



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2022 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Maureen Cornish) in the Chair.

Councillors

Akhlaq Ahmed	Fred Grindrod	Lee Marsham
Saima Ahmed	Roger Harmer	Karen McCarthy
Alex Aitken	Deborah Harries	Saddak Miah
Deirdre Alden	Kath Hartley	Shehla Moledina
Robert Alden	Adam Higgs	Gareth Moore
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Des Hughes	Simon Morrall
Raqeeb Aziz	Jon Hunt	Yvonne Mosquito
Shabina Bano	Mumtaz Hussain	Richard Parkin
David Barker	Mahmood Hussain	Rick Payne
David Barrie	Shabrana Hussain	David Pears
Baber Baz	Timothy Huxtable	Miranda Perks
Matt Bennett	Mohammed Idrees	Rob Pocock
Jilly	Zafar Iqbal	Julien Pritchard
Birmingham	Ziaul Islam	Lauren Rainbow
Marcus	Morriam Jan	Darius Sandhu
Bemasconi	Kerry Jenkins	Kath Scott
Sir Albert	Meirion Jenkins	Shafique Shah
Bore	Brigid Jones	Rinkal Shergill
Nicky	Jane Jones	Sybil Spence
Brennan	Amar Khan	Ron Storer
Kerry Brewer	Ayoub Khan	Saima Suleman
Martin Brooks	Saqib Khan	Jamie Tennant
Mick Brown	Izzy Knowles	Sharon Thompson
Debbie Clancy	Narinder Kaur	Paul Tilsley
Liz Clements	Kooner	Lisa Trickett
John Cotton	Chaman Lal	Penny Wagg
Jack Deakin	Bruce Lines	Ian Ward
Adrian Delaney	Mary Locke	Ken Wood
Jayne Francis	Ewan Mackey	Alex Yip
Sam Forsyth	Basharat	
Ray Goodwin	Mahmood	
Rob Grant	Majid Mahmood	
Colin Green	Rashad Mahmood	

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 59 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.
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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 60 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 non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 9 (Motion 9B). Councillor Kooner held a job in the domestic abuse support sector.

Councillor Izzy Knowles declared a pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 9 (Motion 9A). Councillor Knowles was a host under the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 61 **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the City Council meeting held on 1 November 2022 be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Death of Honorary Alderman Margaret Wells

The Lord Mayor indicated her first announcement related to former Councillor, Honorary Alderman Margaret Wells, who passed away in November 2022 in North Tyneside Hospital.

Margaret served as a Councillor for Stockland Green Ward from May 1988 to May 2007, during which time she served on numerous Committees, Sub-Committees and outside bodies, some as Chair.

She became an Honorary Alderman on 22 May 2007.

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

RESOLVED:-

That the Council placed on record its sorrow at the death of former Councillor, Honorary Alderman Margaret Wells and its appreciation of her devoted service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extended its deepest sympathy to Margaret's family and friends in their sad bereavement."

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

2 Death of Former Lord Mayor's Consort Professor John Stewart

The Lord Mayor indicated her second announcement related to former Lord Mayor's Consort, Professor John Stewart, who died peacefully at home on 23 November 2022.

Professor Stewart was one of the most influential local government academics of the 20th century and was a founder of Birmingham University's Institute for Local Government, now known as Inlogov, from 1966 until the late 1990s.

In 2007 the Society of Local Government Chief Executives gave him the inaugural Presidents Award for an outstanding contribution to local government.

Alongside his enormous and lasting contribution to the development of local government and local governance, Professor Stewart was a tremendous support to his wife, former Councillor and Honorary Alderman Theresa Stewart, throughout her career, but especially in his role as Lord Mayor's Consort, when Theresa served as Lord Mayor of Birmingham from May 2000 to May 2001.

John left behind 4 children - 2 daughters and 2 sons - as well as his loving grandchildren.

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

RESOLVED:-

That the Council placed on record its sorrow at the death of former Lord Mayor's Consort Professor John Stewart and its appreciation of his service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extended its deepest sympathy to John's children and all of the family in their sad bereavement.

3 Professional Driver QSI Awards

The Lord Mayor indicated her third announcement related to the Professional Driver QSI Awards.

The Chamber noted that one of the Lord Mayor's Chauffeur/Attendants has been awarded a major accolade.

At November's QSI Professional Driver Magazine Awards, held at Celtic Manor Hotel in Cardiff, Kenneth Bond was presented with the Gold Award in the category of Professional Driver of the Year.

The Chamber gave a round of applause to congratulate Ken on this marvelous achievement.

64 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council placed on record its congratulations to Ken on his receipt of this award.

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:-

65 **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

66 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

67 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

There were no changes in relation to City Council appointments.

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RESOLVED:-

Council noted that there were no changes proposed to the current City Council appointments.

SCRUTINY BUSINESS REPORT

A report from the Chair of the Co-Ordinating Overview and Scrutiny was submitted:-

(See document No. 3, agenda item 8)

Councillor Sir Albert Bore moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Kerry Jenkins.

Councillor Jack Deakin declared a non-pecuniary interest. Councillor Deakin was an employee of the University Hospital Trust.

A debate ensued.

Councillors Kerry Jenkins, Deidre Alden, Brigid Jones, Roger Harmer, Mick Brown, Chaman Lal, Alex Yip, Saima Suleman, Mohammed Idrees, Simon Morrall, Jack Deakin, Liz Clements, Gareth Moore and Ken Wood spoke during the debate.

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 1715 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1645 hours.

At 1715 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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

A. Councillors Roger Harmer and Colin Green had given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

(See document No. 4, agenda item 9)

Councillor Izzy Knowles left the Chamber before the Motion was moved and observed the debate from the public gallery.

Councillor Roger Harmer moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Colin Green.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Alex Yip and Rick Payne gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 5, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Alex Yip moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Rick Payne.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors John Cotton and Martin Brooks gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

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

Councillor John Cotton moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Martin Brooks.

A debate ensued.

Councillors Majid Mahmood and Julien Pritchard spoke during the debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Roger Harmer to sum up.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Alex Yip and Rick Payne 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 John Cotton and Martin Brooks having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

Names were called and the Chamber doors were locked.

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

For the Motion (55)

Mary Locke	Chaman Lal	Shehla Moledina
Des Hughes	Saqib Khan	Shabrana Hussain
Alex Aitken	Zafar Iqbal	Saima Suleman
Sam Forsyth	Saddak Miah	Mohammed Idrees
Miranda Perks	Colin Green	Sybil Spence
Paul Tilsley	David Barker	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Jack Deakin	Deborah Harries	Nicky Brennan
Jamie Tennant	Mumtaz Hussain	Jilly Bermingham
Karen McCarthy	Jon Hunt	Marje Bridle
Brigid Jones	Morriam Jan	Lauren Rainbow
Majid Mahmood	Lisa Trickett	Mahmood Hussain
Liz Clements	Ray Goodwin	Fred Grindrod
John Cotton	Basharat Mahmood	Lee Marsham
Ziaul Islam	Amir Khan	Shabina Bano
Rinkal Shergill	Saima Ahmed	Mick Brown
Baber Baz	Roger Harmer	Julien Pritchard
Rob Grant	Marcus Bernasconi	Raqeeb Aziz
Kath Hartley	Martin Brooks	Sir Albert Bore
Rob Pocock		

Against the Motion (17)

Darius Sandhu	Matt Bennett	Rick Payne
Gareth Moore	Robert Alden	Deirdre Alden
Ewan Mackey	David Pears	David Barrie
Adrian Delaney	Simon Morrall	Adam Higgs
Timothy Huxtable	Kerry Brewer	Bruce Lines
Ron Storer	Debbie Clancy	

Abstentions (1)

Alex Yip

Upon the completion of the voting process, the Lord Mayor declared that the amendment was 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.

It was therefore-

RESOLVED:-

“This Council stands firmly and unwaveringly with Ukraine as its people bravely resist Russian aggression.

This Council thanks the many Birmingham hosts and community groups who have made huge efforts to provide support for Ukrainian Refugees under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.

This Council also notes:

- 1) The recent significant progress made by the people of Ukraine in freeing large areas of their country from Russian occupation, but despite this, there is a high risk that the War will continue well into 2023 and potentially beyond.
- 2) With the war continuing and major attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure, it is unlikely that many existing Ukrainian refugees will be able to return home for many months at least, and there is a risk that more may arrive.
- 3) Therefore, it is important that we in Birmingham, together with other communities in the UK, enhance our long-term plans for the welfare of our Ukrainian refugees.
- 4) This work forms part of Birmingham's proud status as a City of Sanctuary for people fleeing war torn countries and persecution.
- 5) Learning from the Homes for Ukraine Scheme should be used to provide lessons for future support to all refugees arriving in Birmingham.

This Council therefore calls for:

- 1) A quick assessment, involving Scrutiny, of the existing programme of support provided so far in Birmingham, by the Council and its partner agencies, in terms of its timeliness and value for money. This assessment should include looking at the successes and lessons learned in other UK local authorities and the interaction with the other pressures the City is facing in areas such as Housing, Education and the Cost of Living Crisis. This assessment should also take into account wider issues around asylum and immigration and the existing Government policy that places pressure on cities like Birmingham.
- 2) The Government to provide enhanced support to Ukrainian Refugees, including extending the maximum period of Host Support beyond a year, as part of a co-ordinated effort to avoid the use of Temporary Accommodation. In addition, we ask the Government to provide similar information and financial support for Ukrainian arrivals under visa schemes other than Homes for Ukraine.
- 3) Greater recognition of the massive cultural, social and economic contribution of refugees and migrants to this city and to the UK and seeks to champion this by: celebrating refugee week and working with organisations such as the Refugee Council to remove barriers and empower refugees to rebuild lives and contribute to the community.

Council notes that Ukraine is the fastest-growing refugee crisis since the Second World War. Approximately 6.65 million people inside Ukraine have been displaced since the conflict started, and 5.8 million people are registered as refugees across Europe.

The UK government quickly committed large-scale humanitarian funding, sending experts to the region, and delivering life-saving supplies to Ukraine, including medical and food aid. The UK is providing £220 million of humanitarian assistance including up to £145 million to UN and Red Cross Agencies and £25 million in matched funding to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal (DEC) – the largest ever aid match contribution committed by a UK Government.

This is in addition to the Homes for Ukraine scheme, which was rolled out at pace to offer safe refuge for those fleeing the war here in the UK. Council agrees with the Government that Councils have a critical role to play in the success of the Homes for Ukraine scheme and are uniquely placed to support local communities to offer people from Ukraine the warmest possible welcome to the UK.

This Council is proud of the way the sector, along with charities, families and volunteers, have stepped up to work with government to deliver this urgent and large-scale scheme.

Council notes the concerns raised by a number of Host families within Birmingham regarding both the speed and quality of support received from council commissioned services and the impact this has had on both them and the refugees they have taken into their homes.

Council therefore asks Scrutiny to bring in Birmingham host families to provide evidence when carrying out their assessment of the scheme so that concerns can be properly understood and addressed with improvements made going forward.

Council further notes concerns have been raised regarding the procurement for the delivery of support, including the late mobilisation of the contract and the ability of the provider to meet the needs of the contract. Whilst the contract was let via single contractor negotiations based on the justification it would allow a known existing provider to commence work immediately, it took 4-5 months to fully mobilise after the contract award.

Concerns have also been expressed about the needs for a database as part of the support scheme and if this represented value for money. Council asks that both these matters are considered within the scrutiny review, including a full audit of how funds received from the Government have been allocated.

This Council resolves to:

- 1) Defend the right to seek safety from war and persecution in the UK and sign the national 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' pledge.

2) Call on the UK Government to withdraw the UK-Rwanda agreement, repeal the Nationality and Borders Act, and work with Local Authorities and communities to build a refugee protection system that treats all people with dignity and compassion.”

B. Councillors John Cotton and Shehla Moledina had given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

(See document No. 5, agenda item 9)

Councillor Nicky Brennan left the Chamber before the Motion was moved.

Councillor John Cotton moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Shehla Moledina.

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

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

Councillor Gareth Moore moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Alex Yip.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillor Morriam Jan and Izzy Knowles gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 8, ‘Amendments – City Council’)

Councillor Morriam Jan moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Izzy Knowles.

A debate ensued.

Councillors Jack Deakin and Sam Forsyth spoke during the debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor John Cotton to sum up.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Gareth Moore and Alex Yip 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 Morriam Jan and Izzy Knowles 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.

It was therefore-

RESOLVED:-

“This Council notes the recent research conducted by Women’s Aid on the impact of the Cost of Living on survivors of domestic abuse which found that:

- Almost all survivors (96%) responding had seen a negative impact on the amount of money available to them as a result of cost of living increases.
- Two thirds (66%) of survivors told us that abusers are now using the cost of living increase and concerns about financial hardship as a tool for coercive control, including to justify further restricting their access to money.
- Almost three quarters (73%) of women living with and having financial links with the abuser said that the cost of living crisis had either prevented them from leaving or made it harder for them to leave.

This Council also notes the recommendations in the recent report by the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Victims’ Commissioner which are:

- An increased uplift to victims’ services
- A commitment to provide a multi-year funding strategy in line with inflation
- Overhaul of child maintenance service
- Commitment for increased number of specialist refuge bed spaces in West Midlands
- Overhaul how Universal Credit works for victims of domestic abuse
- Commitment for benefits to rise in line with inflation
- A commitment to working towards a whole culture change

This Council resolves to:

Write to the Chancellor to urge him not to cut funding for Domestic Abuse services through the Home Office budgets or the Justice budgets.

Explore what options may be available to provide specialist support for women who are survivors of domestic abuse via the Council’s growing network of Warm Welcome Spaces.

Write to the Government in support of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Victims’ Commissioner’s recommendations.

Ensure all Council Directorates and city partners are fully engaged in the work to renew Birmingham’s Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy and are clear on the part they must play in tackling and preventing domestic abuse in our communities.

Acknowledge the work that the co-ordinating overview and scrutiny committee have commenced to support work to renew the strategy and ask that they continue to facilitate engagement with other scrutiny committees.

Write to the Council Executive calling on them to ensure that council funding for domestic abuse related services is protected within the council's medium term financial plan.

Calls on the Council Executive to ensure that, within its powers, victims of domestic abuse are not placed in Exempt or Temporary Accommodation with known sex or violence offenders.

Calls on the Executive to carry out a review, and report back to Scrutiny within 6 months, on how it can increase the number of specialist refuge bed spaces within Birmingham.

Ensure that, whilst noting that domestic abuse\violence is overwhelmingly a gendered crime, that all strategies, plans and funding decisions do not overlook other victims of domestic abuse including intergenerational, male and same sex relationships.

Calls on the Executive to review what additional support can be provided specifically to children who are caught up in domestic abuse situations to ensure that their futures are not compromised as a result of what they have witnessed.

Calls on the Executive to ensure that head teachers are aware of the importance of providing school places to children who have to move schools due to domestic abuse, within the school admissions statutory code of practice.

Record its thanks to the numerous charities and organisations across Birmingham and the UK providing invaluable support to victims of domestic abuse.

Facilitate a two-tier training programme to cover:

- 'What is a healthy relationship?', to be made available to all professionals working with young people as well as Safeguarding Teams, including elected members as Corporate Parents, to help facilitate early interventions.
- Healthy relationship training in schools to enable young people to recognise unhealthy relationships, understand the complexities of relationships and have a good understanding of strategies they can deploy to successfully address relationship issues."

The meeting ended at 1855 hours.

APPENDIX

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

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022



CITY COUNCIL 6 DECEMBER 2022 WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR AND LEAD MEMBER

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

“Exempt accommodation debate dispensation”

Question:

On what date and time was the Chair of Standards asked for, and on what date and time did he agree to, the granting of dispensation for councillors with a pecuniary interest in exempt accommodation to take part and vote in the November Full Council debate in accordance with the councillor code of conduct and powers granted in part B16.1 i) g) of the constitution granted to Standard Committee and the powers of the Chair to act between meetings?

Answer:

The late receipt of the dispensation request did not afford the time for the Standards Cttee to be convened and or consulted. The Monitoring Officer has the responsibility to ensure that the Council has an effective Code of Conduct and as this motion involved a discussion about potential revisions to the existing Code of Conduct, it was felt necessary, to aid transparency that all Members should have the opportunity to give their views.

Part of this consideration was to remain compliant to the provisions of the Localism Act. As it was not possible for the Monitoring Officer to know the extent of the involvement of members with exempt accommodation, which could trigger an interest and cause potential unbalance of the vote, a dispensation was granted. Despite this, all Elected Members remained free to declare any relevant interests should they have so wished.

The Monitoring Officer will be taking a report to the next meeting of the Standards Committee (the December meeting has been cancelled, and the next meeting will be scheduled for January/February 2023)

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR RICK PAYNE**

“Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Council ballot”

Question:

Please provide a detailed explanation of the issues with the Balsall Heath Neighbourhood Council ballot that result in the poll having to be extended. Please include what happened, why, the number of residents affected and other steps taken beyond extended the deadline to ensure the integrity of the ballot

Answer:

The ballot in Balsall Heath is being conducted under the provisions set out in the Local Government Act 2003 and forms part of the wider consultation on whether the residents in the proposed area support the creation of a new Neighbourhood Council.

Under the provisions of the Act (s116) it is for the Council to determine how the ballot (although to use its correct term under the Act, local poll), is conducted, which includes for example the timetable to be used or whether it's all postal. Whilst the outcome of the ballot is not binding on the Council it is one of the factors it must consider when making its decision on whether to establish a new Neighbourhood Council.

The proposed area for the Neighbourhood Council covers parts of two wards; Balsall Heath West and Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath East.

The data, containing the details of all the residents eligible to vote, was sent to our printers in 5 separate files. They were also advised of the number of files and the number of records there were in total.

Unfortunately, only 2 of the files were processed initially, and this fact was not picked up by either the printers or the proofers. Unfortunately, the proofing was not carried out by a member of the election's office team, who are used to proofing large numbers and different types of ballot papers. Consequently, the usual checks and balances to ensure that every file had been processed and the correct number of ballot papers were dispatched were not undertaken.

This meant that initially only ballot papers for the Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath East part of the proposed Neighbourhood Council were sent ballot papers. This amounted to 4,229 people out of a total electorate of 10,764. When the omission was

discovered (following a handful of people contacting the printer to obtain replacement ballot papers), immediate action was taken to rectify the situation and ballot papers were sent out to all the eligible residents in Balsall Heath West as soon as was practicable (the remaining 6,535 electors).

As acknowledged in the question the deadline was extended to ensure no elector was disadvantaged by the initial delay in ballot papers going out.

The integrity of the ballot has not been affected and as part of that process members of the Election Matters Members Forum (EMMF), which is cross party, were informed and notified of the action to be taken.

Immediate steps were also taken to ensure all information about the ballot and what a neighbourhood Council is, was updated to show the revised deadline by which all ballot papers had to be returned. This included information that was sent with the ballot papers as well as information that could be found online.

The lead community group involved in the Governance Review were also updated as soon as the issue became known and messages were put on the usual social media feeds used by the Council to highlight the deadline to cast votes had been extended until 15th December.

Finally, additional checks and balances have now been put in place to ensure that when the Council holds a ballot/referendum (under the Local Government Act) this error is not repeated.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

“Independent review”

Question:

Will you commit to publishing the 'independent' review into the culture of the Birmingham Council Labour Group that you commissioned following reports of racism and a toxic culture

Answer:

The review is being carried out by the National Labour Party.

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

“Independent review – residents input”

Question:

As part of the 'independent' review into the culture of the Birmingham Council Labour Group you commissioned following reports of racism and a toxic culture, are residents outside of the Labour Party being asked for their views?

Answer:

The review is being carried out by the National Labour Party.

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

“Late mailing”

Question:

Following complaints of residents receiving notification of planning applications, sometimes months late, what assessment has been undertaken to understand the root cause of the issue and if other council areas are affected?

Answer:

Once the issue was identified, Senior officers undertook a systematic review of the consultation process to understand the causes of the issue, how it happened, legal implications and process going forward. This is an isolated issue to the planning service for a period of time to a limited number of users producing consultation letters which has now been resolved.

Following a thorough investigation, the issue effected **752** planning applications. **177** of those were refused, **257** withdrawn (not decided) and **318** were approved. These were predominately Householder applications, for developments such as single storey rear extensions. The individual applicants and their neighbours would have been impacted by this issue.

A number of safeguards have subsequently been put in place to ensure that this does not happen again.

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

'Birchfield Harriers'

Question:

Could the Leader comment on whether the costs incurred by Birchfield Harriers, during works to Alexander Stadium, will be fully reimbursed?

Answer:

Expenditure incurred by Birchfield Harriers during the duration of occupation by the Birmingham 2022 Organising Committee (April – November 2022) is subject to a claim that is currently being progressed with the expectation being that costs will be reimbursed in full.

In addition, Birchfield Harriers were given access to track facilities during the demolition phase of the works programme and as soon as construction commenced were relocated to the nearest athletics track at Wyndley Leisure Centre at the cost of the Council. During this period a clubhouse was maintained for the exclusive use of Birchfield Harriers throughout the works period.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

‘Birchfield Harriers’

Question:

Could the Leader provide details of when Birchfield Harriers will be able to use the main track at Alexander Stadium again?

Answer:

Alexander Stadium was handed back from the Birmingham 2022 Organising Committee on 4th November 2022. Birchfield Harriers were given immediate access to the warm-up track and High Performance Centre to commence their training nights week commencing 7th November.

It has been known for some time that the stadium would immediately go into a reinstatement programme of capital works after the games. Therefore, from 5 November to 1 April 2023 the stadium and west stand was not scheduled to be open to the public or anyone to allow for clear passageway and access to this area by our contractors. This has always been the plan and the warm-up track has been provided to Birchfield Harriers throughout because of this. No offer or expectation to have access to the main stadium has ever been made to Birchfield Harriers during this time.

Track damage following the Commonwealth Games, along with remediation to the main track infield is required prior to any use. In addition, canopy lights need to be installed requiring contractor access on the track whilst these works are undertaken. Works are progressing at pace and it is hoped that daytime access to the track may be made available in the New Year where works have been completed in this area and where it is safe to offer access for athletics. A temporary lighting solution is also being explored so that Birchfield can be relocated to the main track at the earliest opportunity following works.

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

“Ombudsman complaints”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown by service area for how much has been paid to complainants in each of the last 3 years as a result of Ombudsman complaints (Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and Housing Ombudsman)

Answer:

Ombudsmen (LGSCO/HO) Compensatory Awards	Nov 19-Oct 20	Nov 20-Oct 21	Nov 21 - Oct 22	Total Compensation amount
Adults Social Care	£ 3,200	£ 3,600	£ 400	£ 7,200
Birmingham Children's Trust	£ 7,950	£ 9,600	£ 250	£ 17,800
Birmingham Children's Trust & Adults	£ 7,500	£ -	£ -	£ 7,500
Children & Families	£ 13,500	£ 35,025	£ 3,380	£ 51,905
City Housing	£ 13,280	£ 49,348	£ 43,925	£ 106,553
City Operations	£ 16,330	£ 12,550	£ 3,140	£ 32,020
Council Management (Digital and Customer Servs)	£ 1,152	£ 1,100	£ 4,759	£ 7,011
Place, Prosperity and Sustainability	£ 280	£ 225	£ -	£ 505
Grand Total	£ 63,192	£ 111,448	£ 55,854	£ 230,494

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

'Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children'

Question:

Following recent reports of the further increase in unaccompanied asylum-seeking children coming to the UK, could the Cabinet Member confirm how many unaccompanied children have presented themselves to the City setting out if they been housed in hotels or bed and breakfast accommodation in the City?

Answer:

For context the cohort of unaccompanied children and care leavers being supported by the Trust is as follows.

As at 26 th November 2022			
Aged	UASC CiC	Aged	UASC 18+
Aged 12	1	Aged 18	75
Aged 14	1	Aged 19	43
Aged 15	12	Aged 20	66
Aged 16	46	Aged 21	11
Aged 17	68	Aged 22+	11
Total	128	Total	206
Total Cohort	334		

For the period of June to November 2022, the specific 'routes' for unaccompanied children and people being referred to the Trust are as follows,

- a. Trafficking & Exploitation - YP being identified as the victims of trafficking and exploitation, in the main in cannabis cultivation properties who then make a claim of being a child. These YP will then be referred by the police and accommodated if their claimed age is supported.
- b. Adult Dispersal Hotels - The Home Office through the adult asylum dispersal mechanism will place adults in hotel provision in Birmingham. Some of these adults will then with 'advocacy' support make a claim to be a child and then referred to the Trust. If on initial assessment their claimed age is accepted or they need to be accommodated pending the completion of an age assessment, they will be accommodated by the Trust.
- c. National Transfer Scheme (NTS) - The Home Office have mandated the National Transfer Scheme of dispersing children from the port of Kent and other accommodation to all local authorities. In using a specific formula of number and cycles, the Trust will have to accommodate the allocated number.
- d. Spontaneous Arrival - Several YP will present themselves as unaccompanied mainly at police stations with a claimed age of being a child. They too will be referred to the Trust and accommodated if on initial assessment their claimed age is accepted, or they need to be accommodated pending the completion of an age assessment, they will be accommodated.

An overview of this is as follows:

UASC Referral Overview	TOTAL	Accommodated	Age Assessments to be undertaken
Jun-22	10	8	3
Jul-22	7	7	3
Aug-22	9	8	2
Sep-22	19	18	9
Oct-22	19	16	15
Nov-22	18	17	14
Total	82	74	46

Once accommodated by the Trust no child is placed in either hotel or bed and breakfast accommodation. All young people aged 16-17 are placed in supported accommodation and those under 16 placed in a foster placement.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

‘OFSTED Results’

Question:

With reports that most of the ‘outstanding’ schools inspected last year have been downgraded by Ofsted, could the Cabinet Member confirm how many schools this affects in the City, as well as providing details of their new ratings?

Answer:

In the three years since January 2020, 116 Birmingham schools have been inspected, of which **16** were previously rated Outstanding by OfSTED. Of these:

- Three schools remained rated Outstanding;
 - o King Edward VI Aston School (academy)
 - o King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls (academy)
 - o Brearley Nursery School (LA maintained nursery school). Brearley’s previous inspection was a Short Inspection
- Four schools received a Short Inspection only and remained Outstanding;
 - o English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School (voluntary aided school)
 - o King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys (academy)
 - o Parkfield Community School (community school)
 - o Brays School (academy)
- Four schools’ ratings dropped from Outstanding to Good;
 - o St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School (voluntary aided school)
 - o St Teresa's Catholic Primary School (voluntary aided school)
 - o Holyhead School (academy)
 - o Fox Hollies School and Performing Arts College (foundation school). Fox Hollies previous inspection was a Short Inspection

- Five schools' ratings dropped from Outstanding to Requires Improvement;
 - o Ark St Alban's Academy (academy)
 - o Greet Primary School (academy)
 - o King Edward VI Lordswood School for Girls (academy)
 - o Allens Croft Nursery School (LA maintained nursery school)
 - o Cherry Oak School (community school). The previous inspections at Allens Croft Nursery and Cherry Oak were Short Inspections.

Of the 16 published inspections listed above all but the highlighted four took place in the last year, as there was a hiatus in OfSTED inspections for considerable periods during 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID19 pandemic.

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D - NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED

E1

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

“GRIME WATCH”

Question:

Since it was raised at the last cabinet meeting, the council has finally launched a second episode of 'Grime Watch', 8 months after the first was released before the local elections. What frequency is planned going forward?

Answer:

As a point of clarification, the second episode of Grime Watch was in the advanced stages of production before the question at the recent council meeting.

The production of an episode has to pass through several stages, as per the CCTV usage policy that was approved prior to Episode One in the spring. Resourcing meant there was a longer than anticipated period between the first two episodes but going forward we anticipate the frequency increasing, but it will ultimately depend upon having footage of cases that pass the various thresholds laid out within the CCTV policy. Also, cases will be shown on episodes of Grime Watch when all other avenues to identify a culprit have been exhausted.

E2

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY

“Missed Collections feedback forms”

Question:

In each month since it was introduced, how many missed collection feedback forms were emailed to those who reported a missed collection and of those what number were returned and what number reported that their bin had been collected ahead of the next scheduled collection

Answer:

The missed collection feedback form was introduced at the end of November 2021. The link to the form is emailed to every citizen who reports a missed collection via the website or contact centre (providing an email address is given to the agent). The email is sent on the date that the next collection is due.

We do not have the exact number of links to the feedback form that have been emailed, however we have provided the number of missed collections that have been reported in each month below.

Note that the month of responses relates to the month that missed collection was reported, rather than the date of completion of the feedback form. For example, if a missed collection was reported in January and a feedback form was completed for that missed collection, it is also included in the data for January, regardless of the month it was actually completed.

Month of reporting missed collection	Number of residual, recycling and garden missed collections reported	Number of responses to missed collection report feedback form
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2021		
Nov	10341	1143
Dec	7502	2725
2022		
Jan	8520	2814
Feb	6324	2159
Mar	13425	4669
Apr	6866	2145
May	4885	1524
Jun	6640	2313
Jul	7911	2554
Aug	9439	2976
Sep	5753	1786
Oct	4399	1521
Nov (to 27th)	4455	926

Since its implementation, every missed bin reported will have had the feedback form link sent to the citizen via email.

However, please be aware that if the citizen doesn't provide a valid email address the form will send the link to that email address. This is the case for both online and Contact Centre.

Should a citizen refuse to give their email address or does not have an email address, the Contact Centre will simply enter madeup@madeup.com so they can complete the missed bin reporting.

E3

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

“Action Plan to address Ombudsman concerns”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the 'comprehensive action plan' drawn up in response to the recent Ombudsman findings into 3 complaints of problems with assisted collections (Ombudsman ref 22 002 457), including how the failing in corporate leadership highlighted by the Ombudsman are being addressed

Answer:

At time of reporting it was established via the depot that the side of Citizens property is not a traditional assisted collection storage point which would normally be near to a resident's front door. The crews reported that side of the property is very narrow and manoeuvring bins is difficult, however, the depot/crews now understand and accept Citizen's preference is to present her bins at the side and for them to be put back there once emptied.

Subsequent action implemented in the event of complaint

Monitoring was carried out by an Assistant Service Manager visiting the road on scheduled collection days to check and verify bin(s) have been emptied and duly returned to the agreed storage point. Preference is to present her bins at the side and for them to be put back there once emptied.

The depot advised going forward, relief crews who cover for holidays, sickness and other absences will be fully briefed regarding Citizens assisted collection status and preference to leave her bins at the side of her property as an ad hoc arrangement.

- Citizen has since been awarded compensation to the amount of £100

- Monitoring was set up and implemented from the period of 31st March 2022 to 19th May 2022 specifically for the purpose of ensuring checks and verification that bins were being returned to the storage point.
- Real-time feedback from Depot as of today - 30/11/2022. Crews have continued to adhere to ad hoc preference of collection point and report of no issues re accessing bin. This feedback correlates with the fact that no further complaints have been received from the address in relation to the original complaint.

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

“Missed collections and reported missed collections”

Question:

How many bin collections (broken down by type and ward) does the council know to have missed between 1 January 2022 and 25 November 2022 and in the same time period how many were reported as missed by residents?

Answer:

Please see the table below.

Data for missed collections reported by residents is the period between 1/1/22-25/11/22. It does not include reports about missed large shared containers at flats and apartments.

The number of properties on roads that are reported as dropped excludes most of January 2022 as depots only began recording this information centrally in the range between the end of January and beginning of February (depending on the depot). There are several points to note with this data set:

- If a whole street is reported as being dropped, then every property is included in the data set. However, not every property would actually present their bin for collection, so these would not actually be missed collections. Typically, bin set out rates are around 85% depending on the area of the city and service. Reasons for these non-presented bins include: not requiring a weekly residual collection, not recycling, being away from the property and the property being vacant.

- Where the crew have reported a road as being partly dropped then half the property count of the street has been used in the absence of an actual number.
- While every effort has been made to maintain an accurate data set, dropped roads are not always reported accurately and are occasionally under reported. This is mainly due to the manual method of compiling the data. We are currently rolling out tablets to all residual, recycling and garden waste vehicles and this digital technology will ensure that we have accurate digital records. This will be fully implemented by the end of 2022.

	Missed collections reported by residents		Number of properties on roads reported as dropped by crews - see notes	
	Recycling	Residual	Recycling	Residual
Acocks Green	281	990	1955	7078
Allens Cross	181	392	920	62
Alum Rock	270	1117	2338	7853
Aston	270	689	6100	9532
Balsall Heath West	226	293	682	394
Bartley Green	431	1041	360	1233
Billesley	364	623	1285	636
Birchfield	163	411	2457	10473
Bordesley & Highgate	180	331	811	4477

Bordesley Green	177	326	4718	8319
Bournbrook & Selly Park	270	366	291	608
Bournville & Cotteridge	285	342	42	83
Brandwood & Kings Heath	391	457	1438	1025
Bromford & Hodge Hill	563	722	5571	1188 3
Castle Vale	353	624	4021	8124
Druids Heath & Monyhull	128	266	18	37
Edgbaston	335	466	108	259
Erdington	775	1509	8128	2117 7
Frankley Great Park	194	592	1	258
Garretts Green	296	649	2606	8063
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	578	1295	3480	7254
Gravelly Hill	217	492	3678	1049 1
Hall Green North	316	1037	1989	5022
Hall Green South	328	473	476	3444
Handsworth	138	379	2659	1025 1
Handsworth Wood	433	712	2648	1771 8
Harborne	631	785	1827	891
Heartlands	143	415	985	2785
Highters Heath	138	424	43	32
Holyhead	177	406	1415	1215 7

Kings Norton North	123	450	0	739
Kings Norton South	151	451	0	122
Kingstanding	753	1681	7262	2298 5
Ladywood	184	216	2186	4251
Longbridge & West Heath	366	623	68	32
Lozells	94	290	2759	5059
Moseley	200	800	502	4001
Nechells	109	315	1675	4043
Newtown	62	184	684	5231
North Edgbaston	563	889	4444	7160
Northfield	182	289	0	113
Oscott	706	1766	6481	2241 8
Perry Barr	418	1497	5981	2690 0
Perry Common	356	767	3435	1137 3
Pype Hayes	286	1002	4555	1787 3
Quinton	549	819	2505	420
Rubery & Rednal	161	311	84	110
Shard End	303	806	2702	8598
Sheldon	579	994	5099	4470
Small Heath	104	527	644	5740
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	256	495	3434	1034 2

South Yardley	240	620	2860	4085
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	171	539	585	2736
Sparkhill	176	530	1548	1439
Stirchley	117	295	196	214
Stockland Green	409	1213	5890	2683 1
Sutton Four Oaks	903	974	8335	1306 4
Sutton Mere Green	507	1038	4944	1462 8
Sutton Reddicap	346	1028	3866	1579 8
Sutton Roughley	513	959	4374	1120 4
Sutton Trinity	668	1015	6640	1349 0
Sutton Vesey	945	1876	7455	2083 5
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	725	1186	6353	1414 7
Sutton Wylde Green	319	869	1989	1167 5
Tyseley & Hay Mills	165	507	1063	4634
Ward End	128	667	1305	5294
Weoley & Selly Oak	400	813	0	231
Yardley East	237	592	1840	3806
Yardley West & Stechford	189	727	1118	6275

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

‘Grime Watch’

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide details of the cost so far of producing the one ‘Grime Watch’ video, reporting the number of perpetrators identified via (a) the ‘Grime Watch’ video and (b) Council CCTV cameras?

Answer:

(a) – The recently published episode of Grime Watch was done at no extra cost beyond the time of officers who worked on this as part of their business as usual Bold Green Birmingham communications activity.

(b) – CCTV can play a role at various points in an investigation. Cases will be shown on episodes of Grime Watch when all other avenues to identify a culprit have been exhausted, which means the camera may have achieved a positive result much earlier in the investigatory cycle of a given case.

In which case I can confirm that the number of perpetrators identified via the Grimewatch videos is zero. For the number of perpetrators identified via Council CCTV cameras, I’m afraid it’s not possible to provide these stats as this is not directly tracked and it would require a resource-intensive data trawl to retrieve the requested information. However, in more general terms, I can confirm that the CCTV has identified zero perpetrators who have committed a fly-tipping offence on-foot. Where perpetrators have deposited waste from a vehicle and the CCTV has successfully captured a registration plate, this frequently precipitates an identification of the offender, by means of a Statutory Demand for Information being issued to the

registered keeper, requiring them to provide details of the driver at the time/date the offence occurred. Where the registered keepers fail to provide driver details, the legislation permits for the person in control of the vehicle to be prosecuted for the fly-tipping offence, even if they were not the person who deposited the waste.

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

‘Mobile Household Recycling Centre’

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide daily details of tonnage collected from MHRC during October and November by depot, providing details of the wards visited each day?

Answer:

Please see the attached.



CCQ - October 2022
Data.xlsx

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

‘Compensation’

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give details of how many Ombudsman claims have been received from residents seeking compensation for their poor waste collections, setting out how much has been paid out in claims over the last 3 years, split by ward?

Answer:

In the last three full years, the Council received 103 Ombudsman complaints relating to waste. These resulted in total compensatory awards of £8,090, and individual amounts by year and BCC Ward can be identified as follows:

	Total Compensation amount
Nov 2019 - Oct 20	2,450
Castle Vale	100

Hall Green North	300
Harborne	100
Kingstanding	100
Ladywood	200
Longbridge & West Heath	100
Moseley	300
Sutton Wylde Green	300
Unknown	950
Nov 2020 - Oct 21	2,740
Bartley Green	200
Castle Vale	100
Edgbaston	340
Handsworth Wood	100
Harborne	300
Holyhead	100
Ladywood	100
Perry Barr	100

Quinton	100
South Yardley	200
Sutton Wylde Green	300
Unknown	650
Ward End	150
Nov 2021 - Oct 22	2,900
Aston	650
Bournbrook & Selly Park	100
Frankley Great Park	200
Ladywood	100
Northfield	500
Perry Barr	150
Perry Common	200
Pype Hayes	100
Quinton	300
Sparkhill	200
Unknown	400

Grand Total	8,090
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Please note that the above table includes all complaints concerning waste and/or refuse collection and as such may include limited matters not directly related to residential waste collections.

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

'Love Your Environment'

Question:

Although each City ward is scheduled to have a 'deep clean' under the new Love Your Environment initiative, I am aware 15 wards have been identified as 'priority' and given extra resources. Can the Cabinet Member confirm which wards this will affect?

Answer:

Top 15 Wards highlighted within the monthly performance indicators that are High in Litter and Dumping.

1. Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath (Redfern)
2. Soho & Jewellery Quarter (Perry Barr)
3. Alum Rock (Redfern)
4. Bordesley Green (Redfern)
5. Holyhead (Perry Barr)
6. Bromford & Hodge Hill (Redfern)
7. Small Heath (Redfern)
8. Aston (Perry Barr)
9. Handsworth (Perry Barr)
10. North Edgbaston (Lifford)
11. Sparkhill (Redfern)
12. Balsall Heath West (Redfern)
13. Glebe Farm & Tile Cross (Redfern)
14. Ward End (Redfern)
15. Moseley (Lifford)

Other wards will get LYE 1 – 2 per year subject to resource availability.

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

‘CCTV for Fly Tipping’

Question:

Further to the written question I asked at last month’s Council meeting regarding mobile CCTV and the number of prosecutions brought against fly tippers (question E5), for the last five years could the Cabinet Member give details of (a) the number of prosecutions that have been brought (b) the number of fly tippers that have been processed (c) the total amount of monies which have been raised as a result of prosecutions and (d) the wards in which successful prosecutions have been made?

Answer:

The below tables provide details of the number of cases taken through Court.

The information concerning the wards where the offences took place would require officers to go individually into each of the case files to determine the locations. This would be prohibitively resource intensive. The number of prosecutions is also reported to Licensing and Public Protection Committee on a monthly basis.

CASES FINALISED BY LEGISLATION 2017/18

LEGISLATION	CASES	OFFENCES	FINES	COSTS AWARDED	OTHER PENALTY
Environmental Protection Act 1990					
Section 33* (Flytipping)	43	72	£51,927	£38,701	12mth community order, 80hrs unpaid work, 8mths imprisonment suspended, 200hrs community work, disqualified from driving for 12mths
Section 34 (Duty of Care)	25	43	£22,346	£17,066	27mth Conditional Discharge

* includes 6 Sec 34 offences, 3 sec 71 offences, 3 scrap metal offences

CASES FINALISED BY LEGISLATION 2018/19

LEGISLATION	CASES	OFFENCES	FINES	COSTS AWARDED	OTHER PENALTY
Environmental Protection Act 1990					
Section 33** (Flytipping)	58	126	£72,045	£40,179	9mths imprisonment suspended for 2yrs, 12mths disqualification, 6 penalty points, 12mth community order, 430hrs unpaid work, 18 mths cond dis
Section 34 (Duty of Care)	72	91	£49,399	£45,737	6 mth cond dis

** includes 8 x sec 71 offences, 27 x sec 34 offences, 3 x EA sec 110 offences, 1 x RTA sec 143 offence, 1 x RTA sec 87 offence, 1 scrap metal dealer offence

CASES FINALISED BY LEGISLATION 2019/20

LEGISLATION	CASES	OFFENCES	FINES	COSTS AWARDED	OTHER PENALTY
Environmental Protection Act 1990					
Section 33*** (Flytipping)	35	60	£104,657	£27,138	5 mths imprisonment
Section 34**** (Duty of Care)	52	63	£22,326	£20,834	15mth conditional discharge, absolute discharge

***includes 8 sec 34 offences, 3 sec 71 offence, 4 road traffic offences

**** includes 7 sec 110 ea offence

CASES FINALISED BY LEGISLATION 2020/21

LEGISLATION	CASES	OFFENCES	FINES	COSTS AWARDED	OTHER PENALTY
Environmental Protection Act 1990					
Section 33***** (Flytipping)	16	55	£31,512	£10,683	48mth conditional discharge, 13mths imprisonment, 12mth community order & 60hrs unpaid work

***** includes 1 sec 71 offence

CASES FINALISED BY LEGISLATION 2021/22

LEGISLATION	CASES	OFFENCES	FINES	COSTS AWARDED	OTHER PENALTY
Environmental Protection Act 1990					
Section 33***** (Flytipping)	35	57	£19,312	£19,967	Absolute Discharge, 18mth imprisonment suspended 18ths, 15 rehabilitation, 4 mth tag, 12 mth community order, 100 hrs community service
Section 34 (Duty of Care)	2	2	£500	£585	

***** includes 6 sec 71 offence, 2 sec 34, 1 Fraud Act

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

‘Love Your streets initiative:

Question:

Can I thank the cabinet member for consulting ward members about actions to be undertaken during the Love Your Streets day in Perry Barr ward on 23 November. Having submitted a significant list of roads needing leaf and gutter clearance, I have had no feedback about what work was undertaken. The following day the city was subject to heavy rain, which I understand amounted to half an inch in an hour, leaving to further accumulation of leaves in drains and significant flooding near events in at least two neighbourhoods. Could the cabinet member report on what work was done?

Answer:

On the Love Your Environment Day for Perry Barr the crews were litter picking, removing dumping and collecting dumped fridges across the ward. Please see below:

PERRY BARR DUMPING CREW 0.52 TONS, 2 MATTRESSES, 4 CHAIRS, 1 WARDROBE, 85 BAGS OF RUBBISH.

PERRY BARR DEEP CLEAN 0.48 TONS, 35 BAGS OF LITTER, RUG, PAINT TUBS, CUPBOARD, LARGE BUILDERS' BAGS OF GENERAL WASTE.

PERRY BARR LYS CREW 22 BAGS OF LITTER, TV STAND, 3 FRIDGES, CABLEWIRE, TV, 0.42 TON OF WASTE



SSLYE Perry Barr
Dumping Crew.pdf



SSLYE Perry Barr
Litter.pdf

Perry Barr	23.11.22
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Crew	Tonnage
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LYS crew Perry Barr	0.42
Deep Cleaning Crew Monty	0.54
Deep Cleaning Crew Perry Barr	0.48
Dumping Crew 1 Perry Barr	0.52
Dumping Crew Monty	1.54
MHRC Derrydown Road B42 1RZ	4.14
Parks	0.20
Total	7.84
Bed Bases	4
Builders Bags	5
Chairs	4
Cupboard	1
Doors	5
Fridges	3
Graffiti Tags Removed	36

Litter Bags Removed	260
Mattresses	5
Paint Tubs	15
Rugs	1
Sofas	2
TV Stand	1
Wardrobes	1
Wooden Pallets	71

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

‘Climate Emergency’

Question:

Does he agree that the demolition (as opposed to a retrofit) of the 1960’s Ringway Centre in Smallbrook Queensway is incompatible with the 2019 Declaration by this Council of a Climate Emergency?

Answer:

As this is a live planning application I cannot comment at this stage.

The application will go to Planning Committee in the New Year and I’m sure that the issue you raise will be discussed there.

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

“Spending controls”

Question:

Please list all 'rigorous spending controls' introduced in July 2022 to mitigate the risk of a £44.6m overspend this financial year, as referenced in the financial monitoring report to Cabinet on 8 November (paragraph 4.2)

Answer:

We reported the return to rigorous spend controls as part of the Quarter 2 financial monitoring report to Cabinet on 7 November and in a presentation to Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 17 November.

As Members will know, we are constantly horizon scanning and alert to changes in rising costs and pressures on our budget. The introduction of the spend controls first put in place in November 2021 (and continuing this year), being an example which we saw work at the end of the last financial year.

We continue to recognise that there are a number of risks to balancing the budget. These risks must all be carefully gripped and managed at pace and offset by opportunities to make savings. We have returned to rigorous spend controls focusing on staffing, facilities management, and procurement. We continue to undertake due diligence around the value of risks identified. We will continue to report progress against these rigorous spend controls as part of the monthly reporting to Cabinet and Resources OSC.

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CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

“Statutory interest”

Question:

Since 1 April 2022, how much in statutory interest has been paid, or is still owed by the council for invoices not paid within the 30 days allowed within Public Contract Regulations

Answer:

Payments information in respect of statutory interest charges related to invoices that are not paid within 30 days is not collected at a level of detail to answer this question fully. Where charges have been made/paid these are recorded within the ledger alongside the original invoice.

We are aware of two charges incurred for the late payment of energy invoices totalling £3,135.36. A process is now in place to avoid this occurring in the future.

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

“Court action for non-payment of invoices”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of cost to the Council of each the 15 court actions identified in answers to November written questions as having been undertaken since the roll out of Oracle for the non-payment of invoices, including whether they reached court or were settled out of court before a hearing?

Answer:

This matter was paid as Ordered by the Court; however, the summary judgement is currently being contested as such this amount could be reduced/deleted

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR KERRY BREWER**

“Awards dinners”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of council spend on tickets or sponsorship to awards dinners in each of the last 5 years, broken down by event

Answer:

Unfortunately, we do not hold data at that level of information across the Council.

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CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

“Oracle direct debits”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the action plan (or extract from wider action plan) agreed prior to the roll out of Oracle for dealing with invoices due to the council, including the decision to pause direct debits, along with any updates to that plan post roll out to adjust to issues that arose

Answer:

1. The plan from SAP to the new financial system Oracle was to continue creating invoices using manual processes whilst working on Interfaces after go live, which at the time was not deemed as high risk. After go live some of the invoice interfaces did take a little longer to work, so we continued with the contingency manual invoicing processes. We will need to get the latest cut over plan from the project and forward it on to you.
2. We did not actually pause all Directs Debit runs in 2022. There were a few issues with regards to making sure that we did not put anyone into a position of hardship, but we continued to take direct debits manually with a pause between September and October. We paused because we have moved to a semi-automated Direct Debit run which collects monies from residents/customers every Tuesday and Thursday. As at 28th November 2022 we have collected 6,416 direct debits totalling £74.7m.

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

“Treasury investments”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the banks, building societies and funds that the council has used for treasury investments in the last 3 years, including the amount deposited in each

Answer:

The Council uses ‘Treasury Investments’ to manage cash flows in a liquid and secure manner. It doesn’t use Treasury Investments seeking a return, in line with the current Treasury Management Policy.

The table below lists the investment counterparties that the Council has used for its treasury investments in the past three years.

The total deposits made in each investment counterparty for the whole year are the sum of all deposits made in the year in a number of transactions. Deposits and withdrawals are made on almost on a daily basis.

At any one time, the Council does not currently deposit more than £40m in each Money Market Fund and £15m in each Bank call account, based on the investment limits set as part of the Council’s Treasury Management Policy.

			2020/21		2021/22		2022/23	
			Closing balance		Closing balance		Total in year	
			2020/21		2021/22		2022/23	
			Opening balance at 29 Nov 2020		Opening balance at 29 Nov 2021		Closing balance at 29 Nov 2022	
			£		£		£	
			37,380,000	8,000,000	1,000,000	12,150,364	24,400,000	5,035,271
			18,000,000		0		0	0
			14,500,000	14,613,237	1,036,000	14,998,603	22,118,000	2,121,668
			0	0	21,000,000	11,400,000	15,000,000	
			341,700,000	40,000,000	523,500,000	0	111,500,000	27,500,000
			116,000,000	25,000,000	341,800,000	0	38,000,000	0
						0	111,500,000	
			152,000,000	40,000,000	3,500,000	33,800,000	253,200,000	5,000,000
			421,500,000	34,000,000	14,290,000	0	444,500,000	31,200,000
			353,400,000	32,000,000	359,500,000	0	186,000,000	4,000,000
			287,000,000		58,000,000			0
			479,400,000					
					0		91,500,000	
			241,500,000		30,000,000			
			2,805,500,000		1,293,000,000	74,000,000	607,000,000	
			0		84,837,597	0	0	
			0	0	40,748,556	0	0	0

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE**

“Oracle custom reports”

Question:

Since 1 April, how many days have custom reports on Oracle been unavailable for officers to use?

Answer:

Custom reports have been available for all staff since go-live in April. Due to an identified security risk, access to reports was removed on 1st November 2022. A temporary workaround was implemented within a few days and as of today, we have 250+ BCC and BCT subject matter experts who have access to those reports.

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

“Remote printers”

Question:

How much has the Council spent on 'remote printers' for the purposes of home working?

Answer:

The total amount spent since 2020 is: £29,087.

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

“Away days”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of money spent on employee 'away days' in each of the last 5 years, split by service area.

Answer:

For clarity; the Corporate Leadership Team aspect forms part of a leadership development programme that runs over a time period to ensure that the top team are positioned to deliver the corporate plan recognising delivery has been an issue in the past here at BCC.

Some of the below costs are associated with BCC buildings to enable us to keep costs in house.

Service	Costs
Finance	£1624.00
Leaal & Governance	£9 360.00
Audit & Risk	None
Human Resources	£1 349.00
Procurement	None
Adults	£505.30
Customer Services	£3 433.75
Public Health	£15.708
Strateav Eauality & Partnerships	£7 598
Place Prosperity, and Sustainability	£23 176.96
PPI Divisional Awav Dav	£339.50
City Housing	£595.95
Partnerships. Insiaht and Prevention	£2097.00
City Operations	£1 754.60
CLT Awav Dava	£36.780.00
Children's & Families	£882.78

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

“Budget task and finish groups”

Question:

How much is being paid to PwC for support with the ‘task and finish groups’ set up to work on closing the budget gap and what procurement route was followed to award this work?

Answer:

The estimated total value for this contract with PwC is £140,600 (plus expenses up to 3% of this fee), total fee £144, 818 exclusive VAT. The 3% for expenses is calculated in accordance with the relevant rates specified as a part of the ESPO Consultancy Services Framework and the contract runs for 3 months from 20th October 2022. The award report allows for additional /extended work to cap of £170k. The ESPO Consultancy Services Framework 664_21 via Lot 1 – Business Services, was used for this procurement route. This framework was considered the best option due to timescales of having a supplier in place to provide the services.

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

“Budget position by service”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the budget position for each service, at the level of head of service as of the date of the latest monitoring report. Please note this is the level of granularity below the headline figures in the cabinet monitoring report.

Answer:

This information is not in the public domain, reporting is done at a higher level

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

“Invoices for Care Costs”

Question:

In response to question G1 from the November Council meeting, you promised to provide an answer as soon as possible. As of the date of the written question deadline for this month, no answer has yet been received. Please can you provide an answer to the question, repeated below

In each month since April 2022, how many service user who pay in part or in full for their care have not been invoiced on time by the council for these costs and what is the total and average amount owed from this backlog as of today?

Answer:

My apologies to Cllr Bennett for not having provided this information in time for the last Council meeting, nor before this meeting. Officers were keen to provide as detailed a response as possible to the questions Cllr Bennett raised, and I hope the answer below addresses that.

Q1: In each month since April 2022, how many service users who pay in part or in full for their care have not been invoiced on time by the council?

Residential

Average of 2939 clients, delayed by 2 months on average

Non-Residential

Average of 3232 clients delayed by average of 3 months

Based on Analysis below

Q2: What is the total and average amount owed from this backlog as of today?

The total and average amount owed from the delayed invoicing is as follows;
Total delayed invoicing as @ Oct 2022 £3.8 million across Residential & Non-Residential

Total Residential Debt = £2.9 million / Clients 2887

Residential average debt owed is £1019.00

Total Non-Residential Debt = 959k / Clients 3411

Non-Residential average debt owed is £281.00

We are sending out invoices to customers, including a narrative with regards to the repayments of any amounts owed. We are very conscious about the cost of living crisis, and we will continue to work to avoid any customers being in a position of hardship.

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

“Unsuitable housing”

Question:

How many council tenants are currently being housed in accommodation the council has itself deemed to be unsuitable?

Answer:

There are many factors in which council tenants require more suitable accommodation, including for example, due to under occupancy, overcrowding, medical and/or disability reasons. There are 4710 (5%) of council tenants currently registered for a housing transfer with a recognised housing need.

Birmingham City Council does not consider any of its let accommodation to be unsuitable for council tenants due to current disrepair.

We recognise the need to continuously invest in our homes to ensure decent and safe accommodation and will spend £93 million this year on capital improvements.

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

“Property acquisition programme”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of current spend to date of the £60m property acquisition programme approved by Cabinet in February 2022, included the total number of properties bought by ward, existing use, housing type, total number of bedrooms and number of people rehoused in purchased properties (split between temporary housing and social housing)

Answer

The Council undertook a competitive procurement exercise (March – May 2022) to appoint a provider to support the acquisition of the properties. The programme started in June 2022 with the first set of completions started in October 2022.

The table below provides a breakdown of spend to date by month, with the projected purchases by December 2022.

	Properties	Spend	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	6 Bed
October Purchases	5	£ 1,303,042	3	0	2	0
November Purchases	10	£ 2,580,845	6	3	0	1
December Expected	6	£ 1,737,518	3	2	1	0
Total	21	£ 5,621,405	12	5	3	1

21 properties have been purchased to date.

The table includes a breakdown of the size of homes by number of bedrooms. All purchases are traditional build, residential houses over two or three floors.

These properties are to provide emergency temporary accommodation for families. The plan is they will convert to social housing at a future date, once the level of demand for emergency accommodation reduces.

The table overleaf shows the total number of properties bought by ward:

Ward	Purchases
Pype Hayes	3
Perry Common	2
Stockland Green	2
Erdington	2
Kingstanding	2
Sutton Vesey	1
King's Norton North	1
Kings Norton South	1
Weoley & Selly Oak	1
Sutton Roughley	1
Bromford & Hodge Hill	1
Ward End	1
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	1
Gravelly Hill	1
Oscott	1
Total	21

Currently no families have moved into the properties, pending completion of preparing the properties.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL

“Decent Homes – key components”

Question:

What proportion of council homes have one or more key components that are old and, because of their condition need replacing or major repair?

Answer:

15.6 % of council homes have one or more key components that are old and, because of their condition need replacing or major repair.

We recognise the need to continuously invest in our homes to ensure decent and safe accommodation and will spend £93 million this year on capital improvements.

A recent bid for £23m of grant funding through the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund has been submitted, committing the Council to over £90m investment from our own budgets.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE

“Decent Homes – Category 1 Hazards”

Question:

What proportion of council homes have a category 1 hazard as defined by the Housing Health and Safety Rating System

Answer:

There are currently no council homes with a category 1 hazards that either officers and the contractors are aware of, as defined by the Housing Health and Safety Rating System.

If a category 1 hazard is identified and an order raised, the repairs contractors attend and resolve within the prescribed service level agreement.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES

“EPC ratings council homes”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the EPC rating of council homes including the number of properties within each rating category

Answer:

EPC (Energy Performance Certificates) were not required by law until 1st October 2008, when they were required for all new tenancies only.

The council’s strategy for obtaining EPCs was initially focussed on new tenancies to comply with this statutory requirement, however since then, EPC surveys are also undertaken on Stock Condition Surveys.

We currently hold physical EPC survey data for 13,110 of our properties, as detailed below:

Birmingham City Council Property EPC Breakdown	
A	2
B	137
C	4012
D	5826
E	2315
F	714
G	104
Grand Total	13110

Based on extrapolated data, 68% of our social housing properties have an EPC rating of EPC D or below. This is typical of the housing sector generally, with the UK average EPC rating of all tenures being D across the UK.

Acivico have been commissioned to complete a sample of EPC surveys and will increase the volume of data held.

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

“Council tower blocks”

Question:

For each council owned tower block that previously had a concierge service, please provide a breakdown of problems reported since their removal, including reports of fly tipping, litter, graffiti, ASB, and criminal damage

Answer:

Since the removal of the concierge service in 2013 a night-time and weekend security service has been in operation in 88 tower blocks. This includes camera door entry system monitoring and 3 physical patrols per week in each block.

On site caretaking services continue to be delivered.

Fly Tipping and Litter

The onsite presence of caretakers in all tower blocks ensures the swift removal of all rubbish/litter from communal areas.

There has been an average report of 2 instances of fly tipping in each block so far this year.

Instances of fly tipping prior to this year were recorded differently and no comparable data is available.

Communal Repairs

There has been an increase of 10% of communal repair requests comparing the years 2013-2015 to 2019-2021.

These repairs include graffiti removal.

Years	Total Communal Repairs
2013 - 2015	11,287
2019 - 2021	12,491
Variance	1,204 +

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

There is no comparable data for ASB prior to the year 2019.

The table below records all instances of all ASB. This includes reports of domestic abuse.

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total	160	271	219	205

The forthcoming Assets Management Strategy will consider data intelligence within tower blocks and inform future service priorities.

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

“Damp and mould complaints”

Question:

In each of the last 5 years, how many complaints\reports have the council received on damp and\or mould in council properties?

Answer:

In the last 5 years, the Council received 15,130 reports regarding damp and mould.

Cases that are more serious often require further visits and multiple treatments before they are rectified.

Financial Year	Total	Rectified in one visit	Multiple Treatments
2017-18	3126	69%	31%
2018-19	3130	76%	24%
2019-20	2659	72%	28%
2020-21	3211	73%	27%
2021-22	3004 (to date)	77%	23%

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

“Damp and mould repairs”

Question:

In each of the last 5 years, how many repairs have the council made to address damp and/or mould in council properties, split between temporary repairs (e.g. painting over damp/mould patches) and work to address root causes of damp

Answer:

In the last 5 years, the Council received 15,130 reports regarding damp and mould out of a total of 60,000 properties. This equates to instances of damp and/or mould in 5% (3000) of homes each year.

Repairs more serious often require further visits and multiple treatments before they are rectified.

Financial Year	Total	Resolved at First Visit	Further visits required
2017-18	3126	69%	31%
2018-19	3130	76%	24%
2019-20	2659	72%	28%
2020-21	3211	77%	23%
2021-22	3004 (to date)	73%	27%

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU

“Decent Homes – damp or mould”

Question:

What proportion of council homes have been assessed as failing the decent homes standard for reasons of damp and/or mould?

Answer:

There are no council homes failing the decent homes standard for category 1 hazards due to damp and/or mould.

Any category 1 hazards identified are immediately rectified and would not therefore fail the decent home standard.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR IZZY KNOWLES

‘Council Owned Hostels and Temporary Accommodation’

Question:

Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods - What is the procedure whereby Birmingham City Council carry out inspections on council owned hostels and temporary accommodation. Please confirm; (a) How often do inspections take place (b) What is the criteria for those inspections. (c) Who carries out the inspections and (d) Where are the results of the inspections published?

Answer:

The inspection process varies depending upon the type of temporary accommodation council owns.

a. How often do inspections take place?

All self-contained temporary accommodation (Dispersed Temporary Accommodation) the property is inspected as part of the void process i.e. when vacant, and again at letting. Households can request a visit/inspection at any time after this.

Homeless Centres (hostels) have staff on site 24hrs a day. This includes very regular engagement with residents and their properties. Rooms are inspected on a daily basis and buildings on a weekly basis.

b. What is the criteria for those inspections?

The Housing Health and Safety Ratings (HHSRS) are the criteria applied. These include the 29 hazards.

c. Who carries out the inspections?

Contract Works Officers carry out the void inspections in Dispersed Temporary Accommodation. Housing Solutions Officers carry out inspections in Homeless Centres. All are Housing Health and Safety Ratings (HHSRS) certified and carry out inspections in line with the Housing Act 2004.

d. Where are the results of the inspections published?

The results of the inspections are for internal management purposes to ensure accommodation is fit.

The inspections are not published.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

“PWC Ukraine database”

Question:

Please provide a list of all the functionality and data sources the £330k database developed by PWC for the Homes for Ukraine scheme offers that the Government's mandated and free 'Foundry' case management system does not

Answer:

The Foundry case management system which is owned by Central Government contains some initial personal details of each Sponsor and Ukrainian visa applicant (full name, address and contact number). This information is downloaded into Birmingham's Refugee Resettlement Solution (the database developed by PWC).

The sponsor personal details are then validated, and the guest information is also confirmed. There are at times inaccuracies with the information relating to guests and sponsor pairings so this data is 'cleansed' at a local level. Approximately 50% of the data can contain inaccuracies relating to the guest. Therefore, we build our information from the sponsor and this is then reported back into Foundry

The Foundry data is then built upon by adding the following additional data sources:

- **Sponsor household info** – personal details are obtained of other members of the sponsor household to support the Disclosure and Barring Checks (DBS) process. This helps to identify if there are children residing in the hosted accommodation, which is part of what informs the level of check that will to be done (basic or enhanced)
- **Enhancement of guest information** – further contact details are captured, for example email addresses and also the estimated and actual date of arrival of the guest into the sponsor household. There is also a section to record any disclosed current medical information.
- **Sponsor checks** – information is recorded on all the checks that are required to assess sponsor suitability, i.e. the DBS, pre-arrival home visit and Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) check. The system records when each check has been initiated and the outcome for each sponsor.

- **Sponsor payments** – the system records the dates when the monthly thank you payments for the sponsor has been initiated and if they have come to an end. There is automated functionality so that once the checks have been satisfactorily completed the payments are automatically triggered.
- **Guest immediate support** – the system records for each guest, when immediate resources have been provided such as the distribution of the prepayment card, free 12 week bus pass – it records when this is sent out.
- **Access to services** – there are also data fields that can be updated for each guest to show when they have registered with a GP, school, applied for their Biometric Resident Permit, accessed universal credit and/or actively seeking work
- **Transition information** – the system also records for each guest when they have moved out of their hosting arrangement and whether they have exited sponsor arrangements or have been rematched with another sponsor. It also holds information at sponsor level on the number of guests they have hosted and details of that time period.

In terms of functionalities, the system does the following:

- **Automates correspondence with sponsors** – at particular junctures its automatically sends out correspondence to onboard a sponsor, notify of the sponsorship application outcome and it sets up the payment arrangements.
- **Alerts and commissions**- there is in-built functionality which alerts relevant partners and teams to key activities; for example, when a sponsor is onboarded it will alert and trigger the relevant checks to be started and send out correspondence on the final outcome, it will flag when a guest has arrived and trigger the process at that point for the prepayment card and free bus pass to be sent out, it will automatically set up the thank you payment when the sponsor checks have been satisfactorily passed.
- **Management reports** – based on the data in the system, there are a suite of management reports that have been developed which enables the Council and partners to see at any one time how many guests have arrived; where applications are still pending; the number of checks that have been conducted and where they are in the process; the distribution of support to guests and how guests are accessing services.

The tool has been demonstrated to Central Government, where they have commended the work that has been done within the Council and have commented that it is one of the more advanced data capture and recording tools they have seen across the country. They are now proactively trying to connect our system to Foundry so there is a direct flow of information between our system and Foundry, as a result of the richness of information being captured.

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

“Use of consultants”

Question:

Your cabinet roles includes “Oversight of the use of consultants with particular focus on their duration, renewal and cost.” Please provide a list of each occasion since May 2022 that you have personally directly challenged the use of consultants that resulted in them not being used, not renewed, or had their duration or cost reduced?

Answer:

The Commissioning Gateway Panel oversees and challenges pre-approved requests from managers to recruit or extend an interim or consultancy role. This includes carrying out validation of employment status for Tax (CEST) and Status Determination Statements (SDS).

The Panel rejects requests where there is no confirmation of portfolio holder agreement (for requests in excess of £100k) or if the CEST and SDS do not correlate. Managers must have finance sign off that the budget is confirmed before it is submitted to the Commissioning Gateway Panel.

Since May 2022 the Commissioning Gateway Panel have not directly refused any requests received.

All interims or consultants covering JNC roles are required to be approved at the JNC Core Panel before they are engaged.

Our overarching aim is to recruit permanently, wherever possible. However, it is recognised that interims are sometimes required to backfill absence or whilst vacancies are being recruited to consultants often bring scarce capability for short term projects and programmes as required.

The council is undergoing a significant change of structure in many directorates with transforming project and/or new target operating models that mean interims provide continuity and afford the time to establish the route to market to appoint high quality permanent staff.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS****“Ukraine refugee housing support learning”****Question:**

Please provide a list of all visits made by officers or the cabinet member to the different housing support services for Ukrainian refugees which have been established by other local authorities during the past eight months along with any analysis undertaken of learning from other models?

Answer:

The housing challenges and market in Birmingham are very different to many other areas that have received large numbers of Ukraine guests. Many of these areas have not been historic refugee and asylum seeker dispersal areas and thus do not have to address the combined challenges facing our city.

Since March 2022 BCC officers have been responding to the immediate needs of those dispersed as a result of the crisis. To ensure the best use of officer time and resources, we have also engaged in ongoing discussions with a number of local authorities on housing matters through virtual meetings. This includes our active participation in the 137-member local authority Homes for Ukraine Support Group, which brings together Councils from across England to share queries, good practice, alongside learning from what others are doing as well as resources and tools.

We are also in regular communication with our immediate neighbours in Solihull, Walsall, Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Coventry on these matters.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS
SANDHU**

“Homes for Ukraine Scheme post March 2023”

Question:

What plans has the authority made for the support of Ukrainians under the Homes for Ukraine scheme beyond March 2023?

Answer:

The Government has only guaranteed funding for the Homes for Ukraine scheme until March 2023. As it stands, our commissioned provider, Refugee Action will continue to support Ukraine guests immediately and to continue that support for 12 months after the last arrival. This support will continue as guests move into alternative accommodation as hosting arrangements end. BCC will continue to support the integration of those arriving on the homes for Ukraine scheme during 2022-23 until March 2024.

BCC has had commissioned services in place for several years that support the wider integration of resettled refugees in the city. These services have been commissioned following in-depth consultation and are largely considered to be successful services, furthering our commitments as a City of Sanctuary. Pending further announcements from Government concerning ongoing funding and support for Ukrainians, BCC would look to use these services as a basis for further support for Ukrainian guests. We would also ensure the voices of Ukrainians themselves are involved in the development of any services designed for them, as is the case with our existing commissioned services.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN
DELANEY**

“Homes for Ukraine Lessons Learnt”

Question:

Please provide a copy of any lessons learnt report produced relating to the procurement, mobilisation and running of the Homes for Ukraine scheme

Answer:

The Homes for Ukraine scheme is a DLUHC initiative. The government have not shared a lessons learned report with BCC.

At a local level, an evaluation of the Homes for Ukraine scheme and the lessons learned from it will be undertaken 12 months after the scheme is implemented and at the end of the contracted service delivery period (March 2024).

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

‘Christmas for Ukrainian families’

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give details of any schemes or events being planned in the City for Ukrainian families over the festive period?

Answer:

The council has not planned any events over the festive period specifically for Ukrainian families. Any events or activities arranged for refugees and guests are circulated widely via the Birmingham Migration Forum mailing list so that people working with families living here as guests or refugees can extend the invitation. Birmingham is home to many dedicated and active voluntary sector organisations, such as City of Sanctuary and others, who may be hosting events during this period. In line with experience with BCC’s more established refugee resettlement schemes, BCC will soon be arranging opportunities for the Ukrainian community to meet, socialise and link with relevant organisations and services to seek support.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR IZZY
KNOWLES**

‘Nitrous Oxide’

Question:

The use of Nitrous Oxide as a ‘recreational drug’ has been steadily increasing in the city over the last two years as has admissions of patients to local hospitals. Could the cabinet member comment on measures adopted by the Council to tackle this epidemic?

Answer:

The Council is responsible for commissioning the treatment and support for substance misuse, which is funded through the ring-fenced public health grant.

At substance misuse treatment entry for adults (provider is CGL – Change, Grow, Live), individuals are screened for N₂O use or other inhaling gases and supported appropriately

Aquarius (children and young people service provider) provides treatment for children/young people referrals for Nitrous Oxide in the same manner as a Class A substance with advice and instant harm reduction. Cases are classed as high-risk throughout treatment.

Locally we have done some work on social media about the potential risks as feedback from young people is that “they really don’t think Nitrox Oxide use is a big deal,” and it is only after a conversation with a practitioner they recognise the dangers.

Enforcement

The primary enforcer of this legislation is laid down as police forces across the country in line with all other such controlled drugs. In essence where the supply of the gas is for recreational inhalation, this would be on a parity with drug supply, the difference in this arena is the substance has legitimacy (ie it is used within the culinary profession) and is not a controlled drug.

The Council is happy to support a multi-agency approach, led by the Police in tackling this issue.

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY SAFETY & EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM
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‘Funding’

Question:

The government is providing additional funding to councils to provide education and childcare services for children from families arriving from Ukraine under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. The Department for Education (DfE) will allocate funding, pro-rata on a per pupil basis for the 3 phases of education based on the following annual rates:

- **Early years (ages 2 to 4) - £3,000**
- **Primary (ages 5 -11) - £6,580**
- **Secondary (ages 11-18) - £8,755**

Schools in Birmingham have reported they have not yet received the funding despite some having taken Ukrainian children over six months ago.

How many nurseries and schools who have children under the Homes for Ukraine scheme have now received a payment and what is the procedure for nurseries and schools who have children under the H4U scheme to claim payment of the DfE funding?

Answer:

The Council is providing full funding to all schools that have received children under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. The funding will be made in one payment, unlike under previous resettlement schemes where we have paid in instalments.

An online claim form is being sent to 152 education and early year establishments that we have identified, from our admissions list, where Homes for Ukraine children are currently enrolled. The form is being rolled out and all establishments will have received this by the 9th December, if not already. On completion of the claim forms, payments will be made using the agreed and established arrangements that exist between the individual establishment and the Council.

CITY COUNCIL – 6 DECEMBER 2022

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

“Bus Journey Times”

Question:

What assessment has been made of bus journey times through and near local traffic neighbourhoods within Birmingham?

Answer:

Bus operators undertake ongoing monitoring of route performance and engage with the Council as required to resolve any issues. A comprehensive monitoring strategy, which includes impacts on buses, has been developed for future phases of Places for People roll out, subject to approvals.

Ultimately, such schemes aim to have a positive impact on the public transport network by making the journey to and from the bus stop safer and more pleasant and by discouraging car use.

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

'Highways and Pavement Schemes 2022/23'

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide details of all Highways and Pavement Schemes, scheduled by ward, for 2022/23?

Answer:

Please see below

Ward	USRN	Scheme Ref	Section ID	Road Name	Location	Traffic Management	Type of Programmed Work	Inventory Length (m)	Inventory Area (m2)	Anticipated Start	Anticipated Finish	Comments
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	2705922	IWP3/CW/D04/7	C2705922/005	COTTERILLS LANE	Cotterills Lane-Alum Rock Road to RBT at Stechford Lane	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1389	11333	22/08/2022	05/09/2022	
Castle Vale	2707850	IWP3/CW/D02/1	C2707850/005	FARNBOROUGH ROAD	Farnborough Road-RBT at Tangmere Drive to Park Lane	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1584	14422	22/08/2022	02/09/2022	
Erdington	2707935	IWP3/FW/D02/1	2707935/001 2707935/002 2707935/003	HAYES GROVE	HAYES GROVE FROM PITTS FARM ROAD TO END / HAYES GROVE FROM NO 8 TO NO 14 / HAYES GROVE FROM SIDE OFF NO 27 TO END AT GARAGES	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	236	1,057	22/08/2022	14/09/2022	
King's Norton South	2700491	IWP3/FW/D06/1	2700491/001	MARSH END	MARSH END FROM PRIMROSE HILL TO SIDE OF H/SE NUMBER 72	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	210	1336	22/08/2022	02/09/2022	
Holyhead	2702866	IWP3/CW/D07/3	C2702866/005	SANDWELL ROAD	Sandwell Road-Island Road to Holyhead Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	382	3238	22/08/2022	07/09/2022	
Hall Green North	2706975	IWP3/FW/D03/1	C2706975/010	SCHOOL ROAD	School Road-RBT at Shirley Road to Lakey Lane	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	183	1098	22/08/2022	15/09/2022	
Perry Common	2704986	IWP3/CW/D02/4	C2704986/005	HURSTWOOD ROAD	Hurstwood Road-College Road to Maxted Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	358	2721	30/08/2022	02/09/2022	
Yardley East	2706225	IWP3/CW/D10/4	C2706225/005	MOAT LANE	Moat Lane-Barrows Lane to Yew Tree Lane	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	558	4241	30/08/2022	26/09/2022	
Holyhead	2702633	IWP3/CW/D05/2	C2702633/005	CROCKETTS ROAD	Crocketts Road-Holyhead Road to Booth Street	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	530	4290	01/09/2022	13/09/2022	
Perry Common	2705062	IWP3/CW/D02/5	C2705062/005	MAXTED ROAD	Maxted Road-Hurstwood Road to Witton Lodge Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	334	2672	05/09/2022	08/09/2022	
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	2706249	IWP3/FW/D04/2	2706249/001	NORTH ROUNDHAY	NORTH ROUNDHAY FROM GILLSCROFT ROAD TO FL 20 GILLSCROF	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	364	2280	08/09/2022	21/10/2022	
Acocks Green	2706906	IWP3/CW/D10/1	B4514/015	OLTON BOULEVARD EAST	Olton Boulevard East-Roundabout at Shirley Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	188	1094	13/09/2022	16/09/2022	
Castle Vale	2708226	IWP3/CW/D02/1	C2708226/020	TANGMERE DRIVE	Tangmere Drive-Roundabout at Farnborough Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	72	475	14/09/2022	21/09/2022	
Bournville & Cotteridge	2735864	IWP3/CW/D06/9	C2735864/005	HOLE LANE	Hole Lane-Newent Road to Bunbury Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	247	1551	14/09/2022	18/09/2022	
Bromford & Hodge Hill	2706405	IWP3/CW/D04/4	B4147/005	STECHFORD ROAD	Stechford Road-Stechford Lane to RBT at Coleshill Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1315	10873	16/09/2022	25/10/2022	
Hall Green North	2706613	IWP3/FW/D03/2	2706613/001	BODEN ROAD	BODEN ROAD FROM SHIRLEY ROAD TO FOX HOLLIES ROAD	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	388	2173	16/09/2022	31/10/2022	
Bournville & Cotteridge	2703859	IWP3/FW/D08/3	2703859/001	CEDAR ROAD	CEDAR ROAD FROM BOURNEVILLE LANE TO HAY GREEN LANE	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	294	1470	16/09/2022	21/10/2022	
Allens Cross	2708455	IWP3/CW/D12/1	B4121/060	BELL HILL	Bell Hill-C/L of Whitehill Lane to Sir Herbert Austin Way	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	426	3600	20/09/2022	28/09/2022	
Hall Green South	2706953	IWP3/CW/D12/4	A4040/450	ROBIN HOOD LANE	Robin Hood Lane-RBT at Highfield Rd to RBT at Sarehole Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	674	4448	20/09/2022	30/09/2022	
Harborne	2704397	IWP3/CW/D01/2	C2704397/005	WAR LANE	War Lane-Fellows Lane RBT to RBT at Lordswood Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	532	3624	03/10/2022	13/10/2022	
Hall Green South	2705556	IWP3/CW/D03/4	2705556/001	TIXALL ROAD	TIXALL ROAD FROM HIGHFIELD ROAD TO SCRIBERS LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	687	3847	05/10/2022	18/10/2022	
Edgbaston	2701741	IWP3/FW/D12/2	A456/080	HAGLEY ROAD	Hagley Road -No329 to C/L of Rotten Park Road	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	702	7020	18/10/2022	08/12/2022	
Longbridge & West Heath	2700854	IWP3/FW/D06/2	2700854/001	HAWKESLEY CRESCENT	HAWKESLEY CRESCENT FROM CL OLD OAK WALK TO CONEY GREEN DR	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	288	2016	17/10/2022	15/12/2022	
Sutton Roughley	2707382	IWP3/FW/D09/1	2707382/001	MARLPIT LANE	MARLPIT LANE FROM WILLMOTT ROAD TO NO 85	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	444	2710	17/10/2022	18/11/2022	
Moseley	2703639	IWP3/CW/D03/7	B4146/065	SWANSHURST LANE	Swanshurst Lane-Wake Green Rd RBT to Yardley Wood Rd RBT	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	818	8216	21/10/2022	16/11/2022	
Bartley Green	2700293	IWP3/FW/D01/1	2700293/001	TRIMPLEY ROAD	TRIMPLEY ROAD FROM ADAMS HILL TO FIELD LA	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	451	2790	17/10/2022	07/12/2022	

Hall Green South	2705525	IWP3/CW/D03/3	C2705525/010	BALDWINS LANE	Baldwins Lane-Roundabout at Newborough Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	82	492	25/10/2022	31/10/2022	Adjacent Newborough Road delivered as part of the scheme
Weoley & Selly Oak	2703780	IWP3/CW/D12/2	B4121/170	BARNES HILL	BARNES HILL FROM WEOLEY CASTLE ROAD RBT TO STONEBROOK WAY RBT	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	652	#N/A	18/10/2022	31/10/2022	
Moseley	2703520	IWP3/CW/D03/5	C2703520/005	QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD	Queensbridge Road-Moor Green Lane to Alcester Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	724	5792	18/10/2022	31/10/2022	
Moseley	2703434	IWP3/CW/D03/6	C2703434/005	MOOR GREEN LANE	Moor Green Lane-Reddings Rd RBT to Queensbridge Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	83	664	31/10/2022	03/11/2022	
Sutton Four Oaks	2704584	IWP3/CW/D09/1	2704584/001	PARK VIEW ROAD	PARK VIEW ROAD FROM WALSALL ROAD TO STREETLY LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	750	4650	20/10/2022	03/11/2022	
Allens Cross	2735826	IWP3/FW/D12/1	C2735826/005	FRANKLEY BEECHES ROAD	Frankley Beeches Road-Bristol Rd South to C/L of Hanging La	TBC	Footway Maintenance	748	6883	18/10/2022	14/02/2023	
Ward End	2705866	IWP3/FW/D04/3	C2705866/005	BURNEY LANE	Burney Lane-Alum Rock Road to RBT at Stechford Lane	Road Closure / Temporary Traffic Lights	Footway Maintenance	652	4787	31/10/2022	03/02/2023	
Bartley Green	2700236	IWP3/CW/D01/1	2700236/001	LUTLEY GROVE	LUTLEY GROVE FROM ADAMS HILL TO END	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	83	842	03/11/2022	08/11/2022	
Northfield	2701092	IWP3/CW/D06/10	2701092/001	ST LAURENCE ROAD	ST LAURENCE ROAD FROM BRISTOL RD S TO HEATH RD S	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	397	2241	07/11/2022	18/11/2022	
Shard End	2735870	IWP3/CW/D04/9	C2735870/025	HEATH WAY	Heath Way-School Lane RBT to Shard End Crescent	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	469	4620	03/11/2022	11/11/2022	
Sutton Mere Green	2700033	IWP3/CW/D09/2	2700033/002	HILL VILLAGE ROAD	HILL VILLAGE ROAD FROM BRENTNALL DRIVE TO LICHFIELD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1266	8045	04/11/2022	02/12/2022	
Aston	2701216	IWP3/CW/D05/1	2744797/001	ALBERT ROAD	ALBERT ROAD FROM MANSFIELD RD TO WITTON RD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	205	1640	09/11/2022	18/11/2022	
Bournbrook & Selly Park	2703593	IWP3/FW/D08/1	2703593/001	SIR JOHNS ROAD	SIR JOHNS ROAD FROM PERSHORE ROAD TO END	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	274	2192	06/01/2023	28/02/2023	
King's Norton South	2700433	IWP3/CW/D06/4	C2700433/005	HARBINGER ROAD	Harbinger Road-C/L of Lazy Hill to Junction of Chelworth Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	91	637	15/11/2022	18/11/2022	
Alum Rock	2706473	IWP3/CW/D04/1	2706473/001	WARD END PARK ROAD	WARD END PARK ROAD FROM WASHWOOD HEATH ROAD TO FOXTON ROAD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	690	5520	15/11/2022	02/12/2022	
King's Norton South	2700610	IWP3/CW/D06/5	C2700610/005	WALKERS HEATH ROAD	Walkers Heath Road-C/L Gay Hill Lane to C/L Lazy Hill	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	606	3270	21/11/2022	06/12/2022	
Bromford & Hodge Hill	2705862	IWP3/CW/D04/5	2705862/001	BUCKLANDS END LANE	BUCKLANDS END LANE FROM STECHFORD ROAD TO HODGE HILL ROAD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	518	3531	17/11/2022	05/12/2022	
Sutton Vesey	2707516	IWP3/FW/D09/2	2707516/001	STONEHOUSE ROAD	STONEHOUSE ROAD FROM JOCKEY ROAD TO MONMOUTH DRIVE	Temporary Traffic Lights	Footway Maintenance	437	3316	21/11/2022	13/01/2023	
Bournville & Cotteridge	2704458	IWP3/CW/D08/3	C2704458/005 2704458/006	WOODLANDS PARK ROAD	WOODLANDS PARK ROAD FROM HEATH RD RBT TO BUNBURY ROAD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	#N/A	#N/A	30/11/2022	20/12/2022	
Bromford & Hodge Hill	2706107	IWP3/CW/D04/3	2706107/001	HODGE HILL ROAD	HODGE HILL ROAD FROM STECHFORD ROAD TO BUCKLANDS END LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	699	5638	01/12/2022	12/12/2022	
Ladywood	2702000	IWP3/CW/D11/3	2702000/001	MARSHALL STREET	MARSHALL STREET FROM HOLLOWAY HEAD TO UPP GOUGH ST	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	113	848	01/12/2022	12/12/2022	
Pype Hayes	2704767	IWP3/CW/D12/8	A452/135	CHESTER ROAD	Chester Road -RBT at Tyburn Rd to C/L Grange Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	827	6325	30/11/2022	13/12/2022	
Ladywood	2701703	IWP3/CW/D11/4	2701703/001	GRANVILLE STREET	GRANVILLE STREET FROM BROAD ST TO RBT AT HOLLIDAY STREET	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	245	1470	05/12/2022	08/12/2022	
Bournville & Cotteridge	2703823	IWP3/FW/D08/2	C2703823/005	BOURNVILLE LANE	Bournville Lane-Linden Road to Bristol Road	Temporary Traffic Lights	Footway Maintenance	1372	8673	01/03/2023	18/04/2023	
North Edgbaston	2702683	IWP3/CW/D05/4	2702683/001	GILLOTT ROAD	GILLOTT ROAD FROM ICKNIELD PORT ROAD TO ROTTON PARK ROAD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	930	7440	09/12/2022	10/01/2023	
Weoley & Selly Oak	2703925	IWP3/FW/D08/5	2703925/001	DURLEY DEAN ROAD	DURLEY DEAN ROAD FROM WOOLACOMBE LODGE RD TO CORISANDE RD	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	498	3536	07/12/2022	13/02/2023	
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	2705668	IWP3/CW/D04/6	C2705668/002	LEA VILLAGE	LEA VILLAGE ROUNDAABOUT AT MIRFIELD RD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	105	840	15/12/2022	19/12/2022	

Pype Hayes	2735894	IWP3/CW/D12/7	B4148/065 B4148/075	EACHELHURST ROAD	Eachelhurst Road LC 68 to CL Ashford Drive	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	780	4,777	09/01/2023	27/01/2023	
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Yardley West & Stechford	2706476	IWP3/CW/D10/5	C2706476/010	WASH LANE	Wash Lane-Hob Moor Rd RBT to C/L Millhouse Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	681	3915	09/01/2023	04/02/2023	
King's Norton South	2700485	IWP3/CW/D06/6	C2700485/010	LONGDALES ROAD	Longdales Road-C/L Greenway Gardens to Icknield St	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1424	11578	13/01/2023	23/01/2023	
Ladywood	2735904	IWP3/CW/D12/5	A456/100	HAGLEY ROAD	Hagley Road-LHC C/L of Monument Rd to C/L of Highfield Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	289	3570	23/01/2023	27/01/2023	
Sutton Roughley	2707382	IWP3/CW/D09/4	2707382/001	MARLPIT LANE	MARLPIT LANE FROM WILLMOTT ROAD TO NO 85	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	444	2710	24/01/2023	02/02/2023	
King's Norton North	2701027	IWP3/CW/D06/2	2701027/001	POPES LANE	POPES LANE FROM WYCHALL LANE TO CL INGOLDSBY RD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	528	2056	26/01/2023	01/02/2023	
Garretts Green	2706209	IWP3/CW/D12/3	C2706209/005	MEADWAY	Meadway-C/L of Church Road to Start of Dual Cway	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1,269	12,772	24/01/2023	16/02/2023	
North Edgbaston	2735905	IWP3/FW/D12/3	A456/070	HAGLEY ROAD	Hagley Road-C/L of Barnsley Road to C/L of Sandon Road	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	584	8287	22/02/2023	02/05/2023	Swapped position in programme with Lyndworth Road IWP3/FW/D08/4
Nechells	2702062	IWP3/CW/D12/6	A47/120	NECHELLS PARKWAY	Nechells Parkway-LHC C/L Bloomsbury St to C/L of Rupert St	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	545	4287	01/02/2023	13/02/2023	
Sutton Wylde Green	2735900	IWP3/CW/D09/6	B4148/110	PENNS LANE	Penns Lane-C/L of Plants Brook Bridge to Birmingham Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1167	9725	TBC	TBC	Consultation underway to agree suitable delivery dates
Longbridge & West Heath	2700641	IWP3/CW/D06/7	2700641/001	ABBEYDALE ROAD	ABBEYDALE ROAD FROM WESTHEATH RD TO COLEYS LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	205	1257	02/02/2023	06/02/2023	
South Yardley	2735942	IWP3/FW/D12/5	A45/060	COVENTRY ROAD	Coventry Road-LHC C/L Manor House Lane to C/L Clay Lane	Lane Closure	Footway Maintenance	316	2646	16/01/2023	10/02/2023	
King's Norton North	2701153	IWP3/CW/D06/3	2701153/001	VARDON WAY	VARDON WAY FROM REDNAL ROAD TO THE FAIRWAY	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	724	13756	07/02/2023	22/02/2023	
Handsworth Wood	2705375	IWP3/CW/D07/2	2705375/001	CAMP LANE	CAMP LANE FROM OXHILL ROAD TO PARK LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	834	5004	14/02/2023	28/02/2023	
Yardley West & Stechford	2705898	IWP3/FW/D10/1	2705898/001	CLEMENTS ROAD	CLEMENTS ROAD FROM BLAKESLEY ROAD TO HOB MOOR ROAD	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	719	4314	06/02/2023	03/05/2023	
Holyhead	2702927	IWP3/CW/D05/3	2702927/001	WATTVILLE ROAD	WATTVILLE ROAD FROM HOLYHEAD ROAD TO FW CHANGE AT BDGE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	591	4735	14/02/2023	27/02/2023	
Stockland Green	2735955	IWP3/CW/D12/11	A4040/140	MARSH HILL	Marsh Hill- Bleak Hill Road to C/L of George Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	744	5354	21/02/2023	07/03/2023	
Longbridge & West Heath	2735823	IWP3/CW/D12/9	A38/485	BRISTOL ROAD SOUTH	Bristol Road South-LHC RBT at Lickey Rd to Rubery Bypass	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1393	12876	23/02/2023	31/03/2023	
Birchfield	2705146	IWP3/CW/D07/1	2705146/001 2705146/002 2705146/003	PUTNEY ROAD	PUTNEY ROAD FROM HUTTON ROAD TO CROMPTON ROAD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	553	4,043	01/03/2023	10/03/2023	
South Yardley	2735942	IWP3/FW/D12/6	A45/075	COVENTRY ROAD	Coventry Road-End of Underpass to C/L of Clay Lane	Lane Closure	Footway Maintenance	206	2531	13/02/2023	01/03/2023	
Weoley & Selly Oak	2704462	IWP3/FW/D08/6	2704462/001	WOOLACOMBE LODGE ROAD	WOOLACOMBE LODGE ROAD FROM WEOLEY AVE TO CORISANDE ROAD	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	535	3210	14/02/2023	18/04/2023	
Alum Rock	2701211	IWP3/FW/D04/1	2751501/002	ADDERLEY ROAD	ADDERLEY ROAD FROM C/L OF ASH ROAD TO ARDEN ROAD	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	528	4224	15/02/2023	13/04/2023	
Yardley West & Stechford	2735887	IWP3/CW/D10/6	C2735887/020	YARDLEY GREEN ROAD	Yardley Green Road-C/L of River Cole Bridge to Richmond Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	323	1938	02/03/2023	07/03/2023	
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	2708275	IWP3/CW/D09/5	2708275/001	WALMLEY CLOSE	WALMLEY CLOSE FROM WALMLEY RD PAST SHOPS TO CRAWFORD RD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	97	782	08/03/2023	09/03/2023	
Perry Common	2705000	IWP3/CW/D02/3	2705000/002	JERRYS LANE	JERRYS LANE FROM ROUNDABOUT TO TURFPITS LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	753	4813	10/03/2023	23/03/2023	
Heartlands	2706518	IWP3/CW/D04/8	C2706518/015	YARDLEY GREEN ROAD	Yardley Green Road-Newbridge Rd RBT to River Cole Bridge	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	260	1955	08/03/2023	13/03/2023	
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	2708382	IWP3/CW/D11/5	2708382/001	VYSE STREET	VYSE STREET FROM CL OF HOCKLEY ST TO HOCKLEY HILL	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	307	2149	13/03/2023	20/03/2023	

Tyseley & Hay Mills	2707005	IWP3/CW/D10/3	C2707005/005	SPEEDWELL ROAD	Speedwell Road-Amington Road to Kings Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	446	3844	14/03/2023	23/03/2023	
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Oscott	2751652	IWP3/CW/D07/4	C2704681/007 C2704681/010	BEECHES ROAD	Beeches Road-Walsall Road to C/L of Motorway Bridge	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	#N/A	#N/A	21/03/2023	06/04/2023	
South Yardley	2735942	IWP3/FW/D12/8	A45/120	COVENTRY ROAD	Coventry Road-Slip Rd-Start of Underpass to Church Rd RBT	Lane Closure	Footway Maintenance	163	1385	02/03/2023	15/03/2023	
Stockland Green	2707853	IWP3/CW/D02/6	2707853/001	FENTHAM ROAD	FENTHAM ROAD FROM SLADE ROAD TO GRAVELLY HILL NORTH	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	678	4610	24/03/2023	06/04/2023	
Sheldon	2708940	IWP3/CW/D10/2	C2708940/005	MANOR HOUSE LANE	Manor House Lane-Coventry Rd to Ollerton Road	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	330	2312	24/03/2023	31/03/2023	
Sutton Reddicap	2707450	IWP3/CW/D09/3	C2707450/005	REDDICAP HEATH ROAD	Reddicap Heath Road-Springfield Rd to Hollyfield Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1125	7986	03/04/2023	26/04/2023	
South Yardley	2735942	IWP3/FW/D12/7	A45/115	COVENTRY ROAD	Coventry Road-LHC Slip Rd Church Rd RBT to End of Underpass	Lane Closure	Footway Maintenance	156	1026	16/03/2023	29/03/2023	
Stirchley	2703395	IWP3/FW/D08/4	2703395/001	LYNDWORTH ROAD	LYNDWORTH ROAD FROM CARTLAND ROAD TO DERWENT ROAD	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	347	2068	12/12/2022	21/02/2023	Swapped position in programme with Hagley Road IWP3/FW/D12/3
Bordesley Green	2706126	IWP3/CW/D04/2	2706126/001	IMPERIAL ROAD	IMPERIAL ROAD FROM BORDESLEY GREEN TO GREEN LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	360	2945	03/04/2023	12/04/2023	
Perry Barr	2704681	IWP3/CW/D07/5	C2704681/005	BEECHES ROAD	Beeches Road-Walsall Road to C/L of Motorway Bridge	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	775	6114	11/04/2023	27/04/2023	
Gravelly Hill	2708317	IWP3/CW/D02/2	2708317/001	WOOD END LANE	WOOD END LANE FROM KINGSBURY ROAD TO RBT GRAVELLY HILL N	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	724	4346	11/04/2023	26/04/2023	
Balsall Heath West	2703202	IWP3/CW/D03/1	C2735920/010	EDWARD ROAD	Edward Road-C/L of Mary Street to C/L of River Bridge	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	500	3783	13/04/2023	21/04/2023	
Small Heath	2735911	IWP3/FW/D12/4	A45/175	SMALL HEATH HIGHWAY	Small Heath Highway-LHC Heybarnes Circus to Poets Corner	Lane Closure	Footway Maintenance	1585	12578	30/03/2023	13/04/2023	
Sparkhill	2703162	IWP3/CW/D03/9	2703162/001	COURT ROAD	COURT ROAD FROM STRATFORD ROAD TO SHOWELL GREEN LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	248	1785	24/04/2023	26/04/2023	
Longbridge & West Heath	2700697	IWP3/CW/D06/8	2700697/001	BRANDON GROVE	BRANDON GROVE FROM KINGSWOOD RD TO END	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	68	483	27/04/2023	27/04/2023	
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	2706883	IWP3/CW/D03/8	2706883/001	MEDINA ROAD	MEDINA ROAD FROM WARWICK ROAD TO WESTON LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	340	2728	27/04/2023	05/05/2023	Deferred from IWP3 Programme
Billesley	2703668	IWP3/CW/D08/2	C2703668/005	TRITTIFORD ROAD	Trittiford Road-Highfield Rd to Yardley Wood Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	1119	8952	27/04/2023	24/05/2023	
Highter's Heath	2700325	IWP3/CW/D08/6	2700325/001	ARUNDEL ROAD	ARUNDEL ROAD FROM ALCESTER RD TO HIGHTERS HEATH LANE	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	504	2975	28/04/2023	09/05/2023	
Frankley Great Park	2700068	IWP3/CW/D06/1	2700068/001	ARDEN ROAD	ARDEN ROAD FROM NEW ST TO ORMOND ROAD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	312	2094	28/04/2023	08/05/2023	
Edgbaston	2702965	IWP3/FW/D01/2	2702965/001	YATELEY ROAD	YATELEY ROAD FROM HARBORNE ROAD TO NURSERY ROAD	Road Closure	Footway Maintenance	460	3908	14/04/2023	05/06/2023	
Hall Green North	2703141	IWP3/CW/D03/2	B4146/045	COLE BANK ROAD	Cole Bank Road-Stratford Rd to RBT at Sarehole Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	495	4664	27/04/2023	12/05/2023	
Perry Barr	2705265	IWP3/CW/D07/6	2705265/001	TURNBERRY ROAD	TURNBERRY ROAD FROM BEECHES RD TO BOOTHS FARM RD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance		3676	28/04/2023	05/05/2023	
Harborne	2704329	IWP3/CW/D01/3	2704329/001	ST JOHNS ROAD	ST JOHNS ROAD HIGH STREET TO CLARENCE ROAD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	149	954	09/05/2023	10/05/2023	
Brandwood & King's Heath	2700354	IWP3/CW/D08/5	2700354/001	BRYNDALE AVENUE	BRYNDALE AVENUE FROM YARNINGALE RD TO ROUNDABOUT AT NO 80	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	272	1551	10/05/2023	15/05/2023	
Billesley	2703711	IWP3/CW/D08/1	2703711/001	WESTRIDGE ROAD	WESTRIDGE ROAD FROM BROOK LA TO COLEBOURNE ROAD	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	809	5716	11/05/2023	29/05/2023	
Brandwood & King's Heath	2703738	IWP3/CW/D08/4	C2703738/005	WOODTHORPE ROAD	Woodthorpe Road-Alcester Rd South to Brandwood Rd	Road Closure	Carriageway Maintenance	641	3846	16/05/2023	30/05/2023	
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	2703088	IWP3/CW/D03/10	C2703088/005	BRIGHTON ROAD	Brighton Road - Ladypool Road to Moseley Road	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	613	TBC	05/06/2023	16/06/2023	
Bordesley & Highgate	2701654	IWP3/CW/D05/5	C2701654/005	GARRISON LANE	Garrison Lane - Lawley Middleway RBT to Start of Dual C'way	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	697	TBC	12/06/2023	23/06/2023	

Handsworth Wood	2705298	IWP2/CW/D12/23	A4040/055	WELLINGTON ROAD	Wellington Road-RBT at Church Lane to start of Dual Cway	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	100	TBC	19/06/2023	20/06/2023	
Ladywood	2701854	IWP3/CW/D12/14	A4540/210	ISLINGTON ROW	Islington Row -C/L Bath Row to C/L Wheeleys Lane	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	75	TBC	20/06/2023	21/06/2023	
South Yardley	2706106	IWP3/FW/D10/2	2706106/001	HOBMOOR CROFT	HOBMOOR CROFT FROM BF HOB MOOR ROAD TO END	TBC	Footway Maintenance	254	TBC	19/04/2023	27/04/2023	
Sutton Vesey	2707979	IWP3/FW/D09/3	2707979/001	IVY ROAD	IVY ROAD FROM ANTROBUS ROAD TO REDACRE ROAD	TBC	Footway Maintenance	295	TBC	14/04/2023	25/04/2023	
Sutton Vesey	2707927	IWP3/FW/D09/4	2707927/001	HASELOR ROAD	HASELOR ROAD FROM GE41 KINETON ROAD TO GE48 HASELOR ROAD	TBC	Footway Maintenance	188	TBC	26/04/2023	04/05/2023	
North Edgbaston	2702941	IWP3/CW/D01/4	2702941/001	WILLOW AVENUE	WILLOW AVENUE FROM SANDON ROAD TO DORSET ROAD	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	697	TBC	25/05/2023	09/06/2023	Adjacent Dorset Road to be delivered as part of the scheme
Bordesley Green	2706023	IWP3/CW/D04/10	2706023/001	FOURTH AVENUE	FOURTH AVENUE FROM GREEN LANE TO BORDESLEY GREEN	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	321	TBC	13/06/2023	21/06/2023	
Hall Green North	2706856	IWP3/FW/D03/3	2706856/001	LITTLEOVER AVENUE	LITTLEOVER AVENUE FROM STRATFORD ROAD TO END	TBC	Footway Maintenance	211	TBC	28/04/2023	09/05/2023	
Sutton Reddicap	2707514	IWP3/CW/D09/7	2707514/001	STONE AVENUE	STONE AVENUE FROM FOWLER ROAD TO END	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	140	TBC	02/06/2023	12/06/2023	
Quinton	2704464	IWP3/CW/D01/5	2704464/002	WORLDS END LANE	WORLDS END LANE FROM RIDGACRE ROAD TO HIGGINS LANE	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	378	TBC	15/06/2023	23/06/2023	
Sutton Trinity	2707543	IWP3/CW/D09/8	C2707543/005	UPPER HOLLAND ROAD	Upper Holland Road-Coleshill Rd to C/L of Lower Queen St	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	560	TBC	29/05/2023	09/06/2023	
Sparkhill	2703227	IWP3/CW/D03/11	2703227/001	FERNLEY ROAD A	FERNLEY ROAD FROM STRATFORD ROAD TO RYLAND ROAD	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	315	TBC	17/05/2023	22/05/2023	
Sparkhill	2703227	IWP3/CW/D03/11	2703227/002	FERNLEY ROAD B	FERNLEY ROAD FROM RYLAND ROAD TO PERCY ROAD	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	141	TBC	23/05/2023	26/05/2023	
Moseley	2702991	IWP3/CW/D03/12	2702991/001	ANDERTON PARK ROAD A	ANDERTON PARK ROAD FROM WAKE GREEN RD TO WOODSTOCK RD	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	662	TBC	29/05/2023	07/06/2023	
Moseley	2751574	IWP3/CW/D03/13	2702991/002	ANDERTON PARK ROAD B	ANDERTON PARK ROAD FROM WOODSTOCK RD TO YARDLEY WOOD RD	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	253	TBC	08/06/2023	19/06/2023	
Hall Green South	2706702	IWP3/CW/D03/14	2706702/001	DOVERIDGE ROAD	DOVERIDGE ROAD FROM TIXALL ROAD TO KEDLESTON ROAD	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	439	TBC	08/05/2023	16/05/2023	
Yardley East	2706490	IWP3/CW/D10/7	2706490/001	WESTACRE GARDENS A	WESTACRE GARDENS FROM YARDLEYFIELDS ROAD TO ROUNDABOUT	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	101	TBC	30/05/2023	02/06/2023	
Yardley East	2706490	IWP3/CW/D10/7	2706490/002	WESTACRE GARDENS B	WESTACRE GARDENS ROUNDABOUT	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	537	TBC	05/06/2023	08/06/2023	
Bromford & Hodge Hill	2705879	IWP3/CW/D04/11	2705879/001	CHATTOCK CLOSE	CHATTOCK CLOSE FROM BROMFORD ROAD TO END AT NO 27	TBC	Carriageway Maintenance	70	TBC	22/06/2023	28/06/2023	
Bromford & Hodge Hill	2705879	IWP3/FW/D04/4	2705879/001	CHATTOCK CLOSE	CHATTOCK CLOSE FROM BROMFORD ROAD TO END AT NO 27	TBC	Footway Maintenance	70	TBC	10/05/2023	15/05/2023	

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

‘Highways and Pavement Schemes’

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member set out the criteria being used to decide Highways and Pavement Schemes for 2023-24?

Answer:

I can confirm that officers develop the list of potential schemes on a worst-first basis, which are validated with video survey and site visits. This is prioritised from:

- Completion of deferred schemes from the 2020-21 programme (where it is appropriate to do so); and
- Analysis of survey information, condition maps, user complaints, some recommendations from Councillors, local engineers, highway stewards and other council priorities.

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

'Fines'

Question:

The first time fine for a parking offence in the City is £30 whereas its £60 for the Clean Air Zone – could the Cabinet Member explain why the discrepancy, bearing in mind a fine is a penalty?

Answer:

Charging level bands in respect of Penalty Charge Notices are set by the Government.

The charges are the same regardless of whether it is the first time that a Penalty Charge Notice has been received or not.

Parking contraventions - there are two levels:

£70/£35 - The higher level £70 is for the more serious contraventions, eg parking where it is always prohibited such as on a red route or double yellow lines, discounted to £35 if payment is made within the 14-day discount period.

£50/£25 - The lower level £50 is for the less serious contraventions such as overstaying where parking is permitted, discounted to £25 if payment is made within the 14-day discount.

Bus lane contraventions:

£70/£35 - £70 discounted to £35 if payment is made within the 14-day discount period.

Clean Air Zone contraventions:

£120/£60 - £120 discounted to £60 if payment is made within the 14-day discount period.

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

'A34 Sprint Route'

Question:

The last Council meeting heard from WMCA Transport Delivery Committee that a further phase of A34 Sprint works is planned for next year. Could the cabinet member set out what works are proposed, explaining when ward members and local residents will be informed?

Answer:

The second phase of Sprint works form part of the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement programme approved by the WMCA Board in March 2022. Scheme proposals will likely include additional bus priority measures and new shelter installations, but the detail is still being developed. TfWM expect to carry out local consultation on the proposals early in the new year, and ward members will be briefed in advance of this.

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

'Funding for LTN'

Question:

Could the cabinet member comment on reports that sums of several million pounds are to be sought from other transport budgets in order to pay the costs of progressing the Kings Heath Low Traffic Neighbourhood, explaining what other funding sources are being considered?

Answer:

National and global events have seen record levels of inflation across all sectors including the construction industry. An Outline Business Case for the Kings Heath and Moseley Places for People scheme is due to be presented to Cabinet early in the new year. This report will set out current estimated scheme costs taking into account inflation and proposed sources of funding from ringfenced transport budgets established to deliver the transport policies of the Council.

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

‘Fixed Penalty Notice’

Question:

How many fixed penalty notices have been issued in 2022 for illegal parking in the Moseley Road bus lane?

Answer:

There have been 515 Penalty Charge Notices issued for vehicles parked in contravention of all of the restrictions in place in Moseley Road which includes where vehicles have parked in contravention in the bus lane.

Data is recorded by street location and it is therefore not possible to just provide the number of notices issued for vehicles parked in the bus lane.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

“Late notification of planning applications”

Question:

How many complaints has the Council received regarding the late receipt of notification of planning applications to households as part of the consultation process and what assessment has been made of the scale of the issue (including the total number of applications and total number of residents impacted)

Answer:

The council has received 70 complaints about letters received with late receipt. Following a thorough investigation, the issue effected **752** planning applications. **177** of those were refused, **257** withdrawn (not decided) and **318** were approved. These were predominately Householder applications, for developments such as single storey rear extensions. The individual applicants and their neighbours would have been impacted by this issue.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEAD MEMBER FOR THE TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR COLIN GREEN

‘Tram’

Question:

Following questions asked at the last council meeting, could the Lead Member explain how the strategy for tram development in the City is going to work?

Answer:

The West Midlands City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) programme contains development funding for two further rapid transit routes in the city, Hagley Road and the East Birmingham/North Solihull Corridor over the next five years. The funding for the East Birmingham/North Solihull corridor is contained within the Regional Very Light Rail (VLR) allocation. VLR is being developed with partners such as Coventry City Council and Dudley MBC to look at innovative ways of delivering the benefits of light rail at much lower costs. As part of the options assessment process for these routes all viable modes of public transport will be considered including tram, VLR and Bus Rapid Transit.

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