



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL, TUESDAY,
14 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE REP
STUDIO THEATRE, CENTENARY SQUARE, BROAD STREET,
BIRMINGHAM**

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

Councillors

Akhlaq Ahmed	Peter Fowler	Zhor Malik
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Fred Grindrod	Karen McCarthy
Alex Aitken	Paulette Hamilton	Saddak Miah
Safia Akhtar	Roger Harmer	Gareth Moore
Deirdre Alden	Kath Hartley	Simon Morrall
Robert Alden	Adam Higgs	Yvonne Mosquito
Olly Armstrong	Charlotte Hodivala	John O'Shea
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Penny Holbrook	David Pears
Mohammed Azim	Jon Hunt	Robert Pocock
David Barrie	Mahmood Hussain	Julien Pritchard
Baber Baz	Shabrana Hussain	Hendrina Quinnen
Matt Bennett	Timothy Huxtable	Carl Rice
Kate Booth	Mohammed Idrees	Darius Sandhu
Sir Albert Bore	Zafar Iqbal	Kath Scott
Nicky Brennan	Ziaul Islam	Shafique Shah
Marje Bridle	Morriam Jan	Mike Sharpe
Mick Brown	Kerry Jenkins	Sybil Spence
Tristan Chatfield	Meirion Jenkins	Dominic Stanford
Zaker Choudhry	Brigid Jones	Ron Storer
Liz Clements	Nagina Kauser	Martin Straker Welds
Maureen Cornish	Mariam Khan	Saima Suleman
John Cotton	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Sharon Thompson
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal	Lisa Trickett
Adrian Delaney	Bruce Lines	Ian Ward
Diane Donaldson	Mary Locke	Mike Ward
Barbara Dring	Ewan Mackey	Alex Yip
Neil Eustace	Majid Mahmood	Waseem Zaffar

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 19520 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 19521 The Lord Mayor reminded members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

No Interests were declared.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 19522 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 July having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Death of Councillor Neil Eustace

The Lord Mayor indicated that he must begin his announcements today with some extremely sad news. It was with the greatest sorrow that he announced to the Chamber the death of our friend and colleague Councillor Neil Eustace, who passed away just over a week ago.

The Lord Mayor noted that Neil was elected as a Councillor in May 1986 and served the people of Birmingham continuously for over 35 years, sitting on numerous Committees and outside bodies. He was a dedicated local Councillor and would be greatly missed by the community and by his colleagues.

The Lord Mayor noted that Neil leaves behind two sons and a daughter, along with 3 grandchildren and asked all to join him in extending to them our deepest condolences.

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

19523 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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

B. Death of Councillor Robert Hoole

The Lord Mayor indicated he now had some further sad news, as he had to announce the death of two former colleagues. The first was former Councillor Robert Hoole, known as Bob, who passed away earlier this year.

The Lord Mayor noted that Bob had served on the Council from 1978 to 1982 and from 1983 to 1987, during which time he served on numerous Committees.

The Lord Mayor noted that Bob leaves behind his wife Mary, 4 children, 9 grandchildren and one great grandson and asked all to join him in extending to them our deepest condolences.

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

19524 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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

C. Death of former Councillor, Honorary Alderman James Hutchings

The Lord Mayor was saddened to announce the death of former Councillor, Honorary Alderman James Hutchings, who passed away on 19 July. James was elected as a Councillor for Edgbaston Ward from 1991 to 1995 and from 1996 to 2015, during which time he served on numerous Committees of the Council.

The Lord Mayor noted that James, known affectionately to his family as Jamie, leaves behind his brother Lewis, sister-in-law Judy, and a niece and

nephew and asked all to join him in extending to them our deepest condolences.

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

19525 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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

D. Death of former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Honorary Alderman Peter Barwell

The Lord Mayor reminded the Chamber that it had been agreed last year that tributes to those who passed away during coronavirus restrictions, would be reserved until Council could meet in person again. He noted that over the coming months, tributes would be paid to those we lost during that time, and today we begin with tributes to former Councillor and Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Honorary Alderman Peter Barwell, whose death was announced at the Extraordinary meeting of the Council in April 2020.

The Lord Mayor noted that Peter had been elected as a Councillor for Edgbaston Ward in 1966 and served the people of that Ward for 28 years, becoming an Honorary Alderman in May 1994. He finished his illustrious political career serving as Lord Mayor of Birmingham from 1992 to 1993; and Deputy Lord Mayor from 1993 to 1994.

The Lord Mayor further noted that Peter leaves behind his wife Pam and family and asked all to join him in extending to them our deepest condolences.

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

19526 **RESOLVED:-**

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

E. Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme had revalidated its Silver Award

19527 The Lord Mayor indicated that he was pleased to inform the Chamber that Birmingham City Council was one of nine regional employers who, under the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme, had had its Silver Award for continued commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant revalidated.

The Lord Mayor noted that the Council was now working towards attaining the Gold Award, which would put the city council among the very best employers for those either returning to civilian life or supporting their armed forces commitment.

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

PETITIONS

Petition Relating to City Council Functions Presented before the Meeting

The following petitions were presented before the meeting:-

(See document No 1)

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

19528 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer.

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 2)

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

19529 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19530 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

19531 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.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

19532 **RESOLVED:-**

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

The Council then adjourned at 1628 hours.

At 1656 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Before going on to the appointments schedule the Lord Mayor invited the Leader, Councillor Ian Ward to advise on recent changes to the Cabinet.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward noted that following a vacancy in the Cabinet during the summer he had taken the opportunity to revise some of the Cabinet portfolios. He had created a new portfolio of Vulnerable Children and Families which would take on all the responsibilities of the former Children's Wellbeing portfolio plus Housing Options to ensure that vulnerable children were placed in the heart of housing options work. He noted that he had moved Bereavement Services and Registry Office from the Homes and Neighbourhoods portfolio to the Social Inclusion,

Community Safety and Equalities portfolio. The Leader went on to indicate that he had asked Councillor Sharon Thompson to become Cabinet Members for Vulnerable Children and Families and he noted that, as seen earlier in the meeting, she was making a 'formidable fist' in the role. He indicated that he had asked Councillor Shabrana Hussain to become Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods noting that that meant she was the first female Muslim to serve in the Cabinet and congratulated her on her promotion.

The following schedule was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Following further nominations from Councillors Martin Straker Welds and Gareth Moore it was-

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RESOLVED:-

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

Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Mick Brown (Lab) to replace Councillor Saima Suleman (Lab) on the Committee and replace Councillor Rob Pocock (Lab) as the Chair of the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022

Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Saima Suleman (Lab) to replace Councillor Shabrana Hussain (Lab) on the Committee and as the Chair of the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022

As a consequence of the above two appointments Councillors Mick Brown and Saima Suleman replace Councillors Rob Pocock and Shabrana Hussain respectively as Members of the Co-Ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Planning Committee

Councillor Kate Booth (Lab) to replace Councillor Kath Scott (Lab) for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022.

West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Hendrina Quinnen (Lab) as substitute for Councillor Saima Suleman (Lab) for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022.

WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Kate Booth (Lab) to replace Councillor Shabana Hussain (Lab) for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022.

WMCA Housing & Land Delivery Board

Councillor Shabana Hussain (Lab) to replace Councillor Sharon Thompson (Lab) for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022.

Interim Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Councillor Peter Fowler (Con) to replace Councillor Debbie Clancy (Con) for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022

City Housing Liaison Board

Councillor Shabana Hussain (Lab) to replace Councillor Sharon Thompson (Lab) for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022.

The Lord Mayor stated his intention to vary the order of the agenda to consider agenda item No. 9 at this point in the meeting.

**WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY TRANSPORT
DELIVERY COMMITTEE**

The following report from the Lead Member West Midlands Combined Authority Transport Delivery Committee was submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

Councillor Kath Hartley moved the recommendation which was seconded.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Kath Hartley replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

The Lord Mayor stated his intention to consider agenda item No. 8 at this point in the meeting.

SCRUTINY BUSINESS REPORT

The following report from the Scrutiny Chairs was submitted:-

(See document No. 6)

Councillor Carl Rice moved the recommendation which was seconded by Councillor Liz Clements.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Carl Rice replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore-

19535 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2021-2022

The following report from the report of the Cabinet Member for Vulnerable Children and Families was submitted:-

(See document No. 7)

Councillor Sharon Thompson moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor John Cotton who reserved his right to speak.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Sharon Thompson replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore-

19536 **RESOLVED:-**

That Council approves the Birmingham Children's Trust's draft 2021 - 2022 Youth Justice Plan.

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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

A. Councillor Roger Harmer and Morriam Jan have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 8)

Councillor Roger Harmer moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Morriam Jan.

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

(See document No. 9)

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

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

(See document No. 10)

Councillor Waseem Zaffar moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Liz Clements.

There been no further debate Councillor Roger Harmer replied to the debate.

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

The second amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Matt Bennett and John Lines having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

Council notes that it is over five years since a pilot scheme of average speed camera enforcement (ASE) was installed across five locations in Birmingham including the Hagley Road and Coventry Road. This pilot scheme has successfully demonstrated that ASE has a positive impact on speed compliance and speed reduction, with consequent benefits in reducing the number and severity of road traffic collisions.

Council notes that there is growing demand to expand the ASE programme across a wider range of locations in the city, recognising the potential benefits that more comprehensive enforcement of speeds could deliver. However, it is recognised that any expansion must deliver value for money as part of a financially sustainable approach. It is also noted that the Road Safety Strategy is due for update in 2022.

Council notes the widespread concern in the city about the high volume of speeding traffic on our roads.

The Council wishes to express its disappointment that the Government did not support the city's desire to become a default 20mph city, which would have contributed significantly towards improving the safety of our roads.

Council therefore calls on the executive, as a matter of urgency, to:

- Complete the current review which is assessing the expansion of ASE.
- As part of the work to update the Road Safety Strategy bring forward a comprehensive road safety plan, making use of ASE and local initiatives as appropriate to tackle areas with high collision rates and areas of community concern.
- Continue to work closely in partnership with West Midlands Police to tackle street racing.

B. Councillor John Cotton and Olly Armstrong have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 11)

Councillor John Cotton moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Olly Armstrong.

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

(See document No. 12)

Councillor Baber Baz moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Zaker Choudhry.

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

(See document No. 13)

Councillor Simon Morrall moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Dominic Stanford.

There been no further debate Councillor John Cotton replied to the debate.

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

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

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

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

The Council notes that the Covid pandemic has exacerbated and highlighted the issue of food insecurity in the UK, resulting in a crisis of food poverty with approximately 10 million people experiencing food insecurity. This crisis is born out of the political choices and systemic failings created by a decade of austerity and policies that have torn gaping holes in the social security safety net. As a result, many in our communities have reached a crisis point.

The use of food banks was increasing well before the Covid-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, food bank use has effectively doubled and all indications are that this situation will continue to get worse. The Trussell Trust reported the number of food parcels given to children rose by 52 per cent during the pandemic. These figures are devastating for one of the richest nations in the world and highlight the sheer scale of inequality in the UK.

As a city with high levels of disadvantage, and a growing number of children living in poverty, we see the profound and devastating consequences of food insecurity on the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of citizens in our communities.

The Council further notes that during the pandemic, Birmingham City Council stepped up to ensure that Free School Meal provision was extended over the summer holidays, ensuring that no child went hungry whilst out of school. Whilst the Council is proud to have provided this support, the Government must be compelled to act in such circumstances and not be shamed into doing so by Premier League footballers.

The National Food Strategy, Independent Review, published earlier this year, is the first independent review of England's entire food system for 75 years. Its purpose is to set out a vision for the kind of food system we should be building for the future, and a plan for how to achieve that vision.

The Council agrees that:

- Our society should be taking progressive steps towards the eradication of hunger, and towards the development of fair and balanced system for sustainable farming and fishing that works for both food producers and consumers alike
- The government must take a lead on making this happen, for everyone's benefit, by upholding our Right to Food
- The Government has a duty to ensure nobody in our communities goes hungry and that the "Right to Food" should be enshrined in UK law in order to make clear this obligation and
- Free School Meal provision should be extended in line with a recommendation of the National Food Strategy, Independent review, as the current threshold means that families must be extremely poor to qualify.

The Council also notes that the Government recognises the United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, including the "*fundamental right to be free from hunger*" (Article 11:2)

Therefore the Council resolves to call upon the Government to:

1. Include the 'Right To Food' in the 'National Food Strategy'.
2. Extend Free School Meals provision throughout school holidays.
3. Retain the £20 uplift to Universal Credit.
4. Scrap the five week waiting period for Universal Credit.

Taken together, these measures would help to alleviate some of the worst food insecurity in our country and ensure that the Right to Food is properly recognised in law.

This Council further calls on the Government and the Executive to take urgent action to reduce the very high level of food waste in the UK, which scandalously sits alongside and contributes to food poverty in the UK and is environmentally unsustainable.

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Noting that at least 1.6 billion tonnes of food is wasted annually, council resolves to press for initiatives that link relief of poverty and good nutrition to access to surplus food in the retail and entertainment sectors.

The meeting ended at 1913 hours.

APPENDIX

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

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE**

A1 Directors/Trustees – Social Housing

Question:

Please list all staff and officers currently or at any point in the last five years who are directors/trustees of social housing providers, including which providers? Please include Council appointed positions as well as any known through declared interests.

Answer:

Although staff are encouraged to share such information, it is not a contractual requirement and is therefore not recorded in a central database.

If Councillor Huxtable has a specific query, please let me know and I will ask officers to provide the necessary information.

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

A2 Celebrating Communities Funds

Question:

How much had the Council spent, or is due to spend on ‘facilitators’ for the Celebrating Communities Fund, broken down by Ward and supplier?

Answer:

On 15th December 2020 Cabinet approved the report ‘Commonwealth Games Community Fund – Celebrating Communities Small Grants Funding Scheme’ which set out the approach.

The contracts have been awarded over a Constituency area in order to allow us to be flexible and to respond to the needs of the programme and local communities.

The following table sets out the arrangements

Organisation Name	Constituency	Support Provision	Total cost	Spent
Spitfire Advice & Support Services	Sutton	Ward Forum facilitation	£9,600	0
Spitfire Advice & Support Services	Erdington	Ward Forum facilitation	£9,600	0
Spring Housing Association	Perry Barr	Ward Forum facilitation	£9,600	0
Birmingham Settlement	Ladywood	Ward Forum facilitation	£9,600	0
POhWER	Hodge Hill	Ward Forum facilitation	£9,600	0
Gateway Family Services and Age Concern	Edgbaston	Ward Forum facilitation	£6,000	0
Moseley Exchange	Hall Green/Selly Oak (part)	Ward Forum facilitation	£9,600	0
Stirchley Baths CIC	Selly Oak	Ward Forum facilitation	£7,200	0
Northfield Community Partnership	Northfield	Ward Forum facilitation	£9,600	0
NDSU*	Yardley	Ward Forum facilitation	£0	0
Total			£ 80,400.00	

Notes:

*No additional cost for Yardley because the support is being provided in-house.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

A3 Economic Impact Assessment

Question:

Please provide a copy of any economic impact assessment from the impact on the City Centre and High Streets of the Council's New Ways of Working programme and of the impact, should all companies make similar assumptions?

Answer:

The City Council has not undertaken an economic impact assessment for the New Ways of Working Programme. However, the New Ways of Working Programme will divert expenditure into local communities, particularly as a new network of 'locality working spaces' is established. Currently 88% of City Council employees live within Birmingham City Council's administrative area.

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

A4 Councillor Zaheer Khan

Question:

Posts are circulating on local Facebook pages are making the claim that when contacting Cllr Zaheer Khan they were allegedly told ‘I am no longer a Councillor in Small Heath I left a long time ago. I am a solicitor at Zaks Law not Council’ and allegedly ‘go to Council if you have a problem, go to Safia’.

Given these claims can you confirm whether Councillor Khan is still a member of the Labour Group and Birmingham City Council and if not when did he inform the council and/or Labour Group of his resignation?

Answer:

I can confirm that Councillor Zaheer Khan is still a member of the Labour Group and an Elected Member at Birmingham City Council.

The Labour Group is investigating these allegations.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

A5 Council Owned Land

Question:

How much land by area does the Council own that is not currently in use, i.e. not designated open space, used directly by the Council or with a current commercial or housing tenant?

Answer:

This would require a multi-disciplined co-ordinated team response as the information requested needs to be collated, analysed and presented in an appropriate form.

Unfortunately, this cannot be undertaken in the immediate timescales stipulated for this response.

However, if Councillor Delaney has a query about a particular area, please let me know and I will ask officers to look into the matter and provide an appropriate response.

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

A6 Commercial Properties

Question:

How many vacant commercial properties does the Council currently own, including land owned by subsidiaries of the Council?

Answer:

City Centre Properties

Offices

Currently, there are 29 void city Centre offices split over five buildings:

17 Cannon Street	3 units
Gazette Buildings, 160-168 Corporation Street	19 units
Grenville Buildings, 12 Cherry Street	3 units
Clarence Chambers, 39 Corporation Street	2 units
Court Chambers, 180 Corporation Street	2 units

Shops

2 – 6 Corporation Street
10 Corporation Street, under offer. Lease with Legal – aim to complete by Oct.
41 Corporation Street, under offer. Lease with Legal – aim to complete by Oct.
4 City Arcade
176 Corporation Street
177 Corporation Street – under offer. Aiming to complete by 29th Sep 2021

City Wide Properties

Birmingham Science Park, Aston (over 5 buildings)	20 units
Industrial estates	3 units
Municipal shops City wide	10
Jewellery Quarter – 9 buildings	20 workshops
Birmingham Wholesale Market	13 units

(There are 90 units in total. 3 of the 13 empty units are utilised by the Covid Response Team.)

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

A7 Press Enquiries

Question:

In each year since you became Leader, what has been the average time taken to respond to press enquiries and what has been the top 5 press enquiries that have taken the longest to respond to, including how long it took and what the story related to?

Answer:

This information is not recorded.

Media enquiries can vary in complexity, so the time taken to respond will be relative to that. Some may be simply confirming a fact, whilst others can comprise many questions and follow-ups. In the case of duplicate or repeat enquiries from a range of media organisations on the same topic, any after the initial one would naturally be dealt with more quickly. The availability of relevant officers who will have specific knowledge is also a factor.

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

A8 Vacant Land/Buildings

Question:

Please list all vacant land/buildings currently designated for development that are owned by the Council, including the area of each and how long it has been held for.

Answer:

This would require a multi-disciplined co-ordinated team response as the information requested needs to be collated, analysed and presented in an appropriate form.

Unfortunately, this cannot be undertaken in the immediate timescales stipulated for this response.

However, if Councillor Moore has a query about a particular area, please let me know and I will ask officers to look into the matter and provide an appropriate response.

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

A9 Bank Accounts

Question:

What is the Council's estimate for the number of individuals in the City without a bank account?

Answer:

It is estimated that approximately 1.2 million people in the UK are without access to a bank account. Key findings from the FCA Financial Lives report estimate that 3% of people in the West Midlands are unbanked, equal to the UK average. However, this estimation rises to 4% for core cities. 1,141,400 people live in Birmingham according to the 2018 mid-year population estimates of which approximately 854,000 are aged 18 and over. This would place our estimated unbanked at 34,160 adults.

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

A10 Press Enquiries

Question:

Since you became Leader, how many times have the Council asked the press not to run a story, or to pull a story already published, broken down by publication? Please state in each case which area of the council it related to.

Answer:

The communications team will, as any professional comms function would in any organisation, seek clarifications, amends or retraction of specific content if any media articles or items are misleading or inaccurate.

Sometimes a media enquiry or published story/broadcast contains inaccuracies and, following clarification from the council press office, a media organisation may subsequently take the decision not to publish or to pull/correct content.

This been the case across council administrations, regardless of the political composition.

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

A11 Alternative Site – Birmingham Wheels

Question:

Please provide details of all attempts made to identify an alternative site for the Birmingham Wheels since this was identified as an agreed action by Full Council?

Answer:

- The Wheels site was previously managed by a charitable company who had a long lease on the site. Due to non-payment of rent the City Council sought forfeiture of the Birmingham Wheels site through the Courts and the Court granted possession of the site on the 19th November 2019. The City Council subsequently took physical possession of the site at the end of January 2020. The outstanding rent at the date of the Court Order was £797,206.81 plus daily interest of £176.02 from 20 November which totalled £810,056.27 by the end of January when the Wheels Company surrendered the site. No payment has been received to date.
- In accordance with the resolution of Council on the 14th January 2020 officers negotiated with the remaining occupiers of the site regarding a temporary lease on the site. Subsequently a short term contracted out lease was granted to one of the former occupiers of the site which expires on the 31st October 2021. Originally discussions focussed on a 12 month lease but this was increased to October to enable the occupiers to complete the 2021 event programme.
- Since the forfeiture of the Wheel's Company's long lease on the site in January 2020 a number of the former occupiers have left the site over the last year or so – including the main 'drifting' company, the motorcycle training operation and the off-road karting operation. In part they have been replaced by a new drifting operation and off-road rallying business (who should have been aware of the short term nature of the new lease). The promoters of the stock car track have also changed.
- The occupiers of the site wish to remain at the site and have asked to extend the current short term lease. The lease deliberately does not allow for any automatic extensions and it was only ever granted as a fixed 12 month term. The tenant's request has been turned down in order to allow site preparations to commence which will allow for the onward development and regeneration of the site. A crucial part of the works is to clear over 9,000 sq m of the highly invasive plant, Japanese Knotweed, if which not treated within the next growing season could considerably delay the regeneration of the site.

- On the 17th June 2021 a Levelling Up Fund (LUF) bid was submitted to government for the remediation of the site (including the treatment of Japanese Knotweed). The bid totalled £19.05m (£17.145 from government with City Council co-funding of £1.905m (the LUF guidelines require a 10% contribution)) and it is anticipated that the decision on the bid will be received in early Autumn. It is a requirement of LUF that successful bidders commence expenditure this financial year (by the end of March 2022).
- The Speedskaters Club is the operation on the site which most met the charitable objectives of the original Wheels Company and provides sporting opportunities for the local community and schools. The City Council is working with the speedskaters regarding their potential relocation. A range of sites have been considered and currently opportunities for links with sporting facilities at Castle Vale are being explored.
- Consultants currently acting for the City Council with respect to specialist property advice for the development of the Wheels site have also conducted a search of potential sites for the other occupiers on the site and a schedule of initial opportunities has been shared with them. Most of these are not in council ownership and a wide range of issues would have to be explored regarding detailed suitability and availability.
- The reason why the City Council is bringing forward employment development on the site is set out in both the Bordesley Park Area Action Plan (AAP) and the East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Strategy and is a response to the need to address the long standing challenges within East Birmingham. The site will be a catalyst for regeneration in a part of the city where over a quarter of the workforce is unemployed (as evidenced by current unemployment claimant counts of 28.2% and 27.3% in Ladywood and Hodge Hill respectively). The development of this underutilised site will create up to 3000 jobs with employment and skills programmes put in place to connect these opportunities to the local community.
- There has been significant and ongoing consultation with the occupiers of the site over several years during the preparation of the Bordesley Park AAP and this will continue as the scheme moves forward

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

A12 Key Decisions

Question:

In each year for the last 5 years, how many ‘key decisions’ (i.e. decisions which incur expenditure or saving of more than £500km for revenue and £1m for capital, or which are likely to have a significant impact on more than one ward) have been taken by

- a) Joint Chief Officer and Cabinet Member**
- b) Officers under delegated authority?**

Answer:

In line with the Constitution, all key decisions are taken by Cabinet (B3.1vii) unless they fall under one of the following exemptions:

- Specific exemptions set out in B3.1 of the Constitution – these are reported as per the Constitution;
- A key decision may also be delegated specifically by Cabinet report to a Cabinet Member or officer (see section B3.1). These are set out in each Cabinet report.
- Decisions taken under the Planned Procurement arrangements – as reported to Cabinet via the Planned Procurement Activity Report each meeting;
- Urgent Decisions taken by the Chief Executive (Part 3.1F of the Constitution). There are 3 such decisions in the last five years listed on CMIS:
 - 29 December 2017 - Cashflow support to Birmingham Wholesale Market Company (BWMC) to support Traders' relocation to New Market
 - 13 December 2019 – CWG Bus Depot Relocation
 - 17 August 2021 – Termination of Home to School Transport Provider

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

A13 Key Decisions 2

Question:

For every key decision taken outside of full Cabinet, please provide a breakdown of

- a) The number taken by each Cabinet Member or, for officer decisions, the relevant directorate.**
- b) The number which appeared on a forward plan no less than 28 clear calendar days in advance of the decision being taken.**
- c) The number received a specific exemption, including agreement of the O&S Chair, to be taken with less than 28 calendar days on a forward plan.**

Answer:

Please see response to question A12: the only key decisions taken outside full Cabinet are those specifically exempt as listed in A12, and are therefore not required to be listed on the Forward Plan.

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

A14 Council Owned Companies

Question:

In each of the last 6 years, which Council owned companies has the Council borrowed money from and how much interest has been paid to each?

Answer:

Borrowing from Acivico, Birmingham Children's Trust and InReach is not specifically undertaken to meet the Council's borrowing requirements but is taken primarily to support the companies' short-term cashflow management.

Depositing company	Acivico Ltd	Birmingham Children's Trust CIC (2)	InReach (Birmingham) Limited	PETPS (Birmingham) Pension Funding Scottish Limited Partnership (3)
	Interest amount paid to company			
	£	£	£	£
2015/16	5,135	-	-	-
2016/17	12,468	-	542	-
2017/18	-	-	1,847	54,755
2018/19	-	39,703	1,143	264,091
2019/20	-	223,843	1,110	201,962
2020/21	-	113,714	746	138,640
2021/22 (1)	-	5,768	12	93,301
Total interest paid	17,603	383,028	5,400	752,749
Balance remaining at 08/09/2021	0	51,500,000	241,012	2,452,749

- 1) Interest paid in 2021/22 so far.
- 2) The Birmingham Children's Trust deposits and drawdowns are for cash flow (timing) management purposes. The monthly contract sum payments are deposited and then drawn down as the trust incurs expenditure on its day to day activities.

In 2017, as part of an asset backed funding structure in respect of NEC Limited Pension Fund, BCC set up wholly owned companies PETPS (Birmingham) Capital Limited and PETPS (Birmingham) General Partner Limited which established this Partnership. The Partnership was capitalised with £17.2m cash, which has been loaned back to the Council. Payments are made by the Council to the Partnership under the terms of the loan. This arrangement relates to the management of the NEC Ltd Pension Fund and was not specifically intended to meet the Council's borrowing requirements.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

A15 Section 106 1

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the most up to date position in relation to S106 money, including

- **Total amount owed**
- **Total amount received**
- **Total amount spent**

Answer:

This would require a multi-disciplined co-ordinated team response as the information requested needs to be collated, analysed and presented in an appropriate form.

Unfortunately, this cannot be undertaken in the immediate timescales stipulated for this response.

Ward specific S106 information is circulated to Members by Community Governance Managers every six months. However, if Councillor Freeman has a query about a particular S106 scheme, please let me know and I will ask officers to look into the matter and provide an appropriate response.

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

A16 Section 106 2

Question:

Please provide a breakdown how much S106 money has been received and spent in each Ward.

Answer:

This would require a multi-disciplined co-ordinated team response as the information requested needs to be collated, analysed and presented in an appropriate form.

Unfortunately, this cannot be undertaken in the immediate timescales stipulated for this response.

Ward specific S106 information is circulated to Members by Community Governance Managers every six months. However, if Councillor Storer has a query about a particular S106 scheme, please let me know and I will ask officers to look into the matter and provide an appropriate response.

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

“Section 106 3”

Question:

For each S106 agreement since 2016, please provide a breakdown of

- **Amount owed**
- **Amount spent in the Ward the development took place**
- **Amount spent in another Ward to which the development took place (and which Ward)**
- **Amount remaining owed**
- **Amount remaining held by Council**

Answer:

This would require a multi-disciplined co-ordinated team response as the information requested needs to be collated, analysed and presented in an appropriate form.

Unfortunately, this cannot be undertaken in the immediate timescales stipulated for this response.

Ward specific S106 information is circulated to Members by Community Governance Managers every six months. However, if Councillor Higgs has a query about a particular S106 scheme, please let me know and I will ask officers to look into the matter and provide an appropriate response.

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

A18 Safer Streets Fund

Question:

Has the Council submitted any bids to the Government's Safer Streets Fund for non-PFI land? If so, please provide details

Answer:

In partnership with West Midlands Police, the Council has secured £432,000 funding from the Government's Safer Streets – Round 2 – for a range of physical interventions in Stockland Green to address acquisitive crime. Acquisitive crime includes burglary, robbery and theft as well as vehicle crime. Some of this funding will be spent on non-PFI land (approx £145k) to support those acquisitive crime interventions linked to residents' homes and service roads around their properties. This includes security measures for properties, crime prevention assessments and gating. All of these interventions were highlighted in the Government's Safer Streets programme as examples of good practice.

The Council has additionally submitted a bid to the Government's Safer Streets – Round 3 – which is specifically focused on safety of women and girls. Again, this proposal has been developed in partnership with West Midlands Police and focuses on physical interventions around student areas. It does not include any proposals for non-PFI land. We are currently waiting for a decision on this funding application.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR DOMINIC STANFORD**

A19 BHMT Building Programmes

Question:

Have you issued any instructions to officers, or been advised by officers, to speed up BHMT building programmes or any other council development, in order to be in place before November 2022?

Answer:

Whilst there is the ambition to accelerate housing delivery where possible to meet the need for new affordable homes in the city, there have been no instructions to speed up the BMHT build programme before November 2022

However, there are transitional arrangements which will impact on some development schemes in order to implement proposed Building Regulation changes to part L of the regs (to do with fabric efficiency and conserving fuel and power). Transitional arrangements will apply to individual buildings where work on an individual building has not commenced by June 2023, the uncommenced buildings must be in line with the 2021 Part L uplift. For notices submitted after June 2022 all homes must be in line with the 2021 uplift

All schemes which are in design and not yet achieved planning approval are being designed to the new updated BMHT specification. The new specification goes further than the Government proposed uplift on some elements of the u values for thermal comfort (it is worth noting that the previous BMHT specification met or exceeded the Government proposed uplift on u values). The Council is also specifying Air Source Heat Pumps instead of gas for new schemes to future prove housing developments.

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

A20 Current Council Development Projects

Question:

Of all current council development projects at outline business case stage or beyond, which ones were originally scheduled for completion post November 2022 but have been moved forward to a date before that?

Answer:

All projects currently in development at Outline Business Case stage or beyond have been developed in accordance with the Councils Gateway process for developing and delivering projects. It is my understanding that no projects scheduled for completion post November 2022 have been brought forward to an earlier date.

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

A21 Council Development Projects

Question:

For all council development projects that have commenced preparation in last 2 years, regardless of what stage, how many have followed an expedited process to ensure compliance before November 2022?

Answer:

All projects currently in development at Outline Business Case stage or beyond have been developed in accordance with the Councils Gateway process for developing and delivering projects. It is my understanding that no projects scheduled for completion post November 2022 have been brought forward to an earlier date.

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

**A22 Report of Joint Officer and Cabinet Member, DPS Strategy and
Award, 24 December 2019**

Question:

A 16 March 2021 Cabinet Report (PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR THE PROVISION OF HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT) refers in the background papers to a Joint Officer and Cabinet Member Decision taken on 24 December 2019, entitled ‘DPS Strategy and Award.’ However CMIS lists no Joint Officer and Cabinet Member meeting as taking place on that date and there is no record of any decision for that day either. Please can you confirm when the decision was taken and if it was posted correctly in accordance with requirements of the constitution (and with a link to this). If not, please explain how the decision supposedly taken at this meeting could be impacted as well as subsequent decisions taken based on this earlier ‘decision’ to ensure the council is not acting ultra vires in this matter.

Answer:

I have asked officers to look into this matter and am advised that a response will be provided by the end of September 2021.

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

A23 Council Buildings

Question:

Please list all Council Buildings that the Council has identified as not being required in the long term for council employees to be based at?

Answer:

The Council has currently identified Lancaster Circus and Margaret Street.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR SUZANNE WEBB**

A24 Surplus Council Property

Question:

Please provide a list of all council owned land and buildings that have been declared surplus but not yet sold, or had alternative uses identified?

Answer:

This would require a multi-disciplined co-ordinated team response as the information requested needs to be collated, analysed and presented in an appropriate form.

Unfortunately, this cannot be undertaken in the immediate timescales stipulated for this response.

However, if Councillor Webb has a query about a particular property or piece of land, please let me know and I will ask officers to look into the matter and provide an appropriate response.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

A25 Bromsgrove Development Plan

Question:

Please provide a copy of the Council's submission to the Bromsgrove Development Plan Consultation.

Answer:

Birmingham City Council's response to the Bromsgrove District Plan Review Issues and Options Consultation is available on Bromsgrove District Council's website.

<https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/media/4730468/landO-consultation-responses-table-24-09-19.pdf>

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

A26 Public Realm Spending

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the £8.7 million Public Realm spend (identified in the cabinet quarterly contract awards report on 7th September 2021) and where this funding has been sourced from. This should include how much has been allocated/spent on the fountain and Victoria Square paving.

Answer:

The Full Business Case approved by Cabinet on 29th January 2021 included financial appendix G that covered forecast spend profile and funding sources.

The approval granted £12.3m spend for City Centre Public Realm Phase 1 of which £10.163m including contingency is assigned for construction cost.

Funding for Phase 1 of the works totalling £12.3m is comprised £4m Transforming Cities Fund and £8.3m Clean Air Zone Net Revenue, again outlined and approved in the Full Business Case.

The Contractors price was received after competitive tender and a target cost contract agreed for £8.7m for works. This is within the budgeted and forecast £10.163m as outlined in the approved award report.

The breakdown of the target cost indicates the Water Feature cost to be £1.2m (taken from TCF funding) with the subsequent public realm works (Victoria Square, Colmore Row, Waterloo Street, Lower Temple Street and associated HVM) to be £7.5m (taken from remaining TCF + Clean Air Zone).

The Contract was awarded during late August 2021, with works programmed to commence during late September/early October 2021. No payments have been under the contract so far.

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

A27 Vacant Retail Spaces

Question:

As more than one in seven shops are now vacant on UK high streets, retail parks and shopping centres could the Leader provide an explanation of what is being done to encourage businesses to come back to the city?

Answer:

High street vacancy rates were increasing nationally pre-pandemic. The impacts of Covid-19 have accelerated this trend and magnified changing consumer behaviour (such as online shopping) while the cost of operating has remained high for businesses. This can be seen through the number of brand name retailers leaving the high street in recent months.

Because of this, 'high streets' now need to consider a broader range of uses for currently vacant retail units, such as community, leisure, flexible working or health services.

The Council is working with stakeholders across the city to help our high streets remain at the heart of their communities and embrace opportunities that, for example, changing working patterns present. Officers are working with the twelve business improvement districts as well as emerging business and community groups to identify opportunities and monitor vacant units. Anecdotal evidence suggests there is increasing interest from new occupiers taking space in currently vacant units across our city, especially in the local centres with vacant units turning over quickly in these areas.

Through the Council's Welcome Back Fund, the Council will commission a review into the 'future of high streets' in Birmingham, developing a framework to take advantage of opportunities to enhance local centres and encourage a broad mix of uses that are relevant to local people and continue to make Birmingham a great place to live, work or invest in. The 'Welcome Back Fund' will also, through partners including the city centre BIDs, deliver six events in the city centre this calendar year to help increase footfall and build citizens' confidence in returning to public spaces once again. The Fund will also deliver deep cleaning and graffiti removal projects to ensure the city centre remains a welcoming place to visit and shop.

The city centre remains the economic hub of the city and the Future Business District study, led by Colmore Business District, is an example of the Council's work with key stakeholders to ultimately deliver positive change and build resilient, appealing places for people and businesses as the country emerges from the challenges of multiple Covid-19 lockdowns.

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

A28 High Street Recovery

Question:

Statistics provided by ‘Centres for Cities’ for July have shown Birmingham has been given an overall recovery index of 46 and is in the bottom 10 cities for both footfall and spend post lockdown. Whereas cities such as Blackpool and Bournemouth score highly and are in the top 10 London, Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds scoring poorly. Could the Leader give an indication of the initiatives they will be putting in place to improve this position, setting out his understanding of the reason for the city centre is faring so badly?

Answer:

Whilst footfall in core cities has been negatively impacted by the slow return of staff to offices – this will increase over coming weeks and months. Major office floorspace take-ups (e.g. Arup, Atkins, Goldman Sachs) have demonstrated that there is still strong demand for office space in central Birmingham and that occupiers are seeking high quality and central, highly accessible locations.

According to Centre for Cities data and feedback from BIDs, city centre footfall is increasing steadily. Data from the ‘Weekend Index’ also shows steady improvement over 2021 suggesting more people are returning for social, leisure and retail uses following the last Covid lockdown.

Centre for Cities data focuses purely on city centres and does not consider the increased use of local centres over the past 18 months. As Birmingham has at least ten major local centres (identified in the Urban Centres Framework) it is understandable that major city centres such as Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds are showing a slower return to pre-pandemic levels of footfall and spend given the increased appeal and ease of use of high streets and local centres on peoples’ doorsteps. It should also be noted the figures are from July, which is the very start of the recovery, and Blackpool and Bournemouth are both seaside resorts and will have benefitted over the summer from the fact that many people are holidaying in the UK this year.

There are several initiatives in delivery that will ensure Birmingham and the City Centre will continue to attract investment, create jobs and grow businesses. Alongside the Commonwealth Games, Metro extension and HS2, the next decade will see tremendous growth for the City.

The Council’s ‘Welcome Back Fund’ will, through partners including the city centre BIDs, deliver six events in the city centre this calendar year to help increase footfall and build citizens’ confidence in returning to public spaces once again. The Fund will also deliver deep cleaning and graffiti removal projects to ensure the city centre remains a welcoming place to

visit and work. The Council is working with partners to explore retaining and developing further outdoor seating and 'café culture' schemes in the city centre.

The Council is also delivering major improvements to public realm at Southside, Snowhill, Digbeth, helping to create an attractive and welcoming city centre for workers and residents, especially pedestrians and cyclists. Alongside other major developments, such as Perry Barr and Smithfield, the Council is delivering new homes, employment space and transport improvements for the future.

The Future City Plan will promote the importance of culture, night-time economy, and will offer a range of activities within attractive, safe, green spaces to draw and retain both visitors and residential communities.

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

B1 Service Level Agreement for Member Enquiries

Question:

Please provide a copy of all SLAs that relate to Officer communication with Members (e.g. Member Enquiries response times), including the date these were approved.

Answer:

The Member's Complaint Protocol, which includes the SLA, was discussed at Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny on 15th December 2020 with revisions presented on 7th January 2021. This was also sent to wider members on 18th February 2021 for comment. At a meeting with the Deputy Leader on 5th March 2021 it was agreed that after final amendments it would be formally signed off by officers. This was agreed by the Director of Digital and Customer Services on 26th March 2021.

The agreed SLA times are

If registered as a Members' Enquiry	
Acknowledgement to Member	48 hours (2 working days)
Response from Service	10 working days inclusive of the 48 hours
Urgent Enquiries	24 hours (1 working day)
If registered as a Members' Complaint	
Acknowledgment to Member	48 hours (2 working days)
Response Completed	15 working days inclusive of the 48 hours
Urgent Complaints	24 hours (for exceptions within the escalation process this will be actioned immediately)
Complex Complaints (i.e. Social Care Complaints)	15 working days to 6 months

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

B2 Mobile Phone Masts

Question:

Further to written question A5, which I asked on 13 July 2021, in relation to 'Phone Masts' which read 'The Council previously had a policy of allowing two wards the proceeds of rental from phone masts on the highway', the Leader's response was that he was not able to identify such a policy and asked for further details.

The following recommendation was made in the Report to the City Council entitled 'Review of the Siting of Telecommunications Equipment on Council Land and Premises' (5 July 2005) which was presented to Council by the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Recommendation 13 related to the following 'That at least 50% of the income derived from the siting of telecommunications equipment should be returned for the collective benefit of the tenants/residents/users of that facility and that the implementation of this provision is reviewed annually by the Deputy Leader'.

Could the Deputy Leader state whether this policy still remains in place?

Answer:

Yes, this policy remains in place, details of which are provided below. Due to changes in Cabinet Member portfolios since 2005, monitoring of this policy now falls under the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods

Implementation of this policy is administered through our housing management and repairs and maintenance services, working with finance colleagues.

The housing service receive 50% of the revenue generated by having aerials/phone masts on our tower blocks. Some blocks have more than one funding stream, as they have more than one aerial.

Tenant Participation Officers are responsible for engaging and consulting with the tenants, so that funding can be spent on projects within these blocks and the immediate area. Previous projects have included improvements to internal decorations, replacement flooring and some outside works to add planters and trip rails, etc.

If the tenants within tower blocks have no interest in this funding, which has happened when all of their suggested projects have been completed, tenants in the area surrounding the block are consulted. In a small number of cases this is extended to the ward. This approach was agreed with tenants when the funding was introduced.

Policy details

ALL residents living in a block that receive an Aerial Mast Budget, must be consulted and the majority should agree the projects paid for out of this budget.

The budget does **NOT** have to be spent on the block that receives the Aerial Mast Budget. But it **MUST** be spent within the constituency. Project funded by the Aerial Mast Budget must not benefit just one person.

If residents choose to spend it on their own block, and if it is a block that is due to be demolished, the money will be used to remove graffiti, redecoration of communal areas etc. BCC preferred contractor must be used to carry out the work.

The criteria for projects funded by this budget is as follows:

- Projects that work to reduce crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
- Projects that compliment other improvements carried out on estates.
- Projects that would have a benefit for communities and **NOT** an individual.
- Projects that increase community cohesion and sustainability of an area.
- Projects that increase access or encourage involvement.
- Projects that are a combination of the above.

NB

ONLY BCC preferred contractors must be used to deliver the work on projects.

On **No** account does the HLB have the authority to spend the Aerial Mast Budget.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

B3 Written off Debt

Question:

For each year since 2012, what is the total value per Ward of Council Tax and Business Rate debt written off by the Council. Please split this between debt written off by Cabinet and debt written off under delegated authority.

Answer:

Due to the level of data that is required to be processed it has not been possible to provide this information by ward in the timeframe required. A further response will follow with this information provided.

Business Rates

Year	£25k and over - Cabinet	Under £25k – Under delegated authority	Total	Total number of accounts
2012		£ 33,815.45	£ 33,815.45	257
2013		£ 1,481,339.23	£ 1,481,339.23	746
2014	£ 452,843.47	£ 1,238,756.26	£ 1,691,599.73	544
2015	£ 1,363,480.45	£ 3,657,299.81	£ 5,020,780.26	1543
2016	£ 1,957,957.06	£ 1,103,831.53	£ 3,061,788.59	455
2017	£ 542,272.71	£ 3,199,875.17	£ 3,742,147.88	1111
2018	£ 2,151,413.49	£ 4,289,378.33	£ 6,440,791.82	1789
2019	£ 2,413,188.61	£ 14,673,379.64	£ 17,086,568.25	4390
2020	£ 196,529.80	£ 2,287,168.05	£ 2,483,697.85	1087
2021		£ 21,476.64	£ 21,476.64	23
Total	£ 9,077,685.59	£ 31,986,320.11	£ 41,064,005.70	11,945.00

Council Tax (all under delegated authority)

Year	Total	Total number of accounts
2012	£67,422.61	6489
2013	£138,910.16	9173
2014	£2,422,261.49	15933
2015	£3,344,064.34	16996
2016	£256,666.37	7983
2017	£2,915,797.01	13080
2018	£6,818,943.11	23211

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2019	£10,978,402.00	36533
2020	£2,183,939.12	13362
2021	£134,028.75	1504
Total	£29,260,434.96	144264

The figures supplied relate to write offs for debt raised during the tax years 2012 to 2021. For context during the same 2012 to 2021 period liabilities totalling £3.59bn for Council tax and £3.78bn for Business rates were raised.

Before submitting a balance for write off, staff will make checks of the authority systems and known third parties i.e. solicitors, credit reference agencies and letting agents. If, after a six-month period, a new address is not established, the debt will be submitted for write off. Should a debtor be subsequently traced, a debt will be re-instated if considered economically viable to recover and it is within the statute of limitations.

Staff are required to take action to collect all debts; however, in some cases, this might not be possible, and debts do become irrecoverable e.g. due to insolvency, absconded, uneconomical to collect, vulnerability, custodial sentences, deceased. Writing off irrecoverable items represents good financial management. It allows staff to concentrate on recoverable debts and ensures that the level of customers' arrears within the accounts is accurate and represents a true and fair reflection of the Council's financial position.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS
AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

C1 SEND Improvement

Question:

Please provide a list of all dates of the SEND Improvement Board and which of those you attended since it was established in your cabinet role with joint responsibility SEND alongside the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing.

Answer:

I have not been a member of the SEND Improvement Board and thus have not been invited to or attended any board meetings.

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

C2 Additional Support

Question:

The School Standards Minister, Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, recently announced funding of £10m to provide pupils, in participating schools, with additional support in maths and English. It is understood programmes will be targeted at pupils starting primary and secondary school and will begin from the 2021 autumn term.

Could the Cabinet Member give details of all City Schools that will be participating in this scheme?

Answer:

This scheme is being administered by the Department for Education (DfE) and information has not been provided to local authorities about which schools are participating.

Officers have asked officials at the DfE for an update on participation of Birmingham schools. If an update is provided, I will share this with councillors as soon as possible

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

D1 Expiring Contracts

Question:

According to the most up to date contract register (Q1 2021/22), there were 188 contracts that expired by 31 August 2021, including 111 that expired before the end of Quarter 1. There are a further 119 that a due to expire before the end of the calendar year. Can you please provide details of what has happened with each of these expired or expiring contracts. This should include the procurement route followed to extend or retender these contracts or where they have expired whether this is because the services are no longer needed or if they are continuing outside of contractual arrangements.

Answer:

From an initial review it is noted that the figures as presented above are correct.

Given the level of detail required and the time that it will take to collate it a full answer with the information requested will be provided and circulated to Members in advance of October's meeting of the City Council. However, I would like to reassure Members that work is already underway to better manage the process with regards to expired or expiring contracts.

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

D2 CAZ Camera Solutions

Question:

The technology for the CAZ ANPR cameras was procured through a contract with Siemens that was subject to call-in in September 2020. At that Call-in it was explained that Siemens were originally procured by Capita under the Service Birmingham Contract which was why no proper procurement exercise was carried out but that the contract had novated over to the Council in August 2019 as part of the termination of the Service Birmingham Contract. Given the Council's relationship for the cameras is now directly with Siemens, and not via Capita, can you explain why (according to Open Data) invoices totalling £631.5k were paid to Capita during the 2020/21 with the summary title of "Hways CAZ Camera Solutn" and how these payments relate to the £107.2k also paid directly to Siemens in the same year and to the contract that was called in in September 2020.

Answer:

Capita Birmingham Limited (Capita) were appointed by the Council to deliver the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and Back Office IT Solution, including the managing the procurement process, as per the standing agreement at that time.

As a consequence of the partial termination of the relationship with the Council, the contract with Siemens, who had been procured by Capita to deliver the ANPR and Back Office IT Solution, was novated to the Council without amendment. All payments related to this contract continued to be made to Capita, in line with the termination agreement.

Subsequent payments to Siemens are for an additional scope of works, which required a modification of the contract that had been in place. A purchase order for this additional scope of works was sent to Siemens following the Cabinet meeting of 8 September 2020 at which Cabinet approved the Implementation of Main CAZ Infrastructure - Civil Engineering Cameras Solution - Full Business Case (FBC).

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

D3 Cabinet Executive Report

Question:

On 17th March 2020, Cabinet agreed to withdraw an Executive Report entitled ‘Single Contractor Negotiations – Clean Air Zone Mitigations Application and Case Management System’ to give further consideration following concerns raised at call-in by Councillors Robert Alden and Ewan Mackey over the lawfulness of the procurement route proposed. It was later decided that the solution could be delivered in house using existing software already under contract.

Give this procurement did not proceed the figure that the Executive intended to spent on this had it not been called in, is no longer commercially sensitive. Can you confirm the total money that you and Councillor Zaffar asked Cabinet to approve in the original report and the cost of the alternative route subsequently follow for this system?

Answer:

The estimated costs for the ‘Clean Air Zone mitigations application and case management system’ were £0.217m (capital) for the development of a ‘minimum viable product’, £0.100m (capital), which was to be held as contingency and an ongoing revenue cost of £0.024m per annum to support any ongoing costs for licences and support, noting that ongoing support would transfer to the Council’s Corporate IT department following completion of development.

The development of an in-house solution was completed in two phases. The first phase involved the creation of simple online application forms, without supporting case management functionality. The cost of this development was absorbed by the Council’s webteam. This phase of activity also enabled the Clean Air Zone team and the Council’s IT business analysts to refine the scope of work for the second phase of activity.

The second phase of development involved the creation of a ‘case management’ solution and a refinement of the online application forms created in phase one. The system developed during this phase of activity was to a reduced scope to the one originally requested, for example the removal of integration with the Council’s financial systems.

The estimated cost for this second phase of activity was £0.034m with an annual support cost of £0.008m.

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

D4 Contract – Web Services

Question:

The contract with Jadu Limited for the provision of web services expired in either January 2021 or 31 March 2021, depending on whether you believe the Cabinet Procurement Intentions report or the Q4 2021/20 contract register on the open data platform. According to the Q1 2021/2022 contract register, the new contract was not signed until 18 May 2021. This is despite it appearing on the procurement intentions report in October with a target sign off date of 13 November 2011.

Please can you confirm if January or March date is correct for the expiry of this contract and what happened in the interim when the Council appears to have been operating outside of contract for a period of either 4 or 2 months with a service that includes the collection of residents personal data?

Answer:

We can confirm that the JADU contract expired on 31st March 21.

A 3-month extension approved via Officer delegations was put in place to cover the period 1st April 21 to 30th June 21 which negated any risk to the collection of residents' personal data.

This enabled additional time for contracts to be drafted for the new contract covering 1st July 21 for a 4-year period.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

D5 External Recruitment Agencies

Question:

What has the Council spent in each year since 2012 with external recruitment agencies to support recruitment?

Answer:

From an extract of the Council's Finance System and based on known vendors for external recruitment agencies to support recruitment the data is as follows:

Spend Figures for recruitment agencies to support recruitment 2012 – 2021

Period	Spend
2012 - 2013	£101,078
2013 - 2014	£118,578
2014 - 2015	£143,916
2015 - 2016	£131,706
2016 - 2017	£138,708
2017 - 2018	£123,636
2018 - 2019	£162,108
2019 - 2020	£134,396
2020 - 2021	£128,923
2021 - 08.09.2012	£59,451
	<u>£1,242,500</u>

Detailed analysis of the above has not been undertaken and may include spend on things other than recruitment.

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

D6 Apprentices/Trainees

Question:

How many apprentice or trainee Environmental Health Officers has the Council employed in each year since 2012?

Answer:

The service has not appointed any apprentices historically. The table below identifies 2 officers in 2021 and they are the first apprentices as of September 2021.

Year	Students Trained
2012	4
2013	4
2014	4
2015	4
2016	10
2017	8
2018	4
2019	0
2020	0
2021	2

Due to the nature of our work being so diverse and there being large numbers of “jobs”, BCC Environmental Health is an excellent training ground for students. The service did up until 2018 provide this opportunity to support the West Midlands local universities in providing unpaid placements. The students in 2016 and 2017 were funded externally, but when this funding stream ceased, Regulation and Enforcement were advised the City Council could no longer offer unpaid training. No additional funding was available to replace the original funding and in 2019 the Coronavirus pandemic overtook this priority. The 2021 officers are on the apprenticeship, but it will take three years for them to complete their training.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

D7 Interims/Agency Staff

Question:

Since 2016, how many interims or agency staff have been used to cover roles of suspended employees and what has been the total cost of this? Please split between JNC and other employees.

Answer:

This information is not held centrally and will take longer to compile from information held within each Directorate than is available. The required information will be sourced and forwarded to Members in advance of the October meeting of the City Council.

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

D8 JNC Recruitment

Question:

How many JNC level recruitments are planned for the rest of the year to end of March 2022?

Answer:

JNC recruitment has to be approved first via the JNC Core panel before a recruitment exercise can be commenced. As of the 9th September 2021 we have approval to recruit to 9 posts as detailed below:

Post	Progress
Director of Strategy, Equality & Partnerships	Closing date 28 th September 2021
Strategic Director of Place, Prosperity & Sustainability	Closing date 24 th September 2021
AD Corporate Procurement	Final Interviews 22 nd September 2021
AD HR	Approved but awaiting restructure consultation which is planned to be commenced 29 th September 2021
Director of Planning, Transport and Sustainability	Process currently being designed
AD Housing Management	Acting up in place, permanent process being scoped
AD Housing Services	Acting up in place, permanent process being scoped
AD Regulation and Enforcement	Interim in post, permanent process being scoped
HR Director (Interim)	Final Interview 21 st September 2021

It is expected that there will be other posts to be recruited before the end of March 2022, but as yet these are not defined or approved by the JNC panel.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DOMINIC STANFORD**

D9 NDA's

Question:

How many NDA's has the Council signed with staff past or present each year since 2012?

Answer:

It is assumed the question is referring to Settlement Agreements.

Records held within Legal Services state that since 2012, 184 settlement agreements have been entered into. This figure does not include COT3 settlements entered into as a result of resolution of Employment Tribunal proceedings against the Council.

Year	No. of Matters Opened
2012	17
2013	50
2014	18
2015	31
2016	22
2017	3
2018	5
2019	27
2020	8
2021	3
Grand Total	184

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

D10 Suspended JNC Officers

Question:

**How many JNC level officers were suspended for any part including for how long listed
by year and pay grade since 2012?**

Answer:

HR records indicate that only one JNC officer (grade BO2, for a period of 11 months) has been suspended since 2018, when the earliest records of this data are available.

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

D11 Recruitment - JNC Officers

Question:

How many recruitments to JNC level posts have been run each year since 2012 including any launched but not completed?

Answer:

Year	Successful Recruitments	Advertisements
2012	2	Information not recorded
2013	5	Information not recorded
2014	5	Information not recorded
2015	16	Information not recorded
2016	22	Information not recorded
2017	11	Information not recorded
2018	15	19
2019	20	19
2020	13	15
2021	11	20

- The above data includes staff moving from one JNC post to another.
- Advertisement data not recorded prior to 2018.
- The above data does not include successful interim recruitments.
- 2021 Advertisements figure does not include those that have recently received JNC Core Panel approval (5 permanent posts) that are currently being scoped.

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

D12 North Birmingham Travel Signatories

Question:

Were North Birmingham Travel signatories to the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility?

Answer:

North Birmingham Travel were accredited to the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility on the 27/10/2015. They were Organisation No. 251 in [the Council's published list of accredited organisations](#).

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

D13 Charges and Fines

Question:

How many charges and fines have the council had to pay up until the 31st August 2021 for the Clean Air Zone?

Answer:

In responding to this question we have interpreted 'charges' as referring to the Clean Air Air Zone daily fee (£8) and 'fines' as referring to the Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) fee (either £120 or the reduced fee of £60 if paid within 14 days of issue).

Unfortunately, the Clean Air Zone team is unable to provide details for 'charges' paid by the Council as we are unable to identify the names of individuals or organisations from the payment platforms.

In terms of fines Birmingham City Council had been issued with 834 PCNs up to 31 August 2021. To date 751 of these PCNs have been paid. 617 were at the £8 daily fee rate, 132 were at the reduced PCN rate of £60. The remainder (2) were at the full PCN rate (£120).

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

D14 DPS Contract Details

Question:

On what date did North Birmingham Travel sign the DPS contract for home to school transport and on what date did they sign the deed of variation to ensure compliance with the recommendations of the ATG audit report and with promises made about safety checks?

Answer:

The DPS contracts were dated 6 January 2020 with the vast majority of services commencing on 24 February 2020. These were all awarded via formal letter prior to commencement of services. However, when it was discovered that the InTend electronic tendering platform had not captured the date that their original signatures had been received the DPS contract, data agreement and the 2 deeds of variation were all re-signed by NBT in June 2021.

This matter is now being investigated internally to identify why that was the case.

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

D15 Decision Notice

Question:

Please provide a copy of the decision notice for each time North Birmingham Travel were awarded any contract with Birmingham City Council, including anytime they were added to an existing framework.

Answer:

NBT were only awarded work at the start of the DPS and therefore covered under the original award report and did not win further work via the mini competition process.



D15 P0504 Home to
School provision Awa

Delegated Award Report

Birmingham City Council

Report to: Assistant Director, Education and Skills

Date 20th April 2020



Subject: **CONTRACT AWARD - PROVISION OF HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT (P0504)**

Report of: Home to School Transport Head of Service, Education and Skills

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. To provide details of the outcome of the mini-competitions undertaken for the provision of Home to School Transport service for eligible SEND children and young people and seeks approval to award contracts to the preferred providers.
- 1.2. These stages were undertaken via a mini-competition using the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) agreement which was established on 1 November 2019. In accordance with 2.4 of the Delegated Award Report – Home to School Transport (P0504), approved on 24 December 2019, these are the subsequent stages of mini-competition.
- 1.3. These contracts will be for a period of 4 years commencing on 27th April 2020 with the option to activate a break clause after 2 years, or unless an eligible child's requirements alter or cease within that time.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Director, Education and Skills in conjunction with the Assistant Director, Development and Commercial (or their delegate) Chief Finance

Officer (or their delegate) and the Acting Interim City Solicitor (or their delegate):

- 2.2. Approves the award of the transport routes for the provision of Home to School Transport Services to the providers detailed in Appendix 1, commencing 27th April 2020 for the consolidated value of £10.520m over four years.
- 2.3. Authorises the Acting Interim City Solicitor (or their delegate) to execute and complete all necessary legal documents to give effect to above.

3. Background

3.1. Background

- 3.1.1. The relevant background and chronology of key events was explained in the Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School Transport Service approved on 20 August 2019. The procurement strategy for the DPS was agreed by Cabinet on 20 August 2019. The acceptance of the applications onto the DPS was approved by the Head of Procurement on 29 November 2019. Contracts are called off from the DPS via a mini-competition process.
- 3.1.2. This is the continuation of waves of mini-competition, the Delegated Award Report – Home to School Transport (P0504) approved on 24 December 2019 awarded 75% of the provision for a total value of £27.084m over four years.

3.2. Invitation to Tender (ITT) Stage

- 3.2.1. The contract for the provision of services was tendered via mini-competitions processes pursuant to the DPS.
- 3.2.2. The opportunities were advertised via the 'in-tend' portal to all the DPS suppliers, namely;

AFJ	Kingsnorton coaches
AJ Executive Travel	Lawrence's Garage
Attain Travel Ltd	Mark Taylor Private Hire,
Bearwood Coaches / Minibuses	North Birmingham Travel Ltd
Beaufort Cars	Plaza Cars (Birmingham) Ltd,
Castle Cars Birmingham Ltd	Select Private Hire Ltd
Community Transport	Shencare Community Transport Ltd
County Cars (2003) Limited	Star Cars and Coaches Limited

Elite Radio Cars Ltd	Taxie
Great Barr Cars	TC Cars
Green Destinations Ltd	Touchwood Private Hire Ltd
Holistic Transport Services Ltd	West Midlands Travel Limited

3.2.3. Questions raised by tenderers during the mini-competitions were addressed by issuing clarifications to all tenderers.

3.2.4. Tenders were received from:

AFJ Ltd	Mark Taylor Private Hire
AJ Executive Travel	North Birmingham Travel Ltd
Bearwood Minibuses / Coaches	Plaza Cars (Birmingham) Ltd,
Beaufort Cars	Select Private Hire Ltd
Community Transport	Shencare Community Transport Ltd
Elite Radio Cars Ltd	Star Cars and Coaches Ltd
Great Barr Cars	Taxie
Green Destinations Ltd	TC Cars Ltd
Holistic Transport Services Ltd	Touchwood Private Hire Ltd
Kings Norton Coaches	West Midlands Travel Limited
Lawrence's Garage	

3.2.5. Consultation with the organisations who did not return tenders was carried out to understand why they did not submit. The majority did not engage in the mini-competition process due to not having the capacity or resource currently to deliver the route(s) or submit a tender.

3.3. Evaluation and Selection Summary

3.3.1. Details of the evaluation including the criteria for selection was set out in the Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School transport dated 20 August 2019 and outlined that tenders received would be evaluated using a split of 40% quality and 60% price. Due to the value of contracts with each provider being unknown until after the award of the all the school routes, Social Value was not evaluated at this stage but providers were requested to

complete a draft action plan that would only be enacted once the contract value exceeded the £200,000 threshold.

- 3.3.2. The evaluation was undertaken by officers from the Home to School Transport service, supported by Corporate Procurement Services.

3.3.3. Overall Evaluation

The overall results of the evaluation are summarised in Appendix 1.

3.3.4. Coverage of Provision

This round of procurement covers the remaining 25% of service provision and all schools and routes have been covered.

4. Service Delivery Management

4.1. Contract Management

- 4.1.1. The contract will be managed operationally by the Home to School Manager with support from Corporate Procurement Services.

4.2. Performance Management

- 4.2.1. Details of the performance management is set out in section 12.2 of the Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School transport Service approved 20 August 2019 and the same continues to apply.

5. Alternative Options considered and Recommended Proposal

- 5.1.1. Not to award the contract – this is not an option as it would leave the Council without contracts for 25% of provision for the Home to School Transport for

the transport of eligible children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

5.2. Recommendations

- 5.2.1. It is recommended that the contracts for the Home to School Provision be awarded to the Providers as detailed in Appendix 1, based on the rankings for each school provision after the quality and price evaluations.

6. Consultation

6.1. Internal

- 6.1.1. The Procurement Strategy was approved in the Cabinet Members for Education, Skills and Culture; Children's Wellbeing; Health and Social Care and Finance and Resources jointly with the Director for Education and Skills:
- 6.1.2. Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School Transport, approved 20 August 2019.
- 6.1.3. The establishment of the DPS was approved by the Head of Commissioning and Procurement and the Assistant Director Education and Skills on 31 October 2019.
- 6.1.4. Officers from City Finance, Corporate Procurement and Legal and Governance have been involved in the preparation of this report.

6.2. External

- 6.2.1. None.

7. Compliance Issues:

- 7.1. How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?
- 7.1.1. The details were included in the Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School Transport, approved 20 August 2019 and the same continues to apply.

7.2. Legal Implications

- 7.2.1. The Education Act 1996 places duties on the Council to make the travel arrangements that it considers necessary to facilitate the attendance of eligible children, young people and adults at their educational establishments.
- 7.2.2. The Education Act 1996 also places a duty on the Council to promote the use of sustainable modes of travel to meet the school travel needs of its area.
- 7.2.3 Section 111 Local Government Act 1972 allows the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost for the DPS element of the Home to School Transport Service was £10.018m per annum, as approved in the Procurement Strategy for the Service on 20 August 2019.

The budget estimates for 2020/21 includes a provisional allocation of £0.890m to cover the additional costs for the implementation of Birmingham's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and the City's commitment towards Real Living Wage.

Of the £16.896 annual budget, £6.161m is committed to the NEAT contract, leaving approximately £10.735m towards the DPS contract element. The previous award of 75% at an annual value of £6.771m, and this subsequent recommendation to award the remaining 25% at an annual value of £2.630m is held within the Travel Assist service as reflected in the following table:

	2020/21 £'000s
Budgets	
Transport Hire	16,006
Additional budget for CAZ and Real Living Wage	890
Total Transport Hire	16,896
Applicable Expenditure on contracts	
NEAT	(6,161)
DPS - award 75% of contracts	(6,771)
DPS – award 25% of contracts	(2,630)
Total Contracts Awarded	(15,562)
Budget remaining	1,334

- 7.2.4 It should be noted that this is a demand driven service, with the Council legally obligated to provide the service to qualifying pupils. As such, the actual spend is likely to fluctuate in line with demand changes. The terms and conditions of the contract allows for price variation when mileage is increased / decreased over 10%.
- 7.2.5 In accordance with 7.3.2 of previous Delegated Award Report – Provision of Home to School Transport (P0504) approved on 24 December 2019, the commissioning arrangements were adjusted from a route basis to a “whole school approach”. Under the T23 agreement the actual annual cost of provision is currently valued at £11.248m. A comparative cost of day rates for each school shows revised cost of £9.401m and a potential annual cost reduction of £1.847m under the new DPS agreements. A reduction of £0.665m was assumed in the Home to School budget re-basing as part of the 2020/21 budget exercise, therefore, the net potential additional cost reduction is £1.182m. However, it needs to be emphasised that due to a change in the basis of pricing of provision from routes to schools and issues with the accuracy of data systems in School Transport that these figures need to be treated with caution.
- 7.2.6 Any savings generated as a result of this exercise will contribute to the delivery of the Council procurement savings target as set outlined in the budget consultation proposal reference S FG003 20+ and the principle supported by CLT on 20th January 2020. A virement of £0.582m will be made to the Procurement budget to reflect the likely savings against the contract above that already assumed in the School Transport budget. However, given the uncertainties flagged in 7.2.5 it is proposed that tracking of actual costs is undertaken over a 3-month period to the end May 2020 to ensure cost reductions are confirmed and sustainable, before any further budget transfer is considered.
- 7.2.7 **Impact of Covid-19** - As at 1st April 2020, there are approximately 40-60 routes still operating as some of the schools have remained open for the more vulnerable SEND children. As the situation progresses, it is being continually monitored to ensure the children who need to attend school, have the transport provision to do so.
- To ensure the Council has a flexible and reliable supply chain able to adapt and react quickly, there are ongoing discussions about future payment terms, offering a retainer to Providers, suggestions are between 75 -100% of their daily cost minus marginal costs that would not be incurred. This is an unprecedented and fluctuating situation we find ourselves in, however, ultimately the costs to the Council will not increase but we need to ensure the Council can deliver a service if / when required.

Procurement Implications

7.2.8 This report concerns the contract awards for the Provision of the Home to School Transport Service, and the implications are detailed throughout the report.

7.2.9 The duration of the DPS agreement will be for a period of 4 years as per the Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School Transport, approved 20 August 2019.

7.3 Public Sector Equality Duty

7.3.1 The requirements of Standing Order 9 in respect of the Council's Equality Policy and the Equality Act 2010 have been specifically included in the tender documentation.

7.3.2 The Council has reviewed again whether an equality assessment is required and has decided that it is not, please see paragraph 8.6 of the Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School Transport, approved 20 August 2019.

8 Background Documents

8.1 Cabinet Members for Education, Skills and Culture; Children's Wellbeing; Health and Social Care and Finance and Resources jointly with the Director for Education and Skills - Report: Procurement Strategy for the Provision of Home to School Transport, approved 20 August 2019.

8.2 Delegated Award Report of Director of Education in conjunction with the Assistant Director Commercial and Development, Chief Finance Officer and the Interim City Solicitor – Report: Contract Award for the Provision of Home to School Transport (P0504), approved 24 December 2019.

9 List of Appendices accompanying this Report

9.1 Appendix 1 – List of awarded suppliers.

Recommendations Approved by:



Date 14/10/2020

Director, Education and Skills (or their delegate)



Date 22/4/20

Assistant Director, Development and Commercial (or their delegate)



Date 7/8/20

Chief Finance Officer (or their delegate)



Date 11/09/20 (Rec'd 10/9/20)

Acting Interim City Solicitor (or their delegate)

Appendix 1

School	Provider	OVERALL TOTALWEIGHTED SCORE
Access to Creative College	Star Cars	93.20
Alderbrook School and Arts College (Solihull)	Taxie Ltd	87.8
Anglesey Primary School	Select	71.6
Ark Oakbridge School	Lawrence's	85.2
Arc School Ansley (Nuneaton)	Lawrence's	85.2
Arc School Old Arley (Nuneaton)	TC Cars	84.8
Arc School Napton (Warwickshire)	Plaza	84.2
Arena Academy	TC Cars	84.8
Argent College (Part of Ruskin Mill)	Great Barr	72.4
Ark Boulton Academy	AFJ	89.9
Ark Kings Academy	Elite	77.3
Arthur Terry School / Mere Green combined	TC Cars	84.8
Balaam Wood School	AFJ	89.9
Bartley Green School	Shencare	84.5
Baskerville School	North Birmingham	88.8
Billesley Primary School	Taxie Ltd	72.4
Bishop Challoner Rc School / King Edwards VI Camp Hill School for Girls	Touchwood	88.8
Birmingham Independent College	Great Barr	72.4
Bladon House School (Burton-On-Trent)	TC Cars	84.2
Bordesley Green Girls' School & Sixth Form	TC Cars	84.8
Bournville School and Sixth Form Centre / Dame Elizabeth Cadbury	Elite	70.4
Bournville College	Elite	84.0
Braidwood School For The Deaf	AFJ	89.9
Calthorpe Teaching Academy	Touchwood	88.8
Chadsgrove School (Bromsgrove)	Elite	84.0

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Cherry Orchard Primary School	Lawrences	72.0
Christ The King Catholic Primary School	Plaza	84.2
City of Birmingham School (Ashbourne Centre)	TC Cars	84.8
City of Birmingham School (Millpool Centre)	Plaza	84.2
City of Birmingham School (Minerva Centre)	Kings Norton	84.4
City of Birmingham School (Fishbrook)	Green Destination Ltd	75.0
City of Birmingham School (Link Centre)	Touchwood	72.8
City of Birmingham School (Marywood Centre)	Community Transport	73.6
City United Academy	Green Destinations	96.8
Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School	Elite	
Dame Ellen Pinsent School (The)	AFJ	89.8
Dovedale Centre (James Brindley School)	Select	
Elmwood School	TC Cars	84.8
Exhall Grange School And Science College (Coventry)	Shencare	84.48
Fairfax	North Birmingham	88.8
Fairway Primary Academy	Elite	
Farleigh Further Education College - Frome (Frome)	Green Destinations Ltd	79.5
Ferndale Primary School (Sandwell)	Green Destinations Ltd	96.8
Flexible Learning Centre	Plaza	70.4
Forest Oak School (Solihull)	TC Cars	84.8
Fox Hollies School And Performing Arts College	Touchwood	88.8
Gilbertstone Primary School	Touchwood	88.8
Glasshouse College (Stourbridge)	Green Destinations	96.8
Gloverspiece Mini Farm School (Worcestershire)	Green Destinations	96.8
Great Barr Primary	Green Destinations	89.8
Greenwood Academy	TC Cars	84.8
Halesowen College (Halesowen)	Green Destinations	96.8
Hall Green School / Hall Green Infant School	AFJ	89.8
Hallmoor School	North Birmingham	88.8
Hamilton School	North Birmingham	88.8
Hamstead Hall Academy	Green Destinations	96.8

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Harborne Academy	Green Destinations	96.8
Hawthorn Ji School	Plaza	84.2
Hazel Oak School (Solihull) / Peterbrook	Lawrence's	85.2
Hodge Hill Girls' School	Green Destinations	84.5
Hollywood Primary School	Kings Norton	84.4
Holte School	Touchwood	88.8
Holy Trinity Catholic Media Arts College	Green Destinations	96.8
Holyhead School	Green Destinations	96.8
Horizon School For Children With Autism (Rugeley) Rugeley School (Staffordshire)	Lawrences	85.2
Hunters Hill College	Select	71.6
John Henry Newman Catholic College (Solihull)	Green Destinations	
Joseph Chamberlain Sixth Form College	Green Destinations	96.8
King Edward VI Camp Hill School For Girls	Touchwood	
King Edward VI Handsworth School For Girls	TC Cars	84.8
King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy	Green Destinations	96.8
Kingfisher	Green Destinations	96.8
Kings Heath Primary School	AFJ	89.8
Kings Norton Girls' School	Shencare	
Langley School	Lawrences	85.2
Langley School, Specialist College For The Performing Arts, Languages And Training (Solihull)	Touchwood	
Light Hall School (Solihull)	Green Destinations	96.8
Lindsworth School (KS2)	Touchwood	
Lode Heath School And Sports College (Solihull)	Touchwood	88.8
Longdon Hall School (Rugeley)	TC Cars	84.8
Longdon Park School	TC Cars	84.8
Longwill A Primary School for The Deaf	Select	71.6
Lyndon Green Infant School / Junior School	Lawrences	85.2
Mander Portman College	Green Destinations	96.8
Maple Hayes Hall School (Lichfield)	TC Cars	84.8

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Mayfield School	National Express	87.6
Meadows Primary School (The) / St. Columba's	Shencare	84.4
Meadows Sports College	Green Destinations Ltd	96.8
Merstone School (Solihull)	AFJ	89.8
Nelson Mandela School (Nc)	AFJ	89.8
New Elizabethan School (Kidderminster)	Green Destinations Ltd	96.8
Ninestiles School, An Academy	TC Cars	84.8
Northern House School (Solihull)	TC Cars	84.8
Northfield Centre (James Brindley School)	Touchwood	88.8
Norton College (Norton)	Green Destinations	96.8
Nova Training	Green Destinations	96.8
Oscott Academy	Green Destinations	96.8
Paget Primary School	Green Destinations	88.1
Parkway Centre	Touchwood	88.8
Percy Shurmer Academy	AFJ	
Peterbrook Primary School (Solihull)	Lawrences	
Phoenix Primary Ebd School (Walsall)	Green Destinations	96.8
Pines Special School (The)	Lawrences	85.2
Pitcheroak School (Redditch)	Green Destinations	96.8
Plantsbrook School	AFJ	89.8
Priestley Smith School	AFJ	89.8
Q3A	Green Destinations	96.8
Queen Alexandra College	Taxie	87.8
Queen'S Croft Community School (Lichfield)	Lawrences	85.2
Queensbridge School	AFJ	89.8
Queensbury School	North Birmingham	88.8
R.Y.A.N Education Academy	TC Cars	84.8
Reynolds Cross School (Solihull)	Green Destinations	96.8
Rigby Hall Day Special School (Bromsgrove)	Green Destinations	96.8
Riverside Education	Green Destinations	96.8
Riverside Vocational College	Green Destinations	96.8

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Rockwood Academy	Green Destinations	96.8
Rodbaston	Green Destinations	96.8
Rookery School	Green Destinations	96.8
Saltley Academy	Green Destinations	96.8
Selly Oak Trust School	North Birmingham	88.8
Silver Birch	Green Destinations	89.11
Skilts School	AFJ	74.0
Small Heath Leadership Academy	Green Destinations	96.8
Smithswood Academy	TC Cars	84.8
Solihull Academy	Touchwood	88.8
Solihull College	TC Cars	84.8
South & City College Birmingham (Hall Green)	Green Destinations	96.8
Spring Hill High School	Taxie	87.8
Springfield House Community Special School	AFJ	74.0
St Columba'S Catholic Primary School	Shencare	
St Edmund Campion Catholic School & Sixth Form Centre	AFJ	74.0
St Edward'S Catholic Primary School	Green Destinations	96.8
St Georges School Edgbaston	Taxie Ltd	72.4
St Laurence Church Junior School	Great Barr	72.4
St Pauls School	Select	71.6
St Paul'S School For Girls	Green Destinations	96.8
St Rose's School	TC Cars	84.8
St Teresa'S Catholic Primary School	Green Destinations	90.4
Stockland Green School	Green Destinations	96.8
Sunfield School (Stourbridge)	Green Destinations	96.8
The Island Project School (College)	Taxie	87.8
The Island Project School (Coventry) (The Island Project College)	Elite	83.09
The Meadows School (Sandwell)	Green Destinations	96.8
Three Spires Academy	Green Destinations	96.8
Timberley Academy	AFJ	89.8
Topcliffe Primary School	Lawrences	85.2

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Trinity Specialist College Ltd	TC Cars	71.2
Two Rivers High School (Staffordshire)	Taxie Ltd	72.4
Two Rivers Primary School (Tamworth)	Beaufort	70.4
Uffculme School	Plaza	70.4
University of Birmingham School (The) / Kings Norton Girls School	Shencare	84.4
Values Academy	Green Destinations	92.9
Waverley School	Community Transport	90.6
Waseley Hill High School and Sixth Form Centre (Worcestershire)	Elite	70.4
Welford Primary School	Green Destinations Ltd	96.8
Welsh House Farm Community School	Taxie	87.8
Wenlock School (Dudley)	Green Destination Ltd	77.3
Wightwick Hall School (Wolverhampton)	Green Destinations	96.8
Woodhouse Primary Academy / Worlds End Junior School	Kingsnorton Ltd	84.4
Woodlands (Warwickshire)	TC Cars	84.8
World's End Infant and Nursery School	Shencare	84.4

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

D16 Engagement with Providers

Question:

What engagement took place (including dates and method used) with providers on the existing DPS framework for home to school transport to establish a lack of capacity to replace North Birmingham Travel? If the same did not take place with all providers on that framework please specify the different levels of engagement with different providers, including where none took place at all.

Answer:

A recent mini competition held in July for contingency provision indicated that the DPS was saturated, with many providers not bidding citing they were already at maximum capacity. Given, the need to replace NBT at pace an alternative framework was used with the aim of identifying new operators. For these reasons the council did not use the DPS and instead advertised the opportunity on a national framework for transport providers.

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

D17 Tender Advert

Question:

Please provide a copy of the tender advert/notification for the replacement provider for North Birmingham Travel which followed an expedited procurement route.

Answer:

The alternative provider was commissioned using a DPS open to public bodies via a mini competition and used an escalated procurement timeline, as authorised via report to Chief Executive in August 2021 as an emergency decision in accordance with part B6.6 of the Councils Constitution.

The advert wording is as follows:

Good afternoon,

The mini competition for the Birmingham City Council core vehicle requirement is now live on the Digital Marketplace ending at 08:00 on the 19th August 2021. I have attached the relevant documentation for review prior to bidding.

In addition to the currently active mini-competition for resources within Birmingham City Council Home to School transport, a second mini-competition will be posted to secure contingency vehicles should they be required. Birmingham City Council have confirmed the requirement of these contingency vehicles to ensure the full service is covered. The provider awarded the contingency resources may not be required to cover routes at the times planned however this will be confirmed by BCC as and when required. This contingency will be required until the October 2021 half term - 22nd October 2021.

The notice period or cancellation period as confirmed by BCC is 12 hours prior to the vehicle start time.

The breakdown of contingency vehicles is as follows:

- 6 vehicles running 07:00 – 10:00 Monday to Friday. 3 of these vehicles will be holding paid in full regardless of usage with the remaining 3 on standby pay as used.*
- 6 vehicles running 14:00-17:00 Monday to Friday. 3 of these vehicles will be holding paid in full regardless of usage with the remaining 3 on standby pay as used.*

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

D18 Emergency Procurement Decision

Question:

In a statement to the press the Cabinet Member for Vulnerable Children stated, “owing to the extra contingency that the City Council bought in in preparation for any unforeseen issues, we are able to replace this resource immediately.” With that in mind, why then do you believe an emergency procurement decision was required to authorise a new expedited procurement process rather than using this ‘extra capacity’ whilst a proper process was followed?

Answer:

The contingency vehicles were procured prior to the decision to terminate NBT in anticipation of potential market failure at the start of term. On further assessment officers’ advice was then to re-procure the service in full, keeping this contingent resource available for other unforeseen potential challenges. We now know this to have been the right decision, as we have in fact needed the contingency to address shortfalls elsewhere in our provision. The current market is currently at saturation point and commissioners are working to bring new suppliers into Birmingham to help meet rising demand. The contract HATS was procured using a proper process, procured through a national framework for transport providers inline with council procurement regulations.

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

D19 DBS Umbrella Checks

Question:

How many external organisations does the Council provide a DBS checking service for in its accredited role as a DBS Umbrella Organisation? Please provide this broken down between, including the gross and net revenues figures for this service –

- VCS organisations
- Private Companies
- Council Owned companies
- Council contracted organisations

Answer:

DBS

Organisations	Number	Gross Revenue	Net Revenue
VCS	7	£1,261.60	1,179.00
Private	158	£90,778.44	£84,943.20
Council Owned Companies	1	£76,084.00	£69,560.00
Council Contracted Organisations	267	138,678.90	£130,236.00

Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Drivers	1837	£138,138.00	£138,138.00
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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

D20 DBS Update Service

Question:

Does the Council require contracted organisations for whom DBS checks are required to sign up to the DBS Update Service and does it require it of its own employees?

Answer:

In respect where a Contract has been assessed that it requires Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Checks the default position is that the requirements are typically covered as part of the tender arrangements through application of the Council's Standard Terms and Conditions to the Contract.

The Council's Standard Terms and Conditions for contracted organisations do include the requirement that the provider carries out the appropriate employment checks; other checks as required by the DBS and that the provider complies with the DBS Code of Practice. The Standard Terms and Conditions do not specifically refer to the update service, although it does refer to the Code of Practice.

The Council does include this requirement for Council employees where they undertake regulated activities.

There may be occasions where Contracts are not formed on Council Standard Terms and Conditions, but this should be the exception as opposed to the default. In such cases the necessary due diligence would be required by the authorised officer(s) to ensure appropriate safeguards are in place, contractually and operationally, with engagement from Legal Service and / or Corporate Procurement Service as required.

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

D21 DBS employee checks

Question:

How many DBS checks does the council complete for its own staff per year, split between new recruits and rechecks of existing staff

Answer:

Between 1st August 2020 and 31st July 2021 there were 679 new starters (employees and workers) of which 203 of these were eligible for a DBS check and these were duly completed. A further 815 DBS checks were completed during this period for existing employees and workers where a recheck was due.

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

D22 DBS employee checks 2

Question:

How many council posts currently require an up-to-date DBS check to be in place and how many of these can you confirm are in place?

Answer:

There are currently 5131 positions where a DBS check is required to work within the role. All employees that require a DBS check have one.

Following a change in policy in February 2020, employees in roles where a DBS check is required must also register with the DBS update service, which requires a new DBS check to be completed. This is being conducted in a phased approach and will continue until the time when all eligible employees are registered with the DBS update service. 747 employees are currently registered.

For new starters, where a DBS is required to carry out a role the employee/worker cannot start work until a DBS clearance is received.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

E1 Social Care Assessments

Question:

Following reports that least 75,000 people in England wait six months for a social care assessment, could the Cabinet Member provide details on (a) how long a vulnerable person has to wait between initial application and initial assessment by a city social worker (b) how many applications are currently waiting to be assessed (split by ward) (c) what is the average waiting time (split by ward) and (d) what steps are being taken to improve this situation in the city?

Answer:

- Since September 2020 to August 2021 - Adult Social Care have received 13779 referrals/ requests for an assessment, the number of outstanding assessments is 1310.
- Average waiting time of 27.5 days over a period of 12 months.
- Please see table below for question B and C
- Throughout the covid pandemic, ASC have continued to risk manage the awaiting allocations, annual reviews and other key prioritise to ensure citizens that supported, offered advice and support. When citizens first contact the service advise, guidance and signposting is provided in addition to the assessment.
- Commencing September 2021 – weekly Assistant Director monitoring of outstanding allocations has commenced, focusing on any awaiting allocations after 28 days from referral date.

****Please note the figures are subject to data tidy-ups, and delays in system processing.**

Citizens waiting for assessment by Ward.

Ward (alphabetical)	Waiting
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Ward (alphabetical)	Waiting
Acocks Green	28
Allens Cross	4
Alum Rock	35
Aston	36
Balsall Heath West	17
Bartley Green	11
Billesley	27
Birchfield	29
Bordesley & Highgate	16
Bordesley Green	25
Bournbrook & Selly Park	30
Bournville & Cotteridge	42
Brandwood & King's Heath	37
Bromford & Hodge Hill	30
Castle Vale	6
Druids Heath & Monyhull	31
Edgbaston	7
Erdington	13
Frankley Great Park	3
Garretts Green	14
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	25
Gravelly Hill	15
Hall Green North	29
Hall Green South	7
Handsworth	26
Handsworth Wood	52
Harborne	13
Heartlands	18
Highter's Heath	17

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Ward (alphabetical)	Waiting
Holyhead	17
King's Norton North	7
King's Norton South	3
Kingstanding	24
Ladywood	31
Longbridge & West Heath	7
Lozells	29
Moseley	42
Nechells	28
Newtown	28
North Edgbaston	29
Northfield	1
Oscott	39
Perry Barr	38
Perry Common	13
Pype Hayes	12
Quinton	8
Rubery & Rednal	4
Shard End	15
Sheldon	17
Small Heath	30
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	53
South Yardley	10
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	35
Sparkhill	31
Stirchley	20
Stockland Green	11
Sutton Four Oaks	1
Sutton Mere Green	1

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Ward (alphabetical)	Waiting
Sutton Reddicap	7
Sutton Roughley	2
Sutton Trinity	5
Sutton Vesey	6
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	3
Sutton Wylde Green	1
Tyseley & Hay Mills	11
Ward End	9
Weoley & Selly Oak	18
Yardley East	10
Yardley West & Stechford	11
Grand Total	1310

Citizens average waiting time

Ward (alphabetical)	Ave. days wait
Acocks Green	18.3
Allens Cross	18.5
Alum Rock	32.1
Aston	47.0
Balsall Heath West	42.4
Bartley Green	18.8
Billesley	34.9
Birchfield	36.1
Bordesley & Highgate	39.1
Bordesley Green	45.3
Bournbrook & Selly Park	42.0
Bournville & Cotteridge	40.9
Brandwood & King's Heath	36.3
Bromford & Hodge Hill	29.1
Castle Vale	16.0

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Ward (alphabetical)	Ave. days wait
Druids Heath & Monyhull	33.8
Edgbaston	22.8
Erdington	13.9
Frankley Great Park	11.1
Garretts Green	16.3
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	42.0
Gravelly Hill	18.6
Hall Green North	23.3
Hall Green South	23.2
Handsworth	42.6
Handsworth Wood	62.3
Harborne	16.3
Heartlands	27.5
Highter's Heath	28.6
Holyhead	47.9
King's Norton North	16.2
King's Norton South	13.7
Kingstanding	25.9
Ladywood	41.1
Longbridge & West Heath	16.5
Lozells	46.8
Moseley	45.4
Nechells	40.2
Newtown	42.4
North Edgbaston	31.5
Northfield	14.5
Oscott	48.9
Perry Barr	57.0
Perry Common	14.3

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Ward (alphabetical)	Ave. days wait
Pype Hayes	18.1
Quinton	21.8
Rubery & Rednal	16.2
Shard End	40.7
Sheldon	16.1
Small Heath	31.4
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	51.5
South Yardley	22.8
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	40.4
Sparkhill	27.9
Stirchley	46.2
Stockland Green	20.6
Sutton Four Oaks	7.5
Sutton Mere Green	8.7
Sutton Reddicap	9.8
Sutton Roughley	8.3
Sutton Trinity	7.5
Sutton Vesey	13.6
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	7.3
Sutton Wylde Green	5.7
Tyseley & Hay Mills	16.4
Ward End	39.1
Weoley & Selly Oak	20.5
Yardley East	15.6
Yardley West & Stechford	14.0
Grand Total	27.5

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

E2 Vaccine Rollout

Question:

With high levels of adult residents in many of the City's wards still not vaccinated against Covid19, what further work is going to be done to ensure all residents in our communities have easy access to the vaccinations and to encourage them to take up the opportunity to have both jabs?

Answer:

The current COVID-19 vaccination figures show that 65.1% of adults aged 16+ in Birmingham have had their 1st vaccine dose whilst 56.4% have had their second dose. This affirms that a high proportion of our adult residents in the city are still unvaccinated. The age groups with vaccine uptake lower than the Birmingham average (1st and 2nd doses) include 16-17, 18-29- and 30-39-year olds. Similarly, the recent figures show that 24 out of 69 wards have uptake lower than 60% in adults aged 16+.

The NHS lead the vaccine delivery programme and the Council has supported them in enabling pop-up sites and with data and insight work.

The qualitative data obtained from our engagement activities with local elected members, faith leaders, champions, commissioned providers, schools, universities, businesses/workplaces and other local stakeholders, suggests that there are various factors that contribute to vaccine hesitancy amongst our residents. Examples of such factors include concerns about safety, fertility, effectiveness of the vaccines and feeling that younger adults have lower risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

We have worked in partnership with communities and the NHS to raise awareness, build trust, influence vaccine delivery and address misinformation through proactive communications and engagement across the City to help increase vaccine confidence. There are ongoing vaccine campaigns aimed at increasing access by taking the vaccination to residents' doorsteps based on requests from our local communities.

We report on the engagement work on a monthly basis through the Local Outbreak Engagement Board Covid overview report. The September LOEB included a detailed presentation on the work of our commissioned community partners over the last year as well which demonstrates the breadth of activity and use of different platforms we have used to support the vaccine programme.

Some highlights of our work to support vaccination includes:

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- We have held and are planning more webinars/Q&As with various community groups and leaders jointly delivered with key stakeholders across the ICS including NHS, voluntary sector and commissioned community providers.
- We have commissioned face-to-face engagement activities on the ground talking to real people and collating themes (currently being evaluated).
- We regularly share information from engagement events with partners to support the coordination between vaccine van deployment and engagement teams targeting priority wards based on the weekly dashboard report
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/download/3667/covid-19_community_champions
- We share links to mobile vaccine campaigns/locations across various channels to increase awareness of locations: <https://www.birminghamandsolihullcovidvaccine.nhs.uk/walk-in/>
- We proactively hold weekly meetings with faith groups, community champions, youth champions, community providers to discuss and understand the need through in-depth conversations with groups.
- We successfully used the feedback from discussions above to signpost people to physical vaccine locations in the community and arrange mobile vaccination where required.
- We use proactive social media engagement via HealthyBrum brand and Council Corporate brand on twitter, Instagram and Facebook.
- We hold weekly live Q&A on local and regional radio with the Director of Public Health.
- We co-produced posters with community groups with information on vaccine locations to support delivery.
- We co-produced our vaccine toolkit translated and in BSL for champions and community leaders including elected members to use to support understanding and address concerns.
- We have facilitated targeted digital and non-digital community led engagement to specific communities via voluntary organisations, 19 commissioned providers/partners, elected members including for specific groups with lower uptake including Black, African, Caribbean, Pakistani, Bangladeshi communities and younger adults who may be complacent.
- We plan to produce short vaccine videos with key stakeholders, representatives and as many residents to represent the diverse communities including carers, champions, health and social care workers, parents, young people, university students etc using the learning and feedback from our ongoing engagement.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

F1 Exempt Accommodation

Question:

For each year since 2015, how many individuals has the Council placed in or referred to Exempt Accommodation, broken down by ward*?

***please note this refers to the ward in which the exempt accommodation is located in not where the individual comes from.**

Answer:

Unfortunately, our systems currently do not allow us the ability to pull together the information at this level of detail including by Ward. However, we did a snapshot exercise last year which identified that from 31.03.2020 – 31.03.2021 just for the single homeless walk in's we saw 1983 Clients. Of those, we placed 514 people into exempt supported accommodation known to be good providers. It roughly equates to 26% of the Clients that have presented.

This is just a snapshot picture from the Covid Pandemic and walk in's at the councils Hub for homeless over 25s (SIFA) and does not cover the whole of the homeless team.

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

F2 Tenants Placement

Question:

Will Inreach, or any other Council owned Company operating within the Private Rented Sector, including for temporary accommodation allow tenants placements to be placed by other local authorities, such as through the West London Out of London Project and will you retain the final say over all tenants taken by arms length organisations like Inreach?

Answer:

InReach (Birmingham) Ltd currently operates a 92 apartment building, Embankment, solely for market rent within the private rented sector, it does not provide temporary accommodation within the site and has no plans to.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

F3 Sprinklers

Question:

How many sprinklers in council owned tower blocks are currently not working or not operational?

Answer:

Sprinklers have been fitted and fully commissioned in 156 blocks. Work is in progress in 38 blocks, of these, 25 will still activate in the event of a fire.

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

F4 Licensing Scheme

Question:

On how many occasions has the Council formally requested a landlord licensing scheme including how many were rejected?

Answer:

The Housing Act 2004 requires local authorities to have a mandatory licensing scheme. This means that houses in multiple occupation (HMO) must have a licence once they meet the criteria below:

- A property that has five or more people who form two or more households, and
- Tenants share toilet, bathroom and/or kitchen facilities

The City Council started this scheme in 2006.

The legislation also allows the local authority the power to implement discretionary licensing of smaller HMOs and private rented accommodation. The two schemes are:

Additional Licensing - this applies to HMOs with 3 – 4 people sharing. The City Council has not implemented an additional licensing scheme.

Selective Licensing (SL) – this applies to all privately rented accommodation in designated areas of the local authority. Before an area can be designated, it must have a high proportion of private rented accommodation. In 2017, the City Council considered introducing a selective licensing scheme in Stockland Green and Soho Wards. As well as the primary condition of a high level of private rented accommodation, the Council must demonstrate that one of the six conditions for SL has been met. The six conditions are:

- Area is or likely to become an area of low demand;
- Area suffers from Anti-Social Behaviour– attributed to the private rented sector;
- Area is suffering from poor property conditions;
- Area has a high level of migration;
- Area has high levels of deprivation;
- Area has high levels of crime.

In addition, where the designation is to be based on property conditions, migration, deprivation or crime, the local authority may only make a designation if the area has a high proportion of property in the private rented sector i.e. minimum of 19%.

A local housing authority must also identify the objective or objectives that a designation will help it achieve.

Following the consultation on the proposed Stockland Green and Soho Ward scheme and advice from counsel, it was decided not to implement the scheme as it was not possible to demonstrate the necessary conditions for it had been met. As the scheme was less than 19% of the Birmingham area it did not need to be submitted to MHCLG.

The City Council has not previously submitted any proposed SL schemes to MHCLG.

For information, since November 2014 an Article 4 Direction under planning legislation has been in place in the Selly Oak, Harborne and Edgbaston wards. This means that planning permission is required to change residential properties to small HMOs of 3 -6 people. The Article 4 Direction became city wide from June 2020.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

F5 Covenant

Question:

Previously at Cabinet and other meetings, we have called on the Council to introduce a covenant on all council properties preventing them being used as a HMO or exempt accommodation. Will the Council finally introduce a covenant?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council tenants are bound by the conditions of tenancy. One of the main conditions is that the tenant must use it as their sole and principle home. It is stated in the tenancy conditions that written permission must be sought to take in a lodger or sub-let part of the property. An example of this would be where a person is subject to the 25% underoccupancy charge. Tenants cannot sub-let the whole property.

Any decision to allow such an arrangement would be carefully considered by the local team to ensure it is appropriate and being entered voluntarily. We also work closely with benefit services and Birmingham Audit to ensure we meet our responsibilities around the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013.

It is also a breach of the conditions of tenancy to purposely overcrowd a property unless it is by the natural growth of a family unit.

If the question relates to council properties that are sold through Right to Buy, the standard Right to Buy transfer contains covenants that the property must be used as a single private dwelling house and that it complies with the statutory permissible number of persons occupying the property. There are also covenants not to cause nuisance or annoyance to neighbouring properties.

we are currently exploring with legal services to what extent we can place additional covenants covering future use. In addition to this we are also exploring opportunities to exploit our ability to buy back as we have a first right of refusal to buy back within a certain period of time.

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

F6 Environmental Impact of Council developments

Question:

**What work is done to consider the carbon impact when the council is assessing
BMHT\Inreach builds on parks, public open space or playing fields?**

Answer:

- When land such as Playingfields that are not used and are declared surplus BMHT will undertake the following process before building.

Internally a process is undertaken to appropriate the land for housing.

BMHT work with Employers Agents who provide technical support including the services of architects for the sites being worked on. A site analysis is carried out including any necessary surveys such as ground condition, environmental assessments, flood risk assessment, tree surveys, title checks etc. will be undertaken as required. Depending on the recommendations for the sites as each will be different, the recommendation in the assessments will be looked at and implemented as appropriate. Other departments such as planning, and highways are included in design team meetings to draw up a plan for the site. BMHT Officers will check with Landscape Practice Group for an assessment of any commuted sum for the loss of provision or new high-quality provision of the open space/park or play areas. Consultation is then carried out in the local area. After consultation further design team meetings are undertaken to confirm the plans before submission to planning. After which a tender process is undertaken for the appointment of a contractor.

Future Changes to Building Regulations for new build

- The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government have undertaken consultation on **The Future Homes Standard**, on changes to Part L (conservation of fuel and power) and Part F (ventilation) of the Building Regulations for new dwellings.

These homes will be expected to produce 31% less CO2 emissions compared to current standards. The consultation proposed that from 2025, new homes will be expected to be built to the Future Homes Standard.

To be ready for these changes BMHT have updated the building specification for houses to meet these future new standards. By making these changes now BMHT homes will be fit for the future, better for the environment with low carbon heating

and high fabric standards. In addition, this approach stops the need for further costly retrofitting work in our new build properties in the future.

- With the new build programmes BMHT have included external environmental works in and around the front and back gardens of the properties. This includes plants, grass and railings as required. With larger BMHT schemes such as Meadway and Primrose new high-quality parks have been installed.

2 Pilot Schemes for reduction in carbon emissions

- A pilot scheme in Glebe Farm and Tile Cross ward which has 36 council properties, 2,3,4,5 and 6 bed houses. The purpose of this scheme is to trial a variety of energy saving technologies and assess their effectiveness at reducing carbon, their ease of procurement, installation and use in occupation, and their value for money, whilst assuring ourselves that they do not increase fuel poverty for our residents.

The technologies include – Air Source or Ground Source Heat Pumps, Photo Voltaic on the roof, battery storage, electric car charging points, triple glazing. This scheme was successful in receiving European Regional Development Fund monies to assist with payment of these technologies. Once the properties have been built and tenants have moved in, monitoring and evaluation of the scheme will be undertaken to inform other BMHT Schemes. Please note as the properties are being built with no gas and the use of energy saving technologies these will reduce carbon emissions.

- A pilot scheme in Kings Heath Ward known as Dawberry Fields is a Passivhaus House project. Passivhaus was developed in Germany in the 1990s. It is a quality assured standard and methodology for low energy building, which can help create buildings which use approximately 75% less energy than standard practice for UK newbuild.
- Passivhaus design relies on a simple ‘tea cosy’ effect maximising the use of super insulation and stringent airtightness and paying meticulous attention to the removal of thermal bridges. By combining this with passive solar gain and mechanical ventilation and heat recovery systems, Passivhaus design can create healthy and comfortable buildings that require minimal heating.
- This scheme will be monitored and evaluated to learn lessons for future BMHT schemes. It is currently in the developmental stages, once the overall scheme design is confirmed, officers will present a report to Cabinet with recommendations and move forward to submit a planning application.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

F7 Evictions

Question:

New figures have revealed furloughed workers who are privately renting and having rental arrears could be at risk of losing their homes when pandemic support measures are taken away on 1 October. Could the Cabinet Member give details of the support that will be made available from the Council to city residents who find themselves caught in this situation?

Answer:

Birmingham city Council along with its partners provide services to support those at risk of homelessness, this can include welfare rights and debt advice, access to discretionary housing payments, advice on fuel poverty or sign posting to other organisations that may be able to support specific requests for services.

However, anyone who is at risk of homelessness will be offered a full Housing Needs Assessment.

Staff will have access to the Homelessness Prevention Fund, to help bridge the gap for a period of time whilst families secure other employment options or downsize.

We also have access to an organisation funded to provide specialist mediation between family members, or between landlord and tenant when the relationship has become fractured.

The Council has the capacity to refer to debt management advice within 7 days of contact via the NAIS service and Birmingham Settlement and can support with deposits and rent in advance to secure families in new private rented sector properties.

We can also provide referrals to support services to enable a more holistic response to families picking up issues around crime, education and family support.

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

G1 Racial Tensions

Question:

Following the judgement in the recent case of former PC Declan Jones, a number of questions have been raised regarding policing the black community and in particular racial profiling.

Could the cabinet member state what discussions he will be holding with West Midlands Police to address this problem?

Answer:

The City Council rejects all forms of racism and racial profiling, and as set out in our commitments in “Everyone’s Battle, Everyone’s Business”, we will challenge and call out these practices whenever and wherever they manifest in our city.

The conduct of former PC Jones was utterly shameful and the Chief Constable’s decision to dismiss this individual from police service without notice is wholly correct. I also welcome the statement made by the Chief Constable reinforcing his commitment that the police must confront the realities and address the disproportionate use of force on Black men.

We have an ongoing engagement with the police and other partners on the issues of structural discrimination and how we eradicate racism from the city’s institutions and wider society. This case has demonstrated that there is still much we have to do to, collectively, in this regard. I will be raising the specific issues arising from this case, together with the wider concerns that it reflects, in my regular meetings with both the senior leadership of West Midlands Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION,
COMMUNITY SAFETY & EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

G2 Autopsy Scanner

Question:

Now the trial appears to be ongoing, can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Autopsy Scanner?

Answer:

Birmingham and Solihull Coroners service sent over 557 cases for CT scans in the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, meeting the contracted target to send at least 500 cases in the year. The contract has been renewed on the same terms and conditions for 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

The process itself is not as effective as it could be if a scanning machine was located at the mortuary. The deceased has to be booked in for a scan, allocated a time slot and be brought to the Central mortuary under the Coroner's jurisdiction and then be transported to the scanner which introduces a delay in the process. This and the need for the pathologist to view the deceased post scan, or post mortem the deceased if required and waiting for the completed report (which must be available to the pathologist when they view the deceased) does mean that the process is taking slightly longer than if the deceased was dealt with via the standard post mortem route, but all parties are working hard to ensure that there are no unnecessary delays.

It is envisaged the Centre of Excellence project for mortuary and pathology services (which is being worked up to a business case) would resolve most of the issues experienced. This project is to be subject to a review as to its viability late 2021.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION,
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

G3 Support for rough sleepers

Question:

It has been recently reported Birmingham is one of the 12 local authorities to be receiving money from MHCLG as part of the ‘Respite Rooms Trial Programme’. Could the Cabinet Member provide an overview of (a) what this money will be spent on (b) which wards this will affect and (c) when this support will be made available and to who?

Answer:

(a) What this money will be spent on?

Birmingham City Council has received £355,404 over two years to deliver a Respite Rooms Trial Programme. The aim of which is to support women, who are unlikely to approach statutory services or traditional pathways of support for domestic abuse and who may have been living on the streets or in otherwise very precarious situations, with histories of domestic abuse / wider Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).

In line with the requirements set out by MHCLG, our pilot will provide safe, single gender space for women, for a short period of time with intensive, trauma informed support to make choices and decisions around next steps for recovery.

There will be a range of support available including outreach, triage, specialist support, accommodation, legal assistance, and move-on.

Working in partnership with Domestic Abuse providers, money is being distributed on:

- Staffing costs – a service lead, a support worker, 2 Domestic Abuse navigators, 2 night workers, and other additional staffing costs.
 - Navigators will take referrals from pathways, and link in with specialist domestic abuse and rough sleeping support to ensure the citizens get the support they need.
- Personalisation – helping women survive and get their lives back, for example getting new ID documents, new starter packs, towels, bedding, travel cards etc.
- Accommodation fund – this is to be able to offer if needed a selection of accommodation suitable for the woman’s needs, such as a hotel room for 1-2 nights to consider options before moving into respite accommodation.

There will be 9 units of accommodation: 4 fixed units of respite accommodation which will be self-contained, safe single gender spaces. These will include space for specialist staff

to work alongside. There will be an additional 5 units of accommodation to support a pathway for more sustained housing and support.

The Respite is part of wider referral pathways including emergency accommodation, complex needs, long-term support, and Transition Centre.

(b) Which wards will it affect?

These units of accommodation are already leased by Trident in partnership with Midland Housing.

All Birmingham wards will be affected positively, as this project is providing options for vulnerable victims of domestic abuse across Birmingham who need the support.

(c) When will this support be made available, and to who?

This project is a one-year pilot from October 2021 – September 2022. Trident Reach already identified the accommodation and we are working with our commissioned domestic abuse services to provide the 2 domestic abuse navigators to support the women. This support should be in place for October.

The aim is to support women who are unlikely to approach statutory services or the National Domestic Abuse Helpline, and who may have been living on the streets or in otherwise very precarious situations, with histories of domestic abuse / wider Violence Against Women and Girls. This includes (but is not exclusive to):

- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Rape
- Physical Assault
- Stalking / Harassment
- Exploitation by other rough sleepers
- Sex Work

We hope that this will reach extremely vulnerable women who need specialist support to recover from the trauma of violence and abuse. This will often include women with multiple or complex needs, who often fall through the gaps in service provision.

The funding will also support the delivery aims of the City's Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2018+ with a clear focus on high quality crisis support and accommodation.

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

H1 Mobile Recycling Unit

Question:

How are residents informed that a mobile recycling unit will be visiting their community?

Answer:

The list is shared in advance by our media team and the local Elected Member(s). It is also shared with any registered community groups the service is aware of who can share in the best way for their community. Properties are leafleted a few days in advance of the visit and informed via hyperlocal websites and social media groups by Corporate Communications. We openly welcome the Elected Members and registered community groups to use their local links to inform residents of the date and time of our visit.

This is an innovative pilot programme and we are developing and refining our processes, including how we communicate with residents.

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

H2 Mobile Recycling Unit

Question:

Please list the locations (noting the ward they are in) the new mobile recycling units have visited to date and the volume of recycling collected at each.

Answer:

Locations visited are detailed in the table below.

	Lifford		Montague Street	
	Location	Ward	Location	Ward
13-Jul	Arden Road	Frankley Great Park		
14-Jul	Sedgehill Ave	Harborne		
15-Jul	Vincent Drive	Edgbaston		
16-Jul	Pennyacre Road	Druids Heath and Monyhull		
17-Jul				
18-Jul				
19-Jul	Bristol Road South	Longbridge and West Heath		
20-Jul	Yardley Wood Road / Haunch Lane	Billesley		
21-Jul	Beilby Road	Stirchley		
22-Jul	Fairfax Road	Longbridge and West Heath		
23-Jul	Simmonds Drive	Quinton		
24-Jul				
25-Jul				
26-Jul	Edgewood Road	Rubery and Rednal		
27-Jul	Wyndham Road	North Edgbaston		
28-Jul	Fitzroy Road	Allens Cross		
29-Jul	Vardon Way	Kings Norton South		
30-Jul	Partons Road	Brandwood and Kings Heath		
31-Jul				
01-Aug				
02-Aug	Arden Road	Frankley Great Park		
03-Aug	Gillot Road	North Edgbaston	James Turner Street	Soho and Jewellery Quarter
04-Aug	Highfield Road	Billesley	Victoria Road	Aston
05-Aug	Spring Road	Edgbaston	Old Bridge Street	Newtown
06-Aug	Lye Avenue	Bartley Green	Oliver Street	Nechells
07-Aug				

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08-Aug				
09-Aug	Woodstock Road	Moseley	Holly Road	Handsworth
10-Aug	The Roundabout	Northfield	Brougham Street	Lozells
11-Aug	Castle Road	Weoley and Selly Oak	Civic Close	Ladywood
12-Aug	Pound Road	Druids Heath and Monyhull	Chandlers Close	Soho and Jewellery Quarter
13-Aug	Sladepool Farm Road	Highters Heath	Penshurst Avenue	Aston
14-Aug				
15-Aug				
16-Aug	Sisefield Road	Kings Norton South	Burlington Street	Newtown
17-Aug	Rodney Close	Ladywood	Mount Street (op. 262)	Nechells
18-Aug	Woodside Road	Bournbrook and Selly Park	Hinstock Road	Handsworth
19-Aug	Welsh House Farm Road	Harborne	Carlyle Road	Lozells
20-Aug	Honeycomb Way	Allens Cross	King Edwards Road	Ladywood
21-Aug				
22-Aug				
23-Aug	Caynham Road	Bartley Green	Chapel Street	Soho and Jewellery Quarter
24-Aug	Chinn Brook Road	Billesley	Whitehead Road	Aston
25-Aug	Dale Road	Bournbrook and Selly Park	Gee Street	Newtown
26-Aug	Dawberry Fields Road	Brandwood and Kings Heath	Sycamore Road	Nechells
27-Aug	Brockworth Road	Druids Heath and Monyhull	Laurel Road	Handsworth
28-Aug				
29-Aug				
30-Aug	Richmond Hill Road	Edgbaston	No Service	No Service
31-Aug	Ingoldsby Road	Bournville and Cotteridge	Wills Street	Lozells

Unfortunately, the volume of recycling collected is not available on a Ward basis as the MHRC vehicle is not always tipped on a daily basis. The tonnage breakdown for July and August is detailed in the table below. Staff are still trialling different methods of tipping which is why some items are recorded differently.

JULY

Lifford					
	RCV	MHRC Textiles	MHRC Paper and Cardboard	MHRC Plastic & Cans	Total
13-Jul	1.0				1
14-Jul	2.52				2.52
15-Jul	2.8				2.8
16-Jul	1.6	0.26	0.46		2.32
17-Jul					0
18-Jul					0

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Lifford					
19-Jul	1.65				1.65
20-Jul	2.7	0.15	0.6		3.45
21-Jul	3.0	0.26	0.4	0.08	3.74
22-Jul	1.5				1.5
23-Jul	19.6	0.26	0.46		20.32
24-Jul					0
25-Jul					0
26-Jul	1.7	0.26	0.46		2.42
27-Jul	2.84				2.84
28-Jul	2.98	0.16	0.36		3.5
29-Jul	0.5				0.5
30-Jul	1.8				1.8
31-Jul					0
Total	46.19	1.35	2.74	0.08	50.36

AUGUST

Lifford								Montague St.					Total
	RCV	MHRC Textil es	MHRC Paper & Card	MHRC Plastic & Cans	MHRC Glass	MHRC Textil e and Reuse	MHRC Reuse/ T'Pak/ Batt.	RCV	MHRC Textil es	MHRC Paper and Card	MHRC Co- min	MHRC Unspe c	
01-Aug													0
02-Aug		0.12	0.22	0.08									0.42
03-Aug	1.58												1.58
04-Aug								1.3					1.3

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Lifford								Montague St.					
05-Aug	0.9	0.12	0.08	0.02				0.14					1.26
06-Aug	4.5							0.28					4.78
07-Aug													0
08-Aug													0
09-Aug		0.3	0.32					0.22					0.84
10-Aug	1.62							4.24					5.86
11-Aug	1.96							1.48					3.44
12-Aug								1.68			0.08	0.14	1.9
13-Aug	2.94		0.12		0.1			0.12				0.2	3.48
14-Aug													0
15-Aug													0
16-Aug		0.14	0.12					0.2					0.46
17-Aug								0.82					0.82
18-Aug	1.94	0.18						4.28				0.18	6.58
19-Aug	2.22		0.24						0.16	0.2			2.82
20-Aug	2.88					0.16		5.64					8.68
21-Aug													0
22-Aug													0
23-Aug	2.64		0.26										2.9
24-Aug	1.54							1.88		0.16			3.58
25-Aug													0
26-Aug													0
27-Aug	1.747		0.24										1.987
28-Aug													0
29-Aug													0

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Lifford								Montague St.					
30-Aug	3.6	0.2	0.48				0.22						4.5
31-Aug								10.42	0.12	0.36			10.9
Total	30.06 7	1.06	2.08	0.1	0.1	0.16	0.22	32.7	0.28	0.72	0.08	0.52	68.08 7

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

H3 Holford Drive Household Waste Centre

Question:

Since the Household Waste Centre at Holford Drive is closed, where can residents dispose of their rubbish or bulky waste, as some of the residents are elderly or will struggle to travel. Have you put anything in place for this and if so what?

Answer:

As was briefed to councillors prior to the closure, the closest recycling centre with availability is the Castle Bromwich Household Recycling Centre (HRC) located at Tameside Drive, Castle Bromwich, B35 7AG. However, residents do have the ability to book a slot to visit any of the Birmingham HRC's, the locations for these are detailed below:

- Sutton Coldfield - Norris Way, Sutton Coldfield, B75 7BB
- Tyseley - James Road, Tyseley, B11 2BA
- Kings Norton - Lifford Lane, Kings Norton, B30 3JJ

There are available slots at all sites. Residents can also book bulky waste collection and although there is a cost to this waste will be collected directly from the property.

Birmingham City Council is working in partnership with Veolia to redevelop the Perry Barr Household Recycling Centre (HRC) and Waste Transfer Station. The current site is at the end of its economic life and in need of a complete rebuild. The new site will have improved facilities available to the public that will enhance the user experience, increase recycling, and continue the processing of waste and recycling with minimal disruption to the environment and area.

An additional mobile HWRC will be in operation around the Perry Barr area within the next 3 weeks. This will provide a very local collection service for some of the materials the Perry Barr HWRC would have been able to take.

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

H4 Fly tipping hotspots

Question:

The council has issued public statements that six wards will be targeted for specific fly tipping action, Could the cabinet member name the wards, stating what additional services these wards will receive and what additional fly tipping services will be available to the other 63 wards?

Answer:

The top 6 Wards with the highest recorded fly tipping are

1. Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath East
2. Bordesley and Highgate
3. Soho and Jewellery Quarter
4. Alum Rock
5. Small Heath
6. Aston

The above Wards will have a new Engagement and Enforcement Officer dedicated to the Ward. These posts were included as a recommendation following an Overview and Scrutiny review on fly-tipping. The wards were detailed in press releases and in an email to all councillors.

Resources are allocated using fly tipping data. 4 specialist fly-tipping crews have been created. 3 operate from Redfern Depot and the 4th from Perry Barr Depot. Three new deep clean crews will also operate to tackle the hot spots across the city and the Love Your Streets team is currently being recruited to support multi-agency action across the city.

The new CCTV cameras and Waste Enforcement Team operate across the whole City and this team has recently been increased to 24 staff. They will seek to prosecute criminals who blight our city with dumped rubbish.

This sits alongside the new bag collection crews to clear the worst-affected streets, our four new mobile household recycling crews, our new graffiti teams, more support for the brilliant volunteers who help to keep our neighbourhoods tidy and a partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to influence changes in behaviour.

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

H5 Plastic Waste

Question:

We have received reports from residents that waste, such as plastic bottles, has been left on authority owned green spaces before any grass has been cut, leaving microplastic in the environment. Could the Cabinet Member explain why these areas were not properly cleared before grass cutting, relating it to the Council's Policy on Plastic Waste?

Answer:

The staff carrying out grass cutting should carry out a check of the grass before proceeding to cut and if necessary, the area should be litter picked before the operation takes place. Occasionally litter is missed and accidentally cut up; this is not ideal, and staff will be reminded of their obligations. Litter should be collected and disposed through our normal disposal process.

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

H6 Fly tipped Fridge Freezers

Question:

How many fly-tipped fridges/freezers have been collected by month, by ward by the specialist crew employed for this purpose over the past 4 years?

Answer:

Details of fly-tipped fridges/freezers are provided in the attached spreadsheet.

Duplicate reports have been removed where possible.

Note that this is the number of worksheets rather than the number of actual fridges/freezers/fridge-freezers (as requested) as we do not hold the individual number of items picked up. There may have been multiple items dumped at single sites.

The Ward boundaries have changed within the requested date range. In the majority of cases, categorisation has been done using the new Ward name. However, where the Ward has not been updated on the system for an old property, it is grouped by the old Ward name and denoted with an asterisk before it.



Fly Tipping
fridges.xlsx

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE
AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

H7 Environmental Protection Act

Question:

In each year since 2012, please list all notices under Section 91 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 that have been sent to the Council, including the location.

Answer:

Whilst we do take any service complaint extremely seriously we do not hold a record of the actual number of notices received. However, I'm very pleased to report that out of those that have been received only one has resulted in proceedings being issued to the Magistrate Court and that was in 2014.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

H8 Electrify Council Fleet

Question:

By what year does the Council plan to fully electrify its fleet?

Answer:

I am unable to give you a specific answer to this question. We have recently replaced 74 vehicles but the market did not respond in the tender process with any alternative fuel vehicles.

We are keen to investigate all alternative fuel vehicles including electric and hydrogen and will be going back through the procurement process hopefully very soon.

The capital works at the Perry Barr depot and at the proposed new depot to relocate the Montague Street and Redfern Depots both include charging infrastructure for electric vehicles in preparation.

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

H9 Missing and damaged bins

Question:

In each year since the introduction of wheelie bins, including current year to date how many bins have been reported missing or damaged, broken down by:

- **Household Waste Bin**
- **Recycling Bin**
- **Paper recycling pod**
- **Green waste bin**
- **Trade waste bin**

Answer:

Quantity of bins

	Household waste bin		Recycling Bin		Paper recycling pod		Green waste bin		Trade waste bin
Year	Damaged	Missing	Damaged	Missing	Damaged	Missing	Damaged	Missing	Damaged/ Missing
2014	52	154	24	68	27	475	70	20	932
2015	384	740	150	317	206	2592	249	108	933
2016	3129	1096	205	459	309	3940	491	46	702
2017	1805	1326	298	655	297	5111	208	101	600
2018	2021	1776	476	849	502	6481	278	75	765
2019	3152	2212	1099	1565	668	8481	373	55	826
2020	4347	2889	2291	3632	1416	12163	907	12	552
2021 (to 08/09/21)	3503	2406	1990	2627	1493	9256	831	21	361

To put these numbers into context the service supplies and collects approximately 700,000 household bins (residual and recycling), 70,000 garden bins and 12,000 trade bins. It should be noted that the system does not have trade bins broken down by the reason – only ‘container repair or exchange’. Only those classed on the system as ‘trade container’ have been included i.e. 660L/1100L/1280L bins. This therefore excludes bins collected by front/rear end loaders etc.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SCREET SCENE
AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR DOMINIC STANFORD**

H10 Missing and damaged bins cost

Question:

In each year since the introduction of wheelie bins, including current year to date what has been the total cost of replacing missing or damaged bins and how much of this has been recouped by charging residents or businesses, broken down by:

- **Household Waste Bin**
- **Recycling Bin**
- **Paper recycling pod**
- **Green waste bin**
- **Trade waste bin**

Answer:

Due to issues with how old historic data is held this can only be produced from financial year 2016/17

In terms of Trade Waste, business are responsible, through the contract that they have with the council, for any container issued to them. Below are the figures for charges levied for replacement containers

2016/17	£200,070
2017/18	£171,000
2018/19	£218,025
2019/20	£235,410
2020/21	£157,320
2021 /22(to 8 Sept)	£104,690

In terms of the cost of replacing the Trade Waste containers, whilst we know the number of containers overall that we have charged for, we are not able to break this down by container type to give a cost of replacement due to the great variety of containers in use

In terms of recouping costs from domestic users, the paper recycling pod and recycling bin is free of charge to encourage recycling and in some circumstances the residual bin is also

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replaced free of charge for example when the bin has been damaged. For all other domestic containers, the following has been recouped but it is not possible to say from which container type.

The income from the charges for replacement bins is as follows although unfortunately, data earlier than October 2019 is not available due to a change in the IT system used to record such information.

2019/20 from 15th Oct 2019	2020/21	2021/22 to 10th Sep
22,140.00	48,180.00	24,820.00

The net cost of replacing domestic containers has been as follows

Household Waste Bins

2016/17	£30,583.80
2017/18	£31,228.94
2018/19	£41,430.44
2019/20	£59,823.44
2020/21	£78,363.18
2021 /22(to 8 Sept)	£65,144.72

Recycling Bins & Pods

2016/17	£8,361.43
2017/18	£11,937.35
2018/19	£13,932.65
2019/20	£26,530.25
2020/21	£61,311.00
2021 /22(to 8 Sept)	£44,678.75

Green Waste Bin

2016/17	1,308.42
2017/18	2,002.77
2018/19	1,466.75
2019/20	1,266.75
2020/21	1,102.00
2021 /22(to 8 Sept)	1,172.25

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

H11 Mobile HRC Visits

Question:

Broken down by location, how much in total has been collected by the mobile household waste and recycling wagons, broken down by waste type (recycled, reused, sent for incineration etc.)

Answer:

Locations visited are detailed in the table below.

	Lifford		Montague Street	
	Location	Ward	Location	Ward
13-Jul	Arden Road	Frankley Great Park		
14-Jul	Sedgehill Ave	Harborne		
15-Jul	Vincent Drive	Edgbaston		
16-Jul	Pennyacre Road	Druids Heath and Monyhull		
17-Jul				
18-Jul				
19-Jul	Bristol Road South	Longbridge and West Heath		
20-Jul	Yardley Wood Road / Haunch Lane	Billesley		
21-Jul	Beilby Road	Stirchley		
22-Jul	Fairfax Road	Longbridge and West Heath		
23-Jul	Simmonds Drive	Quinton		
24-Jul				
25-Jul				
26-Jul	Edgewood Road	Rubery and Rednal		
27-Jul	Wyndham Road	North Edgbaston		
28-Jul	Fitzroy Road	Allens Cross		
29-Jul	Vardon Way	Kings Norton South		
30-Jul	Partons Road	Brandwood and Kings Heath		
31-Jul				
01-Aug				
02-Aug	Arden Road	Frankley Great Park		
03-Aug	Gillot Road	North Edgbaston	James Turner Street	Soho and Jewellery Quarter
04-Aug	Highfield Road	Billesley	Victoria Road	Aston
05-Aug	Spring Road	Edgbaston	Old Bridge Street	Newtown
06-Aug	Lye Avenue	Bartley Green	Oliver Street	Nechells
07-Aug				

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08-Aug				
09-Aug	Woodstock Road	Moseley	Holly Road	Handsworth
10-Aug	The Roundabout	Northfield	Brougham Street	Lozells
11-Aug	Castle Road	Weoley and Selly Oak	Civic Close	Ladywood
12-Aug	Pound Road	Druids Heath and Monyhull	Chandlers Close	Soho and Jewellery Quarter
13-Aug	Sladepool Farm Road	Highters Heath	Penshurst Avenue	Aston
14-Aug				
15-Aug				
16-Aug	Sisefield Road	Kings Norton South	Burlington Street	Newtown
17-Aug	Rodney Close	Ladywood	Mount Street (op. 262)	Nechells
18-Aug	Woodside Road	Bournbrook and Selly Park	Hinstock Road	Handsworth
19-Aug	Welsh House Farm Road	Harborne	Carlyle Road	Lozells
20-Aug	Honeycomb Way	Allens Cross	King Edwards Road	Ladywood
21-Aug				
22-Aug				
23-Aug	Caynham Road	Bartley Green	Chapel Street	Soho and Jewellery Quarter
24-Aug	Chinn Brook Road	Billesley	Whitehead Road	Aston
25-Aug	Dale Road	Bournbrook and Selly Park	Gee Street	Newtown
26-Aug	Dawberry Fields Road	Brandwood and Kings Heath	Sycamore Road	Nechells
27-Aug	Brockworth Road	Druids Heath and Monyhull	Laurel Road	Handsworth
28-Aug				
29-Aug				
30-Aug	Richmond Hill Road	Edgbaston	No Service	No Service
31-Aug	Ingoldsby Road	Bournville and Cotteridge	Wills Street	Lozells

Unfortunately, the volume of recycling collected is not available on a Ward basis as the MHRC vehicle is not always tipped on a daily basis. The tonnage breakdown for July and August is detailed in the table below. Staff are still trialling different methods of tipping which is why some items are recorded differently.

JULY

Lifford					
	RCV	MHRC Textiles	MHRC Paper and Cardboard	MHRC Plastic & Cans	Total
13-Jul	1.0				1
14-Jul	2.52				2.52
15-Jul	2.8				2.8
16-Jul	1.6	0.26	0.46		2.32
17-Jul					0
18-Jul					0
19-Jul	1.65				1.65
20-Jul	2.7	0.15	0.6		3.45
21-Jul	3.0	0.26	0.4	0.08	3.74
22-Jul	1.5				1.5
23-Jul	19.6	0.26	0.46		20.32
24-Jul					0
25-Jul					0
26-Jul	1.7	0.26	0.46		2.42

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Lifford					
27-Jul	2.84				2.84
28-Jul	2.98	0.16	0.36		3.5
29-Jul	0.5				0.5
30-Jul	1.8				1.8
31-Jul					0
Total	46.19	1.35	2.74	0.08	50.36

AUGUST

	Lifford							Montague St.					Total
	RCV	MHRC Textiles	MHRC Paper & Card	MHRC Plastic & Cans	MHRC Glass	MHRC Textile and Reuse	MHRC Reuse/ T'Pak/ Batt.	RCV	MHRC Textiles	MHRC Paper and Card	MHRC Co-min	MHRC Unspec	
01-Aug													0
02-Aug		0.12	0.22	0.08									0.42
03-Aug	1.58												1.58
04-Aug								1.3					1.3
05-Aug	0.9	0.12	0.08	0.02				0.14					1.26
06-Aug	4.5							0.28					4.78
07-Aug													0
08-Aug													0
09-Aug		0.3	0.32					0.22					0.84
10-Aug	1.62							4.24					5.86
11-Aug	1.96							1.48					3.44
12-Aug								1.68			0.08	0.14	1.9
13-Aug	2.94		0.12		0.1			0.12				0.2	3.48
14-Aug													0
15-Aug													0
16-Aug		0.14	0.12					0.2					0.46
17-Aug								0.82					0.82
18-Aug	1.94	0.18						4.28				0.18	6.58
19-Aug	2.22		0.24						0.16	0.2			2.82
20-Aug	2.88					0.16		5.64					8.68
21-Aug													0
22-Aug													0
23-Aug	2.64		0.26										2.9
24-Aug	1.54							1.88		0.16			3.58
25-Aug													0
26-Aug													0
27-Aug	1.747		0.24										1.987
28-Aug													0
29-Aug													0
30-Aug	3.6	0.2	0.48				0.22						4.5
31-Aug								10.42	0.12	0.36			10.9
Total	30.067	1.06	2.08	0.1	0.1	0.16	0.22	32.7	0.28	0.72	0.08	0.52	68.087

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

H12 Mobile HRC Usage

Question:

Broken down by location, how many people per day have used the mobile household waste and recycling wagons?

Answer:

Information on the number of people using the service is not recorded.

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

H13 Mobile HRC Performance Monitoring

Question:

What metrics are being used to measure the effectiveness of the Mobile Household Waste and Recycling Wagons?

Answer:

Initially the tonnage of waste collected is being recorded. In the future, we will investigate if there is a related change in LAMS and fly-tipping data in localities visited. We will shortly be seeking feedback from citizens using the service and from councillors.

This is an innovative service, so we will be looking for ways to improve it further.

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

H14 Mobile HRC Performance Data

Question:

Please provide a copy of all monitoring data held for the Mobile Household Waste and Recycling Wagons?

Answer:

The below tables detail the tonnages collected in July and August. Presently this is the only information being recorded. Staff are still trialling different methods of tipping which is why some items are recorded differently.

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AUGUST

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

H15 Mobile HRCs Member requests

Question:

How many requests have cabinet members made for visits of Mobile Household Waste and Recycling Wagons, including how many of them have been accepted and if they have already happened?

Answer:

There have been no requests made from Cabinet Members for operational visits from MHWRWs

A visit by the wagon from Lifford was made to a police event to try to educate residents about this new service, but it was not deployed to collect waste and not promoted as such.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

H16 Mobile HRCs Member requests non-exec

Question:

How many requests from non-cabinet members have been made for visits of Mobile Household Waste and Recycling Wagons, including how many of them have been accepted and if they have already happened?

Answer:

Every ward in the City will be visited. Locations have been chosen by officers reviewing data and carrying out site visits. There have been some local alternative sites suggested by local elected members once they have been informed of a visit to their ward.

These will be taken into account and considered along with the data and the safety and practicality of the sites proposed.

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

I1 Covid Testing at Aston University

Question:

Residents have been contacting me with their shock at having to pay the full CAZ charge when they attend Aston University for a Covid test and have further advised they have not been made aware of this, saying it's an unjustified charge.

Can the Cabinet Member give a full explanation as to why this charge has been levied to residents who are attending this venue for Covid vaccinations and Covid testing, stating whether the charge will be refunded?

Answer:

The Council has worked closely with the NHS to support its COVID-19 testing and vaccination programmes. This support has included the provision of free parking and an exemption from the Clean Air Zone daily fee for people attending the mass vaccination centre at Millennium Point. The support provided to people attending this specific location recognised its importance to the mass vaccination programme at that particular point in time.

The testing venue at Aston University is one of many similar locations in Birmingham and Solihull therefore people wanting a COVID-19 test have a choice about which location they choose to attend.

There are exemptions from the Clean Air Zone daily fee for people living and working in the Clean Air Zone and the Council continues to issue exemptions to applicants fulfilling the eligibility criteria for these schemes.

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

I2 Road Resurfacing Programme 2021/22

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide full details, split by ward, of (a) the roads that are to be resurfaced as part of the 2021/22 programme and (b) full details of the wards that have no highways allocated to the work programme for this period?

Answer:

The first tab in the attached spreadsheet summarises the number of footway and carriageway schemes being proposed as part of the Highways Investment Works Programme (IWP) by ward and the wards which do not have any schemes proposed.

The second and third tabs on the spreadsheet identify those IWP works by road location.

Whilst these are the intended IWP schemes for 2021/22, the programme is subject to potential further changes as the schemes are developed and finalised.

It should be noted that the IWP is only one programme of surfacing works for 2021/22. Similar works are also programmed as part of the routine delivery of highways services over the same period that will see over £100m of investment being placed into our roads and highway assets. Those other programmes are developed in response to emerging surfacing repair issues and therefore tend to have shorter periods of advance notice, but we are working with our highway services provider over the coming months with the aim of providing improved public access to that programme information.



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

I3 CAZ Grant

Question:

Please provide a breakdown detailing for each grant available to individuals and businesses for the Clean Air Zone, including for each:

- **Name of grant**
- **Total amount of funding available**
- **Total number of applications**
- **Total value of applications**
- **Total number paid out**
- **Total value paid out**

Answer:

The following table provides an update on the Clean Air Zone mitigation schemes:

NAME OF GRANT SCHEME	APPLICATIONS		SCHEME FUNDING				
	SUBMITTED	APPROVED	ALLOCATED	PAID	PENDING FY21/22	SUB TOTAL	REMAINING
HACKNEY CARRIAGE SUPPORT	260	164	£7.75m	£0.67m	£0.00m	£0.67m	£7.08m
PRIVATE HIRE SUPPORT	1,849	1,126	£7.00m	£1.41m	£0.00m	£1.41m	£5.59m
VEHICLE SCRAPPAGE AND TRAVEL CREDIT	120	47	£10.58m	£0.00m	£0.09m	£0.09m	£10.49m
HEAVY DUTY VEHICLE FUND	63	11	£10.05m	£0.06m	£1.22m	£1.28m	£8.77m
TOTALS	2,292	1,348	£35.38m	£2.14m	£1.31m	£3.45m	£31.93m

NOTE: All financial values have been rounded to two decimal places.

The table above provides a summary of the various Clean Air Zone grant funds. The scheme to support Birmingham-licensed hackney carriage and private hire drivers has been split into the respective funding 'pots' available to each type of licence.

The Heavy Duty Vehicle (HDV) Fund includes the total number of applications and applications that have been approved, however, it is worth noting that this scheme enables a small to medium sized enterprise (SME) based in the West Midlands to submit an application requesting support for the upgrade or replacement of more than one heavy goods vehicle or coach in their fleet. So, while this scheme has approved 11 applications this equates to 85 vehicles that have been upgraded or replaced.

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

I4 Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

Question:

What is the total cost of each of the Council's existing and planned Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, broken down by scheme and amount already spent and final forecast cost?

Answer:

Tranche 1

The costs of the Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN) are as follows:

Lozells – £129,786.96
Kings Heath & Moseley - £390,119.32
Places for People (Castle Vale & Bournville) – £151,374.82
Design costs for schemes listed above - £50,000.00
Tranche 1 Traffic regulation orders – £6,000.00

Total spend to date - £727,281.10
Final forecast for Tranche 1 - £765,157.04

Maintenance Costs

Regular weekly maintenance checks on the above Low Traffic Neighbourhoods installations, for any defects from 20th November 2020 to 31st March 2022 - £40,949.84

Rectification and repairs to damage for the above Low Traffic Neighbourhoods installations - £13,434.00

Tranche 2

The forecasted budgets for the Active Travel Fund Phase 2 LTN's are detailed below noting that these are subject to change following design development and public consultation:

Lozells	£ 75,000.00
Kings Heath	£ 480,000.00
Bournville	£ 112,500.00
Castle Vale	£ 37,500.00

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Moseley	£ 45,000.00
TRO	£ 6,000.00
Total	£ 756,000.00

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP

I5 Procurement CAZ Payment Software

Question:

Given you claimed the procurement for the CAZ payment software was sorted in time for the launch of the zone, and was not reason for delay, can you explain why neither the contract with Stripe or GoCardless appear on the open data website for 2021/22 Q1 Details of Contracts Awarded

Answer:

Details of contracts awarded during a quarter are reported in arrears via the Planned Procurement Activities Report (PPAR). Confirmation of the contract awards to Go Cardless and Stripe are confirmed in the latest PPAR which was published with the papers for the 7 September 2021 Cabinet, in line with the existing process.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE

I6 E-scooters

Question:

Please provide a copy of the full consultation results from the TfWM survey on the E-Scooter Trials.

Answer:

We will obtain this information in a suitable format from TfWM and forward directly.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DOMINIC STANFORD

I7 Seized Vehicles

Question:

In each year since 2015/2016, how many vehicles have been seized by the Council for suspected involvement in environmental crime, including how many of these have been crushed?

Answer:

Vehicles seized by the Waste Enforcement Unit since its creation in October 2015.

	SEIZED	CRUSHED
2015/2016	3	3
2016/2017	10	2
2017/2018	13	6
2018/2019	10	3
2019/2020	9	3
2020/2021	6	0
2021/2022 (till Sept 2021)	5	0

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Vehicles seized by Trading Standards

	SEIZED	CRUSHED
2019	2	0
2020	6	0

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

I8 Seized Vehicles

Question:

Please list the number of cameras installed (or planned to be installed) for LTNS and the City Cell system to enforce compliance with the new measures.

Answer:

The Council currently only has powers to enforce these measures if they are 'made' with a bus lane or bus gate. None of the segments or LTN measures currently in place as part of the Active Travel Fund (ATF) programme include bus only restrictions. However, in the case of the city centre, some segment boundaries are defined by a bus lane or gate and may or may not have camera enforcement (e.g. Moor St Queensway that does have a camera).

Proposals for the second phase of ATF do include bus only restrictions – a firm aspiration remains to enforce these with cameras if required in the future, but the current proposals do not include the inclusion of any enforcement cameras.

The Government is in the process of extending powers (Traffic Management Act 2004 Part 6) to local authorities to enforce other types of moving traffic offence and the Council will look to pursue this in due course. This could be of benefit in terms of the effectiveness of schemes such as LTNs and the segments.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL

I9 Birmingham Wheels

Question:

Given the Birmingham Wheels site currently works on a net carbon neutral basis, what assessment has been made of the carbon impact of the current proposals to replace it within a new development, including the impact of demolition, removal of hazardous waste, construction and running of the new development?

Answer:

As the Wheels site is currently used for wheeled activities including stock car and banger racing, driving experience days, karting and drifting, officers would not consider it currently as a net carbon neutral operation.

The site is former landfill and underused. Its regeneration will remediate the site and address the extensive Japanese Knotweed on site. Its redevelopment, generating up to 3,000 jobs targeted at the local community will be a significant brownfield regeneration in accordance with City Council and national planning policy.

The Outline Business Case is currently being developed for the site and the final approach will depend, in part, on the success or otherwise of a Levelling Up Fund (LUF) bid for the remediation of the site. The preferred/chosen option will determine the project approach on the sustainable development methods to be implemented on the development to achieve the reduction of carbon on site by delivering development that utilises green energy and supports the City Council's drive towards zero carbon.

Once the option appraisal recommends the best development for the city, the Wheels delivery team will work closely with the R20 team to reduce the city's carbon footprint.

Two key policies are currently included in the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP) that relate to the sustainability of new developments. These are TP3 (Sustainable construction) and TP4 (Low and zero carbon energy generation). Policy TP3 requires development to maximise energy efficiency, minimise waste and consider the type and source of materials used, as well as BREEAM Excellent for non-residential buildings of a certain threshold.

In addition to the BDP review, the new City Council 'Our Future City Plan - Central Birmingham 2040' is currently being progressed. The plan sets the vision for the City Centre for the next 20 years. The City Council's R20 initiative is at the heart of the plan that includes a zero-carbon approach to development. The Council already has provision within the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility to address this under the Green and Sustainable theme. All proposals in the development of Bordesley Park would have to adhere to these Council policies.

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

I10 Active Travel Scheme- risk assessment

Question:

The risk assessment for the Active Travel Scheme (appended to Cabinet report of 20 September 2020) gave a risk of ‘Failure of schemes to assist in the COVID-19 recovery’ which the council judged to be ‘possible’ with a ‘Critical impact on the achievement of objectives and overall performance.’ Whilst the Council judged this to be ‘tolerable’ it stated that additional steps to be taken to manage the risk were ‘ongoing.’ Please provide details of the ongoing evaluation of this risk, including monitoring of schemes to judge how they were helping economic recovery and additional steps taken to manage this.

Answer:

The monitoring and evaluation strategy for the Active Travel fund programme includes both outputs and outcomes, both of which are used for our own internal purposes and also for upward reporting to Transport for West Midlands and the Department for Transport. This is broadly based around four themes:

- Data – e.g. traffic counts, air quality etc. but also over time mode shift/ behaviour change;
- Engineering – looking at what has physically been delivered but also the road safety audit process;
- Equalities – impact on any of the protected characteristics; and
- Perceptions/Engagement – based on public feedback.

As the programme has developed, it is clear that it would only be possible to make a subjective assessment of the impact on the recovery based on more scheme specific monitoring.

The Cabinet report and appendices were drafted/approved at a relatively early stage in the project. As such, the understanding of the likely risks at that time would have been quite high level and generic.

A programme level risk register has now superseded the risks identified for the Cabinet report.

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

I11 Active Travel Scheme - Costs

Question:

For each scheme implemented under the Active Travel Scheme, please provide a breakdown of

- **Detail of work undertaken**
- **Original budgeted cost of implementation**
- **Actual cost of implementation**
- **Original budgeted cost of removal of temporary measures**
- **Actual cost of removal. (For schemes that remain in place, any revised budget for removal and date of planned removal)**
- **Funding source for each**

Answer:

The information requested is provided in the below table:

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WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE												
ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND												
		Budget			10/09/2021							
Scheme Name:	Scheme Description	Capital	Revenue	Total Budget	Actual Cost*	Maintenance Costs**	TRO Costs	Design Costs	Budgeted Removal Costs	Actual Removal Costs	Removal Date	Funding Source
Moseley High Street Local Centre - Relocation of space	Provision of temporary footway extensions, installing temporary barriers, ramps and bus stop buildouts; Covid social distancing pavement markings and signs	£32,500.00	£11,000.00	£43,500.00	£17,002.96	£15,906.06	£2,000.00	£1,315.79	£6,811.15	£3000*	09/09/2021 Part	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
Stirchley Local Centre - Relocation of space	Provision of temporary footway extensions, installing road bollards and ramps along Pershore Road; Junction re-alignment with stick down temporary kerbs on Bournville Lane, new road markings.	£72,500.00	£11,000.00	£83,500.00	£55,185.00	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£7,000*	TBC	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
Lozells - Low Traffic Neighbourhood	Installation of planters and bollards to create a Low Traffic Neighbourhood Installation of road markings to create turning facilities	£97,500.00	£26,000.00	£123,500.00	£129,786.96	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£7,235.00	23/12/2020 Part	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
Kings Heath - Low Traffic Neighbourhood	Installation of planters and bollards to create a Low Traffic Neighbourhood Installation of road markings to create turning facilities	£97,500.00	£26,000.00	£123,500.00	£390,119.32	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£25,000.00	£0.00	£7,421.00	20/03/2021 Part	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
Places for People - Low Traffic Neighbourhood	Provision of pop-up cycleways using road bollards, new lit cycle way signage, road humps buildouts and new road markings. Installation of planters and road bollards to lower and re-direct traffic.	£72,000.00	£16,000.00	£88,000.00	£151,374.82	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	N/A	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
City Centre Cells	Provision of segments using barriers within the City Centre to reduce the traffic levels along side roads, installing advisory cycle routes using road markings and installing bus gates on St Chads Queensway and on Old Snow Hill (Outside Lloyd House).	£272,500.00	£76,000.00	£348,500.00	£69,858.18	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£6,480.00	£0.00	£18,126.43*	29/04/2021 Part	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
Sutton Coldfield - Pop-up Cycle Lanes	Provision of pop-up cycleways using road bollards, new lit cycle way signage, pavement extensions, buildouts, removal of existing road markings and provision of extensive new road markings. Park Road made one way. All works re-instated including high friction surfacing.	£45,000.00	£4,000.00	£49,000.00	£79,148.85	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£10,000.00	£0.00	£34,047.55	20/11/2020	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
City Centre to Small Heath (A45) - Pop-up Cycle Lanes	Provision of pop-up cycleways using road bollards, new lit cycle way signage, buildouts, bus stop extensions and new road markings.	£170,000.00	£4,000.00	£174,000.00	£222,736.12	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£25,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	N/A	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
Selly Oak to Northfield (A38) - Pop-up Cycle Lanes	Provision of pop-up cycleways using road bollards, new lit cycle way signage, buildouts, bus stop extensions and extensive new road markings. Road markings and high friction surfacing reinstated between Selly Oak and Northfield.	£72,500.00	£4,000.00	£76,500.00	£182,863.15	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£25,000.00	£0.00	£139,154.00	23/05/2021 Part	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
City Centre to Fort Dunlop (A47) - Pop-up Cycle Lanes	Provision of pop-up cycleways using road bollards, new lit cycle way signage, buildouts, bus stop extensions and new road markings.	£120,000.00	£4,000.00	£124,000.00	£220,960.46	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£20,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	N/A	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
City Centre to City Hospital Via Jewellery Quarter - Pop-up Cycle Lanes	Provision of pop-up cycleways using road bollards, new lit cycle way signage, buildouts, bus stop extensions and new road markings.	£105,000.00	£4,000.00	£109,000.00	£195,046.76	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£15,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	N/A	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
Bradford Street (City Centre) - Pop-up Cycle Lanes	Provision of pop-up cycleways using road bollards, new lit cycle way signage, buildouts, bus stop extensions and new road markings.	£97,500.00	£4,000.00	£101,500.00	£187,522.70	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£8,640.00	£0.00	£0.00	N/A	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
A38 to A34 - Pop-up Cycle Lanes	Provision new advisory cycle lane using road markings and new lit cycle way signage.	£102,500.00	£4,000.00	£106,500.00	£18,031.19	£41,000.00	£2,000.00	£5,400.00	£0.00	£0.00	N/A	The Emergency Active Travel Fund
Footnote												
** From 20th November 2020 to 31 March 2022												
* Actual Costs to Date Subject to agreement of Final Account												
Note												
Above figures exclude V.A.T												

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER

I12 Carbon Emissions

Question:

Per year since 2012, what are the estimated annual carbon emissions for:

- a) The City Council**
- b) Combined City Council owned companies**
- c) The city as a whole**

Answer:

a) The City Council

The City Council does not yet monitor its own emissions year on year. A carbon baselining study was completed by Anthesis in 2020 and estimated that the Council's own emissions were 417,772tco2e in 2018. Emissions directly related to Council Scope 1, 2 and 3 activities and operations represent 417,772 tCO2e, just 8% of the total emissions of the city. Carbon emissions can be divided into three categories:

- Scope 1 (direct): Emissions from sources you own or control, such as boilers and fleet vehicles you own.
- Scope 2 (energy indirect): indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity, heat, steam etc.
- Scope 3 (other indirect): indirect emissions (i.e. those owned, controlled and generated by others) which result from the organisation's activities such as travel, procurement, water and waste.

We do hold data on the City Council's building's energy consumption, which is as follows:

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Year	tCO2e
2012	122,178
2013	168,109
2014	121,960
2015	68,004
2016	64,287
2017	52,283
2018	44,800
2019	34,323

Please note that the cannot be apportioned to as a number of buildings mainly for the year on year

reduction in emissions energy efficiency measures were sold so this accounts reduction.

b) Combined City Council owned companies

The City Council do not hold this data.

c) The City as a Whole

Please see data below:

Year	Ktco2
2012	5,679.9
2013	5,530.2
2014	4,905.4
2015	4,763.5
2016	4,530.5
2017	4,277.9
2018	4,249.1
2019	4,083.2

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA

I13 Park & Ride Commonwealth Games

Question

Please list all proposed locations for the Commonwealth Games Park & Rides.

Answer:

Existing park and ride sites are available for Tram, Train and Bus services into Birmingham and key Games venues as shown below:

Longbridge Park and Ride

Tram Stops

The Hawthorns
Wednesbury Parkway
Black Lane
Bradley Lane
Priestfield

Train Stations

Bromsgrove
Longbridge
Sutton Coldfield
Northfield
Rowley Regis
Tile Hill
Four Oaks
Whitlocks End
Stourbridge Junction

Work led by Transport for West Midlands is ongoing to plan and deliver additional park and ride spaces across the region, specifically to enable travel to the Alexander stadium. More details of these locations can be provided once final agreements with landowners are complete.

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

I14 CAZ- Non-UK vehicles

Is the Clean Air Zone currently enforcing charges and penalties for all non-UK registered vehicles?

Answer:

Birmingham's Clean Air Zone is currently not pursuing enforcement against non-UK vehicles that do not meet the emission standards for the zone.

Based on the data from the Clean Air Zone ANPR cameras, non-UK vehicles account for 0.2% (on average) of all unique vehicles that enter the Clean Air Zone. There is currently no data available to determine the percentage of these vehicles that do not meet the emission standards for the Clean Air Zone. The Council is developing a procurement specification and strategy to support the enforcement against non-UK registered vehicles.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH

J1 DBS Checks

Question:

Since 2016 how many drivers across all contracts within the Home to School Transport have had positive DBS checks or no DBS check in place whilst driving for any length of time (split between the two)?

Answer:

BCC stated its formal historic position regarding positive DBS in the response to an FOI issued on 18 January 2021.

This stated that:

Issue	FOI Response
Since 2016, how many drivers have had positive DBS checks whilst driving	<p>The Home to School Transport service holds information relating to the numbers of positive DBS drivers dating to February 2020. It was at this point when the current BCC DBS Panel started assessing driver applications to work on BCC routes.</p> <p>The process identified 74 drivers with positive DBS, 50 were cleared to drive, 24 required assessment.</p> <p>It is important to note that not all positive disclosures would render a driver unsuitable to drive on school transport routes. There are many drivers with positive DBS disclosures who, following assessment of their disclosure information, have previously and are currently safely transporting vulnerable pupils</p>
Since 2016, how many drivers with no DBS checks in place whilst driving	The service was made aware of 23 children who were transported to school

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Issue	FOI Response
	<p>by a driver in a case involving a breach of the DBS checking process in 2019. This driver was accompanied by a BCC employed Travel Guide on all journeys, and therefore did not have unsupervised access to the children being transported. Action was taken to investigate this matter and to ensure that no children were at risk.</p> <p>Cleansing exercises completed then identified that 3 other individuals who had been driving on BCC routes were found to have criminal records and these were then cleared through the BCC DBS process.</p>

Travel providers are legally obliged to provide this information to us on a monthly basis.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

J2 Requirement - Contracts

Question:

Is it a requirement of the contracts for home to school transport services for contracted providers to disclose any action taken against them by the Office of Traffic Commissioner and for this to be provided for those wishing to be added onto the DPS contract?

Answer:

Details of the assessments made when providers apply to join the DPS are listed in the response to J15.

At this stage, we do not currently ask specifically about disclosing any action taken against them by the Office of Traffic Commissioner. We are currently exploring whether to add this requirement to the contract.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

J3 Employees – North Birmingham Travel

Question:

How many employees do North Birmingham Travel have to whom TUPE regulations apply, as referenced in the emergency Chief Executive Report of 17th August regarding termination of the contract?

Answer:

TUPE will apply to all North Birmingham Travel (NBT) staff that predominately work on the BCC Home to School Transport contract. As yet, NBT have not cooperated with the transfer process and have failed to provide employee information. We are doing everything in our power to ensure this information is provided to us as soon as possible.

Drivers who have the right to TUPE to a new provider will not be able to drive on home to school transport routes until they comply with HATS and BCC's DBS requirements.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

J4 Monitoring Visits/Audits

Question:

For each provider of home to school transport services, please provide a list of all dates that monitoring visits/audits have taken place (Please include North Birmingham Travel in this list even though they are no longer providing services to the Council.

Answer:

Quality assurance checks have been introduced and a new Compliance Function (interim) has been created. Work is being carried out to ascertain the size and shape of the function needed permanently in order to carry out the appropriate level of monitoring visits needed.

An onsite audit of DBS compliance will be completed for all operators by the end of October.

The team aims to check 50 routes each school week. This is reported through the weekly SITREP reports. The outcomes of these audits drive improvements.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

J5 DBS Check

Question:

Out of the total number of drivers currently working on home to school transport routes, how many have the Council physically seen verified DBS checks for.

Answer:

Before the start of the school term we wrote to all transport providers asking them to provide details of any drivers with positive DBS checks that have not previously been disclosed to the council.

Drivers with positive DBS checks are reviewed by the BCC HR Panel and will not drive until clearance has been provided.

Travel providers are legally obliged to provide this information to us on a monthly basis in any event, but again we wanted to ensure that providers are fully meeting their obligations prior to the start of the new school term.

A deed of variation has now been agreed by all providers which requires them to provide DBS certificates to the council for independent verification.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DOMINIC STANFORD**

J6 SEND School Places

Question:

For every child who has a specific school setting named in their EHCP, how many are currently still waiting for a place to be allocated in that school, split between those currently in a different setting and those not in education, or home schooling?

Answer:

Where a specific school setting is named in a child's EHCP, admission must be arranged with the relevant governing board. There are no children waiting for a place to be allocated at a school named in their EHCP.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

J7 Cleared DBS Checks

Question:

In total, how many drivers currently working on home to school transport routes at any point have been discovered not to have had cleared DBS in place?

Answer:

Currently, on the evidence provided to the council by our contractors, there are no drivers working on home to school transport routes without a cleared DBS check in place.

The service at my request are conducting a full audit, carried out by an external provider, of all providers that will be completed by the end of October to provide additional reassurance on this matter.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES**

J8 Positive DBS Checks

Question:

For the positive DBS checks found to be held by North Birmingham travel drivers, how long had those drivers been driving any home to school transport routes (including numbers of days, number of journeys and number of children transported)?

Answer:

I would refer to the report presented to Cabinet on 17 August 2021. There is an ongoing investigation into this currently, so it is not possible to comment further at this stage.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS

J9 Verification of DBS Checks

Question:

Following the discovery of individual with known sexual convictions working as drivers for ATG, the Council eventually agreed to check every other provider and then 2 years later (3 years after the Council become aware of the problem) in January 2021, categorical assurance was provided by the Executive that no individual working on the home to school transport service did not have a fully cleared and certified DBS in place. Whilst we now know this was not true, can you please confirm that at the point of providing that answer, how (out of how many) DBS checks had been verified, and how many have been done since per month?

Answer:

BCC stated its formal historic position regarding positive DBS in the response to an FOI issued on 18 January 2021.

This stated that:

Issue	FOI Response
How many DBS checks had been verified	<p>The Home to School Transport service holds information relating to the numbers of positive DBS drivers dating to February 2020. It was at this point when the current BCC DBS Panel started assessing driver applications to work on BCC routes.</p> <p>The process identified 74 drivers with positive DBS, 50 were cleared to drive, 24 required assessment.</p> <p>It is important to note that not all positive disclosures would render a driver unsuitable to drive on school transport routes. There are many drivers with positive DBS disclosures who, following assessment of their disclosure information, have previously and are currently safely transporting</p>

Issue	FOI Response
	vulnerable pupils
	<p>The service was made aware of 23 children who were transported to school by a driver in a case involving a breach of the DBS checking process in 2019. This driver was accompanied by a BCC employed Travel Guide on all journeys, and therefore did not have unsupervised access to the children being transported. Action was taken to investigate this matter and to ensure that no children were at risk.</p> <p>Cleansing exercises completed then identified that 3 other individuals who had been driving on BCC routes were found to have criminal records and these were then cleared through the BCC DBS process.</p>

All operators are contractually required to comply with the council's process around enhanced DBS checks.

At the time of responding to the question in January 2021 the information available was that to the best of our knowledge all contractors had complied with the contract conditions related to enhanced DBS checks.

The council is now using an external provider to undertake additional checks to cross-reference all our data with the HR clearances and this will be completed by the end of October.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

J10 Safeguarding Complaints

Question:

Please list all dates on which any safeguarding complaint has been received regarding any provider of home to school transport, broken down by provider and including North Birmingham Travel?

Answer:

A small number of safeguarding complaints have been received and all have been/are being investigated. Based on legal advice and the risk of identifying pupils/drivers, information on these complaints cannot be discussed publicly.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

J11 LADO Referrals

Question:

Please list all dates on which any LADO referrals have been made regarding any provider of Home to School Transport, broken down by provider, including North Birmingham Travel?

Answer:

The service has made referrals to the LADO on several occasions and regularly seeks their advice. Based on legal advice and the risk of identifying pupils/drivers, information on these referrals cannot be provided publicly.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS**

J12 North Birmingham Employees

Question:

How many employees does North Birmingham Travel have to whom TUPE regulations may apply?

Answer:

TUPE will apply to all North Birmingham Travel (NBT) staff that predominately work on the BCC Home to School Transport contract. As yet, NBT have not cooperated with the transfer process and have failed to provide employee information. We are doing everything in our power to ensure this information is provided to us as soon as possible.

Drivers who have the right to TUPE to a new provider will not be able to drive on home to school transport routes until they comply with BCC's DBS requirements.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

J13 Complaints

Question:

Of all the complaints received regarding home to school transport, how many (out of how many) related to routes operated by North Birmingham Travel, including as a percentage of routes operated by them?

Answer:

Since April 2021, 81 complaints regarding home to school transport have been logged via the complaints process. Of these none were related to routes operated by NBT.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

J14 Contract Date

Question:

Since North Birmingham Travel began providing Home to School Transport services for BCC, how many drivers have been used by them?

Answer:

BCC's records show that NBT used a total of 174 drivers since it began providing transport in February 2020. This includes drivers for sub-contractors.

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

J15 DPS Contract

Question:

In introducing the new DPS contract for home to school transport, what assessment was made of quality based on previous performance and compliance for those companies who also operated under the previous framework agreement, including assessment criteria used and evidence sources (e annual review meetings, complaints etc.)?

Answer:

All operators underwent an application process to gain access to the DPS. This involved basic checks regarding their eligibility to undertake council services on our behalf. Bids for work were evaluated based on quality and price in line with council procurement regulations. Previous poor performance of operators was considered in this evaluation when it had been formally documented as a rectification or contract default.

At the first stage of receiving applications to be on the Home to School DPS, suppliers are asked multiply questions, such as, if they have any convictions held, significant deficiencies in the performance of a previous contract and to confirm all operational staff have had enhanced DBS checks. This is followed with a series of PASS / FAIL Quality Questions asking the provider to demonstrate relevant experience and contract examples and to evidence their technical and Professional Ability around such areas as safeguarding.

If providers have passed all these checks then they are approved onto the DPS. Individual procurement exercises are undertaken for specific H2S routes using the evaluation criteria of 40% quality and 60% price. The Quality Criteria and questions broken down to cover the following areas – Service Provision, Business & Sustainability and Current Fleet and are evaluated by the Home to School Team.

The questions involved in the application process can be changed if new requirements are identified.

The ongoing contract management, including annual review meetings / complaints are dealt with within the Home to School service.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

J16 Annual Review Meetings

Question:

For each supplier on the original Home to School Transport agreement please list all annual review meetings that took place since 2012 (inc dates) as per terms of that framework agreement?

Answer:

Under the previous framework, review meetings were planned to take place with each provider in August. The service have informed me that these will now take place on a six to twelve monthly basis.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

J17 SEND latest Data Breach

Question:

How many letters on Home to School Transport that went to the incorrect address went to former partner of someone fleeing domestic violence?

Answer:

We are sorry that some letters regarding transport were recently sent to incorrect addresses.

I have been informed by officers that to the best of their knowledge, no letters went to the former partner of someone fleeing domestic violence.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

J18 Home to School Transport – notice of travel arrangements

Question:

How many parents did not have full details of confirmed travel arrangements (agreed by them) for home to school transport -

- a) 10 days before the start of term**
- b) 5 days before the start of term**
- c) 3 days before the start of term**
- d) 24 hours before the start of term**
- e) Before the start of term**

Answer:

Families were informed of the travel arrangements made by the council for their child by letter from BCC. Many families were also contacted direct by their child's transport provider.

3400 letters were sent in two batches (5th and 12th August) informing families of the transport arrangements, both more than 10 days before the start of term.

The remaining 603 letters were sent in the week before the start of term.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

J19 Home to School Transport –HATS and Green Destinations

Question:

Has every DBS for all drivers operating on routes now provided by Healthcare and Transport Services and Green Destination (following the failure of previous providers to comply with DBS requirements) been physically seen and verified by the Council and has every positive check been cleared by the Safer Recruitment Panel before the first day of term?

Answer:

All drivers on BCC routes are required under their conditions of contract to have their BCC home to school transport ID badge with them at all times when operating. BCC will not issue an ID badge until we have verified the driver's DBS. They are issued face to face so that the driver's likeness can be verified.

All operators were reminded of this requirement by the Monitoring Officer and the Home to School Transport Service prior to the start of term.

During mobilisation at the start of term, where required temporary badges were issued to providers where the DBS had been seen by the provider, but there was insufficient time for the driver to attend in person to collect their badge. These will only be valid for one month, before which time all drivers will have to attend in person to collect a permanent badge.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP

J20 Home to School Transport – Missed Routes

Question:

Please provide a list of all routes (including the route number) that have been missed since the start of the Autumn Term 2021-22. Please breakdown into the reasons for the route being missed (i.e. wrong type of transport for the Child's needs arrived) and how many times the route has been missed.

Answer:

The information that was available at the end of Friday 10th September (when this response was drafted) is below:

	Routes planned	Routes delivered	Routes missed	Percentage of routes missed	Missed due to operator issues	Missed due to guide sickness	Missed due to other reason (eg non attendance of pupils)
06/09/21	661	639	22	3.3%	2	0	20
07/09/21	795	788	7	0.9%	0	1	6
08/09/21	850	825	25	2.9%	15	1	9
09/09/21	868	856	12	1.4%	2	1	9

NB This data excludes route information from HATS as this was not available at the time of preparing this answer.

The data below includes **all** providers.

	Routes planned	Routes delivered	Routes missed	Percentage of routes missed	Missed due to operator issues	Missed due to guide sickness	Missed due to other reason (eg non attendance of pupils)
10/09/21	991	922	59	7%	51	1	7

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

J21 Temporary Accommodation

Question:

As of 31 August, since the start of the calendar year, how many people had the council placed in temporary accommodation each month, broken down by accommodation type (b&b, hostel, dispersed, exempt etc)?

Answer:

Please see below for TA Admissions taken since 4 January 2021 and up to 31 August 2021

Counted on Person Reference TA type					
Month and Year	Bed And Breakfast	Dispersed Hostel Tenancy	Hostel Daily	PSL Tenancy	Grand Total
Jan 2021	179	2			181
Feb 2021	134	1		2	137
Mar 2021	155				155
Apr 2021	131		1	2	134
May 2021	174	3			177
Jun 2021	169	3		1	173
Jul 2021	238	3	1	1	243
Aug 2021	225	2			227
Grand Total	1405	14	2	6	1427

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

J22 Temporary Accommodation

Question:

Does the business case to provide temporary accommodation, per the July Cabinet Report, include any presumptions of income from housing residents from other local authorities? If so, what is the value of this and the total number of individuals expected to accommodate per year?

Answer:

No, the July Cabinet Report did not include any presumption of any income from housing residents from other local authorities. The model only assumes households are from within Birmingham.

We do not provide temporary accommodation for other local authorities. However, If it is deemed that someone has a local connection to Birmingham City Council, once assessed under the homelessness legislation, we may have a duty to provide temporary accommodation, therefore the project may be used on these occasions.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU**

J23 New Oscott Gardens Temporary Accommodation

Question:

For the proposed new Oscott Gardens Temporary Accommodation please provide a breakdown of council employees on site, including:

- **Type of role**
- **Number on site at any one time**
- **Number on site out of hours**
- **Number based there but not directly working there (eg other housing staff using it as a base but not specifically assigned to support accommodation there)**
- **Number based there but on flexible working arrangements including working from home**

Answer:

The proposed temporary accommodation at Oscott Gardens consists of 9 residential blocks in 6 buildings, between 3 and 4 storeys high. Some buildings are paired and some single, with flats grouped into 6 and 7 bed grouping either side of central staircases. In total there are 414 bedrooms and some communal spaces, with a central administration hub and security office.

When the accommodation is fully open, the following numbers of staff will be required:

Type of roles

- Homeless Centre Manager x 1
- Senior Homeless Centre Support Officer x 6
- Homeless Centre Support Officer x 30
- Security Officers x 12
- Cleaners x 10
- Total - 59 staff

There will 24 hour, 7 day a week security to monitor the CCTV / site access and carry out foot patrols.

All Officers will be site based delivering the service for approximately 9 hours a day again, for 7 days a week. They will be providing a move on support service addressing the barriers that prevent families from securing permanent accommodation, including maximising income and support with accessing social and private sector housing. This will include signposting to other agencies and a multiagency approach to complex cases.

The role also includes assisting with security measures, carrying out rooms checks and safety inspections.

Number on site at any one time (during office hours)

- Homeless Centre Manager x 1
- Senior Homeless Centre Support Officer x 4
- Homeless Centre Support Officer x 25
- Security Officers x 4
- Cleaners x 8

- Total - 42

Number on site out of hours

- Senior Homeless Centre Support Officer x 1
- Homeless Centre Support Officer x 5
- Security Officers x 4

- Total - 10

Number based there but not directly working there (e.g. other housing staff using it as a base but not specifically assigned to support accommodation there)

- No housing staff using it as a base

Number based there but on flexible working arrangements including working from home

- No housing staff based there on flexible working arrangements

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

J24 Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

Question:

If the Government is to deliver its manifesto pledge of ending rough sleeping by 2024, it must continue the principles and funding of the ‘Everyone In’ initiative otherwise there are fears there could be "a post-pandemic surge" in the number of people sleeping on the streets. Could the Cabinet Member explain (a) how the City proposes to deal with this in the long term and (b) if the Council’s proposals have changed since the easing of lockdown?

Answer:

The directive for ‘everyone-in’ was very much about Covid-19 security. It was effective in bringing some people in, though never fully eliminated some people choosing to sleep rough. As part of the ‘everyone-in’ approach Birmingham secured hotel accommodation for rough sleepers as an alternative option for accommodation choice; provided a Housing Options service targeting single homeless and rough sleepers; and was able to accommodate and provide subsistence to homeless people with ‘no recourse to public funds’.

- a) Birmingham has maintained the position that there is always a bed (not in a night shelter) for someone who is rough sleeping or imminent risk of rough sleeping, just as ‘everyone-in’ required. This is funded through the Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) for 2021-22 and should continue to be so. This funding allows the Rough Sleeper Bed Navigator to purchase flexible options where required by individual circumstances, including hotel. The Housing Options provision has been maintained and strengthened, provided by Council Officers at Sifa-Fireside Daycentre, funded partly through RSI and included in the Housing Options Redesign work.
- b) With the easing of lock-down the public health case to allow for the expenditure of public funds on people with ‘no recourse to public funds’ reduced. On 11th August 2021 the City Council ceased funding accommodation and subsistence to the remaining 30 individuals (of a total of 166) being provided for. Most had a move-on plan, of those without a secure plan, none have to date presented as rough sleeping on the street. There are a small number of individuals with ‘no recourse to public funds’ who under ‘everyone-in’ might have more options than those now available to them.

Under lockdown there was a substantial increase in government funding to help people who sleep rough. In the RSI settlement for 2021-22 this has been maintained so that services set up under lockdown have been able to continue. This includes an extension to street outreach allowing for night shifts 7 nights a week, tenancy rescue support, befriending and activity options, a dedicated Social Worker post, a Bed Navigator and a Housing Options Officer specific to peo

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY

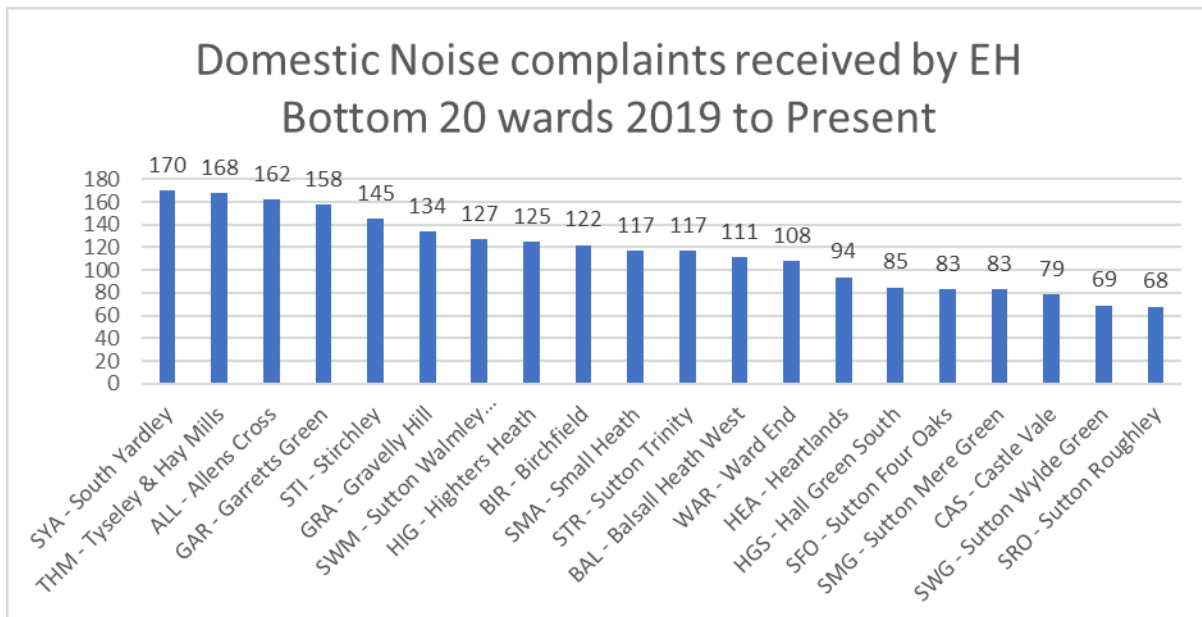
J25 Noise

Question:

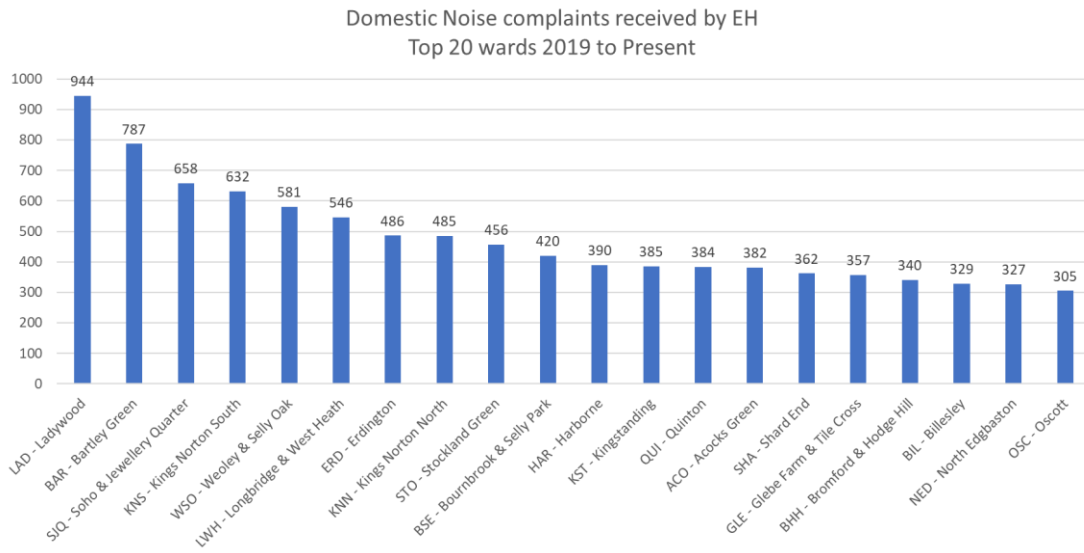
Could you provide full details of the trends received from complaints residents have made about noise from 2019 to the present day (split by ward)?

Answer:

Below is the graph of the number of noise complaints by ward followed by the number of complaints over the same time frame by month.



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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

L1 New fees for prior approval applications

Question:

The Government has amended the planning fees regulations to introduce new fees for prior approval applications under the General Permitted Development Order 2015 from 30 July 2021.

Could the Chair of the Planning Committee advise if the Planning Department will be raising their fees in line with this?

Answer:

The Council does not set or raise Planning fees as in England they are set nationally by the government and Birmingham City Council has no discretion in whether to charge those fees or not.

The national fees are set out in the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications, Deemed Applications, Requests and Site Visits) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended.

In 2021 revisions to the 2012 Fees Regulations were indeed amended to include fees for certain applications under the General Permitted Development Order.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

L2 Applications – speed of decision making

Question:

In each of the last 4 years, what is the total number of minor planning applications received and determined, broken down by:

- **Total number received**
- **Total number determined within 8 weeks excluding those where extension of time agreed**
- **Total number determined outside 8 weeks but within agreed timescales**
- **Total number determined outside agreed timescales**

Answer:

Calendar Year	Total number of minor applications received	Total of minor application determined within 8 weeks	Total of minor applications determined with an agreed extension of time	Total of minor applications determined outside of agreed timescales
2017	1011	632	107	272
2018	1061	488	158	414
2019	1041	460	239	342
2020	898	441	294	163
2021 (year to date)	622	274	298	50

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

L3 Planning Enforcement Complaints

Question:

In each of the last 3 years, how many planning enforcement complaints have been received where work has been carried out after a planning application was refused?

Answer:

The planning software system does not specifically record when an enforcement complaint relates to development carried out after planning permission has been refused. However, a search of the database where the term 'refused' or 'refusal' was used in the description has revealed the following number of cases;

2018 = 3 cases

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2021 = 0 cases

Of the three cases in 2018, none of the complaints resulted in the service of an enforcement notice because in all three cases the investigation revealed that no works carried out related to the refused development and the works related to a different development.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

L4 Planning Enforcement Complaints

Question:

In each of the last 3 years, how many enforcement actions have been taken against individuals who have carried out work after after a planning application was refused?

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COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

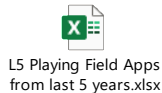
L5 Playing Fields

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of all planning applications for building on playing fields in the last 5 years where funding in lieu of a playing field has been included within the approvals, including which development, developer, total contribution, total amount of contribution received, total amount of contribution spent and what allocated against again in initial planning agreement and what actually spent (or now earmarked to be spent on).

Answer:

Please see the attached spreadsheet outlining the requested information.
The planning applications identified are those whose boundaries intersect a public or private playing field/facility.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

L6 Planning Committee Advice

Question:

The Portfolio for the Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment contains specific reference to responsibility for advice to Planning Committee on highways matters. How many times has since he was appointed, has the Cabinet Member provided such advice to Planning Committee or Planning Officers for:

- a) All planning applications**
- b) Planning applications submitted by, or on behalf of the Council**

Answer:

Cllr Waseem Zaffar – Transport and Environment was appointed as Cabinet member on 22nd May 2018 and from then to 31st August 2021 there have been 10952 responses to consultations. This figure includes formal re-consultations on the same application. In addition, a transportation officer attends Planning Committee on Cllr Zaffar's behalf to answer any questions from Members.