauntlets to BSEN 388, Eye Protection and a high pressure power wash to neutralise and wash away the graffiti is a specialist operation that needs to be undertaken by fully trained staff. As well as the requirement of suitable and sufficient storage of the Gel/Liquid makes made the use of these products by community volunteers not viable

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

“Perry Park”

Question:

“Thank you for visiting Perry Park recently. Will the cabinet member update council on plans to reopen the park and restore its facilities in time for the summer holidays following the large petition that has been collected by the local community?”

Answer:

We recognise the importance of Perry Park to the local community, and would like to reassure you that colleagues at Birmingham City Council are committed to reopening an enhanced Perry Park at the earliest opportunity.

There has however been a need to undertake works to reinstate the Park to its former condition following the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. These works are known as the ‘reinstatement works’, which are well underway and being undertaken in several packages.

Temporary fencing has been installed in the Park to ensure the safety of the public whilst the reinstatement works are undertaken. As some of the reinstatement works are now complete, we are pleased to have been able to open additional sections of the park recently, including the car park, the areas to the east of the Walsall Road Allotments and to the east of the Athletes’ Route. The hoarding line has also been adjusted to enable pedestrians to access Perry Reservoir from the Alexander Stadium, to create a circular route. At the time of compiling this answer, emails to stakeholders were scheduled to be sent on 9 June and posters erected on 12 June to provide notice of this.

The Stadium Project Team will continue to explore opportunities to open other areas of the Park as the reinstatement works progress, where it is feasible and safe to do so.

As set out in our response to the recent petition, the reinstatement works are the first step in a programme of works that will be undertaken to restore and enhance the Park. The Stadium design team are preparing proposals for enhancement works at the Alexander Stadium and Perry Park, which will be subject to public consultation between 26 June and 23 July 2023. The consultation will be an opportunity for the local community and stakeholders to

provide feedback on the proposals, including in relation to key facilities and access. Feedback will be considered in the ongoing development of the design, prior to a planning application being submitted to Birmingham City Council for consideration in late summer 2023.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM
COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

“Perry Park”

Question:

“How much involvement has the parks department had in the “master planning” process which I understand is currently taking place on the future of Perry Park?”

Answer:

We recognise the importance of Perry Park to the local community, and would like to reassure you that colleagues at Birmingham City Council are committed to reopening an enhanced Perry Park at the earliest opportunity.

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local community and stakeholders to provide feedback on the proposals, including in relation to key facilities and access. Feedback will be considered in the ongoing development of the design, prior to a planning application being submitted to Birmingham City Council for consideration in late summer 2023.

The project team delivering the Alexander Stadium and Perry Park legacy development is a multidisciplinary cross directorate team supported by all relevant sections of the council.

The Parks Service were involved in the preparation and delivery of the Commonwealth Games activities at Alexander Stadium and Perry Park and continue to have full involvement in the reinstatement of the park and legacy development which is embedded in to the 2040 masterplan for Perry Barr.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM
COUNCILLOR ROB GRANT

“Collection of Grass Cuttings”

Question:

Why does the City Council not collect grass cuttings from the grass cuts on council land? And has the Council considered collecting council grass cuttings for use in anaerobic digestion to create green gas and energy to power homes and businesses?

Answer:

All grass is cut to specification which does not require grass to be collected the grass arising are blown back onto the area with 24 hours of being mown.

The collection of cuttings was looked at any change in contract unfortunately the cost of collecting the cuttings after each grass cut was not sustainable

The only areas where cut and collect applies is conservation areas for environmental reasons

F1

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

“Oracle issues raised by staff”

Question:

By month since April 2022, how many complaints, concerns or issues were raised by staff regarding Oracle, including which area of the system this related to.

Answer:

The Council does not currently hold this information. An Independent Management Review is due to be undertaken which will look to address a range of issues including the looking at the concerns raised by staff since Oracle went ‘live’ in April 2022.

F2

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

“Oracle issues raised by staff”

Question:

Has the Council allowed Grant Thornton, as external auditors, to run their security check software on Oracle (as requested by them on numerous occasions since last autumn)? If so, what were the results of these?

Answer:

Grant Thornton have been granted access to the system to run their security check software on Oracle.

We are awaiting formal feedback from Grant Thornton on this.

F3

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

“Oracle issues raised by staff”

Question:

Please list all bespoke changes requested to the Oracle system, including the date requested, the department reporting it, and the reason for the change request?

Answer:

Included within the answer to this question are the following:

1. A schedules of PAS Extensions (Platform As a Service) – which were custom built modules for use with Oracle
 2. Smaller Customisations approved the Business Design Authority
- A full list of all customisations will be prepared as part of the Independent Management Review but in the meantime the information referred to above provides details of the vast majority of changes



Decision log and
PaaS extension list for

F4

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES

“West Midlands Forum”

Question:

Please list of payments made to West Midlands Forum or to any board member (excluding councillor allowances to bcc councillors on the board) For clarity, currently listed Board Members are

Councillor Ian Ward (Birmingham) Liam Byrne MP
Richard Parker
Councillor Waseem Zaffar (Birmingham) Baron Peter Snape
Councillor Sharon Thompson (Birmingham)
Councillor Brigid Jones (Birmingham) Valerie Vaz MP, Walsall South
Councillor Jim O’Boyle (Coventry)
Councillor Beverley Momedadi (Wolverhampton) Colleen Fletcher MP, Coventry North East
Pat Mcfadden MP, Wolverhampton South East

Answer:

BCC have no record of any payments for WMF or any of its board members.

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

“Global Property

Question:

In answer to my question F3 to April Council, your predecessor stated that the reason Global Property Management Services were not listed on the Council’ Contract Register was that the contract they operated under had expired in June 2022, despite people still being placed in their properties post contract expiry. Perhaps you could explain, that being the case, why Global Property Management Services do not appear on the contract register for Quarter 1 of 22/23 or Quarter 4 of 21/22, despite them being under contract at this point and why all the companies listed in answer to question F4 as currently being under contract are not listed on the most up-to-date contract register?

Answer:

Global Property Services are no longer under any contract with the Council for the provision of temporary accommodation, however, we do currently still have a number of properties occupied from the former contractual arrangements, each property under their management that is occupied by a homeless family has a move-on plan, however, this does time take to arrange due to the limited stock that is available to us.

The Council is working closely with Global to ensure that homeless families are not placed under any risk and are working with them to move them on as soon as suitable properties become available under the new contractual arrangement.

During a complete review of our contracts register it was noted that the temporary Accommodation Solution contract had been omitted from the Register. This has now been addressed and an updated version has been added to the City Observatory.

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

“Version 1 Oracle Support”

Question:

On what date did the contract for the Provision of an Oracle Fusion Managed Service Provider (MSP) (contract ID 7012 on the register) awarded to Version 1 at an original contract value of £2.3m appear on the Planned Procurement Activities to Cabinet and what date did it then appear on the quarterly award schedule also reported to Cabinet?

Answer:

The original Planned Procurement Activity Report for the Provision of an Oracle Fusion Managed Service Provider was taken to September 2021 Cabinet with specific “Chief Officer delegations up to the value of £10m”. Subsequently, the Award report was signed on 10th May 2022 and the award included as an award report in the October 2022 Cabinet

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

“1B Programme Risk Register”

Question:

On what date was the risk register for the 1B programme (Oracle) last formally reviewed and on what date was it last discussed with you either in your current or previous role (which also held cabinet level responsibility for the programme)?

Answer:

The 1B programme risk register has never formally been shared with me. The last time the 1B risk register was updated was 29/11/2022 by the 1B Programme Management Office (PMO) Lead. The process of how the risk register is being reviewed during this programme will be addressed in the independent Management review.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU

“GreenSquareAccord”

Question:

By month, for each of the last 3 years, how much has the City Council paid to GreenSquareAccord?

Answer:

A breakdown of spend from the Council's Finance System for years 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 to GreenSquareAccord is as follows:

Month	Total Spend
Apr-20	£420,597
May-20	£420,087
Jun-20	£408,663
Jul-20	£412,481
Aug-20	£403,460
Sep-20	£413,738
Oct-20	£404,957
Nov-20	£400,356
Dec-20	£771,821
Jan-21	£393,254
Feb-21	£387,129
Mar-21	£413,004
Apr-21	£382,147
May-21	£374,319
Jun-21	£364,987

Jul-21	£368,137
Aug-21	£365,423
Sep-21	£366,217
Oct-21	£353,117
Nov-21	£343,917
Dec-21	£674,014
Jan-22	£329,556
Feb-22	£329,922
Mar-22	£334,891
Apr-22	£0
May-22	£653
Jun-22	£76
Jul-22	£1,634
Aug-22	£707
Sep-22	£70
Oct-22	£1,806
Nov-22	£2,312
Dec-22	£0
Jan-23	£1,313
Feb-23	£0
Mar-23	£0
	£9,844,765

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

“Oracle payroll”

Question:

“How many city council employees have not been paid on time? Please break this down by month since the implementation of Oracle?”

Answer:

Combined Corporate and Schools Late/Manual Payments

Month	Total Number of Manual Payments Made	Total Number Related to Underpayments	Total Number Related to None Payment
Apr-22	51	40	11
May-22	494	401	93
Jun-22	476	390	86
Jul-22	172	101	71
Aug-22	168	133	35
Sep-22	207	176	31
Oct-22	317	216	101
Nov-22	137	105	32
Dec-22	136	116	20
Jan-23	109	94	15
Feb-23	113	87	26
Mar-23	133	107	26
Apr-23	109	94	15
May-23	164	133	31
Total	2786	2,193	593

F10

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

“Exempt accommodation weekly housing benefit”

Question:

**What is the total current weekly housing benefit entitlement in respect of claims
for supported exempt accommodation?**

Answer:

£5,840,637.949 as at 05/06/2023.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD

“Exempt accommodation housing benefit claims”

Question:

What is the total number of active housing benefit claims in respect of supported exempt accommodation, by month, for the current and last 4 financial years?

Answer:

Please note the caseload will fluctuate on a daily basis, the figures provided are taken at a particular moment within that corresponding month. Please see the breakdown on the attached SEA Caseload spreadsheet.



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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ

“Small Heath Leisure Centre”

Question:

“Do we have timeframe as to when the Swimming Pool at Small Heath Leisure Centre will be repaired? As I am sure you would agree 7 years without Swimming Pool facility in a deprived area is only adding to health inequalities.”

Answer:

Work has continued in liaison with Acivico to develop an Outline Business Case for the necessary work to reopen the swimming pool, and a report for the detailed design and pre- construction phase will be presented to Cabinet for approval in July.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN

“Central Heating”

Question:

What is the total number and percentage of council properties with no central heating, broken down by ward?

Answer:

The total number of properties across the city with no central heating i.e. a gas fire or single heat source only is 288.

The ward breakdown is as follows within repairs contract area.

East	63
Acocks Green	3
Alum Rock	1
Billesley	1
Bordesley & Highgate	2
Bordesley Green	1
Bromford & Hodge Hill	4
Garretts Green	7
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	12
Hall Green North	1
Hall Green South	1
Heartlands	3
Moseley	1
North Edgbaston	1
Shard End	5
Sheldon	2

Small Heath	2
South Yardley	2
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	5
Sparkhill	1
Tyseley & Hay Mills	5
Ward End	2
Yardley West & Stechford	1
North	42
Erdington	1
Gravelly Hill	1
Kingstanding	13
Perry Common	12
Pype Hayes	5
Stockland Green	4
Sutton Mere Green	1
Sutton Reddicap	3
Sutton Trinity	1
Sutton Vesey	1
South	153
Allens Cross	10
Bartley Green	15
Billesley	16
Bournbrook & Selly Park	1
Brandwood & King's Heath	7
Harborne	11
Highter's Heath	7
King's Norton North	29
King's Norton South	3
Longbridge & West Heath	9
North Edgbaston	1
Northfield	3
Quinton	10
Rubery & Rednal	8
Stirchley	4
Weoley & Selly Oak	19
West & Central	30
Aston	4
Birchfield	3
Bordesley & Highgate	3

Bordesley Green	1
Handsworth	2
Moseley	1
Nechells	3
Newtown	1
North Edgbaston	2
Oscott	3
Perry Barr	2
Small Heath	1
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	4
Grand Total	288

The council has communicated with the customers in these homes offering to install central heating as part of our capital programmes. In each case all have refused the offer due to either disruption or customer's age.

Should the customer reconsider or the property becomes vacant, we will install the heating system.

All these properties are included in the ECO4 scheme where we aim to have first time heating installed. If customers permit these works to proceed then their homes will improve thermal efficiency by a minimum of 2 EPC bands, for example from a Band E to C.

H2

PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION H2 HAS BEEN REDIRECTED TO
QUESTION F10

H3

PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION H3 HAS BEEN REDIRECTED TO
QUESTION F11

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H4

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD

“RSH action plan”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the 'robust' action plan produced to fix issues identified in the recent report from the Regulator of Social Housing

Answer:

Please find attached the compliance action plan that is reported to the Compliance Board who are responsible for tracking progress against these actions.

[230607 v2.1 Regulatory Compliance - Action Plan](#)

H5

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE

“KPIs and service standards”

Question:

Please provide details of KPIs and service standards on electrical safety testing and asbestos surveys within the repairs and maintenance contracts for council housing, including performance against these for the last 4 years

Answer:

Our contractual KPI measures electrical tests completed within timescales. The current performance is 81.9% as of May 2023 for 2023/4.

% Electrical Tests Completed Within Timescale	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
NORTH	90.9%	86.3%	80.5%	79.2%
ERDINGTON	89.6%	79.9%	79.7%	77.8%
SUTTON	94.3%	79.1%	84.2%	83.3%
EAST	96.4%	100.0%	100.0%	99.7%
HALL_GREEN	98.2%	100.0%	100.0%	99.4%
HODGE_HILL	97.6%	100.0%	100.0%	99.8%
YARDLEY	94.7%	100.0%	100.0%	99.8%
WEST/CENTRAL	98.9%	99.9%	100.0%	99.8%
LADYWOOD	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%	99.8%
PERRY_BARR	99.1%	99.7%	100.0%	100.0%
SOUTH	96.0%	98.1%	99.6%	99.3%
EDGBASTON	96.8%	98.3%	99.6%	99.6%
NORTHFIELD	95.3%	97.6%	99.7%	99.1%
SELLY_OAK	96.6%	98.3%	99.2%	99.4%
Grand Total	96.1%	97.0%	95.8%	96.5%

NB: This KPI shows where contractors were issued with electrical test works and they completed on time.

Asbestos

There is no KPI for asbestos surveys with the repairs contractors as they do not carry out that work. Our asbestos programme is carried out by Birmingham City Laboratories (BCL).

28.77 % of BCC properties have completed management surveys. However, we are working to increase the levels of data accuracy as we are aware that more surveys have been carried out. We have an agreed programme in place to complete the remaining surveys within the next 12 months.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN

“Fire Risk Assessments”

Question:

On 28 June 22, your predecessor presented a report to cabinet providing an update on building and fire safety. Within that a risk labelled as ‘Failure to undertake Fire Risk Assessments and action works identified’ was rated as ‘low’ for both likelihood and impact. It claimed that FRA programmes were monitored weekly. Given the Regulator Social Housing has now found that there are over 1000 fire risk assessments overdue, do you believe that the information presented by your predecessor gave a dangerously misleading view of the current situation that contributed to the failings found? If not, in what way was that statement justified at the time it was made?

Answer:

Having reviewed the report, it relates to High Rise Residential Buildings (HRRB’s). Specifically, the need to prioritise safety in HRRB’s and the risks relating to those buildings. It also refers to the up-and-coming safety bill and the need for building safety cases for each of our HRRB’s that must comply with the Building Safety Regulations.

Regarding the specific points I’d comment as follows.

1. **Monitoring of FRA programme;** Our review of historical FRA related information indicates that the FRA programme has not been managed/monitored as effectively as the data showed. The statement/misunderstanding may have arisen because of previous systems and processes which were in place at the time where some data needed cleansing and reconciling. Our records and programme have now been fully updated.

2. **1000 overdue FRAs;** As part of our data cleansing exercise, we have identified some assessments that were not handed over through the demobilisation of the previous Wates contract. In addition, lower levels of completions across the city in the required period resulted in the overdue position on low-rise buildings only. This has been addressed with the engagement of additional capacity in the supply chain and a programme collated to ensure programme compliance within 12 months.
3. **Misleading;** There was no intention to present any misleading statements, reports were made based on the data and knowledge at the time. Expert resources, knowledge and systems were not in place historically, officers have since carried out in-depth analysis of the data quality and are now able to be confident of the validity of the information as well as more accurate and robust monitoring.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

“Fire Safety Low rise block profiles”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the fire safety low rise block profiles for all low-rise buildings with communal entrances (NB for clarify these are the profiles that the June 22 cabinet report stated were in the process of being developed)

Answer:

Part of understanding the Fire Risk Assessment programme associated to low-risk properties required a complete review of the stock profile. This has been conducted and completed.

To ensure we are complying with the requirements and improved data quality, our initial focus was on high and medium rise block profiles which will then be used as a template for the low-rise blocks.

We are continuing to cleanse data and will have profiles based on risk when this is fully completed.

We aim to have completed the programme by June 2024.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY

“Decent Homes target date”

Question:

Your predecessor, supported by labour councillors in a vote at full council, previously refused requests from the Conservative Group to set a target of achieving Decent Homes Standards for all properties by 2026, by what date do you believe you will achieve this standard?

Answer:

To accurately assess meeting the current Decent Homes Standard, extensive stock data is required.

We have low levels of stock data which is outdated. We are now accelerating stock condition surveys and cleansing our data. It will take 5 years to provide an accurate position as we intend to survey 20% of our homes each year. We are currently utilising Ark consultancy to collate data from different sources to establish the level of decency we currently report.

Our current level of decency is reported at 61% and this reflects the lack of investment in homes historically. Future investment requirements are being prepared for approval in the new HRA business plan. This will be considered by Cabinet in October 2023. Subject to approval and further data cleansing then the earliest opportunity to meet decency standards will be 2029/2030.

This may change and take longer depending on when the new decency standard is implemented by the government.

H9

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR RICK PAYNE

“RSH correspondence”

Question:

Please provide copies of all correspondence with the Regulator of Social Housing since April 2022

Answer:

Please see below correspondence with the Regulator of Social Housing relating to the recently published regulatory notice.

Email from RSH to BCC 30th January 2023



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20230130 Regulator Enquiry to Birmingham

Email from BCC to RSH 9th February 2023



DeborahCadman_09 0223_responsetoRSH

Email from RSH to BCC 16th February 2023



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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

“Overdue tests and assessments”

Question:

Of the 17000 overdue Asbestos surveys, 15500, electrical safety checks and 1000 fire risk assessments identified by the RSH report, how many of each have now been completed and by what date do you expect to have cleared the backlog?

Answer:

Asbestos: Our statutory requirement is to conduct the following asbestos surveys across all applicable communal areas.

East	North	South	West/Central	(TBC)	Total
677	218	961	381	220	2457

The reported volume of 17000 includes domestic properties which do not need an asbestos survey. We'll be clarifying this with the regulator at our monitoring meeting in July.

A schedule is now in place to conduct all surveys within 12 months for the communal areas which is a regulatory requirement.

Electrical: There are currently 10600 electrical certificates in this year's programme due to be completed by the end of 2023-24 which will bring us to a fully compliant position of 100%. Our current compliance level is 81.9%. This has improved by 7% following data cleansing and updates. We have also now changed our approach to complete all Code 1&2 repairs on the first visit which reduces the need for repeat visits and increases the level of satisfactory certificates at the first visit.

FRAs: As part of our data cleansing exercise, we have identified some assessments that were not handed over through the demobilisation of the previous Wates contract. In addition, lower levels of completions across the city in the required period resulted in the overdue position on low-rise buildings only. This has been addressed with the engagement of additional capacity in the supply chain and a programme collated to ensure programme compliance within 12 months.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD PARKIN

“Fire incidents”

Question:

Since 2012 how many fire incidents have there been at Council properties, in which an up to date fire risk assessment was not in place?

Answer:

In the last five years, there were 383 recorded fire incidents across our properties, 10 in tower blocks and 373 in domestic properties.

Of the tower blocks, no incidents occurred in any block without an up-to-date fire risk assessment.

The recent external fire we experienced recently affecting one of our low-rise homes did have an FRA in place.

We are not aware of any incidents in low rise blocks without FRA's. Risk is mitigated by regular inspections of the estate by our caretaking teams.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY

“Housing Providers in Exempt”

Question:

Please list all housing providers the council has used to place people in exempt accommodation

Answer:

The below list of housing providers is not an exhaustive one. We are in the process of implementing a ‘preferred provider list’ of registered providers and managing agents that have either received a Supported Exempt Accommodation Quality Standard Award or are awaiting assessment. Providers have until 13 June 2023 to pay the Quality Standard Accreditation fee and complete the application form.

- Alphapark Limited
- Ash-Shahada Housing Association Ltd
- Amber Supported Housing CIC
- Big Mommas Housing
- Birmingham Supported Housing Limited
- Concept Housing Association CIC
- Custodian Supported Housing Cic
- Easy Housing Association
- Enable Housing
- Future First Supported Living Limited
- Greensquare Accord Limited
- Harmony Housing
- HQH Group LTD
- Hyde Housing
- IG Housing
- Inspired Housing Limited
- KD Housing and Support Limited
- Living Well Supported Housing

- Mattys Place CIC
- Miracle Housing
- M D Supported Housing
- Non Violentiam CIC
- NACRO
- New Life Housing Limited
- Nexus Housing Ltd
- Oak Leaf Housing LTD
- Odara housing
- Pegasus Supported Housing Limited
- Reliance Social Housing CIC
- Saif Social & Healthcare Homes Limited
- Second City Housing
- Stepstone Housing Limited
- Sustain UK Ltd
- The Salvation Army
- Trident Housing Association Ltd
- Umbrella Housing Limited
- Vanguard Supported Housing C.I.C/Vanguard Direct Limited
- 3CHA

H13

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS

“Council Houses”

Question:

In each year since 2012 what was the total number of Council Homes owned by the council?

Answer:

Year	Number of Residential Properties
2012	65448
2013	65121
2014	64522
2015	63779
2016	63652
2017	62904
2018	62321
2019	61673
2020	60763
2021	60300
2022	59720
2023	59189

H14

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY

“Landlord licences – impact on tenant”

Question:

“What benefits, improvements and costs can tenants expect from their landlord as a result of the licensing, that are not covered by existing legislation?”

Answer:

Without a Selective Licensing designation being approved, powers under housing legislation do not provide a means of identifying privately rented property except for larger houses in multiple occupation (5 occupants or more) which require a mandatory licence.

Therefore, responding to poor property conditions and poor management in the majority of private rented properties is a largely reactive response. It relies heavily on complaints from tenants and neighbours to identify privately rented properties which are in poor condition, overcrowded and badly managed.

Birmingham’s Selective Licensing Scheme covers 25 wards in Birmingham with high levels of private rented sector properties and high levels of deprivation and/or crime.

It is likely that tenants within these wards are from deprived communities who may well be unwilling to make complaints for fear of losing their homes or indeed may not know their housing rights.

Indoor living environment is one of the domains within the Index for Multiple Deprivation which is used to establish deprivation. This indoor living environment is one of the issues that the Council seeks to address with the introduction of Selective Licensing.

Licensing a property will enable us to set and monitor standards of homes. The implementation of the scheme will promote access to services to tenants. Firstly, tenants will be aware that there is a service there to help them with the condition of their home. Secondly, if services are accessed, officers can signpost the tenant to other services that may benefit them such as welfare benefit advice and social services. Thirdly, by increasing trust in authority, it builds a relationship where those in need will ask for help to enable them to build independence and resilience.

It is expected that by addressing poor living conditions that wards within the designation will show improvements in their deprivation ranking when compared to other wards over the period of the scheme.

The Selective Licensing Scheme will dovetail with crime interventions driven by neighbourhood policing and our Community Safety Local Partnership Delivery Groups which seek to resolve local issues through a partnership approach.

Selective licensing encourages the development of effective intelligence gathering mechanisms to support compliance by identifying unlicensed properties and then targeting those problematic properties.

It promotes joint working within the Council and other agencies – fire and rescue services, police, border control/immigration, social services and HMRC. The scheme will ensure that the Council is aware of property management information that can be utilised to ensure a holistic and speedy response to any crime related issue emanating from, or impacting on, a particular property or neighbourhood.

The licence conditions will require landlords/managing agents to be proactive in managing antisocial behaviour related to the property. We believe this additional tool of licensing will enable crime to be tackled more effectively with positive outcomes for tenants and the community.

The Council will use enforcement powers to target the worst landlords, agents, properties and neighbourhoods, and introduce selective licensing in target areas and work with West Midlands Police and West Midlands Fire Service on enforcing standards in the private rented sector.

Improving standards will hopefully lead to more stable communities, living in better accommodation that enables all tenants to reach their potential especially children.

In terms of costs, we do not expect an impact on tenants from the licence fee. The fee is £700 for a 5-year period. This amounts to £2.69 a week. An independent review of the use and effectiveness of selective licensing was commissioned by Government in 2019 and analysis of Valuation Office Agency data on private rent levels in licensed areas did not support the claim that licensing has had a demonstrable effect on rent levels.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

“Landlord licences – benefits”

Question:

“Dept to deliver selective licencing programme. Breakdown of staff being employed and how far we have got in recruiting them? How many staff have been recruited?”

Answer:

The staffing across the Selective Licensing Scheme is split into two main areas the administration of the scheme and its compliance. As the scheme became a legal requirement on the 5 June, the recruitment focus has been on the administration part of the workforce. Please see a breakdown below:

Position	Expected		Recruited	
	Admin	Compliance	Admin	Compliance
Head of Service		1		1
Service Manager	1	2	1	2
Team Leader	8	2	6	0
Licensing Officer	68	-	14	-
Enforcement Officer	-	8	-	0
Compliance Officer	-	12	-	0

The recruitment process is ongoing and will continue until the Service is sufficiently resourced.

The service is confident that the current number of licence officers are able to determine the number of licence applications being made.

Recruitment of compliance and enforcement officers is being dovetailed with the commencement of these activities which is scheduled to be in September 2023.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

“Temporary accommodation”

Question:

“Please provide full contact details of the management team who manage Bescot Court and Oscott Gardens in Perry Barr.”

Answer:

Oscott Gardens has staff on site 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Please email: oscottgardensenquiries@birmingham.gov.uk - this inbox is monitored daily, 7 days a week and responses are provided within 72 hours. Bescot Court, is self-contained accommodation with no staff on site. Temporary Accommodation support staff work alongside families that are placed there. For any enquiries, please email TAEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk. We are happy to provide officer contact details separately.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ROB GRANT

“Council Housing Repairs Reporting”

Question:

How do council housing maintenance contractors report their progress and completion of their housing repair jobs? How do the contractors check the work they have done? And how are these audited by the Council itself to check that these have been done to a sufficient standard?

Answer:

Council housing maintenance contractors report their progress and completion of housing repair jobs on their own systems using hand-held devices by operative. These updates are then interfaced into our housing systems which our staff can view as well as our agents in the contact centre.

Work in progress and outstanding jobs are monitored daily through automated reports by officers in the asset management repairs teams to ensure jobs outstanding are effectively monitored and actions taken.

The contractors check the work they have done through their own audit regime which includes a combination of work in progress audits and completions audits. Our contract specifies the audit regime the contractor is to follow which includes set percentages.

These are audited by the Council to ensure jobs have been done to a sufficient standard through our own post inspection audit based upon a random sample. The percentage carried out will vary depending upon work type and resources, we currently carry out 10% sample on repairs and 100% on voids.

The scope of our repairs post inspections for example covers quality of workmanship, the necessity of the work undertaken and the accuracy of the Contractor's administration, customer satisfaction and data recording, including payments and performance indicators.

We are checking the root cause of complaints to understand the origin and issues so we can further develop solutions to reduce the level of repair complaints we receive.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND EQUALITIES, FROM COUNCILLOR RICK PAYNE

“Public Art Review”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the internal public art review, reportedly carried out in 2020 used to assess "what could be identified by protagonists as having links with the transatlantic slave trade or colonialism"

Answer:

There was an internal review carried out in 2020 which sought to identify any high risk statues and monuments due to their association with colonialism and the transatlantic slave trade. The information collated is attached.



BCC Public Art statue review June 2020.xls

J1

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR KERRY BREWER

“Street lights”

Question:

What is the total energy usage of streetlights (kWh) in each year since 2004?

Answer:

The City’s records of energy usage of streetlights can be tracked back to 2012/13, and the total usage for each financial year is shown in the table below.

Please note that from the year 2017/18 there was a change in the reporting of energy usage to include all Highways electrical assets, including streetlights, traffic signals etc, which is the reason for an increase in recorded consumption.

The figures provided from 12/13 to 16/17 inclusive are for streetlighting only.
The City is currently recording an average 2% reduction of energy usage year-on- year.

2022/23	Customer Total	kWh	47,326,509
2021/22	Customer Total	kWh	48,312,975
2020/21	Customer Total	kWh	48,699,416
2019/20	Customer Total	kWh	49,761,056
2018/19	Customer Total	kWh	50,833,239
2017/18	Customer Total	kWh	51,713,678
2016/17	Customer Total	kWh	45,041,555
2015/16	Customer Total	kWh	45,915,582
2014/15	Customer Total	kWh	46,408,079
2013/14	Customer Total	kWh	48,604,843
2012/13	Customer Total	kWh	49,864,756

J2

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

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

“Blocked drains”

Question:

“Kier used to commit to visiting drainage sites within 12 weeks. This now appears to have extended to 16 weeks as evidenced in recent written communications. Why the delay?”

Answer:

Under the current Interim Services Contract the Council’s sub-contractor, Kier, are required to attend all blocked gully enquiries/requests within 24 weeks. However, they are usually able to perform above this contractual timeframe and often attend earlier. Kier’s customer response will attempt to provide an approximate timescale for attendance based on the drainage team’s current workloads which is why different, varying timeframes will get quoted.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM
COUNCILLOR IZZY KNOWLES

“School Crossing Patrols”

Question:

“With the expansion of the Car Free School Streets programme a recent request has been made for volunteer stewards to help manage the schemes. The aim of car-free school streets is to close the road outside the school to traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. Has any consideration been made to utilise or recruit school crossing patrol wardens for this role?

Please provide a job description for the school crossing patrol wardens.”

Answer:

Currently there is insufficient capacity within the school crossing patrol service to redeploy staff without adversely affecting existing provision.

At present we feel that volunteer stewards offers the most sustainable approach to supporting the physical closure aspect of Car Free School Streets, but will continue to consider other options as they arise including learning from other authorities.

Please find attached the Job Description for School Crossing Patrol Warden.



JD School Crossing Patrol September 2

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM
COUNCILLOR COLIN GREEN**

“Ladypool Road”

Question:

“Please list the times and dates when parking enforcement officers have visited Ladypool Road, Moseley in the past year, as well as the number of fixed penalties including the type of offence, issued during that period.”

Answer:

Civil Enforcement Officers patrolled Ladypool Road (entire length) a total of 740 times between 01/06/2022–31/05/2023, an average of 61 patrols per month in which they logged and observed 1790 vehicles in contravention, resulting in 512 Penalty Charge Notices being issued.

Whilst some contraventions can be immediately issued, others require a grace period of at least 5 minutes which sometimes results in the vehicle moving, avoiding receipt of a Penalty Charge Notice.

Contravention	PCNs Issued
01 - Parked on Yellow Lines	358
02 - Parked where loading restrictions apply (Yellow Lines)	11
25 - Parked in a Loading Bay	1
26 - Parked more than 50cms from kerb	1
27 - Parked on a dropped kerb	3
30F - Parked longer than permitted	4
46N - Parked on Red Route	63
47 - Parked in a Bus Stop	2
49 - Parked in a Cycle Lane	8
99 - Parked on Pedestrian Crossing	61
Total	512

CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM
COUNCILLOR AYOUB KHAN**

“Aston Villa match day parking”

Question:

“Please provide a log of the streets that have been patrolled on Aston Villa match days over the past 12 months. Please include the roads covered on each outing, the number of penalties issued per session and any other useful information on trends in parking issues over that period.

Some feedback from the patrollers on issues they are seeing on the ground would be interesting.”

Answer:

The below shows the roads patrolled during each home match at Aston Villa. We have spoken with our Enforcement Contractor who have informed us that the Civil Enforcement Officers have encountered only general parking issues whilst enforcing, such as parking on double yellow lines, parking across pedestrian crossing dropped kerbs and parking in permit bays without displaying a permit etc.

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CITY COUNCIL – 13 JUNE 2023

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM
COUNCILLOR MUMTAZ HUSSAIN**

“Bus lane at six ways island”

Question:

**“How many fines have been issued at the junction of six ways island in
Lozells, from breaching the bus lane marked on the right of that junction.”**

Answer:

The bus lane on the A34 Birchfield Road/Mansfield Road is part of the A34 Sprint Bus Lanes Scheme – Walsall to Birmingham which is to be enforced by the City Council using cameras.

The camera in this location is due to be calibrated over the next four to six weeks, following which there will be an enforcement launch. In view of this, no Penalty Charge Notices have yet been issued in this location to date.

Birmingham City Council

City Council

11 July 2023



Subject: Srebrenica Memorial Day
Report of: Council Business Management Committee
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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 On the anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre, City Council are presented with a cross-party Motion for their consideration and approval.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the City Council agrees to support the bullet points as outlined in the Motion included in this report.

3 Background

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Council Business Management Committee held on 9 May 2023, Councillor Ian Ward informed Members that Councillor Martin Brooks had requested a cross-party Motion come to the meeting of the Council on 11 July 2023, to raise awareness of hate and genocide, as this was the anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre. It was agreed by the Committee that the Motion warranted a standalone agenda item due to the subject and cross-party nature and it was therefore scheduled for consideration at this meeting.
- 3.2 Following discussions held by the Committee on 9 May 2023 and then again at the meeting on 30 May 2023, the wording of the cross-party Motion was agreed by the Leaders of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups.

- 3.3 It was agreed by all Group Leaders that Councillor Martin Brooks be allocated a maximum of 7 minutes to move the Motion.
- 3.4 It was further agreed by all Group Leaders that standing orders be suspended for this item to allow the speakers from all Groups a maximum of 7 minutes each to second the Motion.
- 3.5 The remaining time allocated to the item will provide other Members with an opportunity to speak (up to a maximum of 4 minutes each) and to provide Councillor Martin Brooks with a maximum of 5 minutes to sum up.

4 Srebrenica Memorial Day – Birmingham City Council Motion

- 4.1 “This Council notes that today (Tuesday 11 July) is Srebrenica Memorial Day which marks the 28th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia in which over 8,000 Bosnian Muslims were systematically murdered on the basis of their identity over the space of just a few days in July 1995 in what was the worst atrocity on European soil since the Second World War.

This Council therefore:

- Supports the work of communities and schools across Birmingham to tackle hatred and intolerance by raising awareness and educating people about the genocide that took place in Srebrenica;
- Pledges to use the lessons from Srebrenica to combat all forms of prejudice and discrimination in the city that targets anyone because of their religion, ethnicity, gender, sexuality or any other characteristic;
- Commends the work of Remembering Srebrenica, who through organising memorial events and activities which commemorate the victims and educate people of the tragic consequences if hate is allowed to flourish unchecked, have united people from different backgrounds to help build a more cohesive Birmingham and celebrate the diversity that enriches our city”.

Birmingham City Council

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11 July 2023



Subject: Decisions Not on the Forward Plan and Those Authorised for Immediate Implementation

Report of: Janie Berry, City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

Report author: Christian Scade, Head of Scrutiny and Committee Services, 07517 550013, christian.scade@birmingham.gov.uk

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential : N/A

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report, which is required under Part B6.2 of the Constitution, sets out key decisions not included on the Forward Plan and any decisions which were authorised for immediate implementation.
- 1.2 Following amendments to the Constitution in 2022 this is the third report to be submitted on a quarterly basis, covering the period 7 March to 15 June 2023.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That Full Council notes the report.

3 Background

- 3.1 Key decisions should be included on the Forward Plan not less than 28 clear calendar days in advance of the proposed decision. If a matter, which is likely to be a key decision has not been included on the Forward Plan, but it is impracticable to defer the decision, the decision may still be taken provided it meets the requirements set out in the Constitution (Part B6.2).
- 3.2 Where there is an intention for Cabinet to consider matters in private, i.e. information that is confidential or exempt, 28 days' notice must also be given. This is done through inclusion on the "Notification of intention for Cabinet to consider matters in private" form. Any report containing confidential or exempt information that is not included requires agreement from the Chair of the relevant

Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the report is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

- 3.3 There is also a requirement for the Leader of the Council to provide details on any reports authorised for immediate implementation: i.e. where the interests of the Council are jeopardised unless an executive decision is implemented immediately and when its implementation cannot wait until the expiry of the call-in period.
- 3.4 In an emergency, as set out under Part B6.6 of the Constitution, an executive decision may be agreed by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Group Leaders, as long as the requirements set out in Part E4.2 are met. However, there were no emergency or urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive for the period in question.
- 3.5 Appendix 1 provides details on all decisions not included on the Forward Plan and those that were authorised for immediate implementation for the period 7 March to 15 June 2023

Late Reports Not on Forward Plan

- 3.6 For the period in question, there was 1 key decision not included on the Forward Plan. This was: Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding and Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme Alternative Funding (21 March 2023)
- 3.7 In comparison, for the period 2021/22 in total there were 11 key decisions not included on the Forward Plan, including five urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive. Overall, this compares with nine in 2020/21, one in 2019/20 and 11 in 2018/19. Further comparative information, to include data for 2022/23, will be included as part of the next quarterly report.

Reports Authorised for Immediate Implementation

- 3.8 The same report was authorised for immediate implementation.
- 3.9 In comparison, for the period 2021/22 in total there were 8 decisions that were not subject to call in. This compares with none in 2020/21, six in 2019/20 and five in 2018/19. As above, further comparative information, to include data for 2022/23, will be included as part of the next quarterly report.

Reports containing confidential or exempt information

- 3.10 For the period in question, there were no reports, containing confidential or exempt information, that were not notified 28 days in advance of the proposed decision.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 This report, for consideration by Full Council, is required under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

6 Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 – Decisions Not on the Forward Plan and Those Authorised for Immediate Implementation

APPENDIX 1

LATE REPORTS NOT ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THOSE AUTHORISED FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION¹

7 MARCH 2023 – 15 JUNE 2023

Table 1 of 3 – Key Decision Reports Not on the Forward Plan²

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Reason for Lateness – set out in the report
21 March 2023	Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding and Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme Alternative Funding	Cabinet	<i>Formal notification of the Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding (EBSSAF) was not received until 8 February. The Government then provided revised guidance on 15 February. Legal advice needed to be sought to determine the quickest way to pay the funding to eligible households. The Council was also advised of a second scheme on 9 February the Alternative Fuel Payment Alternative Fund (AFPAF). The guidance was not issued until 24 February.</i>

Table 2 of 3 – Reports Authorised for Immediate Implementation

Date	Report Title	Decision Taken By	Key Decision	Reason for Immediate Implementation – set out in the report
21 March 2023	Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding and Alternative Fuel Payment Scheme Alternative Funding	Cabinet	Yes	<i>Both mandatory schemes have been opened by the Government on 27 February 2023. Applications have been received which are awaiting payment. There are already over 800 households in Birmingham which have applied – and we want to make these payments as quickly as possible.</i>

Table 3 of 3 – Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information (Not Notified)

For the period in question, there were no reports containing confidential or exempt information, that were not notified 28 days in advance of the proposed decision.

¹ Further information on each of these decisions can be found on CMIS via: [CMIS > Meetings](#)

² For clarity, there were no Emergency or Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive across the period in question.

Birmingham City Council

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11 July 2023



Subject: Scrutiny Business Report

Report of: Cllr. Sir Albert Bore, Chair of Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If relevant, state which appendix is exempt, and provide exempt information paragraph number or reason if confidential: N/A

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the new way of working for Overview and Scrutiny Committees for 2023-24. This new approach has been designed to make improvements to the way scrutiny operates and ensure more effective democratic accountability and oversight.
- 1.2 The report provides an overview of the work programme delivered across all Overview & Scrutiny Committees during February – June 2023. The report also outlines the topics under consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Committee's for potential detailed examination during 2023-24.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3 Background

- 3.1 The [statutory guidance for local government overview and scrutiny](#) sets out the role it can play in holding an authority's decision makers to account. This makes it

fundamentally important to the successful functioning of local democracy. Effective Overview and Scrutiny should:

- Provide constructive 'critical friend' challenge
- Amplify the voices and concerns of the public
- Be led by independent people who take responsibility for their role
- Drive improvements in public services

3.2 The functions of Overview and Scrutiny Committees are outlined in [The City Council's Constitution | Birmingham City Council](#):

- Make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council, the Executive and/or other organisations in connection with the discharge of the functions specified in their terms of reference.
- Consider any matter covered in their terms of reference that may affect or be likely to have an effect on the citizens of Birmingham; relevant to the Council's strategic objectives; relevant to major issues faced by officers in managing a function of the Council; and likely to make contribution to moving the Council forward and achieving key performance targets.

3.3 The remits and names of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees were reviewed in 2022-23. For 2023-24, the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the City Council are:

- Co-ordinating
- Economy and Skills
- Education, Children and Young People
- Finance and Resources
- Health and Adult Social Care
- Homes
- Neighbourhoods
- Sustainability and Transport

3.4 Birmingham City Council also continues to be part of 3 regional scrutiny meetings. These are:

- Birmingham and Sandwell Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Birmingham and Solihull Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

4 New Ways of Working

- 4.1 During 2022-23, members from the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee outlined concerns that the Overview and Scrutiny programme has not always delivered on adding value and driving service improvements or been enabled to deliver on the aspirations set out in the Overview and Scrutiny framework. In recent years, Overview & Scrutiny committees have pursued only a limited number of issues that have contributed significantly to the thinking and actions of the Council's Cabinet and the Chief Executives senior management team.
- 4.2 Following discussions between members in February and April 2023, the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to implement three key changes:
- The remits of Overview and Scrutiny Committees' have been revised– the previous configuration resulted in uneven workloads. New arrangements have been agreed and are now in place which provide a better alignment with Cabinet Member portfolios.
 - Engagement with Cabinet Members has been re-shaped – under the previous arrangements, Cabinet Members were asked to attend multiple Overview and Scrutiny Committees to provide overviews requiring a significant time commitment. Furthermore, these reports did not lead to scrutiny adding value or demonstrating impact and were usually only for noting. Moving forward, invites to Cabinet Members will be more focused with an emphasis on Overview and Scrutiny committees influencing, or reviewing the impact of decisions.
 - Meeting arrangements have been re-considered – Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be encouraged to consider the most effective scrutiny method to achieve the aims and objectives they have agreed. In some instances, this may be traditional, formal committee meetings but in other cases, this may involve a Task and Finish group approach or other flexibility in meeting arrangements. In addition to this, work programmes will include a 'menu' of options to enable individual committees to respond in a timely way to emerging topics.
- 4.3 The Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee will review the implementation of these changes throughout 2023-24.

5 Summary of Work Programme

- 5.1 This section provides a summary of the activities undertaken, and references how this is delivering change, across the whole Overview and Scrutiny programme since February 2023, following the Scrutiny Business Report in January 2023.
- 5.2 Furthermore, in June, the 8 Overview and Scrutiny Committees for 2023-24 considered their work programmes and their immediate priorities. This section also sets out the topics under consideration by each committee.

Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.3 In February, the Committee held a single themed meeting to review the existing Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy, and to inform the development of the new strategy. Prior to this, members from the Committee had met with providers in a roundtable event. There will be further engagement with the Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on this strategy in the Autumn 2023 before the strategy is approved by Cabinet.
- 5.4 In April, the Committee made recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities and to the Chief Executive following the Committee's task and finish review of the Council's Homes for Ukraine scheme. This followed a previous report to the Committee in January 2023 and motion approved by Council in December 2022.
- 5.5 The Committee also considered the continuing implementation of the recommendations from the Exempt Accommodation inquiry, as well as further progress on its Customer Services recommendations for Bereavement Services, Highways, Housing Repairs and Waste Services.
- 5.6 Future topics for consideration by this Overview & Scrutiny Committee will include Cost of Living; the Trailblazer Devolution Deal; The Elections Act, and Debate not Hate. There will also be further consideration on Homes for Ukraine and also Customer Services before appropriate Overview & Scrutiny Committees are asked to follow up on the recommendations of the Co-ordinating Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.7 Between February and April 2023, the Committee completed its evidence gathering for the Inquiry: Promoting Health and Wellbeing – a Commonwealth Games Legacy and finalised its report. During February, Members received evidence from The Active Wellbeing Society (TAWS) and Adult Social Care Directorate. The [inquiry's findings were presented to City Council in April 2023](#), where all the recommendations were agreed. Moving forward, these recommendations will be primarily monitored by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.8 Members have also considered the financial challenges affecting Birmingham's culture sector, and how the Council is working with arts and culture organisations to mitigate these challenges and build on the impact of the Commonwealth Games.
- 5.9 As part of the re-balancing of the remits of Overview and Scrutiny Committees, this Committee has been disbanded. Its remit has been shared principally across Co-ordinating (Culture) Health and Adult Social Care (Physical Activity) and Neighbourhoods (Commonwealth Games Legacy) Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.10 Between February and April, this Committee also focused on finalising their inquiry into Employment and Skills for Young People ‘Something to Aim For’. The [inquiry’s findings were presented to City Council in April 2023](#), where the recommendations were agreed. Moving forward, the Committee will monitor the implementation of these recommendations.
- 5.11 The Committee has also received an update on the implementation of the East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Strategy and considered the future consultation and engagement as part of the ‘Our Future City Plan: Shaping Our City Together’.
- 5.12 Future topics for consideration during 2023-24 include Regeneration of the city; Night Time Economy, and Local Skills Improvement Plan.

Education, Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.13 In February, the Committee considered school attainment and improvement, school exclusions, part-time timetables, and unsuitable school places.
- 5.14 In April, the Committee considered progress on the Improving Services for Children and Families Improvement programme. The Committee was also updated on the how the Birmingham Children’s Trust is progressing towards their priorities for 2022-23, and its proposed strategic priorities for 2023-24.
- 5.15 In May, the Committee focused on evidence gathering for the Children and Young People’s Mental Health inquiry (in collaboration with the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee), and also the Child Criminal Exploitation inquiry. Evidence was received for both inquiries from Aquarius, the commissioned provider for young people’s substance misuse services in Birmingham; the Council’s Youth Services provided evidence for the Child Criminal Exploitation inquiry only.
- 5.16 The Child Criminal Exploitation inquiry is continuing its evidence gathering with additional sessions over the next few months and intends to report by the end of the year.
- 5.17 The Committee was also informed on progress on the SEND Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) and received an update on the most recent OFSTED inspection of the Children’s Service.
- 5.18 Future topics for consideration for 2023-24 include Children and Young People’s travel services; SEND tribunals; hidden children; short breaks review; the Birmingham Children’s Safeguarding Partnership’s annual report; Early Years and child poverty.

Finance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.19 As part of the Committee’s remit for strategic finance and budget setting and in advance of its presentation to Cabinet and approval at City Council in February, the Committee considered the Draft Financial Plan 2023-27.

- 5.20 This Committee also considered Quarter 3 (Month 9 and 10) Financial Monitoring Reports and continued to receive reports on Planned Procurement Activities. It considered a report on the Review of Reserves to assess whether the level of corporate reserves held by the Council is sufficient; this report also looked at the General Fund revenue reserves.
- 5.21 The Committee has been briefed on the processes and procedures regarding planning obligations (Community Infrastructure Levy CIL) and S106.
- 5.22 Members from the Committee also took part in an informal session to demonstrate the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Dashboard.
- 5.23 Future topics for consideration include implications of Equal Pay; Budget Recovery Plan; Medium Term Financial Plan; Oracle; continued monitoring of Planned Procurement Activities; financial monitoring and implementation of recommendations from previous Scrutiny Inquiries.

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.24 In February, an annual overview on the performance of Birmingham Sexual Health Treatment & Prevention Services commissioned by Public Health and delivered by Umbrella (University Hospitals Birmingham) was presented to the Committee. It also considered a report on from Public Health, Integrated Care Board (ICB) and NHS colleagues on what immunisation uptake looks like in Birmingham, local immunisation system roles and an indication of local challenges faced when working to improve immunisation uptake across the city.
- 5.25 In March, the Committee were updated on the co-produced review of Day Opportunities in Birmingham with Red Quadrant and Empowering Team (consisting of Service users), and in collaboration with the Council's Adult Social Care directorate. The Committee intends to consider this further in 2023-24. The Committee also reviewed the Council's Adult Social Care performance monitoring report for Q3, 2022-23.
- 5.26 In April, the Committee considered the new [10-year strategy](#) for the Integrated Care Partnership. It also received an update on the cabinet decision for the approval of the ['Staying Independent at Home \(SIAH\) Policy'](#) and the associated implementation measures. This policy focuses on the provision of support and assistance that can be provided to enable citizens to staying independent within their own homes.
- 5.27 Future topics for consideration are the CQC Pilot inspection; Integrated Care System governance arrangements; the Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review (BLACHIR) and NHS Quality Assurance.
- 5.28 The Children and Young People's Mental Health inquiry continues to receive evidence. This inquiry intends to report to City Council in November 2023.

Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.29 The Committee completed its work on Cleaner Streets and made recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Environment. These recommendations were based on evidence-based practice from other Local Authorities. The impact of these recommendations will be monitored by the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2023-24.
- 5.30 The Committee signed off the remaining outstanding recommendations from the Reducing Fly-tipping inquiry report which had been presented to City Council in February 2021. However, due to Members' on-going concerns around the deployment of CCTV cameras and prosecution strategies, the Committee received further information on the process, timescale and installation of CCTV, engagement with local councillors, and Fixed Penalty Notice strategies.
- 5.31 The Committee also considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities outlining the process for the deployment of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership's temporary (or re-deployable) cameras.
- 5.32 In March, the Committee considered the current position for void standards for the Council's City Housing service. Members from the Committee undertook visits to void properties at different locations throughout the city. In addition to this, the Committee also held a single-themed meeting to understand in more detail the current position for City Housing. This will form a key strand of work for the Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2023-24.
- 5.33 In April, the Committee was updated on localisation, in particular on localised budgets, and how the Council's Localism policies compare with other Local Authorities. Information was also provided on the Neighbourhoods Action Co-ordination Pilot.
- 5.34 In May, the Committee 'called in' the Cabinet Decision: 'Development of Housing at Dawberry Fields Road' and referred the decision back to Cabinet for re-consideration.
- 5.35 As part of the re-balancing of the remits of Overview and Scrutiny Committees, this Committee has been disbanded. Its remit has been divided between two new committee's: Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.36 Future topics for consideration include improving void standards; Decent Homes standards; tenant engagement; affordable housing and exempt accommodation.

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.37 Future topics for consideration include fly tipping enforcement; community safety localities' approach; Youth Justice plan; localisation; delays in births and deaths

registrations, Domestic Abuse and Birmingham Community Safety Partnership's annual report.

Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 5.38 In February, the Committee considered information from Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) and National Express relating to current trends in particular level of bus services running, fares and reliability. The Committee also explored how this relates to the Council's ambitions to increase the use of public transport and active methods of travel.
- 5.39 Following a visit to University Station, the Committee held follow up discussions with West Midlands Rail Executive (WMRE) about the lessons that could be learnt and adopted for upcoming stations redevelopments, particularly the Camp Hill line.
- 5.40 In March, the Committee considered the Annual Flood Risk Management and Maintenance Report, which outlined the flood mitigation activities that been undertaken during the past 12 months and the updated Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Birmingham.
- 5.41 In April, the Committee provided initial feedback on the proposed priorities to be included into a new road safety strategy.
- 5.42 In May, the Committee 'called in' the Cabinet Decision: Contract Award for the Operation and Maintenance of the Tyseley ERF, Waste Transfer Stations and Household Waste Recycling Centres, and referred the decision back to Cabinet to re-consider.
- 5.43 Future topics for consideration include Road Safety; Active Travel schemes; Route to Net Zero and the Highways PFI Contract award.

6 Regional Scrutiny

- 6.1 The Council's Overview and Scrutiny team also provides support to three regional scrutiny committees: The Birmingham and Sandwell Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Birmingham and Solihull Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.

Birmingham and Sandwell Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

- 6.2 Following the establishment of NHS Integrated Care Systems in July 2022 the boundaries of Birmingham City Council now align with the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System; this has reduced the need for the Birmingham and Sandwell Joint HOSC to meet. However, the joint committee with Sandwell will continue to scrutinise the development of the Midland Metropolitan University Hospital that will serve patients from Birmingham.

Birmingham and Solihull Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

- 6.3 In March, the JHOSC considered progress on the independent Governance, Well-led and Culture Reviews into the University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. This was followed up by a further update in April on the now-published [Bewick Review \(phase1\)](#) on University Hospital Birmingham (UHB) regarding clinical safety.
- 6.4 Also in March, the Committee considered the West Midlands Ambulance Service activity and conveyance to hospitals; lost hours to handover delays; response time by call category; profile of serious incidents; actions taken by WMAS; high impact actions to make a difference and outcomes from a WMAS perspective.

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

- 6.5 A separate report including an overview of the key activities of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel for the past 12 months will be provided to City Council later in the year.

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

8 Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no procurement implications or financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

9 Public Sector Equality Duty

- 9.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
 - advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 9.2 All Overview and Scrutiny Committees ensure they address these duties by considering them during work programme development, and specifically the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This has included considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

9.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

10 Other Implications

10.1 The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees contributes towards the Birmingham City Council Corporate Plan 2022-2026, its Grand Challenges and Strategic Priorities and Outcomes.

11 Background Papers

11.1 [Scrutiny Business Report – November 2022](#)

11.2 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes – November – January 2022

11.3 [Council Constitution, May 2023](#)

11.4 Birmingham City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Framework, April 2021

12 Appendices

12.1 There are no appendices to this report.

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Subject: Motions for Debate from Individual Members
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1 Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules (section B4.4 G of the Constitution).

2 Notices of Motion

A. Councillors Sharon Thompson and Jamie Tennant have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“This Council notes that:

In the face of the Tory cost of living crisis, Birmingham City Council responded quickly by working with faith and community groups to set up over 200 Warm Welcome Spaces across the city. The Council also supported foodbanks to ensure that there was a sufficient supply of food.

The actions of hundreds of volunteers in running the warm welcome spaces across the city shows the true spirit of Birmingham and this Council extends its thanks and gratitude to every one of them.

The Council resolves that:

1. The Leader will write to every registered Warm Welcome Space and foodbank in Birmingham to express the gratitude of the Council.

2. The Council will continue to support this programme for as long as this Tory created crisis continues.

3. The Council will write to the government to demand action to address this Tory cost of living crisis.”

B. Councillors Robert Alden and Ewan Mackey have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“Given the seriousness of the current situation brought about by the Council’s reported equal pay liability, this Council commits to an item of not less than 1 hour at each Council meeting going forward updating members and allowing a debate on progress against actions to address the crisis. This should continue until such a time as the situation is fully resolved as agreed by a future resolution of Council.”