

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 11 JANUARY 2022 AT 13:30 HOURS
IN HOLTE SUITE, VILLA PARK, TRINITY ROAD, ASTON,
BIRMINGHAM, B6 6HE

A G E N D A

1 **NOTICE OF RECORDING**

Lord Mayor to advise that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's meeting You Tube site (www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFCXq6_5dnVnYlw) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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3 **MINUTES**

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 December 2021.

4 **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(1330-1410)

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

5 **PETITIONS**

(10 minutes allocated) (1410-1420)

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

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

6 QUESTION TIME

(70 minutes allocated) (1420-1530)

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

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

7 APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

(5 minutes allocated) (1530-1535)

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

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8 EXECUTIVE BUSINESS REPORT

(45 minutes allocated) (1535-1620)

To consider a report of the Cabinet.

Councillors Waseem Zaffar and John Cotton to move the following Recommendation:-

"That the report be noted."

(break 1620-1650)

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9 ROUTE TO ZERO – ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

(55 minutes allocated) (1650-1745)

Report of Director Planning, Transport and Sustainability.

Councillor Waseem Zaffar to move the following Motion:-

"(i) To note the Action Plan Progress Report and the progress on wave 1 projects identified within it.

(ii) To note the Council's R20 Climate Change and Sustainability Team structure which is to be led by the new Assistant Director for Climate Change and Sustainability. The resources for which have been approved by the October 2021 Cabinet meeting. The detailed structure of the team is shown in appendix 2.

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10 **MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

(90 minutes allocated) (1745-1915)

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



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, 7
DECEMBER 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2021 AT 1330 HOURS IN THE REP
STUDIO THEATRE, CENTENARY SQUARE, BROAD STREET,
BIRMINGHAM**

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

Councillors

Mohammed Aikhlaq	Fred Grindrod	Ewan Mackey
Alex Aitken	Roger Harmer	Majid Mahmood
Safia Akhtar	Deborah Harries	Karen McCarthy
Deirdre Alden	Adam Higgs	Saddak Miah
Robert Alden	Charlotte Hodivala	Gareth Moore
Mohammed Azim	Jon Hunt	Simon Morrall
Baber Baz	Mahmood Hussain	Yvonne Mosquito
Bob Beauchamp	Shabrana Hussain	Brett O'Reilly
Matt Bennett	Timothy Huxtable	John O'Shea
Kate Booth	Mohammed Idrees	David Pears
Sir Albert Bore	Zafar Iqbal	Robert Pocock
Nicky Brennan	Katherine Iroh	Julien Pritchard
Marje Bridle	Ziaul Islam	Hendrina Quinnen
Mick Brown	Morriam Jan	Carl Rice
Tristan Chatfield	Kerry Jenkins	Darius Sandhu
Zaker Choudhry	Meirion Jenkins	Shafique Shah
Debbie Clancy	Julie Johnson-White	Dominic Stanford
Maureen Cornish	Brigid Jones	Martin Straker Welds
John Cotton	Nagina Kauser	Saima Suleman
Phil Davis	Mariam Khan	Sharon Thompson
Adrian Delaney	Chaman Lal	Paul Tilsley
Diane Donaldson	Mike Leddy	Ian Ward
Peter Fowler	Bruce Lines	Mike Ward
Jayne Francis	John Lines	Alex Yip
Eddie Freeman	Mary Locke	Waseem Zaffar

NOTICE OF RECORDING

19557 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

19558 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 –

19559 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2021 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 Penny Holbrook

The Lord Mayor indicated that, once again, he must begin his announcements with some extremely sad news.

With greatest sorrow, the Lord Mayor announced the death of Member's friend and colleague Councillor Penny Holbrook, who passed away just over a week ago.

The Lord Mayor noted that Penny was elected and served as a Councillor from May 2003 to May 2008, and then from May 2008 to date. During her time on the Council, Penny had served on numerous Committees and outside bodies; and had held a number of Executive positions, including Cabinet Member for Skills, Learning and Culture from 2014-16; and most

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recently, Chair of Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Lord Mayor indicated that Penny had been a dedicated local Councillor and would be greatly missed by the community and by her colleagues.

The Lord Mayor noted that Penny leaves behind a close family and asked all to join him in extending to them our deepest condolences.

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

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RESOLVED:-

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death of Councillor Penny Holbrook and its appreciation of her devoted service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extends its deepest sympathy to members of Penny'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 former Councillor, Honorary Alderman Donald Bradman Brown

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The Lord Mayor indicated that Members would now continue paying tribute to former colleagues lost during coronavirus restrictions, by remembering former Councillor Honorary Alderman Donald Bradman Brown, whose passing was announced at the Council meeting in June last year.

The Lord Mayor indicated that Donald leaves behind his children, four daughters and two sons and asked all to join him in extending to them our deepest condolences.

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 Freda Mary Longden-Parker

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The Lord Mayor indicated that next Council would pay tribute to former Councillor, Honorary Alderman Freda Mary Longden-Parker, whose death was announced at the Council meeting in July 2020. Freda leaves behind her daughter Elizabeth, two Granddaughters, and a Great Grandson; and I know you will join me in extending to them our deepest condolences.

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

D. Professional Driver Magazine Psi Awards

19563 The Lord Mayor indicated that he was pleased to inform the Chamber that one of the City's civic chauffeurs had been awarded a major accolade. At last month's Professional Driver Magazine Awards, held at Celtic Manor Hotel in Cardiff, Kenneth Bond had been presented with the Silver Award in the category of Professional Driver of the Year.

Please join me in a round of applause to congratulate Ken on this marvellous achievement.

E. Queens Baton Reveal for the Commonwealth Games Video

19564 The Lord Mayor indicated that he was pleased that Members were able to view a short video of the Queens Baton Reveal, for the Commonwealth Games and he asked the Leader to introduce the video.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward made introductory comments following which the video was shown.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 1)

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

19565 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 2)

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It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19566 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

19567 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Following a nomination from Councillors Martin Straker Welds it was-

19568 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Education and Skills Directorate Departmental Consultative Committee

Councillor Jayne Francis (Lab) to replace Councillor Diane Donaldson (Lab) as Education and Skills Directorate Departmental Consultative Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2022

ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR

The following report from the Returning Officer was submitted:-

(See document No. 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19569 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report of the Returning Officer relating to the person elected a Councillor of the City on 21 October 2021 be received and noted.

**ADOPTION OF THE ‘DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT IN BIRMINGHAM’
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

The following report from the Leader was submitted:-

(See document No. 4)

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward moved the recommendation which was seconded.

A debate ensued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

As a point clarification, Councillor Gareth Moore, in response to the Leader’s reply, emphasised that when he said that the inspector had said that the planning was not sound that was the conclusion the inspector had said in the report in paragraphs 62 and 63 unless amendments were made to the document.

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:-

- i) Notes the report of the Planning Inspector on the ‘Development Management in Birmingham’ Development Plan Document (DMB) (Appendix 1) and the Inspector’s schedule of main modifications (Appendix 2).
- ii) Approves the adoption of the DMB incorporating the Inspector’s main modifications and additional (minor) modifications in accordance with the provisions of Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- iii) Notes the final version of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)/ Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) (Appendix 7)
- iv) Notes the accompanying DMB Adoption Statement (Appendix 9) and Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement (Appendix 8).
- v) Approves the revocation and withdrawal of the remaining parts of the Birmingham Unitary Development Plan 2005 (Chapter 8) (Appendix 4) and the withdrawal of relevant superseded Supplementary Planning Guidance referenced within it (Appendix 5).

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LEAD MEMBER REPORT: WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Councillor Nicky Brennan declared a pecuniary interest as the as the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Victims’ Commissioner and she withdraw from the meeting.

The following report from the Lead Member, West Midland’s Police and Crime Panel was submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

Councillor Mick Brown moved the recommendation which was seconded.

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

(See document No. 6)

Councillor Dominic Stanford moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Peter Fowler.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Mick Brown replied to the debate.

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

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

For the amendment (30)

Deirdre Alden	Eddie Freeman	John Lines
Robert Alden	Roger Harmer	Ewan Mackey
Baber Baz	Deborah Harries	Gareth Moore
Bob Beauchamp	Adam Higgs	David Pears
Matt Bennett	Charlotte Hodivala	Julien Pritchard
Zaker Choudhry	Jon Hunt	Darius Sandhu
Debbie Clancy	Timothy Huxtable	Dominic Stanford
Maureen Cornish	Morriam Jan	Paul Tilsley
Adrian Delaney	Meirion Jenkins	Mike Ward
Peter Fowler	Bruce Lines	Alex Yip

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Against the amendment (40)

Mohammed Aikhlaq	Mohammed Idrees	Karen McCarthy
Alex Aitken	Zafar Iqbal	Saddak Miah
Mohammed Azim	Katherine Iroh	Yvonne Mosquito
Kate Booth	Ziaul Islam	Brett O'Reilly
Sir Albert Bore	Kerry Jenkins	John O'Shea
Marje Bridle	Julie Johnson-White	Robert Pocock
Mick Brown	Brigid Jones	Hendrina Quinnen
Tristan Chatfield	Nagina Kauser	Carl Rice
John Cotton	Mariam Khan	Shafique Shah
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal	Martin Straker Welds
Diane Donaldson	Mike Leddy	Saima Suleman
Fred Grindrod	Mary Locke	Ian Ward
Mahmood Hussain	Majid Mahmood	Waseem Zaffar
Shabrana Hussain		

Abstentions (0)

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-

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That the report be noted.

Councillor Nicky Brennan returned to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

19571 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1700 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1638 hours.

At 1700 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

EXEMPT ACCOMMODATION

Councillor Morriam Jan declared a pecuniary interest as a Director of Zodiac Housing Ltd and withdrew from the meeting.

The following report from the report of the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee together with an Executive commentary was submitted:-

(See document No. 7)

Councillor Carl Rice moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor Ewan Mackey.

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

(See document No. 8)

Councillor Gareth Moore moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Carl Rice replied to the debate.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Gareth Moore and Robert Alden having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

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

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

That recommendations R01 to R08 be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.

This Council calls on Birmingham City Council to actively enforce all existing covenants on properties preventing the conversion of single dwelling family use to other uses.

Call on the Council's legal team to draft a statutory instrument (referenced on page 26 of report) to present to Government.

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The Council also calls on the Executive to bring forward a report to Cabinet looking at placing a covenant on all council properties, including right to buy sales, which would prevent single dwelling family homes from being converted to other uses.

Councillor Morriam Jan returned to the meeting.

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 John Cotton and Katherine Iroh have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 9)

Councillor John Cotton moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Katherine Iroh.

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

(See document No. 10)

Councillor Jon Hunt in moving the amendment indicated that he wished to make a small change in that the words '**Council resolves** to support the 'Fair Tax Declaration'...' read '**Council affirms** it's support for the 'Fair Tax Declaration'...'. He also declared an interest as an owner of a micro business as he might comment on that sector during his speech. The amended amendment was formally seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer without making a speech.

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

(See document No. 11)

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

A debate ensued during which following a speech by Councillor John O'Shea Councillor Robert Alden as a point of clarification advised that the Conservatives had supported the introduction of the Living Wage and he requested that Councillor O'Shea withdraw his remark that they had not done so. Councillor O'Shea withdraw the comment.

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The first amendment (as amended) to the Motion in the names of Councillors Jon Hunt and Roger Harmer 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 Robert Alden and Ewan Mackey having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

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

For the amendment (20)

Deirdre Alden	Peter Fowler Eddie	Ewan Mackey
Robert Alden	Freeman	Gareth Moore
Bob Beauchamp	Adam Higgs	Simon Morrall
Matt Bennett	Charlotte Hovalva	David Pears
Debbie Clancy	Timothy Huxtable	Darius Sandhu
Maureen Cornish	Meirion Jenkins	Dominic Stanford
Adrian Delaney	Bruce Lines	

Against the amendment (51)

Mohammed Aikhlaq	Deborah Harries	Majid Mahmood
Alex Aitken	Jon Hunt	Karen McCarthy
Safia Akhtar	Mahmood Hussain	Saddak Miah
Mohammed Azim	Shabrana Hussain	Yvonne Mosquito
Baber Baz	Mohammed Idrees	Brett O'Reilly
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Mick Brown	Morriam Jan	Hendrina Quinnen
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Zaker Choudhry	Julie Johnson-White	Shafique Shah
John Cotton	Brigid Jones	Martin Straker Welds
Phil Davis	Nagina Kauser	Saima Suleman
Diane Donaldson	Mariam Khan	Sharon Thompson
Jayne Francis	Chaman Lal	Paul Tilsley
Fred Grindrod	Mike Leddy	Mike Ward
Roger Harmer	Mary Locke	Waseem Zaffar

Abstentions (0)

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

This Council notes that the current national Government is presiding over a low growth, high tax and high price economy.

For many people across Birmingham it is going to be a tough winter, with rising costs, rising taxes and Universal Credit cuts.

- Gas bills are up
- Petrol costs are up
- Food costs are up.

The Government has handed tax cuts to big companies like Amazon, while putting taxes up for working families with a record increase in National Insurance.

The Government has also brought in a tax which will impact more than 12% of self-employed people, which will see 6,974 self-employed workers in Birmingham hit with a £3,000 tax hike.

There are 136,082 households in Birmingham in receipt of Universal Credit (as of House of Commons Library figures from August 2021). Each household will have been impacted by the £20 per week cut to Universal Credit, further exacerbating the impact of rising prices.

This Council further notes that it has received recognition for its work with employers to tackle the scandal of poverty pay and make Birmingham a Living Wage City. This builds upon the Council's own position as a Real Living Wage employer, by setting out a plan to ensure that more employees, across all sectors of the city economy, are also paid the Real Living Wage.

The Real Living Wage is the only wage rate that is independently calculated upon the basis of the real cost of living and which applies to all workers aged over 18. The increase to the Real Living Wage rate means that it is now £9.90 per hour for all workers aged 18 and over.

The Government's National Living Wage, which is not calculated on this independent basis and discriminates against younger workers, is just £8.91 per hour for those aged 23 and older, is £8.36 per hour for those aged 21 and 22, £6.56 per hour for those aged 18 to 20 and £4.62 per hour for under 18s.

The Council is attracting record levels of investment into the city, with jobs being created in construction, finance, media and the arts, leisure, retail and many more sectors.

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Therefore, the Council resolves to call upon the Government to:

Abolish VAT on domestic energy bills for the next six months to help hardworking families to get through the winter months.

The abolition of VAT on domestic energy bills can be paid for through higher-than-expected VAT receipts from the first half of the year, and a temporary increase in taxes on digital services firms like Google and Facebook who have done so well out of the pandemic.

Reverse the stealth tax on self-employed people which will save 6,974 people in Birmingham from a £3,000 tax rise.

Reverse the cut to Universal Credit. Working people have taken another hit through the cuts to Universal Credit, and with inflation rising this is going to start to bite.

This Council also:

Restates its commitment to the Real Living Wage and endorses the work of the Making Birmingham a Living Wage City Group as a welcome step towards tackling the injustices of poverty pay and in-work poverty.

Taken together, these measures would help to alleviate the pressures on working families in Birmingham and across the country.

Council welcomes the success of Small Business Saturday that was held on December 4th 2021 and thanks all local people and businesses that took part. Council recognises that it is important to continue supporting and promoting small and micro-businesses in the city and encourage people to shop local all year round.

Council further recognises more customers are choosing where they shop based on company ethics and thinks it's reasonable to expect companies to pay their fair share of taxation.

Council affirms it's support for the 'Fair Tax Declaration' which promotes local businesses that have a fair tax accreditation.

Council calls on the executive:

1. to promote Fair Tax Mark certification to local business, our contractors and in any business in which the Council has a significant stake and where Corporation Tax is due;
2. to develop a year round communications plan to continue promoting local small businesses and encouraging residents to shop small and shop local all year round.

Council further requests the Economy and Skills Scrutiny Committee to undertake an investigation into the council's approach to small businesses and small business cooperatives, recognising that the cost base and access to appropriate premises are crucial, with specific reference to the role of property management, highways and regeneration policies and impact of highways work

B. Councillor Simon Morrall and Darius Sandhu have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 12)

Councillor Simon Morrall moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Darius Sandhu.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Paul Tilsley and Zaker Choudhury gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 13)

Councillor Paul Tilsley moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Zaker Choudhury.

EXTENSION OF TIME

It was proposed by Councillor Brigid Jones and seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt the time for the item be extended by 5 minutes.

Having been agreed it was-

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RESOLVED:-

That the time for consideration of the item be extended by 5 Minutes.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Brigid Jones and Jayne Francis gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 14)

Councillor Brigid Jones moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Jayne Francis.

As there was no time for a debate the Lord Mayor asked Councillor Simon Morrall to reply.

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The first amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Paul Tilsley and Zaker Choudhury 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 Brigid Jones and Jayne Francis having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

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

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

This Council believes that there should be no limit to how far hard work and talent can take you and that for Birmingham to unleash its potential, every individual within it needs to be given the opportunity to unleash theirs.

This Council therefore notes:

- Its concern that the skills gap within Birmingham remains a barrier to opportunity with higher than average unemployment and lower than average pay.
- 53% businesses report difficulties in filling vacancies with a third of businesses struggling to hire candidates with the right technical background.
- 9.5% of the working age population have no qualifications, well above the national average of 6.3%.
- If you live in Birmingham, you are twice as likely to be unemployed but if you are in work you can expect to earn £40 a week less than the national average.
- The disparity across different communities in the city, for example if you live in Frankley Great Park you are less than half as likely to pass English and Maths GCSE than if you live in Moseley.
- The Council introduced the Apprenticeship Pledge in 2020 and now has a strategic approach towards apprenticeships which has enabled it to work continuously to look to increase the number of apprenticeships starts each month by engaging with directorates to embed the principles of the Pledge.
- The Council is actively identifying and encouraging staff to undertake an apprenticeship to upskill themselves so that the Council can continue to deliver high quality services to the residents of Birmingham.
- There has been a 72% national slump in apprenticeship starts caused by the pandemic, which combined with the overly tight government timescales for use of the Levy has meant that money was returned to the Treasury.

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- GBSLEP has worked with the Council on administering £650,000 of BCC's apprenticeship levy contribution fund to mainly small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across the region to target apprenticeship provision in priority sectors and skills levels.
- The Council undertook research through the report *Breaking Down Barriers*. This investigated the impact that the pandemic made on employment, interviewing 2,000 young people from Birmingham, a range of partners in education and businesses to develop an urgent 10-point action plan to prevent a new 'crisis cohort' facing long-term damage to their careers and lives.

We therefore call up on Executive to:

- Work with partners across the city and region to implement the recommendations in its report *Breaking Down Barriers*. This report investigated the impact of the covid pandemic on young people in the city and made ten key recommendations which would help to close the skills gap and boost employment for young people.
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- Build on the Council's recent Levelling Up strategy to encourage the investment needed from the Government and private sectors, continuing to maximise funding pots, so that Birmingham becomes a Green Manufacturing hub of the United Kingdom.
- To commit to continuing to gifting 25% of the Levy to small and medium sized businesses who can benefit from the money whilst commending the Council for its work with GBSLEP to promote the offer and encourage organisations to apply for funding.

This Council recognises the disparity of educational attainment identified in the motion and calls upon HM Government to ensure that it makes funds available from its £4.8bn "Levelling up Fund" to address this long term problem of educational inequality.

It further recognises the city's long-standing reputation for manufacturing skills to attract funding to become the centre of green manufacturing initiatives in the UK

The meeting ended at 1915 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
JON HUNT**

A1 Property Deals

Question:

Your predecessor travelled to China and signed a deal with at least one property company.

What became of those deals?

Answer:

All Leaders of Birmingham City Council can play a pivotal role in attracting transformational investment into our communities to fund homes and employment space. My predecessor signed an MOU with Chinese investor and developer Country Garden in 2016. The purpose of the MOU was to explore largescale residential investment opportunities in Birmingham for them to act as both funder and developer. Though several investment sites were explored with other private sector parties no commercial agreement was able to be reached. The MOU had a 2 year timeframe, which has obviously been exhausted, and we are not actively in dialogue with Country Garden. The venture was undertaken on both sides in good faith and with no risk to Birmingham City Council and we remain open to working with investor and development partners, domestically and internationally, to continue to finance our growth as a city.

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

A2 Partnerships for People and Place Programme

Question:

Could the Leader comment on the award that has been made to Birmingham from the ‘The Partnerships for People and Place programme’, giving details of the grant and an outline of how it is expected to be spent?

Answer:

The long-term vision of the Partnerships for People and Place project is of **local communities who are empowered to develop and deliver solutions to the problems that matter to them, whilst being supported in an efficient and joined-up way by both central and local government.** To deliver this, the project will test the hypothesis that better co-ordination within and between central government and local places can improve efficiency and outcomes of place-based policy. The project will test and promote a more joined-up approach to support the delivery of improved outcomes for individuals. The programme seeks to make an impact:

- At central government level: improving coordination between government departments and their arm’s length bodies.
- Between central government and local places: improving coordination between central and local government.
- At an individual level: improving outcomes for people as a result of better central and local government coordination.

In November 2021 it was announced that the Council’s expression of interest (EOI) to the Partnerships for People and Place programme has been successful, and Birmingham City Council has been chosen as a pilot place.

The pilot will focus on developing and delivering a **locally designed scheme of employment support for young people and businesses.** This is one of the ten recommendations in the Birmingham City Council report *Breaking Down Barriers* launched on 22 July 2021, based on extensive consultation and research.

Following completion on 30 November 2021 of a series of national workshops (facilitated by LUHC) Birmingham City Council is required to submit a Delivery Plan by 18 February 2022. Officers are now focussed on development and successful submission of the plan. £50 000 from LUHC will be issued to BCC to support this work.

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

A3 Assets

Question:

Have the Council asked Property Services to sell assets for what they are worth or to raise a specific figure regardless of asset value, over the next 3 years?

Answer:

Property Services are set a target to raise a specific amount each year depending on current budgetary planning.

The way the target is achieved is totally at the discretion of Property Services as are the assets it considers it needs to sell from assets it directly manages, and assets released by service directorates.

The Council is under a fiduciary duty to ensure it achieves best consideration for its surplus assets and Property Services ensure this is done in an open transparent manner. This is achieved by the use auctions, informal tenders and private treaty where appropriate.

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

A4 Perry Barr Residential Scheme

Question:

What is the current proposed forecast total of the Perry Barr residential scheme. Please include the original forecasted figure?

Answer:

The planning consent is for 1,414 homes on Phase 1 and it is expected that this will be delivered across the site. Phase 2 has outline consent for up to 500 homes and is expected that these will also be delivered.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

A5 Deep Cleaning and Graffiti Removal Project

Question:

The Council have allocated £276,000 of the Welcome Back Fund towards a deep cleaning and graffiti removal project which will be delivered across 24 locations in the city.

Could the Cabinet Member provide full details of the 24 locations, confirming the work to be undertaken in each?

Answer:

The Welcome Back Fund follows the ERDF Reopening High Streets Safely Fund, and was introduced to allow local authorities in England to put in place additional measures to create and promote a safe environment for local trade and tourism, particularly in high streets, as the economy reopens following Covid-19 restrictions.

Following consultation with Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Councillors and other business/community groups, deep cleaning of pavements in shopping areas and removal of graffiti was considered a priority. Subsequently, £276k of the ERDF Welcome Back Fund was allocated to this and a tender issued. The tender was awarded on 1st October 2021 to Ramora and will deliver 6 months of deep cleaning and graffiti removal.

A total of 27 areas have been identified for the cleaning programme. Details of these can be found in Table One. The areas were initially identified using the Urban Centre Framework, Pioneer Places group, and areas with active BIDs or business/community groups. Other areas came forward following this and were included in the schedule of works.

The deep cleaning of pavements will only be carried out on the public realm; funding cannot be used to clean private land. This also applies to graffiti removal.

The programme of works commenced on 4th October 2021 and deep cleaning has now been completed in Acocks Green, Colmore BID, Erdington BID, Retail BID, Southside BID and Sutton Coldfield BID. Works are scheduled for Digbeth, Glebe.

Farm, Lea Hall and Stirchley throughout December 2021, with a draft timetable in place for remaining areas while timings are confirmed with Ward Councillors and other stakeholders (BIDs, business/community groups etc).

The programme will be complete before the ERDF Welcome Back Fund project deadline of 31 March 2022.

Table One: Confirmed Locations for WBF Deep Clean and Graffiti Programme

1	Acocks Green	Complete
2	Alum Rock	
3	Bordesley Green	
4	Colmore BID	Complete
5	Cotteridge	
6	Coventry Road, Small Heath	
7	Digbeth	Scheduled
8	Erdington BID	Complete
9	Glebe Farm	Scheduled
10	Harborne BID	
11	Jewellery Quarter BID	
12	Kings Heath BID	
13	Lea Hall	Scheduled
14	Meadway	
15	Moseley	
16	Northfield BID	
17	Perry Barr	
18	Retail BID	Complete
19	Sheldon	
20	Soho Road BID	
21	Southside BID	Complete
22	Sparkhill	
23	Stechford	
24	Stirchley	Scheduled
25	Sutton Coldfield BID	Complete
26	Westside BID	
27	Yardley	

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

B1 Household Support Fund

Question:

Why has it taken so long to develop plans to distribute Birmingham's share of the £500m Household Support Fund, announced by the Government in September?

Answer:

Birmingham's allocation of £12.791m under the Household Support Fund was confirmed by the Department for Work and Pensions in October 2021.

£3.7m of the allocation has been used to fund supermarket vouchers for families eligible for free school meals during the October half-term and Christmas school holidays.

A report setting out the council's plans for use of the remainder of the allocation is due to be considered by Cabinet.

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

B2 Working From Home

Question:

Broken down by Department, what is the average number of days staff spend in the office v. at home since the end of the lockdown in March 2021?

Answer:

This information is not collected.

The goal of the New Ways of Working Programme is to cultivate an agile culture and behaviours throughout the organisation. The aim is not to manage every hour of every employee in every location for every directorate, because it is about empowering them to put citizens first in the work they do, the role they perform and in line with management expectations. This shift is supported by the results of the Health and Wellbeing Survey carried out in June 2021 whereby >80% said they would like more flexibility and are more productive when they have more choice. Productivity and sickness absence levels also back up that feedback.

In terms of staff coming into offices, for example, the numbers of staff booking desks and meeting space in Woodcock Street has steadily risen since August and is now about 200 staff per day from across all Directorates.

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

B3 Performance Monitoring Dashboard

Question:

Please provide a copy of each department’s performance monitoring dashboard for each month from April 2018 to now.

Answer: The council publishes its performance to Cabinet on a quarterly basis and this has been the case since before 2018. The performance reports cover all aspects of performance across each portfolio / directorate. All previous performance reports are available for download via CMIS. Links to each report are found in the table below.

Date of Cabinet Meeting	Name of Item	Link to report(s) on CMIS
26 Jun 2018 - 15:00 to 17:20	<u>Performance Monitoring - April 2017 to March 2018</u>	<u>Report</u>
18 Sep 2018 - 10:00 to 00:00	<u>Performance Monitoring - April to June 2018</u>	<u>report</u>
13 Nov 2018 - 10:00 to 11:30	<u>Performance Monitoring – April to September 2018 (Quarter 2) Update</u>	<u>report</u>
5 Mar 2019 - 10:00 to 11:00	<u>Performance Monitoring – April to December 2018 (up to Quarter 3) Update</u>	<u>report</u>
25 Jun 2019 - 10:00 to 12:00	<u>Performance Monitoring End of Year Report April 2018 to March 2019</u>	<u>report</u>
30 Jul 2019 - 10:00 to 12:00	<u>Performance Monitoring April to May 2019</u>	<u>report</u>
29 Oct 2019 - 10:00 to 12:00	<u>Performance Monitoring Report - April to August 2019</u>	<u>report</u>
11 Feb 2020 - 10:00 to 12:35	<u>Performance Monitoring Report - April to November 2019</u>	<u>report</u>

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23 Jun 2020 - 10:00 to 12:00	<u>Performance Monitoring Report - April 2019 to March 2020</u>	<u>report</u>
8 Sep 2020 - 10:00 to 12:10	<u>Performance Monitoring April to June 2020</u>	<u>report</u>
16 Mar 2021 - 10:00 to 13:20	<u>Birmingham City Council Performance and Progress Against Delivery Plan During Q3 2020-21</u>	<u>report</u>
29 Jun 2021 - 10:00 to 12:25	<u>Birmingham City Council Performance and Progress Against Delivery Plan During Q4 2020-21</u>	<u>report</u>
7 Sep 2021 - 10:00 to 11:47	<u>Birmingham City Council Performance and Progress Against Delivery Plan During Q1 2021-22</u>	<u>report</u>

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ

C1 Catch up from the Pandemic

Question:

A study by the Department of Education has shown that pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds have been slower in catching up on lost learning following the pandemic. Could the Cabinet Member comment on this, giving details of how City Schools are addressing this worrying issue?

Answer:

I agree that the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on children and young people from disadvantaged backgrounds is a very worrying issue.

Staff in Birmingham schools are committed to supporting all pupils, particularly the most disadvantaged, catch up from any learning lost due to the pandemic. I would like to thank them for their continued commitment.

Schools are making use of catch-up funding provided for this purpose by the government to support their pupils. Ways schools are using this funding includes providing extra tuition to the pupils who most need support to catch up on lost learning.

Many secondary schools held summer schools over the summer holidays for incoming new Year 7 pupils to ensure they were as prepared as possible for the start of term.

Schools also participated in the Holiday Activities and Food Programme over the summer and will do so again at Christmas where activities are focused on children and young people who are eligible for free school meals.

I do not underestimate the scale of the challenge though and will continue to lobby government for additional funding for schools to support Birmingham pupils in the years to come.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS
AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

C2 CO2 Monitors in City Schools

Question:

It has been reported more than half of the 300,000 CO2 monitors promised to schools to improve ventilation and prevent transmission of the coronavirus are yet to be delivered. Could the Cabinet Member provide details of any City schools that could be affected by this delay?

Answer:

The government announced in August that all schools in England were to receive CO2 monitors so that staff could quickly identify where ventilation needed to be improved. At the time the government said these monitors would be received by schools 'from September'.

Following queries from schools about when they would receive their monitors, officers in Education and Skills undertook a survey of Birmingham schools before October half-term.

Of the 268 Birmingham schools who responded, only 32 schools had received their monitors as at 1st November 2021.

I was extremely disappointed to learn so many schools had not received the monitors they'd been promised, particularly as good ventilation is one of the main ways to keep pupils and staff safe while at school.

Officers raised this, as well as feedback the council had received from schools about the performance of the monitors they'd received, with senior officials at the Department for Education in early November. Since then, increased deliveries of monitors have taken place.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION,
SKILLS & CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU**

C3 TV and Film Recording

Question:

How much has the Council received from all TV and Film recording that has happened within Birmingham this year? Please break this down by gross figure and net profit?

Answer:

Filming in Birmingham has so far this year generated almost £300,000 income for various City Council services in 2021/22 including highways, car parks, catering, parks, property services etc. Income is not recorded in the format requested ie gross figure/profit. The £300k is input as overall income across the various service areas.

In addition to the direct benefit to the City Council, the filming delivers a wider economic benefit to the city as a whole. This was calculated at £7m in 2020-21 and is anticipated to increase in 2021-22 due to some major production companies filming in the city.

The costs of the film office 'Film Birmingham' are currently £80k this year and for every £1 invested, the service is therefore delivering a return of nearly 1:4 for the City Council and 1:87 for the economic benefit for the wider city.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

C4 City Youth Clubs

Question:

It's been reported in a survey by the National Youth Agency, children in affluent areas in England are twice as likely to have access to youth clubs and other out-of-school activities as opposed to those in less affluent areas. Could the Cabinet Member give clear indications of how this issue is being addressed in the City?

Answer:

The information below refers to Birmingham City Council Youth Services and does not include all youth provision and out of school activities provided by the third sector in the city.

Birmingham has 15 youth centres. I can confirm that 10 of these are in wards that are ranked in the top 10% most deprived wards nationally.

We also have one youth centre based in Oscott ward serving young people in Kingstanding which is ranked 12th in the Birmingham most deprived ward ranking and in the top 10% nationally.

We have 2 centres (Ladywood and North Edgbaston wards) based in the top 20% of the most deprived wards in the country.

This shows that Birmingham Youth Service has the majority of its centres located in the most deprived areas of Birmingham.

We will continue to use intelligence gathered to ensure that our services and interventions for young people are targeted at those wards which we know suffer most from socio-economic deprivation.

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

D Levelling Up Bids

Question:

How much money did the Council spend of the capacity funding putting together each of the four bids for levelling up funding submitted in round 1, including the cost of all associated reports and appendices linked to the bids, broken down by bid?

Answer:

A total of £46,057 was spent completing the standard green book compliant funding application templates issued by Government for the 4 round one bids. This comprised a single commission so not broken down by bid

A further £28,000 was spent specifically on the Wheels application in respect of additional technical information.

**E PLEASE NOTE NO WRITTEN QUESTION WERE SUBMITTED FOR
CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

F1 Passivhaus

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member report on how many buildings in Birmingham have Passivhaus status?

Answer:

There are currently 2 dwellings in the Birmingham City Council's municipal housing stock which have Passivhaus status. Information regarding private dwellings or other buildings in Birmingham is not available.

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

F2 Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund?

Question:

Why did Birmingham City Council fail to make a bid under Wave 1 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund? Will we be bidding in Wave 2?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council did make an initial expression of interest application to the SHDF Wave 1. The deadline for the initial bid closed on 15th October and the Council submitted its interest as part of a wider consortia bid and we are awaiting feedback, which is expected sometime in December.

Additionally, we will be making a similar expression of interest for Wave 2.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

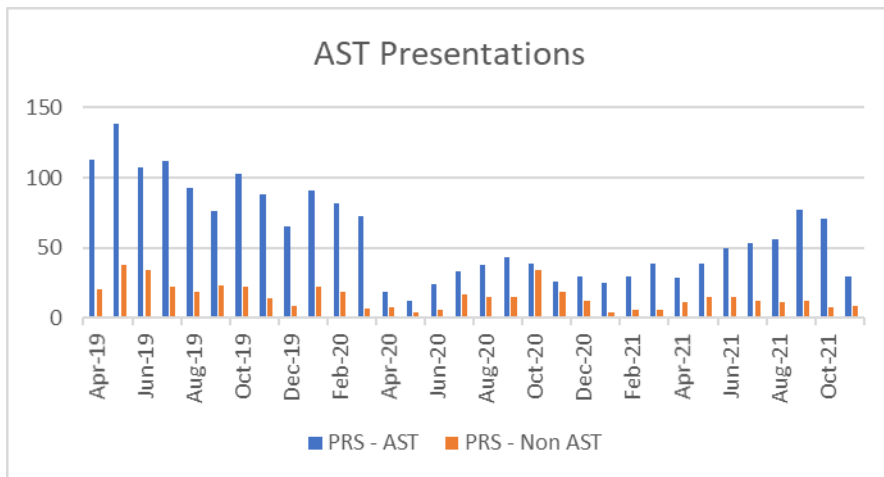
F3 Evictions from Private Rented Accommodation

Question:

Following the lifting of restrictions relating to evictions from private rented accommodation, could the Cabinet Member give an indication of how this has had an impact on City Council housing lists?

Answer:

The graph below depicts the approaches of households to the City Council as threatened with homelessness where leaving private rented accommodation (the blue columns). As can be seen the restrictions relating to evictions as a result of the pandemic had a marked impact in reducing approaches to the City Council. The lifting of restrictions can be seen resulting in an increase in presentations. Measures are in place to mitigate against some of this pressure, but it is estimated that pressure is likely to continue and grow.



Applications to the Housing Register have also increased in this period. Between April – September 2020 there were on average 376 applications; between April – September 2021 there were 440 per week, this rise will not be entirely down to the lifting of restrictions relating to evictions from the private rented sector.

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

F4 Exempt Accommodation 2

Question:

What steps does the Council take to ensure that partners such as the NHS are only referring people into exempt accommodation in Birmingham who had a previous connection to the City?

Answer:

We are very much aware of the need to ensure statutory referring agencies take a responsible approach when referring to Exempt providers in the city. The largest number of statutory referrals come in via the criminal justice system and we have established relationships with National Probation Service at a local level and Foreign National Offender teams nationally.

Both of these have agreed to work with us to ensure referrals are only made to providers signing up to the Birmingham Quality Standards accreditation scheme. The work we are doing to expand the provision covered by the standards will also allow us to work with other referring agencies such as the NHS in the commitment to only refer to accredited providers.

As part of the pilot we have raised concerns at a national level with DLUHC as part of the pilot steering group, that there are a lack of protocols in place and no regulation around referral processes especially in regard to referrals from 'out of area' and currently no regulation in place to control this. This has been a key item of the pilot evaluation. It has further been raised with ministers directly as part of our ongoing lobbying activity and will continue to do so.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

F5 Exempt Accommodation

Question:

What steps does the Council take to ensure that partners such as the NHS are only referring people into exempt accommodation in Birmingham with reputable providers?

Answer:

We are very much aware of the need to ensure statutory referring agencies take a responsible approach when referring to Exempt providers in the city. The largest number of statutory referrals come in via the criminal justice system and we have established relationships with National Probation Service at a local level and Foreign National Offender teams nationally.

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

F6 Roommatch

Question:

Does the Council use or signpost people to Roommatch.co.uk and if so, what steps has it taken to assure itself that only responsible providers and suitable accommodation are on the site?

Answer:

Following enquiries, Birmingham City Council does not use or signpost people to Roommatch.co.uk

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

G1 Domestic Violence

Question:

Figures suggest the number of “honour-based” offences recorded by English Police forces has increased 81% in the last 5 years, could the Cabinet Member indicate what measures have been put in place to protect vulnerable City residents from this horrific form of Domestic Violence?

Answer:

Honour-based violence is an often hidden crime, as many victims do not coming forward and report abuse. There is no statutory definition of honour-based abuse and it can take many forms. However, domestic abuse is a frequent indicator. Victims of honour-based abuse are supported to report crimes to West Midlands Police, should they feel confident to do so, and also by our commissioned domestic abuse services. These include the Domestic Abuse Hub delivered via Birmingham and Solihull Women’s Aid, Emergency Refuge Provision and Lead Worker Services. All of these services include support for victims of honour-based abuse and violence as part of the main domestic abuse service offer. The commissioned providers will also connect with a range of specialist organisations to ensure that victims and their children are able to access a full range of support services.

Our multi-agency work around domestic abuse is brought together at the Domestic Abuse Local Strategic Partnership Board, and honour-based abuse is recognised specifically within the Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2018 – 2023. *Changing Attitudes, Changing Lives*. Delivery of the Domestic Abuse Prevention strategy is overseen by the Board and the Part 4 duties of the local authority under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. The Board is Chaired by Cllr Nicky Brennan the Cabinet Advisor for Domestic Abuse and the Victims Commissioner for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The work of the Board will also be aligned to the wider evolving work led by the CSP in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and the Rape and Sexual Violence Strategy.

Adult Social Care Commissioning are currently developing a community grants prospectus utilising Part 4 funding to encourage small specialist providers to bid for funding to address gaps in existing service delivery, alongside a focus on the Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

Adult Social Care also deliver an in-house support service called Bharosa, which has been established since 1990 to deliver support to predominantly South Asian women and their children. Bharosa also supports victims of honour-based abuse and violence. The service is closely connected to the wider Adult Social Care and Children’s Trust statutory services.

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We work closely with the Violence Reduction Unit on the wider issues of domestic abuse. This includes two new partnership pilots with local, grassroots faith-based projects: one on coercive control and youth violence for faith communities and 'Empowering Futures' which is a faith-based anti-violence workshop.

In addition to the above, Birmingham Community Safety Partnership commission a specialised service to support victims and to prevent Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). Community champions are recruited and supported to help prevent FGM occurring within their own communities as well as potential victims being identified and safeguarded through the wider service. We work with the multi-agency Birmingham Against FGM Board bringing together professionals from a wide range of organisations to ensure training, networking, joined up delivery, support and identification of individuals who may be at risk. Birmingham City Council provide a specific training module on identifying and support for honour-based abuse. All employees have access to and are encouraged to complete it.

We are proactively participating in the national 16 Days of Action campaign to recognise the impact of violence against women and girls globally. Each day is themed. On 09 December we will be highlighting Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage. We will be amplifying messages from support organisations and promoting the Forced Marriage Helpline.

Moving forward, honour-based abuse will continue to form part of the city's response to domestic abuse but will be provided with additional focus as part of an enhanced response to Violence Against Women & Girls.

**H1 PLEASE NOTE THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN REDIRECTED TO
QUESTION A5.**

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

H2 Mobile Household Recycling Units

Question:

Could the cabinet member explain the communications strategy that is used to let residents know when a mobile household recycling centre is visiting their neighbourhood?

Answer:

Elected Members and MPs are emailed dates and locations by the project team, ahead of planned visits to their wards/constituencies. We also work with local community groups and news sites where we have details of them to help publicise the events.

This is to ensure they, as the elected representatives in their area, are able to promote to their residents, community organisations in their locality and with hyperlocal media.

There is a need to strike a balance between promotion of the initiative and ensuring that people from outside the city do not abuse this service, which has been warmly welcomed by residents and elected members across the city.

It is believed that widespread publicity would increase such risks which is why we aim to inform Elected Members and MPs no more than 3 weeks in advance. Given this is a new initiative, we are closely monitoring all outcomes and metrics and will adjust if necessary and resources allow.

To date, this has enabled us to develop a more structured set of updates in recent times, with the information being presented in a more standardised format than was the case in the early days of the scheme.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES

H3 Removal of electrical items

Question:

I have been told there is a delay in the collection of dumped fridges because resources are being directed into paid for electrical collections. Given the allocation of funding for tackling fly tipping, why are resources not available to collect dumped fridges, especially given their contribution to global warming?

Answer:

We use a specialist crew to collect white goods like fridges and washing machines -whether as part of our paid-for bulky waste collection service or fly-tipped items. As part of the £7.2 million investment in keeping our streets clean, we have now added a second crew to that service and we are clearing 80-100 fridges a day.

Almost all the fridges that are fly-tipped illegally will have had any metal – typically the motor and the cooling tubes – removed. Any CFC/HCFC gases within that cooling system will have escaped long before the fly-tipping is reported to us.

There is no excuse for fly-tipping. The Council offers a bulky waste collection service and major retailers are also required to collect electrical items for recycling. They are only allowed to levy a charge for transport, typically set at about £20.

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

H4 Mobile Household Recycling Units

Question:

Since the start of the Mobile Household Recycling Centre, can you provide me with a ward by ward breakdown of how many visits each ward has had up to present and setting out the tonnage collected by ward?

Answer:

A table detailing MHRC visits per Ward is provided below.

Ward	Visits	Ward	Visits
Acocks Green	3	Longbridge and West Heath	4
Allens Cross	3	Lozells	7
Alum Rock	7	Moseley	4
Aston	7	Nechells	6
Balsall Heath West	6	Newtown	6
Bartley Green	6	North Edgbaston	5
Billesley	6	Northfield	4
Birchfield	4	Oscott	2
Bordesley & Highgate	5	Perry Barr	2
Bordesley Green	6	Perry Common	1
Bournbrook & Selly Park	4	Pype Hayes	1
Bournville	1	Quinton	4
Bournville & Cotteridge	3	Rubery and Rednal	3
Brandwood & King's Heath	5	Shard End	3
Bromford & Hodge Hill	4	Sheldon	3
Castle Vale	1	Small Heath	6
Druids Heath and Monyhull	4	Soho & Jewellery Quarter	7
Edgbaston	4	South Yardley	2
Erdington	3	Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	2
Frankley Great Park	6	Sparkhill	4
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	4	Stirchley	4
Gravelly Hill	1	Stockland Green	3
Hall Green North	3	Sutton Four Oaks	1
Hall Green South	2	Sutton Mere Green	1
Handsworth	7	Sutton Reddicap	1

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Handsworth Wood	2	Sutton Roughley	1
Harborne	6	Sutton Vesey	1
Heartlands	5	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	1
Highters Heath	2	Sutton Wylde Green	1
Holyhead	5	Tyseley & Hay Mills	3
Kings Norton North	3	Ward End	2
King's Norton South	7	Weoley & Selly Oak	4
Kingstanding	2	Yardley West and Stechford	2
Ladywood	9		

There is a difference between visits to Wards, this was initially due to the roll out programme, which was staggered by vehicle deliveries. Now that all 4 teams are in operation and each ward has had a visit, the frequency of visits will be determined by the data we hold on fly-tipping.

Any waste presented at the local ward locations may not be tipped on the same day due to the load capacity of the vehicle, so it is not possible to provide a tonnage breakdown per ward. A breakdown of overall monthly tonnages is provided.

Month	Weight Collected
July	48.54 tonnes
August	37.37 tonnes
September	107.99 tonnes
October	140.61 tonnes
November (to 26 th)	142.71 tonnes

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

H5 Trees Call to Action Fund

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide details of applications made to the new £6m ‘Trees Call to Action Fund’ that was recently announced by DEFRA, providing of details of where the trees will be planted and when?

Answer:

Rather than funding focused on tree planting the Trees Call to Action Fund (TCAF) will support the development of new and existing projects and partnerships, helping to deliver the England Trees Action Plan. This is part of the Nature for Climate Fund, which the government has created to treble tree planting rates in England by 2025.

There is an application being made to the Trees Call for Action fund, but this is being made in conjunction with a consortium of the National Trust, The Woodland Trust and the Community Forest Trust – this follows on from a successful EOI being submitted to DEFRA under that call. BCC’s Principal Arboriculturist, Simon Needle, will be working with the consortium group to formulate the full application to be submitted prior to the 20th January 2022.

This application will not be specifically for the planting of trees, often grant schemes are short term and cover only the purchase of trees with the bulk of establishment and the long term management costs being borne by the landowners (typically the Council). This is unsustainable in the current financial climate.

Therefore, this application would see a different approach. Birmingham has been asked to be a national pilot following on from the launch of the Urban Forest Master Plan 2021 - 2051 to model and trial strategic planning around long term sustainable governance of and most importantly finance for the Urban Forest.

Working in partnership with the consortium will allow us to draw on their expertise in fundraising and financing but also engage with their wider UK city and Community Forest networks and their work on national initiatives such as the Future Parks Accelerator.

The application, if successful, would see up to £250,000 come to the city over 18 months for capacity building to enable that exploration and creation of a sustainable model for Urban Forestry.

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

H6 Average Bin Route Distance

Question:

What is the average refuse vehicle route distance from Montague Street?

Answer:

Mileage data on individual collection rounds is not held.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

H7 Rubbish Collected

Question:

What was the amount of rubbish collected at Mobile HRC month by month since they were launched?

Answer:

The tonnages of rubbish collected are outlined in the table below:

Month	Weight Collected
July	48.54 tonnes
August	37.37 tonnes
September	107.99 tonnes
October	140.61 tonnes
November (to 26 th)	142.71 tonnes

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS

H8 Waste Collected

Question:

What was the amount of waste collected by the HRC sites month by month since January 2019.

Answer:

Please see table below.

Waste materials received at Birmingham's HRC sites (tonnes), noting that in 2020 all HRC sites closed from 23 March until 7 May due to the Covid 19 pandemic national lockdown, in line with national guidance. They then reopened on a restricted basis, with an advance booking system coming into effect from the 10 June 2020. The number of available slots has been increased since then. Perry Barr HRC site closed for refurbishment in July 2021.

	2019	2020	2021
January	6,686.08	6,464.05	3,362.72
February	7,534.09	5,681.45	3,163.98
March	8,315.88	5,980.24	4,948.63
April	10,225.97	343.15	6,028.91
May	9,625.8	3,056.47	4,885.21
June	8,694	4,276.23	6,284.8
July	10,062.03	5,108.86	6,321.52
August	9,862.76	4,810.97	5,209.75
September	8,009	4,763.87	5,161.51
October	6,955.12	4,448.61	3,957.78
November	6,026.68	3,978.65	
December	5,593.7	3,099.7	
Total	97591.13	52012.26	49324.8

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

H9 Deep Cleaning

Question:

List all Wards visited by the three deep cleaning crews so far and how many times they have visited each Ward.

Answer:

Since their introduction in September all Wards in the City have been visited between 1-3 times, dependent on need and period of time spent in the location. The crews may cover several wards a day clearing individual roads and to date the depots haven't been recording visits per ward.

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

H10 Repairs to Council Vehicles

Question:

What is the total number of repairs and cost of these repairs on Council vehicles in each of the last 4 years, broken down between repairs undertaken by its own garage and repairs undertake externally?

Answer:

Year	In House	Contractors
2021/22 up to P7	£1,100m	£250k
2020/21	£1,700m	£445k
2019/20	£1,300m	£617k

Information for 2018/19 is held in different format and it is not possible to break down between contractor and in-house repairs.

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

H11 Missed Collections

Question:

How many missed collections have there been in both this calendar year so far and for the last four years, broken down by Ward. Please clarify if this is only reported missed collections or total affected properties?

Answer:

Please see the attached file. This is the combined figure of reported missed collections for residual and recycling, based on the current new ward structure. The data may include duplicate reports about the same missed bin prior to October 2019. Note that also, if a resident reports a recycling and residual bin as being missed on the same day, then this is counted twice. It is also worth noting in the attached spreadsheet the number of planned collections for each ward which provides some context to the number of missed collections.



H11.xlsx

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

I1 Pothole Compensation

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give details of how much compensation has been paid to drivers whose vehicles have been damaged by potholes on City roads in the last five years?

Answer:

2021 – £24,875.58
2020 – £14,253.93
2019 – £15,098.21
2018 – £17,579.60
2017 – £7,259.93

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

I2 Pothole Compensation

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member explain how many applications for compensation following pothole damage have been refused in the last five years and for what reasons?

Answer:

2021 – 122
2020 – 79
2019 – 42
2018 – 160
2017 – 71

Our defence for claims would be that we have carried out our duty in accordance with Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 by inspecting when programmed and reacting accordingly to any criteria defects brought to our attention within the correct time frame. This would discharge our liability in line with Section 58 of the Highway Act 1980.

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

I3 Average Speed Cameras

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide an update on the programme of installing average speed cameras, in the light of the resolution passed by Council in September?

Answer:

A working group has convened including myself as Cabinet Member, Council Officers, West Midlands Police and representatives from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Work has commenced to review the financial model as the current model is not sustainable for either party and unlocking this is critical to our ability to proceed. In parallel with this, officers will shortly commence the technical work to develop the criteria against which further locations for average speed enforcement will be assessed. Both the Council and the Police are committed to expanding the programme of average speed enforcement in the city.

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

14 Clean Air Zone

Question:

I have been receiving reports the CAZ system is incredibly customer unfriendly, with drivers being issued with Penalty Tickets as a result of them having no means of checking if they need to pay the daily fee. As a result there appears to be a very high number of Penalty Notices that have been issued. Could the Cabinet Member state what plans he has to make this system more user friendly?

Answer:

The design and the operation of the payment system for the Clean Air Zone daily fee, the online vehicle checker and the national contact centre is the responsibility of the government. This is because these 'central' services are shared by all of the local authorities who are, or will be, operating Clean Air Zones over the next few years.

To avoid being issued with a penalty charge notice (PCN) we have encouraged, and continue to do so, drivers to check whether or not their vehicle is subject to the daily fee. This can be done through the following website: <https://www.gov.uk/clean-air-zones>

In addition, there are over 300 signs in place to alert drivers to the fact that they are approaching a Clean Air Zone. The layout of these signs is also intended to provide drivers with an opportunity to avoid the zone, if they can. These signs start at two miles from the boundary of the zone. There is another reminder at one mile from the zone, then another at approximately 100 yards from the boundary of the zone. Finally, there is another sign on the boundary of the zone. All of these signs say: Charges apply. Pay online.

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

I5 Clean Air Zone

Question:

I understand there are delays in responding to residents' complaints and appeals. Could the Cabinet Member report on how long appeals are taking to resolve?

Answer:

As at the end of October 2021, the Council's Parking Services team had received 37,337 representations, which represents 9.5% of all Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued up to that point.

Of the representations received 21,539 had been determined, which means that there were 15,798 to be determined.

Data about the time taken to review a representation is not held as cases often require further information so pass through various processes and teams before a final determination is provided.

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

I6 Average Speed Cameras

Question:

The cabinet member will be aware that ward councillors have been deeply concerned about the impact on traffic safety of putting a third (bus) lane on the Walsall Road given the high casualty rate in the vicinity of the Tower Hill junction. He will also be aware of Council's recent declaration of support for average speed cameras and that the ward councillors have repeatedly requested this to be part of the Sprint programme, given the widening of the road. It has now emerged there will not even be bus lane enforcement cameras on much of these new bus lanes. Will he therefore give us a date to install average speed cameras and prevent another road safety tragedy in this neighbourhood?

Answer:

We cannot provide a date for installing average speed cameras on the Walsall Road at this time.

Work is underway, jointly with West Midlands Police and the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to agree a new delivery model which is financially sustainable for all parties. Alongside this, new criteria for locations to qualify for average speed cameras is to be developed.

Both the Council and the Police are committed to expanding the programme of average speed enforcement in the city but any further commitment on specific locations would be pre-empting this important work that first must be undertaken.

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

I7 Speed Awareness

Question:

How much has the Council received from speed awareness courses from West Midlands Police over the last 4 years, including what has it spent this money on?

Answer:

To date, the Council has received £308,531.30 from the Police covering the period to the end of March 2021. This has been used as a contribution towards the cost of maintaining the average speed enforcement cameras or is being held in reserve for this purpose for future years and/or to undertake reactive maintenance on the historic GATSO cameras that remain in place.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

I8 Pot Holes

Question:

For this calendar year and the last four years, how many claims have there been for damage caused to motor vehicles by a pothole, please provide the number of claims and total value of compensation has been paid out?

Answer:

Year	Claims Received	Claims Settled	Total value of compensation paid out
2021 –	262	89	£24,875.58
2020 –	138	58	£14,253.93
2019 –	82	40	£15,098.21
2018 –	238	78	£17,579.60
2017 –	99	28	£7,259.93

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP

19 CAZ Enforcement

Question:

How does the Council enforce the daily charge on vehicles, such as diggers etc that are brought into the zone on flat beds?

Answer:

If a non-compliant vehicle is brought into and/or removed from the zone by another vehicle (such as a flat-bed truck) then the transported vehicle is not subject to the daily fee. If that vehicle is operated within the zone and does not have a valid temporary or permanent exemption in place, then it should be subject to the normal enforcement process. This would involve the capture of a vehicle registration mark by at least one of the Clean Air Zone ANPR cameras that are in place to support the enforcement of the zone.

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

I10 Emissions

Question:

What are the daily emissions from generators/delivery vehicles etc at the Frankfurt Christmas Market?

Answer:

There is no prescribed regime for monitoring the emissions of generators. However, any complaints about generators are reviewed on a case by case basis using the statutory nuisance provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Any vehicle that enters the Clean Air Zone and does not meet the emission standards for the zone is subject to the daily fee, unless there is a valid exemption in place.

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

I11 MTFP

Question:

What adjustments have been made within the MTFP for car parking income across as a result of proposed changes to car parking provision and private car access within various Council policies and strategies?

Answer:

There was a £0.5m reduction to car parking income in 2021/22 on an ongoing basis for partial mitigation of anticipated car parking income reductions.

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

I12 Street Lighting

Question:

For this calendar year and the last four years, please provide the number of streetlights that have been reported to be broken, damaged or faulty, including the cost of any repairs?

Answer:

Year	Reported Faults Repaired	Approximate Cost
2017	11,878	£1,047,000
2018	12,935	£1,260,000
2019	9,514	£ 727,000
2020	11,518	£ 776,000
2021 (to 30.11.21)	16,707	£1,054,000

Repairs include a range of fault types from 'insecure door' through to 'column knock down'. Typically, over 90% of faults result in the lamp being out.

J1 PLEASE NOTE THIS WRITTEN QUESTION HAS BEEN REDIRECTED TO QUESTION C4

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

J2 Domestic Violence and Homelessness

Question:

Domestic abuse caused nearly one in six new homelessness cases in England between April and June, according to government figures. Could the Cabinet Member comment on the position in the City, stating if there has been a rise in cases of homelessness due to this reason?

Answer:

Data on initial assessments of homelessness duties owed shows that in 2019/20 domestic abuse accounted for 741 cases, with family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate being the highest reason at 1515.

In 2020-21 domestic abuse accounted for 745 cases and family or friends no longer willing or able to accommodate being highest at 1257.

For the first quarter 2021-22 there were 408 presentations of people as homeless on account of domestic abuse.

The above is a picture of the pressure upon families and the services seeking to support in instances of domestic abuse.

(data from Northgate and H-CLIC returns).

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

J3 Rough Sleepers

Question:

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced £66 million will be available to provide accommodation for rough sleepers this winter. Could the Cabinet Member confirm if the City has been successful in bidding for a share of this money, giving details on what the money is to be allocated to?

Answer:

With this announcement came a breakdown of allocation. For Birmingham the Rough Sleeping Drug & Alcohol Treatment Grant £652,329 was assigned. Operationally this was money already secured, funding drug and alcohol treatment for people who have or are sleeping rough through services provided by our commissioned provider Change Grow Live (CGL).

In addition, a figure of £68,640 through the Homelessness Transformation Fund was announced, these funds directly to the hostel provider. This will enable improvements to provision including less shared facilities for residents.

Birmingham was not offered the opportunity to bid for other funds.

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

J4 EA Providers

Question:

How many people have the Council placed with the 75% of EA providers under investigation or notice by the regulator in the last four years.

Answer:

Prior to the work of the Supported Housing Pilot, Officers developed a list of providers to be used in finding accommodation for single homeless people, this was based upon working experience of using those providers. From that list there are three providers who subsequently came under review by the Regulator for Social Housing, two of these either have no Regulatory Judgements or Regulatory Notifications over the past 4 years, or are compliant; one of which has been found in breach of the regulatory standards.

The Council would not refer people into those providers who are under investigation.

Currently there is not a data set recording the number of placements made. We are currently reviewing all providers that we or our commissioned services refer to, to fall in line with the objective to only refer to those who are going through the Quality Standard Accreditation process. As the work of the Supported Housing Pilot matures officers are adopting the intelligence arising from that work on quality standards to determine which providers to work with going forwards, however we are in a cross over period in that regard.

It is important to note also the judgements by the regulator are against finance and governance standards not supported accommodation standards, which the Quality standards and Charter of Rights assess.

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

J5 Data Required

Question:

"Please supply an updated version of BOTH tables provided in response to Written Question B7 from the Full Council meeting of 13th April 2021 (itself an updated version of information provided to written questions at previous full council meetings). To be clear, this refers to the shorter table, listing agencies and the longer table, itemising the role, area, who they were commissioned by, agency, start date, contract end date, active/inactive status, cumulative costs from Sept 18 to present, list of activities and summary of improvements.

Please note that the starting point for this data remains September 2019, so the new data should be added to that already provided in April."

Answer:

Since the Ofsted inspection outcome and the paper submitted to Full Council in September 2021, we have completely restructured the interim/consultant staff within the SEND service. We have released a number of staff and focused the interim/consultants on activity to provide better outcomes for young people. We have renegotiated with the agencies and agreed flat rates for roles which has allowed for more consistency in cost for particular roles. This also means that we no longer track the information in the original table provided in response to questions answered previously in February and April.

The previously provided table (Feb and April data) has been updated until the end of August 2021 and is provided as Appendix 1.

There is also a new table included that sets out, in the same format, the information requested for all interim/consultants within the SEND service from September 2021 to March 2022 (workers yet to start have also been included for information).

We have provided secondment opportunities to internal staff and these will be noted in the agency column as INTERNAL. This table is provided as Appendix 2.

The table on agency spend which details the costs of each agency has also been amended to reflect the spend from October 2021.

Please be advised that we have yet to be invoiced for the costs associated with all interim/consultants in the service for November 2021 and therefore the figures go up to, and are inclusive of, October 2021.

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Please find attached 3 separate documents containing the following information:

- Appendix 1 - Interim/Consultant spend from Sept 2018 to August 2021
- Appendix 2 - Interim/Consultant spend from Sept 2021 to Mar 2022
- Appendix 3 - Total Agency spend updated table

APPENDIX 1

J5 Table – interim/consultant detail spend – Sept 2018 to Aug 2021

Role	Area	Commissioned By	Approved by	Agency	Start Date	Contract end date (if assignment active)	Actual End Date	Is assignment still 'active' Yes or No	Cumulative costs from Sept 2018 to Aug 2021	A high-level list of activities they've been involved with	A summary of the improvements they've made (bullet points of what has improved since the consultants have been here).
Guide transformation lead	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Education Futures	27/01/2020		31/08/2020	No	£48,847.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business case to support the reduction of Agency Guides • 1st Draft Business Case in relation to SEND Transport Application process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to the service Saving Strategy and improved gatekeeping and application of policy conditions relating to transport eligibility
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		11/02/2021	No	£35,160.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reviewing and actioning 9,197 outstanding annual review paperwork * Reviewing and actioning newly received review paperwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,271 outstanding reviews closed with all action completed • 2,873 outstanding reviews actioned and awaiting issue by Business Support • Reduction in the backlog of assessments from 500 to 200
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		22/05/2020	No	£8,775.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£55,460.00		

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Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£58,980.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		27/08/2021	No	£28,860.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		27/08/2021	No	£32,110.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		27/08/2021	No	£29,900.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/10/2021	No	£25,610.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/10/2021	No	£30,680.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,350.00		

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Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	19/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,220.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£18,280.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£14,040.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	11/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,740.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		31/10/2020	No	£17,420.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£11,700.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,220.00		

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Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Baltimore	04/10/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£92,869.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme		17/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£14,040.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£41,365.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	12/03/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£43,070.00		
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	16/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£16,562.50		
Interim Communication Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	01/03/2020		30/11/2020	No	£19,075.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Communication strategy * Communication plan * Communication material including newsletters for schools and parents, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Improved communication and engagement with PCF

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Interim Communication officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	30/12/2019		12/02/2020	No	£1,313.00	and briefings	
Interim Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	26/10/2020	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£109,151.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Safeguarding and PATS training program to be delivered to 480 guides in the new year. Driver and Guide handbook to be issues to all guides and then drivers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily compliance reports Supplier check reports Investigation findings for safeguarding complaints 	As per Compliance Manager and Senior Compliance Officer
Interim Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion		Panoramic	28/10/2020		20/11/2020	No	£5,400.00		
Interim Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/12/2020	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£47,172.02		
Interim Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	06/10/2020	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£82,615.64		

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Interim Compliance Performance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	23/09/2020	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£122,625.00	Generate information from the Compliance team and Assessment officer to develop and produce accurate information that can provide an overview of the service performance and suppliers, identify trends and areas of improvement. Provide additional support to the Compliance team to carry out site visits and depot audits as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors and Heads of service are now understanding the performance of suppliers and identify social, mechanical or performance trends at source and in the coming weeks/ months note an increase in service delivery
Interim Contracts & Compliance Manager	Home To School Transport	Head of Service - Home to School Transport	Workforce Review Board	Penna	19/04/2021	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£47,475.00		
Interim Data Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	18/03/2020	27/08/2021	18/09/2020	No	£45,560.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * EHCP requests tracker and associated reports * EHCP review recovery project database and associated reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved workflow management *Automated monitoring reports for managers

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Interim Data Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	18/03/2020		18/12/2020	No	£63,700.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tracker for new EHCP reviews * Tracker for complaints * Tracker for mediations and appeals 	
Interim Early Years SEND Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Venn group	01/09/2020		01/09/2021	No	£22,500.00	* Review of early years service	* Recommendations to improve early years service
Interim Educational Psychologist	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	06/07/2020		18/09/2020	No	£29,910.00	* Tracker of children awaiting a special school place	• Consolidated view of children awaiting special school place so placements could be managed
Interim Finance Project Support Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	01/11/2019		30/09/2020	No	£21,900.00	* Review formula funding for specialist provision	• Established mechanisms for financial reporting for specialist provision
Interim Head of SEND	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Penna	01/03/2021	29/04/2021	29/04/2021	No			• New criteria and allocation of top up funding for mainstream
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	28/02/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£37,680.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Responding to contact from parents and schools via email and telephone * Support families through the needs assessment process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing support to families (24 new referrals in Jan 20 > 205 in Dec 20) • New satisfaction survey launched in Dec 20 • recorded a positive rating of 4.78 / 5

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Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	07/09/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£37,680.24	* Signposting families to relevant support	
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	24/07/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£40,508.23		
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	28/02/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	8137.61		
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	02/12/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£7,643.00		
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	05/03/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£20,005.00		
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	13/03/2020		17/02/2021	No	£19,315.00		
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	04/03/2020		27/11/2020	No	£15,180.00		

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Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	09/03/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£40,315.40		

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Interim Ops Manager (Transport)	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	24/08/2020	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£135,564.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone systems – Cirrus • Email system – Cirrus Omni <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Pass report • Invoice reports • Staff 1-to-1 • Complaints • Restructure operations service • Performance Improvement - guides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify current telephone system failings resulting in Cirrus implementation. Daily / weekly reports regarding the Cirrus phone system. Calls answered / abandoned. Time taken to answer calls / calls being abandoned in compliance with the BCC KPI's of 90% answered – 10% abandoned. Ensuring the team meet these KPI's • Bus Passes- Identifying hidden issues within the service; identifying the weakness in the service and ensuring new staff are training in the processing of these bus passes. Identifying improvements with the system to avoid the volume of future applications given the 80% rejection rate. • Invoice reports – ensuring the overdue invoices are processed in a timely manner considering value and age of invoices and finding solutions to improve service • Redesign of the variation form to provide transparency with the variation form process submitted by contractors asking for price increase/ decrease
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Interim Performance Lead	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	11/06/2020		31/03/2021	No	£72,202.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * HST dashboard * HST immediate fixes plan * HST weekly sit rep report * HST contract performance reporting schedule * SEND dashboard * SEND Weekly sit rep report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility of data • Improved data reliability
Interim Performance Lead	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	11/03/2020		12/06/2020	No	£36,500.00		
Interim Performance Lead	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	17/02/2020		13/03/2020	No	£13,600.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Venn group	25/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£23,450.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reviewing and actioning 9,197 outstanding annual review paperwork * Reviewing and actioning newly received review paperwork *Managing placements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,271 outstanding reviews closed with all action completed • 2,873 outstanding reviews actioned and awaiting issue by Business Support • Reduction in the backlog of assessments from 500 to 200
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021		28/02/2021	No	£4,200.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	28/02/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£24,650.00		

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Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£24,450.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021		03/02/2021	No	£3,450.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£44,400.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£30,600.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021		31/03/2021	No	£8,700.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£39,900.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Hays	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£24,450.00		

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Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	25/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£24,575.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Education Futures	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£41,100.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	NA		05/02/2021	No	£21,600.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	02/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£54,000.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Education Futures	11/01/2021		26/02/2021	No	£0.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	31/03/2021		27/08/2021	No	£31,800.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021		31/03/2021	No	£16,200.00		

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Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/02/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£33,900.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£38,325.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£28,600.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£33,400.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Venn group	07/12/2020		12/03/2021	No	£5,400.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Venn group	25/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£23,457.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£46,700.00		

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Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	Not recorded		30/10/2020	No	£28,250.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Hays	13/07/2020		20/10/2020	No	£63,817.15		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/09/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£43,680.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	31/08/2020		18/12/2020	No	£40,360.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/10/2020		28/02/2021	No	£21,300.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£63,875.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	20/04/2020		13/11/2020	No	£55,650.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Panoramic	26/05/2020		31/08/2020	No	£4,200.00		

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Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	02/10/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£39,210.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£24,054.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/10/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£62,541.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/09/2020		12/11/2020	No	£24,300.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	04/10/2020		30/10/2020	No	£48,030.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	17/08/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£49,520.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/10/2020		28/02/2021	No	£26,100.00		

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Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/10/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£62,400.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Panoramic	01/04/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£79,500.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	02/10/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£67,875.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Hays	29/04/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£36,872.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Hays	13/07/2020		26/02/2021	No	£42,900.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	02/10/2020		18/12/2020	No	£20,475.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£3,726.09		

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Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	13/07/2020		22/08/2020	No	£9,920.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Lord	02/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£43,852.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	02/10/2020		28/02/2021	No	£44,633.06		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£89,752.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£66,969.14		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/10/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£69,877.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/10/2020		28/02/2021	No	£20,700.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£44,903.36		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£72,127.17		

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Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	04/05/2020		31/08/2020	No	£21,000.00		
Interim Post 16 SEND Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	Not recorded		18/12/2020	No	£22,840.00		
Interim Programme mgr	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion		Lord	21/01/2020		01/04/2021	No	£79,905.00	* Developing & managing local provision project plan and associated governance	* DLP project launched
Interim Project Lead - Local Offer Website	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Education Futures	20/08/2020		31/10/2020	No	£21,037.50	Local offer website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New local offer website launched in Jan 2021 • Online booking system in final stages of development to be launched in the spring
Interim Project Manager	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	13/07/2020	30/06/2021	30/06/2021	No	£119,350.00	* Developing & managing local provision project plan and associated governance	* DLP project launched
Interim Project Manager - 365	Home To School Transport	Head of Service - Home to School Transport	Workforce Review Board	Hays	06/04/2021	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£14,560.00	* Developing & managing local provision project plan and associated governance	* DLP project launched

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Interim Project Support Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	11/03/2020	31/03/2021	31/03/2021	No	£79,560.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * School Planning meeting documentation * Local offer website upload * Weekly report and liaison with special schools * Consolidation report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local offer website launched in Jan 2021 • Improved communication with special school transport leads • Input to Home to school transport improvement programme

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Interim Safeguarding & Compliance SEND Transport Manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	21/07/2020		27/02/2021	No	£49,716.00	* Weekly & monthly performance reports * Safeguarding process for complaints * data analysis from supplier returns (monthly)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust compliance team who apply safeguarding checks at schools and supplier premises to ensure vehicles and staff are compliant. • Vehicle inspections carried out to ensure vehicles transporting clients are fully roadworthy and feedback given to supplier they additional checks to ensure compliance. • Supplier performance has improved as a result of the checks and visits made to schools and suppliers, once concerns are identified and improvement plans are agreed. • Depot Audits at supplier premises to ensure policies are being applied throughout the operation against their contract. • Regular supplier meetings to ensure performance issues are identified and actioned. • Safeguarding tracker to capture safeguarding complaints ensure escalated to LADO and managed appropriately in a timely way. • Supplier monthly reporting processes are accurate and identify DBS applications so they are processed as quickly as possible to ensure supplier has sufficient staff to delivery service. • Improved communication and feed back to suppliers is carried out in a timely was to ensure failings identified are rectified.

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Interim Safeguarding & QA Lead	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	18/11/2019		06/03/2020	No	£25,200.00	* initial safeguarding audit of suppliers * DPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contracts confirmed with suppliers Baseline safeguarding reports
Interim SEMH Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Penna	08/03/2021	08/09/2021	08/09/2021	No	£66,465.00	* Review of SENAR administration services * Draft review recovery project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,271 outstanding reviews closed with all action completed 2,873 outstanding reviews actioned and awaiting issue by Business Support
Interim SEMH Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Penna	01/03/2021	01/09/2021	01/09/2021	No	£60,950.00		
Interim SEN Coordinator - EHCP Reviews	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	05/03/2020		28/02/2021	No	£21,000.00		
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	22/11/2019		14/01/2020	No	£4,462.50		
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Education Futures	26/02/2020		26/02/2020	No	£0.00		
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Education Futures	Feb-20		Feb-20	No	£9,585.00		

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Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Panoramic	Nov-19		Dec-19	No	£11,310.00		
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Panoramic	10/03/2020		25/09/2020	No	£30,575.00		

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Interim SEND Transport manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	20/07/2020		17/01/2021	No	£13,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * DfE bid for COVID funding * Deed variation for supply of guides * Deed variation for alteration of DBS process * Communication & Implementation plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Org chart for restructure * Summer operations plan * Draft revised risk assessment process * Contribution to immediate fixes plan, weekly and daily sit rep, monthly covid plan, service dashboard and revised implementation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service has had improved leadership and structure in order to achieve a number of significant improvement key tasks. This development has worked in partnership with the recommendations outlined in the Service Investigation Report. • The service is now able to ensure early identification of operational concern and introduce strategies in order to improve performance and administration across the service as a whole
Interim SEND Transport Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	09/11/2020	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£40,455.00		

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Interim Senior Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	17/09/2020	31/10/2021	31/10/2021	No	£59,206.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier performance figures on a daily and weekly basis • Carry out record and report on Supplier Audit. • Daily engagement with suppliers to address any issues identified within compliance checks. • Recognize training needs for drivers and suppliers relating to compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust and engaging compliance team in place. Robust procedures implemented to improve supplier /driver compliance • Implemented a revised parking plan at 2 schools to date (Calthorpe & Dame Ellen Pinsent) • Allocate work to the compliance team to ensure work is completed and prioritised. • Advise suppliers on compliance matters i.e. procedures and technique to improve performance. • Improved communication with suppliers, schools and internal teams to ensure concerns are addressed and recorded in a timely way • Support other service areas to address any safeguarding /compliance issues and resolve in a timely way.
Interim Special School Provision Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Spencer Clarke	07/12/2020		24/02/2021	No	£8,750.00		

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Interim Transport Manager Operations, Commissioning & Contracts	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	01/06/2020		01/04/2021	No	£92,240.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed system requirements for the Home to school transport database Procurement Business case for the purchase of the new system (365 Response chosen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation Plan for 365 Communications Plan for the implementation of 365 Mobile Phones for Guides requirements document CXM Bus Pass Administration requirements Also developed the daily route report which underpins the Daily SitRep reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taken the request for a new transport system from concept, through requirements definition and procurement to commencement of operational roll out and live testing. Defined additional costs to cover data requirements for BCC in the absence of a legacy database and revised the business case to justify new requirements. Revised business case includes the cost of project management.

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Interim Transport Operations Manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	11/03/2020		31/07/2020	No	£82,660.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Mobility Assessment Risk Assessment Process. • Review of Current Assessment Process and recommendations • Provide guidance on improving safer accurate assessments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Risk Assessments are being carried out. • Engage with relevant service areas to obtain all relevant information to produce accurate information and assessments.
Interim Transport Operations Manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	17/08/2020		01/04/2021	No	£0.00		
Interim Transport Operations Manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	04/11/2020		29/01/2021	No	£8,065.00		
Interim Tribunal Officer	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Spencer Clarke	20/10/2020	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£101,075.00	Managing the throughput of mediations, appeals and tribunals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level of compliance with statutory timelines. • Robust mediation process to ensure resolution
Interim Tribunal Officer	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	01/06/2020		31/08/2020	No	£6,450.00		
Interim Tribunal Officer	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Panoramic	30/06/2020		30/09/2020	No	£19,200.00		
Interim Tribunal Officer	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Baltimore	01/06/2020		14/08/2020	No	£30,500.00		
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	10/02/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£43,860.00	* Reviewing and actioning 9,197 outstanding annual review paperwork * Reviewing and actioning newly received review paperwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,271 outstanding reviews closed with all action completed • 2,873 outstanding reviews actioned and awaiting issue by Business Support

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Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	07/12/2020		24/02/2021	No	£12,852.50	*Managing placements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in the backlog of assessments from 500 to 200
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	07/12/2020		11/03/2021	No	£9,500.00		
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£489,860.00		
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	07/12/2020		24/12/2020	No	£5,000.00		
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Venn group	07/12/2020		11/01/2021	No	£7,226.00		
Provision Manager	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£19,060.00		
Provision Manager	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£69,180.00		

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Provision Manager	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021	27/08/2021	No	£52,760.00		
Sensory Consultant	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	01/09/2019	Not Applicable	27/08/2021	No	£66,158.52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Review of sensory resource bases * Review of FAMS * Supporting implementation of recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of more inclusive provision for children with physical difficulties • Improved use of resources through use of sensory resource bases
Strategic lead for ASC	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	29/10/2020	28/10/2021	27/08/2021	No	£170,730.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Funding comparison for special schools to inform the special school funding review * Preparatory work for the DLP project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLP project launched • Special school funding review in progress
Strategic Lead for SEND Commissioning	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Penna	01/03/2021		01/04/2021	No	£0.00		
Strategic SEND Consultant	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	Sep-19		Dec-20	No	£15,835.52		
Transport Recovery Consultant	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	01/09/2019		01/10/2019	No	£0.00		

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APPENDIX 2

J5 Table – interim/consultant detail spend – Sept 2020 to Mar 2022

Role	Area	Commissioned By	Approved by	Agency (Do Not Share)	Start Date	Contract end date (if assignment active)	Actual End Date	Is assignment still 'active' Yes or No	Cumulative costs from Sept 2021 to Mar 2022	A high-level list of activities they've been involved with	A summary of the improvements they've made (bullet points of what has improved since the consultants have been here).
Head of SENAR Operations	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Lord	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£30,960.00	ALL OF THESE OFFICERS ARE COMPLETING BUSINESS AS USUAL ACTIVITY ON THE ASSESSMENT AND REVIEWS OF EDUCATION HEALTH CARE PLANS. The service has been realigned into locality teams of North, South, East & West as well as dedicated	The impact these officers will bring to the service is to maintain a manageable case load and determine the best outcomes for young people and their families.
Interim Project Support Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,300.00		
Mediation Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	27/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£8,750.00		
Operations Lead Advisor	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£19,350.00		
Plan Writer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£12,900.00		
Plan Writer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£12,900.00		
Plan Writer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£12,900.00		
Resolution Lead	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£23,650.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		

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SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	15/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00	officers to focus on complaint resolution and tribunal activity generated through the assessments and reviews outcomes.	
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	INTERNAL	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	INTERNAL	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Tripod	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£3,350.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	08/11/2021	12/11/2021	12/11/2021	No	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£3,350.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	25/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£1,675.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Education Futures	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND &	E&S Workforce Review	Venn	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		

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		Inclusion	Board								
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	15/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	08/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	INTERNAL	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	15/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case Worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	11/10/2021	26/11/2021	26/11/2021	No	£5,025.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		

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SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	30/10/2021	30/10/2021	No	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	17/12/2021	17/12/2021	No	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£3,350.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/01/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,700.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£3,350.00		
SEN Case Worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	11/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£5,025.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND &	E&S Workforce Review	INTERNAL	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		

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		Inclusion	Board								
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	06/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	13/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	20/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	06/12/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/01/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board		01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£14,405.00		
SEN Case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/02/2022	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,500.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£19,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	08/11/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£0.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/10/2021	26/11/2021	26/11/2021	No	£9,000.00		

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Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£19,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,500.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£19,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£19,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£19,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,500.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£9,000.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,500.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£19,350.00		
Senior case worker	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/09/2021	19/11/2021	19/11/2021	No	£193,350.00		
SOUTH - Team Manager	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£21,500.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	25/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£1,975.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£8,500.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£8,500.00		
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£9,200.00		

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Role	Area	Commissioned By	Approved by	Agency (Do Not Share)	Start Date	Contract end date (if assignment active)	Actual End Date	Is assignment still 'active' Yes or No	Cumulative costs from Sept 2021 to Mar 2022	A high-level list of activities they've been involved with	A summary of the improvements they've made (bullet points of what has improved since the consultants have been here).
		Inclusion	Board								
Tribunal Officer	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	27/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£2,200.00		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£5,553.84	These officers are maintaining the Parent & School link service - offering support and advice to parents, carers, young people and schools	Increasing the support to families whilst the service undergoes the significant change needed to provide a better service to citizens of Birmingham
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,945.00		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,945.00		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,945.00		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Smart Education	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,945.00		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£5,553.84		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£5,553.84		
Interim Link Officers	SENAR	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£5,553.84		
Interim Communication officer	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£15,050.00		
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Lord	01/09/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£21,500.00		
PMO Manager	SEND Strategic	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£6,000.00		

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City Council – 7 December 2021

Role	Area	Commissioned By	Approved by	Agency (Do Not Share)	Start Date	Contract end date (if assignment active)	Actual End Date	Is assignment still 'active' Yes or No	Cumulative costs from Sept 2021 to Mar 2022	A high-level list of activities they've been involved with	A summary of the improvements they've made (bullet points of what has improved since the consultants have been here).
	Transformation									Commissioner	service following the Ofsted inspection outcome
Project Support Officer	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£5,200.00		
Co-Production Officer	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Hays	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£5,750.00		
Performance Officer	SEND Strategic Transformation	AD SEND & Inclusion	E&S Workforce Review Board	Venn	18/10/2021	25/03/2022		Yes	£4,500.00		

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APPENDIX 3 - J5 Written Question – Table – December 2021

Agency	Spend	Confirmed Address
Baltimore	£324,000	PS21, 21 Princes Street, Bristol, BS1 4PH
Education Futures	£77,000	19 New Street, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4BH
Hays	£1,296,055	1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AJ
Lords	£206,500	Crown House, The Square, Alvechurch, Birmingham B48 7LA
Panoramic	£2,044,190	St Bartholomew's House, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2NH
Penna	£320,000	2 nd Floor, 10 Bishops Square, Spitalfields, London, E1 6EG
Smart Education	£153,333	1-3 The Courtyard, Calvin Street, Bolton, BL1 8PB
Spencer Clarke	£291,465	11 Bartle Court Business Centre, Rosemary Lane, Preston, PR4 0HF
Tile Hill	£105,000	York House, 221 Pentonville Road, London N1 9UZ
Venn Group	£441,086	Waterloo House, 20 Waterloo Street, Birmingham, B2 5TB

NARRATIVE:

The figures provided are for this financial year and are inclusive of both costs associated with General Fund and the DSG. These figures include all of the costs associated with interim and consultant officers in the SEND & Inclusion service. This means that the costs are inclusive of officers working in Home to School Transport as well and therefore not associated to SEND improvement. The majority of the costs are associated to officers completing business as usual activity in the SENAR area focusing on all activity surrounding all EHCP's. The service has secured additional funding from full council in September to support the recruitment of additional case officers into the SENAR service to ensure that all young people are assigned their own case officer as per the SEND code of practice. A number of the agencies are now on the MSP and we are now using more compliant spend and as such the costs should reduce in the coming months.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD

K Licensed Private Hire Vehicles

Question:

The Licensed Private Car Hire Association estimates the industry is short of 160,000 drivers who have not returned to work following the pandemic and has suggested there is also a backlog in licensing and registration of vehicles, as well as criminal and medical checks for drivers. Could the Chair of Licensing and Public Protection give an indication as to whether this is an issue for Birmingham ?

Answer:

The Birmingham City Council Licensing Service has had to adapt the way applications are accepted and processed as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, however the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Team has continued to accept and process applications throughout the pandemic

The introduction of appropriate Covid risk assessments has meant that there have been delays in processing but only for a matter of days usually and at worst a few weeks. It is certainly not the case that new applicants are not being licensed, or that new applications are months in arrears.

Drivers are required to book medical appointments with the Occupational Health Service of Birmingham City Council and we are currently working to determine if the processing of medicals can be improved to speed up the process.

The figures below give an indication of the effect the pandemic has had on the number of new licences issued. The figures for private hire vehicle grants are of particular interest as they show numbers issued during the height of the pandemic were not significantly different from the numbers issued in the preceding year and since May 2021 the rate of issue has actually increased.

Although driver numbers were down, this has had more to do with a reduced number of applications, rather than any failure to process and as can be seen those numbers are starting to increase again, but there are currently only fifteen new driver applications awaiting processing.

	12 months (Pre-pandemic)	12 months (Lockdowns)	6 months (post lockdowns)
	MAY-19 to APR-20	MAY-20 to APR-21	MAY-21 to OCT-21

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HC Driver Grants	22	2	0
HC Vehicle Grants	6	93	53
PH Driver Grants	489	189	149
PH Vehicle Grants	1391	1262	1019

Executive Business Report

Birmingham City Council

City Council

11th January 2022



Subject: Executive Business Report
Report of: Cabinet
Report author(s): Rob James (Director, City Operations)
 Ian MacLeod (Acting Director, Inclusive Growth)
 Dr Graeme Betts (Director, Adult Social Care)

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

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

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. On 10th September 2019, Full Council accepted the recommendations of the Coordinating O&S Committee review in respect of changes to the Full Council agenda.
- 1.2. Recommendation 3 of the review requested that the Executive provide an update to Full Council on its work via the provision of an Executive Business Report ('EBR'). EBRs will be provided to Full Council four times per municipal year and will include details of progress made in relation to Council strategic outcomes and priorities linked to two Cabinet Member portfolios.
- 1.3. Following the outbreak of Covid-19 in March 2020, previous EBRs (from June 2020 to July 2021) have been used to provide an update on the whole Council's response to the pandemic, including emergency planning, impact on services and plans for recovery. As the Council has now stepped down the emergency response to Covid-19, a decision has been taken to revert to the original purpose and format of EBRs.
- 1.4. This EBR provides an update on two Cabinet Member portfolios:
 - Transport and Environment; pages 2 - 15

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- Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities; pages 15 - 35

2. Recommendations

- 2.1.** That the report be noted.

3. Transport & Environment Portfolio

3.1. Transport

Transport Planning

- 3.1.1. The Birmingham Transport Plan (BTP) was adopted by full Council on 12th October 2021. This ambitious plan is fully aligned to the Council's Route to Zero (R20) objectives and sets out the strategic approach to tackle a range of transport and accessibility issues, including the need for rapid decarbonisation and improving equity of access and opportunity. Commissioning has begun to progress the BTP Delivery Plan, a large and complex piece of work which will set out the schemes, projects and investments required to deliver the vision set out in the plan.
- 3.1.2. Working alongside Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), the Council has been successful in bidding for funding from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) scheme. The Department for Transport invited TfWM and partners to submit a five-year CRSTS bid into Government to support capital transport investment within the region (April 2022 to March 2027), with both Highway Maintenance and Integrated Transport Block being subsumed within this new fund. Birmingham City Council worked closely with TfWM and partners to prepare and develop a prospectus of pipeline transport investment. This was approved at the September WMCA Board and subsequently submitted to Government, who awarded an indicative allocation of £1.05bn. Further refinement of the investment pipeline programme is underway, with a final business case to be submitted to Government by mid-January 2022.
- 3.1.3. A successful bid to the Levelling Up Fund also saw the Council awarded nearly £20 million by Government to invest in improving Dudley Road corridor.
- 3.1.4. Birmingham City Council (BCC) is working in partnership with TfWM and Sutton Coldfield Town Council to progress a transport strategy to support the Sutton Town Centre Masterplan. In close partnership with BCC, TfWM is currently developing a brief to commission an Outline Business Case for Sutton Gateway (Interchange) scheme, seeking to identify a preferred option for developing a bus interchange, which forms the first phase of investment.

- 3.1.5. Business case development work is underway to support the Snow Hill Growth Strategy, developing options to support extensive redevelopment of Snow Hill Station and the surrounding area. This includes consideration of measures to limit through traffic, further improve air quality, reduce severance, and support increased modal shift to active travel and public transport modes.
- 3.1.6. The TfWM team are working with BCC and other partners to advance the development of High Speed 2 (HS2) in the city. This work has included undertaking a virtual Ministerial visit around the wider impacts of HS2 to make the case for further (non-fiscal) Government support to enhance the benefits achieved. There is alignment of communication and engagement in respect of the construction programme and ensuring that local businesses take full advantage of the opportunities to bid for contracts to work on HS2 projects. A significant area of work, with partners, is the ongoing need to coordinate, manage and mitigate the significant impact of HS2 construction on the city's transport network – this is based on the cross-partner mitigations approach used successfully on other schemes including Perry Barr Highways scheme.

Public Transport

Rail

- 3.1.7. BCC is an active member of regional rail fora and has supported regional lobbying for investment in the Midlands Rail Hub proposals. The recent Government publication of the Integrated Rail Plan for the Midlands and the North has included some potential setbacks for Birmingham including the potential not to progress the northern Bordesley Chord, which is needed to enable new and improved services to the north of the city, via the Sutton Park Line including potential new stations at Castle Vale, Fort Parkway, Walmley/Minworth and Sutton Park.
- 3.1.8. The Council have been working in close partnership with West Midlands Rail Executive (WMRE) to pursue the reopening of the Camp Hill Line with stations at Hazelwell, Moseley and Kings Heath. Detailed design work and land assembly is currently underway for the stations, and delivery of the reopened line is forecast for 2023.
- 3.1.9. Works to upgrade Perry Barr and University Stations are ongoing and due for completion in time for the Commonwealth Games.

Bus and Sprint

- 3.1.10. The National Bus Strategy (NBS) was published in 2021, setting out the requirements for Local Transport Authorities (LTAs) to access the £3bn transformational bus funding from April 2022. BCC has worked in partnership with TfWM to prepare and agree a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) for the region, which builds upon the existing 'Vision for Bus Strategy' and

Enhanced Partnership. The agreed BSIP was submitted to the Department for Transport at the end of October 2021 and initially covers the A34 (north), A45 and B425 corridors, pending response. This aligns with the vision of the BTP which sees the bus as the backbone of the city's transport network, being the mode best placed to respond to changes in demand for sustainable transport in the short to medium term and recognising that investment in bus networks, including reallocation of road space, represents excellent value for money.

- 3.1.11. The Sprint A45 programme is progressing, with works accelerating at pace and programme recovery well advanced. Currently 31 out of 75 shelters have been installed, with site preparation taking place for remaining new shelters. The programme has an expected completion date for Summer 2022.
- 3.1.12. Reviews of the Sprint A34 programme indicate delays in completion for all work packages, compared to original programme dates. On Package D (Perry Barr to Digbeth) the introduction of the Trinity Road cycle-link signals upgrade is likely to push planned completion to March 2022, with an additional potential time risk associated with the Digbeth works.
- 3.1.13. Atkins are carrying out a 'Future SPRINT - Hagley Road Re-Imagined' study on behalf of TfWM and have been asked to consider improvements to bus priorities and walking and cycling. BCC officers are engaging closely with the development of this study, including the development of a VISSIM microsimulation model to test concept designs as they emerge.
- 3.1.14. Phase 1 of the Cross City Bus programme consists of schemes in Birmingham City Centre (Margaret Street, Snow Hill and Newhall Street) and Balsall Heath (Alcester Road). The public consultation process has now been completed, and the Full Business Case approved by BCC. These projects are currently awaiting Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation to enable delivery. Construction is anticipated to commence in 2022 and will be completed prior to the Commonwealth Games.
- 3.1.15. Phase 2 of the Cross City Bus programme consists of the individual schemes including Kings Heath (Alcester Road South) and Inner City (Dudley Road, Summer Hill and Suffolk Street). The proposals are currently at the feasibility stages of development.
- 3.1.16. Work is progressing on Cross City Bus Route 4 (formerly Sutton Coldfield to Birmingham and Birmingham to Longbridge SPRINT Corridors), with Arcadis leading a study to evaluate opportunities for bus priority and bus stop locations for potential future articulated vehicle stops. The study will also specifically consider the need to preserve opportunities to enhance conditions and infrastructure for cyclists.

- 3.1.17. Aecom (on behalf of TfWM) have developed a series of future proposals for cross city bus schemes in the Birmingham area, including initial concept designs and modelling to support bus priority measures. This study was presented to BCC on 17th November 2021.

Metro

- 3.1.18. Track replacement works were completed by Midland Metro Alliance (MMA) on Corporation Street at the end of October 2021. Further public realm works on Corporate Street remain outstanding, pending securing materials.
- 3.1.19. The extension of Metro to Hagley Road in Birmingham Westside is progressing well and close to testing and completion.
- 3.1.20. With regards to the Birmingham Eastside Extension, work at Bull Street has progressed well, including the installation of the delta junction. Work has commenced in Digbeth to deliver public realm improvements and Metro extension.

Active Travel

- 3.1.21. The Birmingham Walking and Cycling Strategy and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan was approved by Cabinet in January 2020. Further funding has since been secured to provide additional detail to this plan and to reflect network changes that have taken place recently, especially outside of the City Centre.
- 3.1.22. BCC continues to deliver improvements to city infrastructure through the Active Travel Fund, supporting the wider Birmingham recovery from Covid-19. This includes delivery of four pilot Places for People schemes, five pop-up cycle routes, city centre segments measures and various smaller interventions to support walking and cycling across the city. Work is underway to enhance and make permanent some of the more successful schemes, and to create new ones.
- 3.1.23. Proposals are being developed for the following, with initial consultation complete on most schemes:
- Places for People in Kings Heath & Moseley, Lozells and Bournville;
 - Cycle routes between the city centre and City Hospital (linking to the Dudley Road scheme), on Bradford Street and then linked on to Small Heath Park and between Cannon Hill Park and Moseley (linking to the A38 blue route, and Rea Valley route);
 - City centre segments;
 - Local centre improvements, including cycle parking.
- 3.1.24. Birmingham City Council is working in partnership with TfWM to roll out the West Midlands Cycle Hire scheme across the city. So far, 449 pedal bikes

and 66 docking stations have been launched across Birmingham City Centre, Edgbaston and Sutton Coldfield, with E-bikes to be launched in November 2021. Further scheme expansion is proposed in 2022 with the potential to introduce cargo bikes and trikes.

- 3.1.25. The E-scooter (Voi) hire trial has been extended until the end of March 2022, with plans to also extend the geographical area of the scheme.
- 3.1.26. The E-cargo bike trial is ongoing with a number of organisations, including BCC, using the bikes.
- 3.1.27. BCC is working with TfWM and partner authorities on HS2 sustainable (active) travel routes to ensure that the proposed HS2 'active travel spine' is fully integrated into local active travel networks.
- 3.1.28. On the A45 Coventry Road, a scheme to provide a fully separated active travel route between the City Centre to the city boundary with Solihull (Wheatsheaf) has been prepared to Outline Business Case stage. Further funding has been sought through CRSTS to enable further scheme progression and delivery.
- 3.1.29. An extension of the separated active travel route from Selly Oak to Longbridge is in progress on the A38 Bristol Road. The scheme design and funding package are in development, pending future award.
- 3.1.30. A scheme is being delivered to provide a cycle route between the A38 and Cannon Hill Park, and to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists at the junction of Pershore Road and Priory Road. Completion is expected in Summer 2022.

School and Business Travel Planning

- 3.1.31. A number of critical initiatives are underway to deliver significant investment in infrastructure across the city, encouraging long-term behavioural change to support social, environmental and economic priorities.
- 3.1.32. Around 250 schools in Birmingham are now signed up to Modeshift STARS, with many boasting active School Travel Plans.
- 3.1.33. The over-arching School Streets programme for Birmingham includes 'Slow Down' and 'Switch Off' and 'Keep Clear' campaign resources, the Living Streets Walk to School Programme and 'Car Free Schools Streets'. The Car Free School Streets scheme (School Exclusion Zone) now covers twelve schools, with six more due to be added in 2022.
- 3.1.34. Over 100 workplaces are now signed up to use the Modeshift STARS travel planning scheme. Twelve Birmingham based workplaces, including major employers across the city, have so far achieved Modeshift STARS accreditation with more preparing to apply. BCC and National Express West Midlands (NXWM) were recently awarded a Modeshift National Sustainable

Travel Award for contribution to sustainable travel, for work towards making NXWM the UK's most sustainable bus company.

Road Safety

- 3.1.35. The Council continues to develop and deliver a programme of road safety schemes, to support gradual improvement of road safety across the city.
- 3.1.36. BCC officers are working with West Midlands Police to renegotiate a new agreement to operate Average Speed Enforcement Cameras across the city.
- 3.1.37. Business case development is currently underway for an extension of area-wide 20 mph limits in the B3 area (North Edgbaston/Handsworth).

Major Schemes

- 3.1.38. The Perry Barr Highway Improvements scheme continues, ahead of the Commonwealth Games. The Perry Barr Flyover removal was successfully completed in February 2021, forming part of a wider £27.1 million investment in infrastructure and services in the Perry Barr area which is forecast to complete in 2022.
- 3.1.39. Works to deliver a comprehensive renewal of the public realm within the city centre core are progressing. The repair and reinstatement of the River Fountain in Victoria Square began in July 2021 and is due to be completed in Spring 2022. Victoria Square, Colmore and Waterloo public realm improvements have now been postponed to January 2023.
- 3.1.40. Working with Argent as lead developer, BCC is helping to deliver one of the UK's most prominent city centre redevelopments through the Paradise scheme. Phase 1 is complete, including construction of numbers One and Two Chamberlain Square and associated public realm improvements. Phase 2 is underway now, including the delivery of One Centenary Way, Three Chamberlain Square, Ratcliff Square and a new hotel.
- 3.1.41. Phase 1 of the Snow Hill Public Realm programme is nearing completion but has been delayed as a result of the pandemic. Further phases are programmed for future delivery.
- 3.1.42. Remediation work in the Southside Public Realm is ongoing, including appointment of a new contractor after the previous contractor went into administration. The scheme has been reprofiled and further developments will be communicated in early 2022.

Commonwealth Games Preparation

- 3.1.43. The completed Games Transport Plan is currently progressing through BCC, Organising Committee (OC) and West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) governance. Final approval will be sought from WMCA Board on

14th January 2022. Operational planning for the Games, including readiness and testing exercises, commences in January 2022.

- 3.1.44. The Games Transport Strategy for Birmingham City Centre has now been published. It includes a thematic delivery plan of key actions to take forward, recommending further work around traffic modelling, pedestrian modelling, managing development and freight and logistics. A dedicated cross-partner group has now been established to take forward the actions from the delivery plan.
- 3.1.45. Surveys have been undertaken of all traffic signals on the Games Route Network within Birmingham to confirm the operational status of the sites and identify any equipment faults. The list of equipment faults required to be repaired for the Commonwealth Games has been passed to BCC for rectification. BCC is considering a £5m upgrade to its traffic signals, however it is not yet known what can be delivered in time for Birmingham 2022.

Highway Maintenance and Management

- 3.1.46. Activity is progressing towards long-term restructuring of its Highway Maintenance and Management PFI contract. This restructuring remains subject to approval by Government in the form of a revised business case, which will be required to confirm retention of the Council's £50.311m per annum PFI grant.
- 3.1.47. As requested by Department for Transport (DfT), a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) was submitted on 9th August 2021, which was approved on 27th September 2021. An Outline Business Case (OBC) was submitted on 6th December 2021 and remains under consideration by DfT. The formal procurement process is planned to commence in January 2022, with contract award planned for April 2023.
- 3.1.48. While the long-term restructuring of the contract progresses, the Council continues to invest in highway infrastructure across Birmingham, with a £50.75m programme of improvements planned for 2022-3. This programme is in addition to ongoing safety maintenance works delivered through an interim services contract with Kier Highways Ltd. The contract with Kier has been extended to August 2023 to cover the period until the long-term contract is introduced.

3.2. Environment

Route to Zero (R20) Programme

- 3.2.1. Birmingham City Council declared a climate emergency on 11th June 2019, committing to take action to reduce the city's carbon emissions and limit its part in the climate crisis. The ambition was set for the Council and city to

become net zero carbon by 2030, or as soon as possible thereafter as a 'just transition' allows. A 'Call to Action' action plan, approved by Full Council in January 2021, set out an initial set of actions the Council would take on its path to achieving its 'Route to Zero' (R20).

- 3.2.2. The first annual report on the progress made against the action plan is due to go to City Council in January 2022.
- 3.2.3. Locally, Birmingham is making steady progress – the city's CO2 emissions decreased by 40.6% in 2019 and are at an all-time low since 1990.
- 3.2.4. Over the last year, the initial R20 Taskforce has been transitioned into a R20 Community Assembly as part of a refresh of wider governance arrangements. Two meetings of the Community Assembly have already taken place, with the next meeting planned for February 2022.
- 3.2.5. A BCC Assistant Director for R20 has been recruited with a team to follow.
- 3.2.6. Subsequent sections of this report set out the highlights and major achievements from the 41 currently active 'Wave 1' projects, being delivered as part of the wider R20 programme. These are structured by theme.

Transport

- 3.2.7. Thirteen hydrogen buses have been delivered as part of the Hydrogen Bus Pilot, with seven more buses to follow. The training of drivers and maintenance staff has commenced.
- 3.2.8. The Electric Vehicles (EV) Charging Strategy was approved by Cabinet in November 2021. Twelve EV charging sites are now fully operational and ESB Energy continue to roll out nearly 200 'fast and rapid' chargers (comprising 394 individual charge points) by Autumn 2022.
- 3.2.9. Whilst focused on air quality rather than climate change, the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) aims to restrain car use and encourage modal shift towards cleaner vehicles, active travel or public transport, supporting the wider decarbonisation agenda. The Birmingham CAZ went live in June 2021 and continues to help decrease the number of non-compliant vehicles entering the city centre.
- 3.2.10. The percentage of non-compliant vehicles entering the zone has steadily reduced since the introduction of the scheme. At the beginning of the scheme, 18.7% of vehicles were subject to the daily fee. By the end of October this had reduced to 10.2%.
- 3.2.11. Work has commenced on projects as part of the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 programme.

Air Quality

Air Quality Action Plan

- 3.2.12. In April 2021 the Council published a new Air Quality Action Plan covering the period 2021-2026. The primary focus of the new action plan is on reducing road transport, developing a physical and policy environment to promote modal shift from single occupant vehicles to public transport and alternative means of travel, as well as incentivising the use of alternatively fuelled vehicles.
- 3.2.13. The importance of the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) as a landmark scheme in controlling emissions into and through the City Centre area is recognised within the action plan, with a similar scheme having been initially proposed in the previous version of the action plan (2011).
- 3.2.14. The action plan also recognises the continued importance of reducing emissions locally through the proactive and reactive regulation of industry and nuisance emissions. This is delivered through the Environmental Health service and involves the regulation of over 200 industrial processes and responding to complaints from citizens about smoke, dust, fumes and gas emissions. The service also assist Planning Management by assessing around 3,000 planning applications per annum to ensure any air quality impact is mitigated.
- 3.2.15. In order to track the quality of the air in Birmingham, Environmental Health maintain an extensive monitoring network, expanded from eight to fourteen monitoring locations in November 2021 to assist with monitoring of the CAZ. This data is available at www.birminghamairquality.co.uk
- 3.2.16. Officers undertake non-continuous monitoring of nitrogen dioxide using diffusion tubes at around 90 sites around the city. This is done on a monthly basis to give an annual average of the concentration. It is proposed to extend this network into outer wards as part of the new programme for assessing air quality outside the city centre now that the CAZ has gone live.
- 3.2.17. Birmingham continues to support the national polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon and Black Carbon monitoring networks, for which the Council receives payment.

CAZ Monitoring and Evaluation

- 3.2.18. Following the launch of the CAZ, the shift is now to an operating model incorporating the monitoring of the CAZ and the evaluation of the measures. A monitoring and evaluation plan has been established, with an initial baseline report published and future reports scheduled at six monthly intervals. The service also produces factsheets on the outputs from the CAZ

on a monthly basis, providing a link to key performance indicators reported to the Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU) through the Zonal Reports.

Clean Air Strategy

- 3.2.19. The Clean Air Strategy (CAS) has been reviewed and revised following formal consultation in 2019 and has incorporated key comments. A final version of the strategy will be published in early 2022.

Energy

- 3.2.20. An agreement has been reached to develop a East Birmingham Low Carbon Innovation Zone. Partners are developing a proposal for a Net Zero Neighbourhood.
- 3.2.21. The Council House rewire programme is on track and anticipated to be complete by March 2022, reducing the organisation's carbon footprint.

New Build Homes

- 3.2.22. European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) has been secured to help fund energy saving technology on the Gressel Lane site. Planning permission has been secured for 36 houses to be built, trialling innovative energy efficiency technologies.
- 3.2.23. A new build specification for BMHT homes has been in use since July 2021. Each home built to the new standard will save an average of over one tonne of carbon when compared to the old specification.
- 3.2.24. The Council's first Passivhaus trial is underway. A design team has been set up and draft plans are currently being designed for the scheme. The intention is to obtain planning permission and go out to tender for a contractor in 2022, aiming to be on site in 2023.

Retrofit

- 3.2.25. As of November 2021, an Enhanced Business Case is in place to secure the Council's commitment of £3.6 towards the East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Programme (EBISG) over 2021-25.
- 3.2.26. The approval of the enhanced business case enables the establishment of a programme team, as well as opening up the budget required to develop and deliver a comprehensive package of projects to address the full scope of the Strategy vision. This includes the development of further business cases, funding bids, and the commissioning of delivery through appropriate routes. The programme currently includes eight projects, which are progressing according to plan.
- 3.2.27. Work continues against ECO agreements, including the publication of a Statement of Intent, the signing of legal agreements, and contacting of utility companies. Tracking of measures has commenced – with 185 homes

identified and 344 measures to be installed. This includes 136 boiler replacements.

Flood Risk Management and Drainage

- 3.2.28. As Lead Local Flood Authority, the Council is responsible for delivery of the Grant in Aid and Local Levy Programmes, which includes flood alleviation for 50 properties (in construction and ongoing throughout 2022).
- 3.2.29. The team have had another busy year and have been assisting colleagues in Leisure for reservoir on-site plans and for 'works in the interest of safety' at Alexander Stadium in advance of the Commonwealth Games.
- 3.2.30. On-Site Plans are now required for all 11 reservoirs where the City Council is an 'Undertaker' such as Powells Pool, Bracebridge Pool, Witton Lakes, Swanshurst Pool, Perry Pool and Trittiford Mill Pool.
- 3.2.31. We have also been informing the Planning Process as Lead Local Flood Authority for all major developments across Birmingham, and helping to drive forward the realisation of the Rea Valley Urban Quarter Supplementary Planning Document to ensure that surface water drainage and flooding considerations are taken into account at all stages of the Planning Process.
- 3.2.32. Flood alleviation works have been completed at Eastern Avenue (Selly Park), and good progress is being made at Craythorne Avenue/Sunningdale Close in Handsworth to provide watercourse improvement works including a flood defence wall, culvert flow improvements and providing large areas of online storage on the Hilltop Brook to decrease flood risk to numerous properties.
- 3.2.33. Drainage improvement works are scheduled at Chanston Avenue/Brandwood End Cemetery.
- 3.2.34. Hydraulic modelling has been undertaken of the Druids Heath catchment and the Chinn Brook, to find possible alleviation options to decrease flood risk to people and property.
- 3.2.35. The service has also stepped in on behalf of Severn Trent Water to attract funding to replace missing flood guards at Ripple Road, Stirchley.
- 3.2.36. BCC is working alongside the Environment Agency to use BCC contractors for Weir Removals at First Avenue, Selly Park with works scheduled for 2022–2024. This, in tandem with the Selly Park North overflow culvert and additional surface water drainage on the Pershore Road, will all help minimise the impacts of flooding in a densely populated, high flood risk area of Birmingham.

Trees

- 3.2.37. Birmingham is a city of one million trees, but we will need significantly more to mitigate the impacts of climate change. At present, Birmingham currently

has 18.6% average canopy cover, but 25% or greater is required to make towns and cities liveable in future. At least a further 176,000 more trees are needed to reach the city's canopy cover target.

- 3.2.38. A number of initiatives are being rolled out to meet this ambitious target, further details of which are given in this section of the report.
- 3.2.39. Work is underway to develop the Birmingham Urban Forest Master Plan 2021-51, which sets out the long-term vision for all trees in the city over the next thirty years. The plan is structured into three key areas: Trees and Urban Forest Structure, Community Framework and Sustainable Resource Management Approach. Each section will contain a set of key performance indicators (KPIs), with an overview of the current status and an action plan of what is needed to achieve improvement for each. The creation of this plan – the UK's first full urban forest master plan - has drawn UK, European and global attention, with officers being invited to present at a number of high-profile webinars.
- 3.2.40. A Tree Equity and Priority Planting Platform has been developed to aid in identifying priority locations for tree planting across the city. The web-based platform uses a range of environmental datasets and socio-economic factors to create priority 'heat maps', as well as drawing on data on land type and existing canopy cover to calculate what levels of planting and establishment are required to achieve tree equity.
- 3.2.41. Over the last six months we have seen a huge growth in interest in trees and tree planting in Birmingham. This has required significant management to ensure that the right trees are being planted in the right locations, as part of a coordinated programme of tree planting activity across Winter 2021/22. Between existing tree planting partners, Severn Trent (as part of the CWG Legacy) and contributions to the Queen's Green Canopy (Platinum Jubilee) we should see in the region of 31,000 new trees planted by March 2022. Of note among these plantings, there will be expansion of woodland along the River Cole/East Birmingham Corridor and a 70 oak tree avenue planted to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee (one for each year of HRH reign) in Perry Park.
- 3.2.42. The Environment Bill gained royal assent in November 2021, accompanied by an amendment to the Highways Act. This amendment requires specific consultation with the public on the felling of street trees. This will not impact the day to day regular management of our street trees for health and safety reasons, but it will impact highways changes and new transport schemes where healthy trees might be impacted by such schemes.
- 3.2.43. The Development Management in Birmingham Document now contains an updated policy requiring greater consideration to be given to all trees impacted by development, assigning a financial value to affected trees. Where replacement planting is not delivering the same or greater 'tree

benefits', this policy allows the City Council to lever in planning gain by way of S106 to fund additional tree planting within the city. Greater detail on the assessment of trees in relation to development is contained within the new design guide (to be published shortly). It also sets out in detail the types and quality of planting we expect so that the city and its citizens benefit from long term sustainable urban forest trees.

Biodiversity and Natural Capital

- 3.2.44. With the enactment of the Environment Bill comes a new mandate for all developments to deliver a minimum of 10% biodiversity net gain - a positive move from the current 'no net loss position'. This should primarily be delivered on-site but where this is not possible then off-site provision can be considered. This has the potential to offer benefits for the city as we can promote the use of our existing green assets as a location for such off-site provision. Any off-site provision of this kind will require the developer to foot the cost of habitat creation or enhancement, in addition to at least 30 years of maintenance costs.
- 3.2.45. The Environment Act also requires the city to produce a Local Nature Recovery Network Strategy. This should set out the areas of the city that are most valuable to biodiversity, as well as those areas that should be protected and enhanced to increase the reliance of natural biodiverse networks to climate change and other threats. This will form the basis of identifying sites for biodiversity net gain. Local authorities are now required to report on a 5-yearly cycle on how networks are being improved and managed.
- 3.2.46. 'Our Future City Plan 2040', the new vision document for Birmingham, contains a chapter setting out our vision to become a 'City of Nature'. We want to see Birmingham develop into a place where nature and nature-based solutions play a key role in our city's adaption to the challenges of climate change. Creating a more biophilic city is essential for increasing the resilience of citizens and communities, with the Covid-19 pandemic proving the vital importance that a green environment (and access to green spaces) plays in safeguarding the mental health and wellbeing of people in urban environments.
- 3.2.47. The 'City of Nature' vision includes a proposal to introduce an 'Urban Greening Factor' (UGF) to Birmingham, requiring a minimum threshold of urban greening to be delivered on every new development or redevelopment. This ties into the Birmingham Transport Plan, where reallocation of road space will open up opportunities to deliver greater multifunctional urban greening that will increase the city's ability to adapt to the threats of climate change.
- 3.2.48. The River Rea and its tributaries can and do contribute to a number of flood events in southwest Birmingham. Work is underway in conjunction with the

Environment Agency and other stakeholders to devise a Rea Valley Catchment Vision Plan that will help identify what actions can be taken to increase flood and storm water attenuation and improve resilience to such events. The City Council, being a major landowner, will be able to play a significant role through the adaption and utilisation of its green spaces to provide that increased water storage capacity. A twofold benefit will be that this use of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) will provide biodiversity increases.

Future Parks Accelerator

- 3.2.49. Birmingham's Future Parks Accelerator initiative is producing a 25-year Delivery Framework for Birmingham's City of Nature ambition, as stated in 'Our Future City Plan 2040'.
- 3.2.50. It represents a corporate transformation programme that seeks to put nature and environmental justice at the centre of the city's decision-making for the next 25 years. It will achieve this through the adoption of a new governance and finance model for the city's natural and green environment, including all parks and green spaces. This will provide a new delivery and funding mechanism for the sustainable future of the city's green and natural environment.

Council Behaviour

- 3.2.51. A Climate Change e-Learning module for staff was launched in November 2021, aiming to raise awareness on climate change across the Council workforce. The module covers topics such as what climate change is, what its future effects may be and how individuals and organisations can reduce their carbon footprint. The possibility of making the module mandatory for all staff in 2022-23 is being explored.
- 3.2.52. An Environmental and Sustainability Assessment (ESA) template was introduced in April 2021. This is now in use for Council Leadership Team (CLT) and Cabinet reports to assess any environmental or sustainability impacts of decisions, and will be expanded to other areas in due course.
- 3.2.53. Good progress and positive engagement has been made by procurement across four key target areas: construction, highways, repairs and maintenance, and adult social care.

4. Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities Portfolio

4.1. Community Safety and Inclusion

Community Safety Partnership

- 4.1.1. Having adopted a Gold/Silver/Bronze operating model during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure a clear focus on key priorities, the Council's Community

Safety and Prevent Team have now transitioned back to mainly 'business as usual' activity, while working remotely and continuing to support the Council's response to Covid-19 as required.

- 4.1.2. Working alongside West Midlands Police (WMP), we have established new partnership consequence management meetings to ensure rapid, robust and coordinated responses to serious incidents with community safety implications.

Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) Core Group

- 4.1.3. The Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) Core Group, consisting of key members of the wider Partnership Executive Board, continues to meet fortnightly to oversee key priorities. This facilitates a quicker strategic response to emerging community safety issues from partners. It has been agreed to keep the Core Group running as we continue to move into business as usual and wider recovery from the pandemic.

- 4.1.4. The priorities of the BCSP Core Group include domestic abuse, domestic homicide reviews, hate crime, modern slavery, serious organised crime, tension monitoring, and reducing anti-social behaviour.

- 4.1.5. Work has begun on developing a Reducing Violence Strategy, which will address serious youth violence, violence during a transitional age and adult violence with a focus on early intervention, supporting vulnerable individuals, place-based vulnerabilities and solutions, as well as offender management.

- 4.1.6. **Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Executive Board**

- 4.1.7. The full Executive Board meets on a bi-monthly basis, and oversees three key thematic priorities:

Victims and Vulnerabilities

- 4.1.8. The Hate Crime Partnership sits within this thematic priority and has over 80 members taking forward a comprehensive delivery and action plan. Following recent homophobic attacks and incidents in the Gay Village, the partnership led on the development of a ten-point plan focused on supporting the city's LGBTQ+ community and the Southside Bid district.

- 4.1.9. Through our Modern Slavery work, twenty new Modern Slavery champions have been recruited across the Council, taking the total to 75 staff. The Modern Slavery coordinator has facilitated training, information and input sessions to over 270 members of staff and partners. This includes inputs to Adult Social Care, the multi-systemic therapy team, Community Safety Local Partnership Delivery Groups, Birmingham Social Housing Partnership, and the regional Violence Reduction Unit.

- 4.1.10. A modern slavery pathway, toolkit, and casework process for homeless adults presenting at the Homeless Hub is also being developed and the

Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for 2021/22 has been revised in line with forthcoming government guidelines. The statement sets some particularly ambitious commitments for the Council, including a pledge to only use ethical imagery and language around modern slavery, and involving survivors of exploitation in the development of our work.

- 4.1.11. To support our wider work on tackling domestic abuse and the emerging Violence Against Women and Girls strategy, we have now recruited 24 community champions on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). The champions have been trained to offer support, advice and sign posting within in their neighbourhoods. Online training has been delivered to schoolteachers who can both share their knowledge and respond to issues and concerns raised by students. The training focuses on the many different aspects of gendered abuse including forced marriage, FGM and honour-based violence. Since April 2021, support has been provided to 138 women. Some 30 training events have been delivered and 52 schools have also received training and attended awareness events.
- 4.1.12. Officers have also established a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) core group to support the turnaround of DHRs and ensure we deliver the learning from these reviews. We will be commissioning learning events to deliver sessions on early assessment, having the right conversation at the right time, suicide awareness and the increase in child on parent abuse.

Place

- 4.1.13. We have worked with other Community Safety Partnership (CSP) partners to develop a new Community Trigger policy for Birmingham in light of updated national guidance and a marked increase in Community Trigger requests from residents. This is scheduled to be approved in January 2022, with implementation to be completed by the end of February 2022.
- 4.1.14. Community Triggers are formal anti-social behaviour case reviews and are a statutory requirement for all NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), police forces, local authorities and social housing providers. Birmingham City Council manages and facilitates these reviews on behalf of other statutory partners within the city. In the period 2019-2020, the annual number of cases increased from just four to 47. We are projecting receipt of a similarly high number of cases for the 2020-2021 period.
- 4.1.15. Some improvements have already been made to the Community Triggers process. These include developing a better understanding of how partners can use the key findings and recommendations from case reviews to deliver better services to residents and businesses experiencing anti-social behaviour.

- 4.1.16. In a drive to deliver better partnership working in neighbourhoods, while tackling the issues which matter to communities, a number of place-based pilots have been established. These are focused on the six impact areas in Birmingham identified by WMP as experiencing the highest levels of demand for support and the highest risks of harm for crime and anti-social behaviour. Examples of pilots are given below.
- 4.1.17. In Lozells and Sparkbrook, locality-based approaches are being co-developed with West Midlands Police. In Lozells, this will focus on reducing youth violence and will be led by the police. In Sparkbrook, this will have an emphasis instead on clean streets and open spaces and will be led by Birmingham City Council. Both locality approaches are planned to go live in early 2022.
- 4.1.18. £432,000 of Safer Streets Round 2 funding has been secured for Stockland Green to reduce neighbourhood crime through physical measures. Our proposal was developed in partnership with WMP and the Office of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (WMPCC) and included a particular emphasis on the impact of exempt accommodation. As a result of this investment street lighting will be improved, redeployable CCTV introduced, alleyways and service roads will be upgraded with clean ups, lighting and gating, and all homes will be visited in the area and provided with practical crime prevention advice. A tasking model with a strong emphasis on community engagement has also been introduced, which builds upon the significant strides local community groups have made in recent years. The Community Safety Partnership is also focusing on how to sustain the impact of this project beyond the lifetime of the funding.
- 4.1.19. As part of a co-ordinated partnership response towards anti-social behaviour, the Community Safety Partnership has secured funding from WMPCC to continue to deploy two Community Safety Intervention Officers in the City Centre. Their role is to provide a visible presence at key City Centre locations to deter anti-social behaviour as well as to provide evidence for civil enforcement measures, where appropriate. As part of this role, they engage with a wide range of partners including West Midlands Police, Business Improvement Districts and specialist outreach services working to support vulnerable individuals. In the past 12 months, the officers have made 2,555 contacts/engagements. Between July and October 2021 there have been 430 contacts, which is an increase of 13.8% compared to the first quarter of the year (April – July 2021). In the last 12 months 968 referrals have been made to outreach services including Shelter, Trident Reach and Change Grow Live.

Gangs, Violence and Serious Organised Crime

- 4.1.20. The group is developing a new Reducing Violence strategy, and also has oversight of the Reducing Re-offending Strategy, the new statutory serious violence duty offensive weapons homicide reviews, and the serious organised crime operational group.
- 4.1.21. Working with partners, new provisions have been introduced to redirect young people away from gangs and violence. Together with the regional Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), we are overseeing projects focused on tackling the complex issues around violence reduction.
- 4.1.22. The Youth Endowment Fund is being utilised to develop specific programmes for young people. These will include a focus on families who have lost young people to violence and the development of community-based solutions. This work will also include a specific programme targeted at the re-engagement of gang members.

Community Safety Partnership Operations Group

- 4.1.23. The Community Safety Partnership Operations Group now meets monthly, identifying and acting upon community safety concerns that impact on the city as a whole. Recent work has included the introduction of a fortnightly Street Partnership Tasking Group (SPTG), which is covered separately in a later section of this report.
- 4.1.24. The Community Safety Youth Focus Group meets weekly with partners, sharing information with regards to supporting young people and working in partnership to reduce youth crime.
- 4.1.25. The Operations Group also has oversight of the process for Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). The results of the City Centre PSPO will be presented to Cabinet on 18th January 2021, and the Erdington PSPO will be concluded in December 2020. Six other PSPOs are being considered at Local Partnership Delivery Group level. The Operations Group also continues to act as an escalation point, review and support for all LPDGs.

Local Partnership Delivery Groups (LPDGs)

- 4.1.26. Local Partnership Delivery Groups (LDGPs) have a place and people based focus. With regards to place, LPDGs focus on key neighbourhoods in their geographical area where there are higher levels of crime or anti-social behaviour. They develop operational multi-agency plans to deliver and monitor targeted activity on key trends and drivers of crime.
- 4.1.27. For the people agenda, LPDGs provide a forum for case management discussions about complex anti-social behaviour cases in their local area and cases causing a significant impact upon the community. This part of the meeting is a closed meeting with statutory partners and is governed by our

information sharing agreement with West Midlands Police and partners. It develops multi-agency case plans, tracks enforcement action and monitors impact.

- 4.1.28. All six LPDGs are now working on a 'business as usual' basis, whilst continuing to respond to Covid-related concerns. This has included supporting the production of local recovery plans for schools and businesses emerging from lockdown.
- 4.1.29. LPDGs have access to the Community Safety Partnership's eleven redeployable CCTV cameras, with deployments based on evidence of crime and anti-social behaviour. In addition, they can access two Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras which have been funded through the WMPCC to specifically support the injunction against car cruising (Op Hercules).

Street Partnership Tasking Group (SPTG)

- 4.1.30. The Street Partnership Tasking Group (SPTG) was introduced in October 2020 to address issues and concerns relating to street-based anti-social behaviour. It meets on a fortnightly basis.
- 4.1.31. Partners work together to first ensure all support services are fully engaged with individuals and will only move to any enforcement action with the permission of these support services.
- 4.1.32. Birmingham City Council Community Safety Team officers have completed 2,721 recorded interactions with the street community in the last 12 months. 241 of these have escalated into some form of enforcement action and 184 of which have been referred to support services. 21 of these were engaged in begging at traffic lights. To date there have been 161 cases escalated to the STPG for enforcement action. Currently there have been 42 Community Protection Warnings (CPW) issued, 18 Community Protection Notices (CPN), and we have assisted West Midlands Police with three Injunctions/Criminal Behaviour Orders. There are currently 76 active cases within the STPG of street beggars, of which 44 are known to have accommodation.

Prevent

- 4.1.33. Birmingham City Council's Prevent Team works closely with the West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit to ensure that effective processes are in place for Prevent and that Home Office supported programmes continue to run effectively. The Prevent Team have transitioned well into the online space, ensuring support can now also be offered online as well as in-person.
- 4.1.34. The Contest Board oversees the delivery of the Prevent Programme in Birmingham, with an independent review of delivery ready to conclude and

report its findings. Preliminary findings from the review team were reported at a November 2021 meeting of the Board.

- 4.1.35. In December 2021, Birmingham hosted the new Minister for Security at the Home Office, at the request of the Department for Homeland Security within the Home Office, to provide the Minister with an overview of a mature programme.

Domestic Abuse (DA) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

- 4.1.36. The Council works with Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid (BSWAID) to provide support for those at risk of domestic abuse. The Community Safety Team, alongside Housing colleagues, secured extra funding through the emergency Covid-19 fund to support the additional capacity needed to respond to increases in domestic abuse enquiries.
- 4.1.37. Work continues within the Community Safety Team to support the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process. We have also introduced a Domestic Abuse and Criminal Justice working group, which is working with victims of domestic abuse to assess and understand their journey and experience through the criminal justice system. This work will identify why some victims do not continue with their complaints and why positive outcomes are low in comparison to the number of reports made. The team are also working with Birmingham Children's Trust, West Midlands Police and local schools to support families impacted by domestic abuse.
- 4.1.38. The BCC Community Safety Team are developing a Violence Against Women and Girls' Strategy, which will support the existing Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy. It will also support partnership work to protect women within the night-time economy in the City Centre, and the project work being delivered as a result of the successful funding application within Safer Streets 3.
- 4.1.39. Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 places a new statutory duty on Tier One authorities, to appoint a multi-agency Local Partnership Board to support them in performing certain specified functions. These include:
- Assessing the need for accommodation-based support for all victims and their children, including those who require cross border support.
 - Preparing and publishing strategies for the provision of support to cover the locality and diverse groups of victims.
 - Giving effect to strategies by making commissioning/de-commissioning decisions to meet the support needs of victims and their children.

- 4.1.40. Birmingham established shadow board arrangements a year in advance of the Act coming into force, and this has now transitioned into a formal Local Partnership Board with oversight of the delivery of the new duty.
- 4.1.41. In April 2021 the Council received £3.2m to discharge its new statutory duty, deploying this one-year funding to initially address pressure on existing services. The approach seeks to enhance the support provision for victims in commissioned safe accommodation and enhance delivery within Housing and Birmingham Children's Trust.
- 4.1.42. Further to Cabinet approval of this approach in October 2021, contract variations have now been issued to our commissioned services to provide support including Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs), children's workers, and refuge workers in newly acquired bed spaces.
- 4.1.43. A full needs assessment that considers the prevalence of and response to domestic abuse (DA), assesses the need for accommodation-based support, and maps services across key areas such as the criminal justice system, education, and health, was undertaken by BVSC. A final report was produced at the end of November 2020.
- 4.1.44. Following this needs assessment, a grants prospectus will be issued to give opportunities to smaller specialist organisations to bid for monies to address gaps and considers equality and diversity.

Respite Room pilot

- 4.1.45. On 3rd March 2021, the Chancellor announced £4.2m to trial a number of Respite Rooms across the country. The programme trials an approach to providing a safe, single gender space for a short period of time with intensive, trauma informed support to make choices and decisions around next steps for recovery. Birmingham City Council successfully bid to be one of 11 areas taking part in the national trial. We will be working with Trident Reach to help women with complex domestic abuse needs who find themselves sleeping rough away from the streets and into accommodation. The pilot will be fully mobilised in January 2022.

16 Days of Action

- 4.1.46. The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that is launched on 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10th December.
- 4.1.47. This year, BCC officers worked with the corporate communications team and other councils in the West Midlands to create a campaign that looked at violence globally, and then focussed on the landscape in Birmingham, to

spread awareness about abuse and the support services available within the city.

Exempt Accommodation

- 4.1.48. Birmingham's Exempt Accommodation pilot, which includes a specific community safety focus, continues to make positive progress. The community safety work started in January 2021 and a small team is now in place. To date the team has carried out 412 joint visits with internal and external partners within the pilot, including housing, adult social care, planning, WMP, and West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS).
- 4.1.49. The team has undertaken 430 investigations, which have resulted in the identification of individuals vulnerable to exploitation by organised crime groups and referrals into appropriate support agencies, as well as engagement with landlords to help support individuals move into more suitable accommodation.
- 4.1.50. Work continues with West Midlands Probation Service (WMPS) to further tighten the referrals processes for individuals from outside of Birmingham. Following a joint operation with WMP, there is now a closure order in place against Saif Lodge, an exempt accommodation in Edgbaston, which also included a referral to the Housing Ombudsman.
- 4.1.51. The pilot is bringing additional attention to those providers who are not operating correctly and as a result they are removing themselves from this line of business.

4.2. Equalities and Cohesion

Equalities and Cohesion (E&C) Division

- 4.2.1. Recruitment to the Equalities and Cohesion (E&C) division team is near completion, pending the appointment of two Grade 4 Equalities and Inclusion Officers, budget for whom is in the forecast spend due to a transfer from HR. It is anticipated that these remaining positions will be recruited by February 2022.
- 4.2.2. The following posts have been successfully recruited to so far:
- Head of Service
 - Two Service Leads (one for Equalities and one for Cohesion). The Cohesion Service Lead is on secondment until March 2022.
 - Two Equalities and Cohesion Apprentices
 - Two Equalities and Inclusion Officers (one position is on secondment until March 2022)

- Project Officer
- Business Support Manager

4.2.3. Recruitment to the outstanding positions during 2021/22 Q4 will support achievement of the Everyone's Battle, Everyone's Business (EBEB) Strategic Action Plan and further compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Workforce Equality

4.2.4. The Equalities and Cohesion division are preparing an extensive review of (and update on) the delivery of actions within EBEB Strategic Action Plan, to come to Cabinet by March 2022.

4.2.5. Birmingham City Council has become an 'early adopter' of the RACE Equality Code and has taken receipt of the Quality Mark, having committed to deliver against the following four RACE (Reporting, Action, Composition and Education) Code principles. We are now in the process of communicating and delivering on the actions with our staff networks, Directorate Management teams, Human Resources function and trade unions.

4.2.6. Through our annual Workforce Equity reviews, we are one of only a handful of local authorities to publish our Race Pay Gap Review. Latest figures show that staff from marginalised ethnic groups continue to be paid less on average than their white colleagues, because of the larger numbers who continue to be employed in frontline and operational roles. This is a gap that we are committed to closing and will continue to work hard in order to do so.

4.2.7. We are now looking at age, disability and gender and how these protected characteristics also impact upon the economic wellbeing of our staff.

4.2.8. The latest Gender Pay Gap Report continues to show a reduction in the mean pay between male and female employees. The published mean pay gap now stands at 4.8%, a reduction from 6.4% in 2019 and 9.3% in 2018. We expect to see the gap reduce further when the data is produced for 2021.

4.2.9. Equalities and Cohesion officers worked in partnership with the Council's LGBT+ Allies staff network to make a Workplace Equality Index (WEI) submission to Stonewall. Results and feedback are due in February 2022, with benchmarking of results anticipated to begin late February/early March 2022. In the interim, a LGBT+ Strategic Action Plan is being developed, initially from the missed points from the WEI. This will form part of the Everyone's Battle, Everyone's Business revised strategy and action plan and will include:

- Being more explicit in our inclusion.
- Finishing the development of a Trans Inclusion Policy and necessary guidance.

- Education on Trans and Gender Non-Binary inclusion.
- Working with Procurement to include equalities in the Birmingham Business Charter.
- Ensuring that our leadership team and Cabinet are equipped with the knowledge and skills to be Champions of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion within the Council.
- Improving allyship across the Council.

4.2.10. Staff are also liaising with the Diversity Alliance Network to discuss a communications strategy to improve period awareness across the council. There will be an overall informational piece, including cultural and religious shame, and how different protected characteristics can be affected by menstruation, e.g. disability, pregnancy and post-birth, LGBT+.

Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review (BLACHIR)

4.2.11. Birmingham and Lewisham Councils have begun working together following participation in the national Childhood Obesity Trailblazers programme, developing a partnership to share knowledge and resources through a collaborative review process. Both Birmingham and Lewisham experience high levels of deprivation and poor health that disproportionately affect vulnerable communities.

4.2.12. The Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review aims to jointly undertake a series of systematic evidence reviews to explore in-depth the inequalities experienced by Black African and Black Caribbean groups and their drivers.

4.2.13. Review topics include:

1. The role of racism and discrimination in health inequalities
2. Early years, pregnancy & parenthood
3. Children and young people
4. Ageing well
5. Mental health & wellbeing
6. Behavioural (lifestyle) factors
7. Wider determinants of health
8. Long term physical health conditions (previously named 'chronic disease')
9. Emergency care and preventable mortality (previously named 'acute disease and death')

- 4.2.14. The review will produce a joint final report bringing together the findings from the advisory board, stakeholder events, online forum and all research, reviews, and data analysis conducted by the review group over the eighteen month period.
- 4.2.15. Seven of nine themes of the review have now been completed (1-7 as above).
- 4.2.16. A series of engagement events for BLACHIR themes 1, 2 and 3 (The role of racism and discrimination in health inequalities, Early years, pregnancy & parenthood, and Children and young people) have been completed and a BeHeard survey was carried out.
- 4.2.17. Future themes will include two engagement events: one specialised for children and young people, and another for the general population. Engagement will continue into early January 2022. All results from the engagement events will be reported through Public Health.
- 4.2.18. In addition, we have developed a business case for new accessibility roles within the E&C division. These roles would address a gap in the Council's strategic capacity with regards to accessibility and disability.

Armed Forces Covenant

- 4.2.19. During the pandemic, the council's Armed Forces Partnership has continued to take forward actions to support Birmingham's Armed Forces community, including veterans and their families.
- 4.2.20. Birmingham is the first City Council to establish a cross-partner group providing wraparound support to individuals and families connected to the Armed Forces through a coordinated approach to welfare. The Birmingham Armed Forces Operations Group reports directly into the Armed Forces Covenant partnership group.
- 4.2.21. In April 2021, the Council secured the Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award. The Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) encourages employers to support defence and inspire others to do the same. The scheme encompasses Bronze, Silver and Gold awards for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community, and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant.
- 4.2.22. The Equalities and Cohesion Division is now part of a task and finish group with HR, the Health and Wellbeing Team, and other stakeholders to work towards achieving the Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award.

Living Wage

- 4.2.23. In response to a public consultation on improving citizens' economic chances, we have worked to make Birmingham a Living Wage City as well as establishing a new Birmingham Poverty Truth Commission.
- 4.2.24. The Birmingham Living Wage Partnership led by the Equalities and Cohesion Division has been successful in its application to make Birmingham an accredited Living Wage place and city. A three-year action plan was developed by the partnership and approved by the Foundation which sets out targets to increase the number of Living Wage employers with headquarters in the city by 50% and to increase the number of employees covered by the Living Wage to 80,000 by November 2024.
- 4.2.25. In collaboration with the Birmingham Voluntary Services Council (BVSC), an event was held to mark the 20th anniversary of the Living Wage movement and to celebrate Birmingham's accreditation.
- 4.2.26. A 'Make Birmingham a Living Wage City' phased communications campaign is currently being rolled out across the Council's social media and marketing platforms. Phase 1, a series of 60 second promotional interviews with major employers from the city is being shared across the council's social media platforms to raise awareness of the cause to businesses in Birmingham. Phase 2, a targeted LinkedIn Campaign to identify SMEs (Small to Medium Sized Enterprise) to engage with in support of the Living Wage will begin in January 2022.

Commonwealth Games

- 4.2.27. Birmingham's ambition is for an inclusive Commonwealth Games where everyone can participate and benefit from the success of the Games, regardless of where they live or grow up.
- 4.2.28. As part of the Games Legacy programme, the Stronger Communities project will utilise an allocation of £500,000 from the council's £6million Commonwealth Games Community Fund.
- 4.2.29. Local voluntary and community organisations are asked to submit applications to support three of the five workstreams that will make up the Stronger Communities scheme:

- **A city connected by inclusive heritage trails**

Applicants are being asked to provide ideas/photos/videos for potential trails, in addition to supplying volunteers to act as navigators around the trail.

- **We made Birmingham**

A search for organisations that will work with local communities to gather narratives about living and working in Birmingham, as well as

identifying people from their localities who have interesting stories to tell.

- **Getting communities talking**

A search for organisations that can demonstrate their ability to recruit and work with women from diverse backgrounds who have been marginalised and have difficulty engaging with others.

4.2.30. The deadline for submissions is 5pm on 7th January 2022.

Migration

4.2.31. Birmingham continues to welcome new arrivals to the city, as part of our ongoing commitment to a range of refugee settlement schemes.

4.2.32. Having welcomed 516 Syrian refugees under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme between 2015 and 2020, the Council has now also supported 68 refugees under the UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS), out of an overall pledge of 110, and 58 arrivals under the Afghan Relocation & Assistance Policy (ARAP), out of an overall pledge of 80.

4.2.33. On 14th December 2021, Cabinet also agreed to welcome more than 200 Afghan refugees under two Home Office schemes until 2024.

4.2.34. The number of refugees arriving in Birmingham increased over 2021, following Covid-19 disruption to the UKRS and the introduction of the ARAP scheme. The Council has responded accordingly, ensuring its commissioned services continue to meet the needs of refugees arriving in Birmingham. From the second year of resettlement onwards, refugees are able to access a mix of services including employability support, welfare and tenancy support, mental health awareness, and Birmingham Navigators. These services have been opened up to all newly arriving resettled refugees, regardless of Government scheme.

4.2.35. Fourteen awards have now been made under the Refugee Grants Programme, administered by BCC to allow innovative, community-led ideas to access funding in order to complement the main commissioned services.

4.2.36. These range from family learning programmes, to the development of a web app to support English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners in mainstream schools, to music and dance-based activities.

4.2.37. In November 2021, BCC was issued an award by the Bosnia & Herzegovina UK Network, for its support of their grant-funded Community Development project, which has employed two Community Development workers from among resettled Syrian refugees in order to help establish community infrastructure and representation. The Bosnia & Herzegovina UK Network were keen to use their Birmingham base to offer a physical home to Birmingham's relatively new Syrian community, and to use their collective

experience of rebuilding lives over the last 30 years to help more refugee families do the same.

- 4.2.38. Birmingham continues to be home to in the region of 1,300-1,500 dispersed asylum seekers at any one time. The Council continues to support Home Office centrally funded contracts with Serco, Migrant Help, and Reed in Partnership, to ensure asylum seekers are securely and safely housed in Birmingham during the period of their asylum claim.
- 4.2.39. Since shortly before the onset of Covid-19, the city has also been home to a growing population of asylum seekers accommodated by Home Office providers in hotel contingency accommodation. The Refugees and Migration commissioning team work in partnership to support newly granted refugees who are exiting the asylum process. The Council's Local Authority Asylum Seeker Liaison or 'move-on' project continues to operate through access to European funding. Over August to October 2021, 50 cases were offered support to access housing advice, welfare and benefits advice, employment support, access to education and healthcare, and more.
- 4.2.40. Birmingham has recently been successful as part of a regional bid to the Refugee Transitions Outcomes Fund. This programme will further enhance the asylum 'move-on' offer for newly granted refugees in the city by strengthening the service offer around achieving employment, housing and longer-term integration outcomes.
- 4.2.41. Birmingham City Council is currently involved in a joint legal challenge to the Home Office's policy of dispersing asylum seekers only to local authorities which are either voluntary asylum dispersal areas or have, like the local authorities bringing the challenge, previously been volunteers. This is with the objective of bringing about better collaboration and consultation with local government on the topic of asylum.
- 4.2.42. The Foundation for Integration project, funded through the EU and led by the BCC Refugees and Migration team, continues to work with partners including the BCC Neighbourhood Advice & Information Services to ensure that people from a migrant or refugee background are able to access free, accredited advice and information. The project specifically focuses on challenges caused where immigration status impacts on eligibility for other rights and entitlements.
- 4.2.43. As of November 2021, the BCC Refugees and Migration Commissioning team is in the process of awarding a contract for web development to build an online portal to strengthen access to signposting, referrals, and information for people working in this area, including those in statutory services who are often faced with complex casework related to immigration issues.

- 4.2.44. Birmingham City Council continues to uphold its commitments as a City of Sanctuary. In September 2021, Cllr John Cotton (as responsible Cabinet Member) provided an update on progress against the Council's City of Sanctuary commitments to Overview & Scrutiny.
- 4.2.45. The City of Sanctuary Partnership Board meets on a quarterly basis with a focus on the strategic work and priorities of the Council and its key stakeholders, and how these meet the City of Sanctuary objectives.
- 4.2.46. The Council supports the work of the City of Sanctuary Voluntary Committee, assisting the Committee to embed and expand successful schemes such as Schools of Sanctuary, and to help establish new 'streams of sanctuary' such as Universities of Sanctuary.
- 4.2.47. BCC's Refugees and Migration commissioning team continues to host the Birmingham Migration Forum (BMF) on a quarterly basis, providing a space to present and discuss key issues facing commissioners and the voluntary sector, and to inform the direction of future work.
- 4.2.48. As part of the ongoing City of Sanctuary agenda, BCC works in partnership to commission and develop new activity to improve opportunities for integration in the city. The Refugees and Migration commissioning team recently commissioned Birmingham Adult Education Services (BAES) to develop an 'ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Hub. This hub will offer an online, one-stop shop for ESOL learners across the city, backed by a range of both grassroots and formal ESOL providers, offering a holistic and fully complementary pathway.
- 4.2.49. The Commissioning team also continues to work across the council, as well as with key external partners, to develop pathways into employment for the city's refugees.
- 4.2.50. To support this work, a 'Strategic Assessment of Migration in Birmingham' has been commissioned from the University of Wolverhampton, to be published in early 2022.

Neighbourhood Advice and Information (NAIS)

- 4.2.51. During the first six months of 2021/22, the Neighbourhood Advice and Information (NAIS) service successfully reopened its two principal advice centres in Erdington and Northfield to the public, reinstating walk-in services. We continue to abide by all Covid-19 safety measures and applicable risk assessments.
- 4.2.52. Following the easing of lockdown, and as public confidence has increased, so the number of visits to our centres has steadily grown. The end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ('furlough scheme'), the withdrawal of the Universal Credit uplift of £20 a week, and the increase in energy costs

have led to a significant increase in enquiries around benefits entitlements, rent-related queries and personal debt concerns.

- 4.2.53. Birmingham's allocation of the national Household Support Fund is being partly utilised to top up the Local Welfare Provision (LWP) fund. While welcomed, this will generate additional work for NAIS over the remainder of the financial year as the service handles LWP enquiries and the issuing of payment cards on behalf of the Benefit Service.
- 4.2.54. NAIS performance outputs at 2021/22 M6 for interviews and enquiries are up compared to the same point in 2020/21, when centres were closed and work was being carried out by telephone. Performance outputs are still down compared to the same point in 2019/20, but due to the significant increase in enquiries in recent months we expect to outstrip 2019/20 overall performance by the end of this financial year.
- 4.2.55. Our key income maximisation performance measure for 2021/22 M6 is positive, and the service is on track to exceed its performance for the past two financial years. One of the growth areas in NAIS activity relates to requests for foodbank vouchers, which at M6 are already at 92% of the 2020/21 overall total, and 66% of 2019/20 total. Every applicant is strongly encouraged to take up an income maximisation/free benefit check interview and this is one of the contributing factors to our strong income maximisation figures at the half year.

Third Sector Advice Service

- 4.2.56. Since the easing of lockdown, partners have started to review face to face delivery arrangements. Two of the Council's three contracted providers now provide some element of face-to-face activity, with the third actively keeping the situation under review.
- 4.2.57. As at September 2021, the vast majority of contractual targets have still been met despite Covid-19 related limitations on face-to-face activity during at least part of this financial year.
- 4.2.58. As with NAIS, third sector providers are also experiencing high levels of demand for welfare benefit and debt advice at this time and this is set to continue given the end of the furlough scheme, the withdrawal of Universal Credit uplift, and the rise in energy prices.
- 4.2.59. The current LEAS contract is due to end on 31st March 2022 and so work has been underway over recent months to re-tender the opportunity to ensure new contracts are in place for the period 2022-2025.

Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) Strategy

- 4.2.60. The Council has commissioned Spitfire Advice Services and the Pioneer Group to develop a comprehensive strategic framework document to help

determine how to provide effective and joined up information, advice and guidance services that more fully meet the needs of all Birmingham citizens right across the city.

- 4.2.61. This IAG Strategy has been informed by extensive engagement with stakeholders and by the mapping of advice provision and referral pathways across the city and its ten constituencies.
- 4.2.62. The document has outlined eleven main recommendations and 41 specific actions designed to improve the advice offer in Birmingham. A task and finish group will be assembled to progress these recommendations throughout 2022.

4.3. Register Office and Bereavement Services

Register Office and Bereavement Services

- 4.3.1. The working arrangements in the Register Office remain under review to ensure compliance with changes to Covid-19 guidelines. This ensures greater safety for staff and the public when undertaking face-to-face registrations as required under the legislation. The service has maintained a requirement for face coverings to be worn unless an individual has an exemption under the legislation. Staff are also encouraged to wear face coverings if moving about the office or in situations where social distancing is potentially unachievable.

Birth Registrations

- 4.3.2. Following the first national lockdown, there was a backlog of approximately 6,200 births to be registered. As at 26th November 2021, there are 2,747 applications in the system. This has increased due to increases in demand on other parts of the Register Office services and issues relating to staff sickness. Recovery arrangements are in place to provide a service to both reduce this backlog and deal with new births, but prioritisation of registrations will be in chronological order generally with urgent circumstances, such as the need for a passport application, taken into account.

Citizenship Ceremonies, Marriage/Civil Partnerships

- 4.3.3. Following the lifting of national restrictions, the Birmingham Registration Service has resumed citizen ceremonies, marriages and civil partnerships.
- 4.3.4. Registrar General Licence requests for marriage and civil partnerships are being risk assessed and considered on a case by case basis. Staff safety is paramount and ceremonies for customers diagnosed with Covid-19 will not take place.

- 4.3.5. Applications to reduce the waiting period for marriages or civil partnerships are now being processed. Any notices of marriage or civil partnership cancelled due to lockdown have been refunded or rebooked.
- 4.3.6. Approved premise licences cannot be suspended during this period. However, Birmingham City Council's Registrar Service is considering extensions to existing licences where appropriate and if it is allowable legally.

Deaths/Still-Births

- 4.3.7. The Coronavirus Act 2020 changed the death registration process, with electronic or telephone registration permissible. Demand was high and changes were made to the initial process, which increased operational efficiency. This, along with additional resources allocated, did reduce waiting times for registrations - but with continued increase in the number of deaths and a reduction in staff due to sickness, there have been delays in recent months.
- 4.3.8. Due to the success of temporary Covid-19 legislation around death registrations, Government is currently undertaking a review to establish if changes can be made permanent. However, difficulties in accessing Parliament time pose a risk to this process.

Bereavement Services (Burials and Cremations)

- 4.3.9. Services in chapels will normally be a maximum of 30 minutes at this time and funeral directors have been asked to assist with the rules around an enhanced cleaning regime. The number of services provided each week varies in line with demand, and there are no delays at present with burial slots widely available.
- 4.3.10. The Government's Plan B measures now require that all mourners wear face coverings within chapels, which can be removed to enable singing. People attending burials are encouraged to wear face coverings.
- 4.3.11. Despite the ongoing challenges posed by Covid-19, the service is pressing forward with a number of improvement projects and pilots, which are outlined in this section of the report.
- 4.3.12. We are continuing work to become a Centre for Excellence, a project to provide state of the art mortuary and pathology services across the region. The proposal of shared arrangements with other West Midlands local authorities has been examined and deemed a viable proposition. The scope of the project originally covered the Birmingham and Solihull and Black Coventry coronial areas, but during the pandemic the Coventry and Warwickshire coronial area also decided to participate. A consultant's report is expected in the next few weeks which will look at potential sites for the facility or a number of facilities, before a final business case is put forward.

- 4.3.13. The Birmingham and Solihull Coroner's Court moved into a new facility in late November 2021. The building was extensively refurbished over the course of 2021 and now provides excellent new facilities with three courts available. This obviates the necessity to hire external facilities except on exceptional occasions. The first jury inquest took place the week beginning 6th December 2021. The final elements of work for the sound system are to be finalised but a temporary arrangement is in place until the final system is installed. The New Year will see the official opening of the building, which is designed to provide a home to the Coroner's Court for over 25 years.
- 4.3.14. The City Council introduced a pilot service for digital autopsy in July 2019. The Coroner is the sole arbiter as to whether a body can receive a digital autopsy. The pilot was for an initial year, covering a minimum of 250 Computerised Topography Post Mortems (CTPMs) paid for by the Council. Subsequently it was agreed to extend the CTPM service on a rolling year basis of a minimum of 500 CTPM referrals per annum. The contract only requires payment for the service where the cause of death is determined. A formal assessment of the service has yet to be finalised due to the impact of the pandemic, however the service has been contracted to continue until 30th June 2022. Long-term, it is envisaged that the service will be included in the centre of excellence.
- 4.3.15. Another initiative during Covid-19 has been the development of a service charter. This has now completed consultation with stakeholders, and is shortly to be taken to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their views. This initiative is one of many being taken towards making the City Council's services an example of best practice.

4.4. Community Recovery

- 4.4.1. The Covid-19 recovery landscape for Birmingham requires new ways of working and thinking, both internal and external to the local authority. Birmingham City Council has developed a broad framework for responding to and recovering from Covid-19, which looks at three key pillars: economic, employment and community. Each of these has their own governance aimed at defining the outcomes that will be achieved and the work that will be needed to deliver them.
- 4.4.2. The Community Recovery Board is a non-statutory task and finish group chaired by Councillor Cotton, established in August 2021 to set out and scope a programme of community recovery work that seeks to build the voluntary and community sector capacity in the areas most impacted by Covid-19. By early 2022, the Board will set out a defined set of priority actions that will be delivered in context of Covid community recovery.

- 4.4.3. The Board has met to agree a Terms of Reference, and undertaken a piece of work to identify the places in Birmingham most impacted by Covid. This work is now being progressed to look at the capacity available within these places and how this can be strengthened to address any gaps or additional support that will be required as Birmingham continues to respond to and recover from Covid-19.

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1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report to full Council follows on from the report in January 2021 which sought endorsement of the Action Plan setting out the priority actions that will move us forward over the next couple of years. Actions were selected that will enable us to scale up existing successful projects and to deliver the largest impact in reducing carbon emissions.
- 1.2 This report presents an update on the work undertaken since January 2021 on the identified Wave 1 projects and the Action Plan Progress Report. The Action Plan Progress Report provides progress that has been made since February 2021 on the 41 wave projects that were identified as priority projects following the January 2021 report. Detailed information on project status can be found in appendix 1 – this is the Action Plan Progress Report.

2 Motion

- 2.1 To note the Action Plan Progress Report and the progress on wave 1 projects identified within it.
- 2.2 To note the Council's R20 Climate Change and Sustainability Team structure which is to be led by the new Assistant Director for Climate Change and Sustainability. The resources for which have been approved by the October 2021 Cabinet meeting. The detailed structure of the team is shown in appendix 2.

3 Background

- 3.1 An Action Plan was presented to the Council in January 2021, setting out the key themes and actions that would be undertaken to reduce Birmingham's carbon emissions. This updated report provides information on the progress of Wave 1 projects that were identified following the endorsement of the Action Plan.

4 R20 Community Assembly

- 4.1 The R20 Task Force was set up in September 2019 and an update on activity was provided in the report to September 2020 Full Council. The Action Plan was endorsed by Full Council in January 2021 and the Task Force has since been disbanded.
- 4.2 As part of a review of the wider Governance arrangements for Route to Zero, it was agreed that the Task Force should now transition to a R20 Community Assembly. Birmingham's first R20 Community Assembly took place online from 4 to 6pm on 23rd June 2021. The second community assembly was a hybrid meeting that took place on 6th October 2021. The second meeting trialled a new, discussion-based format, which was successful and will continue to be the format of future meetings. Meetings will take place four times per year with the next meeting scheduled to take place on 9th February 2022.

5 R20 Advisory Committee

- 5.1 The advisory committee has met monthly since its inception following the September 2020 Council meeting and has provided a sounding board for various matters related to the R20 programme, including shaping the Community Assembly.

6 The Action Plan Progress Report

- 6.1 A portfolio approach has been taken to the wave 1 projects, these projects are a collection of BCC/WMCA service led projects which have been supported and facilitated by the R20 team. The wave 1 projects are derived from the Action Plan. Monthly monitoring is now taking place to monitor progress and identify issues. The first reporting was undertaken in April on 46 projects. 5 projects have since been discontinued, meaning there are currently 41 active projects being monitored.
- 6.2 Since June 41 projects have been reported on a monthly basis. The aim of the Action Plan Progress Report is to provide progress that has been made for the 41 active Wave 1 projects. These projects were selected as they were either in operation or were able to be scaled quickly to deliver maximum carbon savings in a year.
- 6.3 The Action Plan Progress Report provides a strategic overview, information on the governance structure and the R20 Team structure and progress update on

41 active projects identified under seven themes namely: New Build Housing, Retrofit, Transport, Waste, Energy, City of Nature and Council's own actions.

- 6.4 The Action Plan Progress Report sets out the Red, Amber, Green (RAG) status for each of the 41 active identified projects. It provides justification on the projects that have been discontinued due to financial or resource implications.
- 6.5 As of 31st October 2021, reporting cycle 20 projects (49%) were rated green, 15 were rated amber representing (36%) and the remaining 6 (15%) were rated red.
- 6.6 The following sections of this report highlight progress and successes in relation to each of the key themes within the Action Plan.

7 New Build Housing

- 7.1 Funding secured and planning permission gained for 36 new-build homes trialling innovative energy efficiency technologies.
- 7.2 A new build specification for Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust homes has been in use since July 2021. Each home built to the new standard will save an average of over 1 tonne of carbon when compared to the old specification.
- 7.3 The Passivhaus trial is continuing however, there has been a delay in submitting the planning application, it is now anticipated that construction will start in 2023. Passivhaus is an international energy performance standard that adopts a whole building approach. The core focus of Passivhaus is to dramatically reduce the requirement for space heating and cooling, whilst also creating excellent indoor comfort levels.
- 7.4 Work is underway on the update of the Birmingham Development Plan and it is anticipated that it will be adopted in 2025.

8 Housing Retrofit

- 8.1 Funding secured and planning permission gained for 36 new-build homes trialling innovative energy efficiency technologies.
- 8.2 Work is underway to progress an Energiesprong retrofit pilot which will initially retrofit 300 homes with a view to being able to scale this up across the city's own stock. Energiesprong is a revolutionary, whole house refurbishment and new build standard and funding approach. This will form part of a Net Zero Neighbourhood for East Birmingham. BCC has taken Levelling Up proposals to Government (24th November 2021) which include delivering a net zero proposal, seeking funding for two specific aims, which are; accelerating the development of net zero neighbourhoods and establishing a national centre for decarbonisation of heat at Tyseley.

9 Transport

- 9.1 The Birmingham Transport Plan was adopted on 12th October 2021.
- 9.2 13 hydrogen buses have been delivered and are in use.
- 9.3 10 new Electric Vehicle Charging sites (55 individual charging points) are now fully operational.
- 9.4 The Clean Air Zone (CAZ) was introduced on 1st June 2021 and continues to help reduce the percentage of the most polluting vehicles entering the city centre.
- 9.5 Development and commencement of delivery of the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 programme.

10 Waste

- 10.1 A Total Waste Strategy for the City is being commissioned, including looking at collaboration across the West Midlands Combined Authority.
- 10.2 Trials of electric refuse vehicles have taken place.
- 10.3 The region's first ever "Circular Economy Routemap" has been produced by the West Midlands Combined Authority.
- 10.4 Birmingham City Council is commissioning a Total Waste Strategy to provide updated evidence regarding existing and required waste facilities across the City.

11 Energy

- 11.1 Agreement has been reached to develop East Birmingham Low Carbon Innovation Zone, including a proposal for a Net Zero Neighbourhood to be a demonstrator project and attract capital funding.
- 11.2 The Council House rewire programme is anticipated to be completed by March 2022.

12 City of Nature

- 12.1 The Cabinet report is being prepared to take to Cabinet in February 2022 for adoption of Birmingham City of Nature 25 year delivery framework.
- 12.2 The Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) has been adopted and has attracted considerable interest and praise from outside the Council.

13 Council's Own Actions

- 13.1 Climate Change module launched for all staff to raise awareness about the issue.
- 13.2 Environmental and Sustainability Assessment (ESA) Template has been used for Council Leadership Team (CLT)/cabinet reports to assess any environmental or sustainability impacts of the decisions. CLT have not yet made a decision on the template, and the matter is to be revisited at February CLT.
- 13.3 Good progress and positive engagement have been made by procurement with four big areas that have the biggest impact on climate change: Construction, Highways, Repairs and Maintenance and Adult Social Care.

14 Overview of Wave 1 Projects

- 14.1 Whilst there are a number of projects which are progressing successfully, there are a number of challenges which faced the portfolio over the last 12 months. Putting significant resources in place to deliver route to zero, both within the route to zero team, and across the Council's services, as continuing to work towards carbon reduction being an intrinsic part of every decision taken will be essential in moving forward.

15 Carbon Savings

- 15.1 The delivery of Wave 1 Projects is a significant step to continue and accelerate the reduction of carbon emissions in Birmingham (both the Council's own emissions and the wider City emissions). In this period, 2021/2022, the wave 1 projects have already started to show an emissions reduction impact and are setting the foundations to boost carbon savings in scale and pace in the following years. In this period, Wave 1 Projects have either reduced or put in place policies and strategies which are predicted to reduce emissions by 215,931 tCO₂e.
- 15.2 This reduction might seem modest, as it accounts for c.4.7 % of the Birmingham's total baseline emissions – meaning there is still c.95 % of emissions to reduce to meet net zero. These are projected savings based only on the projects which BCC has been delivering this year – which were specifically chosen as foundation projects where we have direct influence and control. We cannot yet say if there have been wider reductions across the City in other areas. A key next step is to improve our data and reporting on progress, across not just the Council but City wide, so we have better visibility on progress as a whole. The Council's leadership, together with the growth of the team, will drive behaviour change across the City and this will further reduce carbon emissions.

16 Next Steps

- 16.1 The 41 initial projects in Wave 1 are setting good foundations. Activity will continue on these projects to ensure they deliver and stay on track to deliver carbon reduction outcomes. This will require the implementation of a rigorous approach to portfolio management which assesses projects against carbon reduction and other key strategic outcomes (for example economic, health and social), prioritises activity and rigorously evaluates and re-evaluates to ensure outcomes are maximised.
- 16.2 Working collaboratively with City Council departments, fostering existing external relations, and facilitating new public/private sector partnerships to build investment and delivery capacity will need to sit at the heart of the R20 approach. The R20 team will provide leadership, inspire, and enable carbon emissions reduction for the Council and City as a whole, but it cannot deliver the significant scale of activity required across key emissions sectors. Key actions to empower and advance collaborative activity will include:
- Identifying the range of powers and tools available to the City to build and motivate action, including policy and financial mechanisms. All core City functions need to be aligned with the R20 ambition and Council's Corporate Plan.
 - Driving a more place-based approach, attracting private sector investment from citizens and organisations through clarity of purpose and community level benefits. Making sure communities are involved in the design, delivery and learning process.
 - Clear focus on the City Council's role and the direct influence, indirect impact and enabling function it will need to fulfil.
 - Collaborating with public and private sector partners to design carbon reduction initiatives that are investible, scalable and deliverable. This will include identifying and assessing new delivery models and partnership arrangements.
 - Leading by example, sharing and gaining knowledge from others.
 - Being honest and transparent on the decisions we make and the outcomes our actions will achieve to create trust and build relationships.
- 16.3 The five priority projects listed below can be scaled up to deliver a greater level of carbon reduction and demonstrate an investment-ready approach. These projects are:
- Delivering whole house retrofits in social housing, using a self-funding approach.
 - Creating a Net Zero Neighbourhood at Bromford and Castle Vale
 - Delivering larger and better district heat network(s)

- Leveraging the Council’s significant Commissioning and Procurement budget to drive more carbon reductions across the city’s supply chain; and
 - Creating a total waste strategy, including energy from waste
- 16.4 The Next Stage Business Case for R20 was approved by Cabinet in October 2021. This included approval to create a dedicated R20 team to sit underneath the Assistant Director. The team includes six new posts and the transfer of three existing posts into the R20 team. The team structure is set out at Appendix 2 to this report Recruitment activity already underway to form the full capacity of the new R20 team. The additional capacity and capability will enable BCC to drive the R20 programme in the short term 2021/22 and 2022/23. From the start of 2023/24, it is expected that the team will be funded by external grants and contributions sourced by the newly created Principal Finance and Bid Officer role.
- 16.5 The R20 team will support the development of business cases to secure carbon reduction which are likely to require long term funding. The R20 team will work to identify and secure funding from the public and private sector. They will actively manage the R20 portfolio to ensure that the R20 opportunity/project pipeline is maintained. The Principal Finance and Bid Officer will also provide critical support in both developing material and content to support bids, and shaping and packaging bids to secure investment and fund the team.
- 16.6 We will develop the processes and infrastructure that will support the identification and prioritisation of Wave 2 projects. Key areas of activity are likely to include:
- Scaling up of currently self-funded housing retrofit projects, learning from pilots currently underway and seeking to secure additional capacity to fund and deliver.
 - Working with a range of partners to create and mobilise investment in retrofit of private sector buildings in the domestic and non-domestic sectors.
 - Agreeing a roadmap towards decarbonisation of the City’s district heating network.
 - Undertaking a carbon management assessment of Council assets to identify opportunities and challenges to decarbonising the City’s own emissions, supporting asset management decision making.
 - Accelerating supply chain carbon reductions through a strengthened procurement and investment strategy, common measurement approach and supporting City supply chains through collaboration with businesses and strategic partners such as West Midlands Combined Authority, Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) and Core Cities.

- Building an environment of mutual interest and benefit for all sectors of the City economy to enable partners to match the City's net zero ambition.

16.7 We will bring a further R20 action plan progress report to full Council in January 2023.

17 Appendices

17.1 Appendix 1 - Action plan progress report

17.2 Appendix 2 – R20 Team Structure

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Executive Summary

There can be no denying that we are now in the midst of a climate crisis. International, national and local action is imperative to reduce carbon emissions at a rate sufficient to limit global warming to well below 2°C and pursue efforts towards limiting this to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Birmingham City Council declared a climate emergency on 11th June 2019. It made the commitment to take action to reduce the city's carbon emissions and limit its part in the climate crisis. The ambition was set for the Council and city to become net zero carbon by 2030, or as soon as possible thereafter as a 'just transition' allows. A 'Call to Action' action plan, approved by Full Council in January 2021, set out an initial set of actions the Council would take on its path to achieving its 'Route to Zero (R20)'.

This report is the first annual report on the progress made against the action plan. It sets out the important foundation work which is vital to get right to enable carbon reductions over the long term. It sets out the progress made over the past year, and the future opportunities for Birmingham to drive its carbon reductions further and faster.

There is still much to do – both locally and internationally. At an international level a United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) February 2021 report revealed that current emissions goals will put the world on course to produce only 1% less greenhouse gases in 2030 than it did in 2010. Reductions will need to be 25% to just meet the Paris Agreement's 2°C trajectory.

Locally, Birmingham is heading in the right direction – the City's CO₂ emissions decreased by 40.6% in 2019 from a 1990 baseline and are at an all-time low since 1990.

Over the past year there have been many notable achievements. We have:

- introduced the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) (1st June 2021) , and since introduction the percentage of vehicles that do not meet the emission standards of the zone has reduced month on month;
- secured funding and planning permission to deliver 36 new homes which will pilot new energy efficient technologies;
- signed agreements with energy companies to make at least 185 homes more energy efficient;
- delivered 13 hydrogen buses which are now in use, operated by National Express;
- driven forward a partnership in East Birmingham to develop a Net Zero Neighbourhood as a demonstrator for a place-based approach to carbon reduction and investment; and
- adopted the Birmingham Transport plan (October 2021) which will help bring down emissions from cars and support a modal shift to lower carbon travel options

Alongside this the Council has also been putting in place the vital strategy and policy foundations which will underpin the city's Route to Zero, including review of the Birmingham Development Plan and improved energy specifications for BMHT new build homes. We are also embedding the behaviour change needed across the Council to ensure to ensure that carbon reduction is mainstreamed and driven in everything the Council does – both projects and day to day operations.

The Council, in collaboration with public and private sector partners and members of the community have been working on 41 projects from the original Action Plan (January 2020) These projects span housing, both new build and retrofit; waste; transport; energy; the natural environment; and driving cultural change in the council itself. We are also building the capacity and capability of the Council through investing in a dedicated R20 team who will drive forward both existing and new initiatives. We report on the progress of all of these projects in the body of the report in Chapter 3 below.

The delivery of Wave 1 Projects is a significant step to continue and accelerate the reduction of carbon emissions in Birmingham. In this period, 2021/2022, the wave 1 projects have already started to show an emissions reduction impact and are setting the foundations to boost carbon savings in scale and pace in the following years. In this period, Wave 1 Projects have reduced emissions by 215,931 tCO₂e.

This reduction might seem modest, as it accounts for c.4.7 % of the Birmingham's total baseline emissions – meaning there is still c.95 % of emissions to reduce to meet net zero. These are projected savings based only on the projects which BCC has been delivering this year – which were specifically chosen as foundation projects where we have direct influence and control. We cannot yet say if there have been wider reductions across the City in other areas. A key next step is to improve our data and reporting on progress, across not just the Council but City wide, so we have better visibility on progress as a whole. We would expect some of the leadership the Council has already shown with its commitment and initial projects will have also driven further behaviour change across the City.

These foundation projects have started to build pace – and all programmes nationally and globally are expected to ramp up and multiply over time. Reductions targets are not a straight line.

For BCC to continue on their ambitious path there is a need to focus effort, be braver, and take calculated risks to accelerate delivery on target outcomes. The 41 initial projects are setting the foundations, but we have particularly focused on 5 projects which have real potential to be scaled up across the city, show leadership in carbon reduction and/or bring in new investment. These are:

- delivering whole house retrofits in social housing, using a self-funding approach
- creating a Net Zero Neighbourhood at Bromford and Castle Vale
- delivering larger and better district heat network(s)
- leveraging the Council's significant Commissioning and Procurement budget to drive more carbon reductions across the city's supply chain; and
- creating a total waste strategy, including energy from waste

More details on these projects are set out in the review, but they have the potential to help make the case and drive further investment and larger carbon reductions in future years, and scaling these opportunities up will be a key focus area for the future.

The Council has agreed a strategy to ensure its next steps help support its ambitious targets This includes the implementation of a rigorous approach to portfolio management which assesses projects against carbon reduction and other key strategic outcomes (for example economic, health and social), prioritises activity and rigorously evaluates and re-evaluates to ensure outcomes are maximised.

A similar assessment tool will also be implemented to demonstrate the environmental and sustainability outcomes of all non-R20 enabled Council investment and project decisions. This tool will inform Council decision makers of the emissions impact of recommendations, but it

will also serve to increase knowledge and understanding across all Council departments. Projects and investments that do not support the Council's Route to Zero ambition cannot be supported if the Council is to achieve a positive trajectory.

Working collaboratively with City Council departments, fostering existing external relations, and facilitating new public-private sector partnerships to build investment and delivery capacity will need to sit at the heart of the R20 approach. Key actions to empower and advance collaborative activity will include:

- Identifying the range of powers and tools available to the City to build and motivate action, including policy and financial mechanisms.
- Driving a more place-based approach, attracting private sector investment from citizens and organisations through clarity of purpose and community level benefits.
- Clear focus on the City Council's role and the direct influence, indirect impact and enabling function it will need to fulfil.
- Collaborating with public and private sector partners to design carbon reduction initiatives that are investible, scalable and deliverable.
- Leading by example, sharing and gaining knowledge from others.
- Being honest and transparent on the decisions we make and the outcomes our actions will achieve to create trust and build relationships.

We will constantly monitor, review and evaluate our portfolio of projects to ensure we are focusing in the right areas. And vitally, we will continue to use our leadership and ambition to persuade local and regional partners and Central Government and other key stakeholders to deliver and match our ambition. This will include lobbying for both adequate investment and the radical policy changes which are needed to support the delivery of our ambitious targets.

Chapter 1 - Strategic Overview

1.1 Overview

The Net Zero Strategy: Build Back Greener published by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on 19th October 2021, sets out the UK government's overarching approach to meeting its 2050 net zero emissions commitment. Overall, the Strategy's ambitions align to the UK's Net Zero by 2050 target and the requirement to reduce carbon emissions by 78% by 2035 compared to 1990 levels (63% relative to 2019) as enshrined in the UK's sixth Carbon Budget.

The strategy sets out Government's plans for reducing emissions from each sector of our economy, while tackling any remaining emissions with greenhouse gas removals – either via the use of natural carbon sinks or technological means such as carbon capture and storage. The document sets out clear policies and proposals for keeping Britain on track to achieve its Carbon Budget commitments and sets out the Government's vision for a decarbonised economy in 2050. The Strategy sets out the investment needed to 2037 amounting to more than £700bn, rising from around £5bn per year during 2020-2022 to around £32bn during the fourth carbon budget period, £48-59bn in the fifth and £52-61bn in the sixth budget, covering 2033-2037.

The document sets out policy proposals to hit the 2050 target across a range of economic areas including power, heat and buildings, and transport.

The Strategy sets out four key principles:

1. Working with the grain of consumer choice: no one will be required to rip out their existing boiler or scrap their current car.
2. Ensuring the biggest polluters pay the most for the transition: through fair carbon pricing.
3. Ensuring that the most vulnerable are protected through government support: including energy bill discounts and efficiency upgrades.
4. Working with business to continue developing deep cost reductions in low carbon tech: through support for the latest state of the art kit to bring down costs for consumers and deliver benefits for businesses.

The Net-Zero Strategy includes a breakdown of what will be required in the coming years from each area of the economy. It includes charts showing “indicative” pathways up to 2037, which government use as a guide to ensure that it is on track to achieve its targets, including upcoming carbon budgets and the UK's nationally determined contribution under the Paris Agreement.

The Net Zero Strategy has revealed that the government will seek to “embed transport decarbonisation principles in spatial planning” and reiterates that the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will be reviewed to “make sure it contributes to climate change mitigation and adaptation as fully as possible”.

The Strategy also acknowledges the role of local leaders and communities in tackling climate change and states “we will empower local leaders to kickstart their own net zero initiatives, taking responsibility for improving their areas and shaping their own futures”.

On top of this Strategy, a number of additional Key commitments have been made, most notably from the recent COP 26 summit in November 2021:

- Pledges to bring projected warming to below 2°C;
- 100 nations make pledge to “halt and reverse” deforestation by 2030;

- Chancellor Rishi Sunak promises to make Britain “world’s first net-zero aligned financial centre”;
- Nearly 100 countries commit to methane Pledge - agreeing to cut methane emissions by 30%;
- Ecuador’s president announced that his country is expanding the marine reserve around the Galapagos Islands – one of the world’s biodiversity jewels – by almost half;
- India set out a net-zero emissions target for 2070, along with a commitment to increase India’s renewable energy sources in the country’s energy mix by 50 per cent by 2030;
- A total of 40 nations are backing the ‘Glasgow Breakthroughs’, to give developing countries access to the innovation and tools needed to make the shift to net zero carbon emissions;
- In a first-of-its-kind agreement, South Africa will receive around \$8.5 billion from the United States and European countries to help it ditch coal, its major power source;
- The UK’s financial institutions and listed companies will be forced to publish their plans on how they will transition to net zero

Birmingham responded to the increasing public concern and extensive scientific evidence on climate change by unanimously passing a climate emergency declaration at a meeting of the Full Council 11th June 2019 and made the commitment to take action to reduce the city’s carbon emissions and limit the climate crisis. The ambition was set for the council and city to become net zero carbon by 2030, or as soon as possible thereafter as a ‘just transition’ allows – ensuring we reduce inequalities in the city and bring our communities with us. This is the city’s ‘route to zero’ (R20). On 25th June 2019 the council’s Cabinet agreed to add a new priority to the Council Plan which states that Birmingham will be “a city that takes a leading role in tackling climate change”. This commitment will embed climate action in the council’s decision-making process to make sure that all service areas contribute to the R20 journey. Acknowledging the council’s role as a leader, major local employer and partner with the local community we wanted to ensure that we are doing all we could to change this path. This led to the creation of various governing bodies and studies undertaken to kick start the journey to Route to Zero. Some of the bodies that helped shape the work are listed below.

1.2 R20 Taskforce

The Route to Zero (R20) Taskforce was created in autumn 2019 and brought together elected members and officers from the council and representatives from the West Midlands Combined Authority, the NHS, higher education, the business community, faith communities, young climate strikers, climate campaigners, and other key partners and stakeholders. The taskforce used to meet every 4-6 weeks to discuss various climate change related topics that could form a part of the Action Plan. Two workshops took place in July and August 2020 to discuss the actions to be taken forward in detail. Following on from those discussions the Council prepared a Route to Zero-Action Plan setting out the key projects and identifying the lead officers within the Council.

1.3 R20 Community Assembly

The taskforce was transitioned into a R20 community assembly as a part of the wider governance arrangements. The first R20 community assembly took place online on Wednesday 23rd June 2021. [More information can be found here: Climate emergency](#)

The second R20 community assembly took place on 6th October 2021 as a hybrid event at the University of Birmingham. The event was attended by 62 attendees and was based around two discussion topics, one relating to air quality and one relating to transport modal shift. A third event will take place on the 9th February 2022. Meetings will be held four times per year with different discussion topics being covered in each session.

1.4 Internal Working Group (IWG)

The City Council's Internal Working Group is made up of individuals who have responsibility for taking forward projects that will deliver carbon savings. Representatives have regular meetings with R20 Team supported by external consultants Inner Circle to provide a monthly update on progress of the projects, review the RAG status and provide information on carbon savings associated with each project. The Group is chaired either by the Interim Director - Inclusive Growth or the Head of Development Policy. Moving forward, the group will be chaired by the new Assistant Director and supported by the wider R20 Team.

1.5 R20 Team Structure

The Next Stage Business Case for R20 was approved by Cabinet in October 2021. This included approval to create a dedicated R20 team to sit underneath the Assistant Director. The team includes six new posts and the transfer of three existing posts into the R20 team. The R20 team will perform a critical corporate role:

- Supporting the Council in delivering its net zero carbon ambition.
- Focusing on the Council's strategies, policies and targets to address the climate crisis.
- Working with the Council's delivery functions and partnerships, joining them up and holding them accountable.
- Working with external bodies, including WMCA, GBSLEP, central government departments and private sector partners in shaping and implementing the R20 portfolio.
- Leading the shift in behaviours.
- Leading on key relationships relevant to R20: international, national, regional, city wide and local increasing Birmingham's profile, generating investment in R20 across the city, winning consent for change.

The team structure is shown in appendix 2.

1.6 Levelling Up

Birmingham City Council has prepared a Levelling-Up prospectus, entitled Prosperity and Opportunity for All in East Birmingham. This prospectus seeks funding from Government for a number of areas of work, including accelerating the development of net zero neighbourhoods and establishing a national centre for heat decarbonisation at Tyseley.

Chapter 2 - Priority Actions and Wave 1 projects

The following detail sets out the progress on the projects identified in the Action Plan. The portfolio of projects all sit under 1 of 7 themes. For each theme we set out:

- the key achievements over the past year
- the progress of individual projects

The reporting on wave one projects began in April. 46 projects were initially identified. Since June monthly reporting has been undertaken for 41 active projects, as 5 projects were discontinued or merged into other projects as part of the ongoing evaluation of the portfolio.

All of these projects have moved forward, and those with issues or delays are being proactively managed by the R20 team and project leads. We are building the capacity and capability in the Council through investing in a dedicated R20 team to continue to drive the projects forward and expand the portfolio.

The table below lists wave 1 projects, and their (Red, Amber or Green) RAG rating as of October 2021. The projects appear in the order that they were set out in the September 2020 Route to Zero Action Plan.

Reference No	Name of the project	RAG Rating
	Theme: Buildings New Build	
1.	To agree an environmentally sustainable standard	Green
2.	Energy Saving Technologies Pilot (Gressel Lane)	Green
3.	Passivhaus Pilot - Dawberry Fields	Amber
4.	Review the Birmingham Development Plan	Green
5.	Future City Plan	Green
6.	Zero Carbon Homes Route Map (WMCA)	Amber
	Theme-Retrofit	
7.	Thermal Impact / Energy Efficiency Survey and Delivery Plan (Retrofit)	Red
8.	Large Panel Block (LPS) Retrofit and Ground Source Heating Pilot	Red
9.	Phase 2 Green Homes LADs funding	Amber
10.	Boiler Replacement Programme	Red
11.	East Birmingham Heat Taskforce produce retrofit and decarbonisation OBC	Green
12.	Partnerships with Utilities	Green

Reference No	Name of the project	RAG Rating
	Theme: Buildings New Build	
14.	Housing Retrofit – Energy Efficient Demonstrator - Consider Quick Wins converting garages under flats to new energy efficient accommodation units	Discontinued
15.	Retrofit – Implementation of city-wide retrofit plan	On hold
16.	Housing Retrofit – Social Housing Demonstrator. Whole House Retrofit Bid for Green Homes Scheme 1b and match the funding for existing and planned developments.	Discontinued
17.	Retrofit – Promote/educate all key stakeholders	Discontinued
	Theme-Transport	
18.	Birmingham Transport Plan and Delivery Plan	Green
19.	Delivery of Active Travel Fund	Amber
20.	EV Charging Points	Green
21.	Hydrogen Bus Pilot	Green
22.	Bus Franchising	Amber
23.	City Centre Clean Air Zone	Green
	Theme-Waste	
24.	Commission a Joint Study with WMCA	Green
25.	Municipal Waste Strategy	Amber
26.	Waste Fleet – Hydrogen/EV Fleet Demonstrator	Amber
27.	Circular Economy	Green
28.	Waste to Recycling	Green
	Theme – Energy	
29.	Tyseley Energy Innovation Park	Green
30.	Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility, Waste Transfer Stations and Household Waste Recycling Centres Operate, Maintain and Renewal Procurement.	Amber
31.	District Heat Networks Energy Centres	Green
32.	BEIS – City Decarbonisation Delivery Plan programme- (CDDP).	Green
33.	Council House Electrical Rewire	Green

Reference No	Name of the project	RAG Rating
	Theme: Buildings New Build	
	Theme- City of Nature	
34.	Future Parks Accelerator Project	Green
35.	Biodiversity Supplementary Planning document	Red
36.	Urban Forest Masterplan	Red
37.	Ward End and Cole Valley Green Skills Hub	Green
38.	WM National Park Concept	Amber
39.	Design Guide SPD	Amber
	Theme- Council	
40.	Agile / Remote Working	Green
41.	Training and Induction	Amber
42.	Council - wide Route to Zero Behaviour Change Communications Strategy, Campaigns and Monitoring	Red
43.	Working with Partners	Amber
44.	Embed carbon reduction in decision making	Green
45.	Update all Strategies/Policies to embed carbon reduction	On hold
46.	Council Procurement	Green

We will now proceed by giving detailed project by project updates, categorized by theme.

Chapter 3 - New Build

Headline achievements in 2021

- Funding secured and planning permission gained for 36 new-build homes trialling innovative energy efficiency technologies.
- A new build specification for BMHT homes has been in use since July 2021. Each home built to the new standard will save an average of over 1 tonne of carbon when compared to the old specification.

3.1 Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust (BMHT) Specifications and Passivhaus Pilot December 2020 Status

Since 2009, BMHT has strived for high quality and energy efficient properties, already building to a minimum EPC B standard. The detailed specification of the build and standard house types will continually be amended to reflect improvements in materials and technologies and ultimately support carbon reduction goals.

October 2021 update

The BMHT Build Specification has been updated to meet the proposed uplift to energy efficiency standards in readiness for the proposed introduction of the Future Buildings Standard from 2025. The new specification features a move away from gas boilers and the installation of air source heat pumps, triple glazing, mechanical ventilation and heat recovery systems and car charging points on new houses. The new specification has been in use since July 2021.

In terms of carbon savings, BMHT is expecting to build approximately 100 properties per year for the next 5 years. The previous carbon output for an average 3 bed house was 1.30 tonnes per year. The average for a 3 bed house using the revised July 21 build specification is approximately 0.24 tonnes per year. The carbon saving per property using the new specification would therefore be 1.06 tonnes per year for one house. The average carbon saving for a year would be 106 tonnes per year for 100 houses.

3.2 Gressel Lane (European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) bid December 2020 Status

The council have successfully gained ERDF funding which will be used to part fund a trial of technologies for reducing energy demand, such as heat pumps, photovoltaics and storage batteries. A site in East Birmingham has been identified, Gressel Lane, to build 36 new properties that will include energy saving technologies. A plan has been developed and planning permission has been granted. The scheme is due to complete in June 2023.

October 2021 update

This project will include different technologies that will improve energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. The following milestones have been achieved:

- Planning permission has been secured for 36 houses to be built.
- European Regional Development Funding – (ERDF) has been secured to help fund the energy saving technology on the scheme.

- Tendering process to appoint a developer has been undertaken and award report is currently in the approval process with the aim to appoint contractors by the end of November 2021
- The development is scheduled to commence in January 2022 with completion in June 2023.
- The homes will include technology to allow the team to monitor the environmental performance of the homes.

3.3 Passivhaus trial-Dawberry Fields

December 2020 status

A review of the current BMHT build programme has seen a site at Dawberry Fields selected to pilot Passivhaus development. A new build Passivhaus pilot will test the cost, effectiveness and appeal of this form of housebuilding for Birmingham Council tenants. Passivhaus works on the principle of increased insulation, and air tightness combined with mechanical ventilation and heat recovery. Homes built to this standard typically use 80% less energy than traditionally built homes, which delivers a major cost saving to residents. They are also reported to improve resident health outcomes by providing warmer and better ventilated homes. The learning from the Passivhaus pilot will be applied across all BMHT developments.

October 2021 update

A design team has been set up and draft plans are currently being designed for the scheme. The aim is to obtain planning permission and go out to tender for a contractor in 2022 with an aim to be on site in 2023. Some surveys have been undertaken on the site.

3.4 Review the Birmingham Development Plan (BDP)

December 2020 status

Raising the sustainability standards of new development within the City will be an important part of achieving net zero carbon. The Council can facilitate and support this change through planning policies. An update of the BDP has commenced and policy towards zero carbon development will be explored through the BDP update.

October 2021 update

On 29th June 2020, the Cabinet approved the Local Development Scheme, setting out the timetable for the update of the Birmingham Plan. The update is progressing to timetable, and low and zero carbon policies will be explored as part of the update. Various studies have been commissioned and work is being undertaken on the evidence base that will inform the update of the BDP. The BDP update is scheduled to be adopted in 2025.

3.5 Our Future City Plan

December 2020 status

In addition to the BDP review, the City Council are working on 'Our Future City Plan (OCFP)- Central Birmingham 2040'. The plan sets the vision for the City Centre for the next 20 years. The City Councils R20 initiative is at the heart of the plan that includes a zero-carbon approach to development, green solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation, supporting positive public health outcomes, the promotion of green infrastructure corridors including

extending the tree canopy cover in the City Centre and utilising technology to better adapt our City for the future. The vision 'Shaping Our City Together' was launched by the Leader in January 2021.

October 2021 update

'Our Future City Plan – Central Birmingham Framework 2040' will replace the existing Big City Plan with a new vision for the central area of the city. The framework will provide the basis of a review of relevant sections of the Birmingham Development Plan – the statutory planning framework for the city. The framework will also identify and promote a number of projects which will range from the development of more detailed masterplans, development briefs or Supplementary Planning Documents to the identification of major development opportunity areas and sites

The OFCP 'Draft Central Birmingham Framework 2040,' is now being produced with the intention of adopting the framework in 2022.

The anticipated accompanying Central Birmingham Delivery Plan will test OFCP proposals and will sit alongside the OFCP Framework - viability, delivery vehicles and options. will be a significant element of the commission. Engagement support for framing questionnaires and the analysis of results from the Draft Central Birmingham Framework consultation will be important to ensure the approach is inclusive and community focused. It is anticipated the consultant contract will start in November 2021 and last for a duration of 6 months.

3.6 Zero Carbon Homes Route Map West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) December 2020 status

The WMCA published a green paper in early 2020 to start the conversation around their response to climate change. They are now working with consultants to produce 5-year action plans. The first of these 5 year action plans is in the early stages of preparation and will be published in 2021. Birmingham City Council is engaging with this activity and working with the Combined Authority (CA) to identify those areas where the CA is best placed to lead and where the City Council is best placed to lead.

Birmingham City Council are also working with the CA through the Low Carbon Officers' Group which brings together climate change leads from across the CA to share experiences and best practice and engage in delivery. Collective lobbying across the CA region will be important in seeking the national changes required to deliver Route to Zero.

Birmingham City Council has also begun working with the CA to set up a Jobs taskforce. The Council recognises that the transition away from a high-carbon economy towards a green economy is interwoven with two other transitions in the coming period: to a post-Covid economy and a post Brexit economy.

October 2021 update

The Zero-Carbon Homes Route Map and the charter have been approved and published. The Route Map provides an implementation plan for delivering the charter's vision, with a number of interim low-carbon requirements and aspirational targets to 2025 and beyond. These interim requirements would ensure all schemes in which WMCA invests or intervenes meet a standard of net-zero operational carbon by 2025. This is in line with the Future Homes Standard (FHS) requirement for all new homes to be 'zero-carbon ready' from the same year.

There has been excellent support from local authority officers on the Zero-Carbon Homes Working Group and industry experts of the Zero-Carbon Homes Taskforce in formulating the Zero-Carbon Homes Charter and Zero-Carbon Homes Route Map.

Chapter 4 - Retrofit

Headline achievements in 2021

- The Council signed agreements with energy companies to make at least 451 homes more energy efficient, with an expected 1,000 homes by March 2022
- Driven forward a partnership in East Birmingham to develop a Net Zero Neighbourhood as a demonstrator for a place based approach to carbon reduction and investment.
- 83 inefficient boilers have been replaced since July.

4.1 Thermal impact energy efficiency survey

December 2020 Status

We will need to dramatically increase the thermal efficiency of our stock's building fabric, by implementing a range of improvements, such as external/internal insulation and electric heat pumps, eliminating draughts and replacing windows and doors. We will introduce ventilation where appropriate, incorporating all the things that need to happen to homes to reduce energy bills and get carbon emissions down to zero. We need to develop an impact analysis for a 6 and 12-month period monitoring the thermal efficiency improvements made and thus be able to demonstrate the efficiencies and the installations/improvements. Just to remove the "E, F and G" rated boilers from the city the financial outlay would be circa £3.8 million. The area of heating has been underfunded for some time and where we have circa 12,000 homes with boilers that have past their end-of-life cycle and would need replacing (end of life is based on 15 years usage). This will require additional funding.

October 2021 update

The wider energy efficiency survey is still to be defined. A Letter of Authority to Acivico to share the existing Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) data to Panacea (energy partner) has been undertaken. This is required to progress the Energy Efficiency / Thermal Impact Survey to inform the Local Authority Delivery (LADS) 2 proposal submission. Acivico and Panacea are reviewing 10,000 EPC's to support the LADs 2 funding proposal, the second part wider survey which will help the city to identify a city-wide retrofit plan. Meetings are taking place to progress this action. Unfortunately, the survey was not started as agreement with partners could not be concluded. The EPC survey will now form part of a city-wide stock condition survey to be commenced in the new financial year.

4.2 Implementation of city-wide retrofit plan

December 2020 status

We need to give due consideration to the size of the undertaking in retrofitting all of Birmingham City Council's properties, it will need a large strategic commitment. The retrofit of 60,000 homes over 30 years equates to 2,000 properties per year every year (40 homes every week). Our key next step will be to create a plan for citywide retrofit in to include a trial 2021, with a view to scale up towards 2030.

October 2021 update

This project has not yet started as is dependent on the Thermal Impact / Energy Efficient Survey project above which has not been completed.

4.3 Large Panel Block (LPS) Retrofit and Ground Source Heating (GSH) Pilot and heating option available

December 2020 status

We are in early discussions with our contractors / supply-chain including energy providers, investors, for the planned structural works on LPS blocks, with a view exploring the most suitable heating options.

October 2021 update

Jordan House is the trial LPS block. The independent structural report on the method of securing the facade to the main structure of Jordan house in order for the project budget and works programme is still awaited.

Preliminary preparation work at Jordan House is complete. The pilot is not appropriate for Ground Source Heating (GSH) and will instead be all electric (other blocks on the estate or / city may be in a better position for GSH). All internal works have been agreed, including soil and ventilation pipes, rewire, hot water cylinders, kitchen and bathroom renews, (positive input ventilation) and heating (myson electric oil filled radiators). Rainwater and soil ventilation pipes have been completed to all 1 and 2 bedroom properties at Jordan House. 14 kitchen and Bathroom renews have started and progression is steady.

4.4 Phase 2 Green Homes LADs funding

December 2020 status

We have our sight on Green Homes LADs phase 2 as a potential to pursue a larger grant, this will be subject to match funding that can be secured, although a notional figure of £5 million could lever in a further 50 to 70% providing an excellent platform to conduct deep energy efficiency works on various archetypes and which would support our forward planning.

October 2021 update

City housing colleagues are considering match funding via the housing revenue account and a change request was put forward to Midlands Energy Hub (MEH) to adjust the focus to more private housing. This is aligned to resident engagement from the initial open day at Perry Barr where there was proportionately more interest from owner occupiers – this change request was approved. MEH have approved BCC's proposal and are confirming funding. Cabinet has agreed the changes and delegated authority has been approved, so it is anticipated that any changes can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Mobilisation has started in the three Constituency area's identified for Phase 1: Perry Barr, Hall Green and Yardley. These have the worst EPC rated properties with the highest level of fuel poverty based on the revised 'LILEE' (Low Income Low Energy Efficiency) fuel poverty metric. BEIS have recently confirmed (Oct 2021) that all social housing providers do not need to prove income from their residents as it has been accepted that these are receiving lower levels of income or benefits, so a further barrier to installation has been removed.

HUG1 and LAD 3 - Details of the scheme were announced in June. An open day has taken place for Perry Barr designed to find residents interested in taking part in the scheme- 30/40 responses received, mix between 70% owners, 30% social tenants. Birmingham has been advised by MEH (Oct 2021) that their Midlands region consortia bid has been successful and agreed in principle by BEIS.

4.5 Boiler Replacement Programme

December 2020 status

Ensure boilers have a minimum Sedbuk rating efficiency of not less than “C” and are “hydrogen” ready, thus allowing them to take a natural gas/hydrogen blend from the grid.

October 2021 update

During 2021/2022 the Boiler Replacement Programme will replace around 250 boilers which are more than 25 years old with A rated boiler each saving 1.4 tonnes carbon per year. BCC has 85% of their properties with an A to C rated boiler, meaning that over 8,000 are rated as “D, E, F or G”. The replacement programme will improve SAP / EPC ratings and reduce carbon emissions

The programme has been paused due to budget constraints and there is no restart date. Some 83 boilers were replaced until July. It is unlikely that budget constraints will be alleviated this financial year. Therefore, new boilers will not be installed, the focus will be on repairing and maintaining existing boilers.

4.6 Promote/educate all key stakeholders

December 2020 status

To promote/educate all key stake holders about the benefits of retrofitting and decarbonisation, through a city-wide programme, bringing about a concept of value, ethical thinking and future proofing of homes as a normal approach. This will form part of an ongoing and collaborative approach.

October 2021 update

There is no update for this project as it will be merged into the overall behaviour change and awareness project to be undertaken by the Council more centrally.

4.7 East Birmingham Heat Taskforce – produce retrofit and decarbonisation Outline Business Case

December 2020 status

An East Birmingham Community Heat Taskforce has been set up, which had its first meeting on the 22nd October 2020. The aim of the taskforce is to make the East Birmingham Corridor a pioneer/epicentre for retrofit and heat decarbonisation as part of the Route to Zero transition recognising that we need to decarbonise at the same time as creating good jobs for a just transition. East Birmingham is a national exemplar of what can be done in this space and developing models locally that can be scaled up across the city and then nationally.

October 2021 update

In July 2021 a business case was agreed by Cabinet for the East Birmingham inclusive growth programme which seeks to implement the East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Strategy which was adopted by the Council in February 2021. The approval of the business case enables the establishment of a programme team with the budgets it will require to develop and deliver a comprehensive package of projects that will address the full scope of the Strategy vision. This will include the development of business cases, funding bids and the commissioning of

delivery through appropriate routes. There will be continuous engagement with stakeholders, ensuring that the community play a key part in shaping the programme and the projects within it. The programme will make East Birmingham a space for the acceleration and/or amplification of corporate activities including the Route to Zero.

The East Birmingham programme is currently mobilising, and the team is expected to be fully established in early 2022. Currently within the programme are two phases of projects: Phase 1 (8 projects) which is currently underway, and Phase 2 (17 projects) which is in development. The programme team are currently working in collaboration with the R20 colleagues on three main elements:

East Birmingham Community Heat Taskforce: continuing the work with stakeholders to establish East Birmingham as a Low Carbon Heating Innovation Zone, including supporting the Cadent Foundation supported Community Learning Platform for Community Heat.

Net Zero Neighbourhood: developing the Bromford, Firs and Castle Vale housing areas as a demonstrator for a place-based approach to carbon reduction and investment. This includes the location of the Whole House Retrofit pilot.

Tyseley Clean Energy Masterplan for Growth: The Council and Tyseley Energy Park stakeholders are involved in the development of a Clean Energy Growth Masterplan for Tyseley which will combine spatial planning with strategies for power heating, transport and waste processing. The Masterplan will include a roadmap for energy technologies and solutions and will highlight opportunities for investment.

4.8 Partnerships with Utilities

December 2020 status

This was not identified in the December 2020 report and was added subsequently in February 2021.

October 2021 update

The Statement of Intent (SOI) has been published, legal agreement signed, and utility companies contacted. We have started tracking measures to be installed –, as of 12 Nov 21, 451 homes identified with 721 measures to be installed, this includes 288 boiler replacements, 124 electric storage heaters and a range of other fabric first energy improvements, such as loft, cavity, internal and external wall insulation. Based on the current requests 620 homes could receive support for fuel poverty and carbon saving reduction measures. It is expected that as we move towards the closure of ECO3 and ECO 3 flex in March 2022, over 1,000 homes will be included in this scheme. Our utilities partners are keen to discuss future plans for ECO 4, and we are working to agree BCC's approach to this. Data sharing agreement has been signed and the project is on track.

4.9 Social Housing Demonstrator

December 2020 status

The council have participated in a consortium bid with WMCA with a small project, (subject to securing match funding), with a view of retrofitting flats over garage properties and separately but linked the potential of converting the garages to accommodation. The project is focussed on Social Housing Demonstrator Fund (SHDF) whole house retro fit in Cottsmeadow Drive - Hodge Hill 16 flats above garages, match funding contribution from

BCC of around £1million will be required. The project will provide insight to whole house retrofit, opportunity to explore economies of scale, and ultimately provide the residents with energy efficient accommodation, the additional conversation would provide vitally needed and energy efficient social housing. Unfortunately, consortium bid was not successful.

October 2021 update

This project has been discontinued as the funding bid was unsuccessful.

4.10 Energy Efficient Demonstrator

December 2020 status

We are exploring potential bid to Green Homes 1b, with existing or committed projects which may be easier to match fund. We have our sight on Green Homes LAD's phase 2 as a potential to pursue a larger grant, again this will be subject to match funding that can be secured, although a notional figure of £5 million could lever in a further 50 to70% providing an excellent platform to conduct deep energy efficiency works on various archetype and which would support our forward planning. We were successful in our bid for LAD2 funding in September 2021. The project is now live targeting the most fuel poverty areas of the City, with a focus of 70% Council and 30% Private dwellings.

October 2021 update

This project has been discontinued as the funding bid was unsuccessful.

Chapter 5 – Transport

Headline achievements in 2021

- The Birmingham Transport Plan was adopted on 12th October 2021.
- 13 hydrogen buses have been delivered and are in use.
- 10 new EV Charging sites (55 individual charging points) are now fully operational.
- The Clean Air Zone (CAZ) was introduced on 1st June 2021 and continues to help reduce the percentage of the most polluting vehicles entering the city centre.
- Development and commencement of delivery of the Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 programme

5.1 Birmingham Transport Plan December 2020 status

The Birmingham Transport Plan (BTP) sets out 4 ‘big moves’ to deliver Birmingham’s vision for a sustainable, green, inclusive, go-anywhere network:

1. Reallocating road space:
2. Transforming the city centre:
3. Prioritising active travel in local neighbourhoods
4. Managing demand through parking measures

October 2021 update

The Birmingham Transport Plan was adopted by Full Council on 12 October 2021 and shows that the Council is taking bold, progressive steps to transform local transport. The purpose of the Plan is to outline how the city’s transport system needs to be transformed to meet the challenges of the next decade.

The Plan highlights the key role transport plays in achieving economic, social, and environmental sustainability for our city. The Plan also stresses that we need to urgently and drastically reduce carbon emissions from transport. The climate emergency sets the pace and scale of ambition for the Plan, but we recognise that the delivery of a zero carbon, resilient transport system cannot be achieved without taking down the barriers that sustain inequality in Birmingham.

The Transport Plan is not solely focussed on decarbonisation of transport. Even without the climate emergency, the vision for the transformation of the city’s transport network to support sustainable and inclusive economic growth and create a more equitable and liveable city would look very similar. However, the urgency of the need for intervention and the pace of change will be very much dictated by the need to rapidly decarbonise.

The Birmingham Transport Plan sets out the four principles that will guide the delivery of our ambitious vision for Birmingham’s transport system:

- The allocation of road space will change away from prioritising private cars, to support the delivery of public transport and active travel networks, fundamentally changing the way that people and goods move around the city.

- The city centre of Birmingham will be transformed through the creation of a network of pedestrianised streets and public spaces, integrated with public transport services and cycling infrastructure. Movement within the city centre for private cars will be limited, with no through trips allowed.
- Walking, cycling and active travel will become the first choice for most people making short journeys in their local neighbourhoods. Cars will no longer dominate street life around homes and schools.
- Parking will be used to manage demand for travel by car through availability, pricing and restrictions.

The Birmingham Transport Plan will be followed by a Delivery Plan that will detail the programme of interventions that will deliver our vision for transport in Birmingham. The work on the Delivery Plan is expected to start in January 2022 and to be completed by the end of 2022. The Delivery Plan will specifically examine which transport interventions can contribute to delivering the Council's decarbonisation commitment and when they need to be implemented to do so.

Moving forward, all delivery of transport schemes in the city will come under the umbrella of the Birmingham Transport Plan and its associated delivery plan. Subsequent updates will therefore focus on the delivery of the Transport Plan with selected highlights in terms of what schemes are being delivered and what has been achieved.

5.2 Delivery of Active Travel Fund (ATF) December 2020 status

The Emergency Active Travel Fund has allowed the Council to create more space for people by reducing the volume of through traffic and the dominance of vehicles on minor roads in the city centre, by introducing traffic segments in the City Centre. The first phase of measures was introduced alongside new pop-up cycle lanes in the city centre in 2020 using temporary traffic management including barriers, cones, signs and road markings.

Streets for People aims to reduce traffic in residential neighbourhoods so that it is safer for people to walk and cycle, and more rewarding to be outside. Early demonstration projects to address traffic problems on identified streets in Bournville, King's Heath and Moseley and Lozells are in the engagement and development phase to develop detailed proposals in these areas.

The Cycle Routes package seeks to make earlier "pop-up" cycle lanes permanent and add spurs to them to enable more people to cycle more often. Seven schemes are in development, although funding will dictate the pace at which they can be delivered. To complement new cycling infrastructure, the Big Birmingham Bikes scheme will provide cycles to people in the poorest parts of the city to overcome the ownership barrier.

October 2021 update

Places for People – In response to community concerns the pace of delivery has slowed to allow a more conventional approach to engagement and further technical work to be undertaken. Public consultation in King's Heath and Moseley has now concluded and a Full Business Case is in development phase for a preferred option to be delivered in early 2022. Consultation is underway on an evolution of schemes in Lozells, also with a view to delivery in 2022. The Bournville scheme, whilst still committed, is now programmed for delivery in later 2022 with engagement ongoing and the Castle Vale scheme is being pursued further at this

time. Six Car Free School Street Schemes are progressing well and will be delivered shortly in early 2022.

Cycle Routes – Some prioritisation of which routes to take forward has been undertaken as not all could be funded within the ATF allocation. Preferred options for the corridors being pursued at this time have been selected and all public consultation is underway before proceeding to detailed design and Full Business Case approval. Delivery is programmed for 2022.

City Centre Traffic Segments - Formal public consultation closed on 10th September 2021 and the outcome is under review. It is likely that the scheme will proceed largely as per the consultation option, but some tweaks are required to ensure alignment with other city centre changes including major development projects and the temporary traffic management overlay required for the Commonwealth Games.

Local Centres and Cycle Parking - Two out of six local centre schemes going forward. The cycle parking scheme is in design phase.

Big Birmingham Bikes - The necessary approvals are in place to proceed with the scheme and the legal documentation progressing to enter into necessary arrangements with Active Wellbeing Society. We anticipate the programme to be launched in early 2022, subject to the availability of bikes. The delivery of the ATF schemes so far is seeking to highlight the scale of the challenge in terms of decarbonising transport. These relatively small-scale interventions are proving highly controversial and are attracting significant opposition from some citizens and stakeholders. Resolving local issues is proving to be costly and resource intensive, sometimes beyond the scope of available resource. Ultimately the success of these schemes will be measured in terms of behaviour change which doesn't happen overnight and therefore resulting in difficult bedding in periods for schemes.

5.3 Bus franchising

December 2020 status

Produce an Outline Business case for bus franchising.

October 2021 update

This project is owned by West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) and we are liaising with the CA, to monitor progress and get updates. An outline assessment has been undertaken and WMCA Board will consider whether to undertake a Full Business Case for franchising at its meeting in January. If agreed, the Full Business Case (FBC) is likely to take around two years to undertake after which time the mayor will determine whether or not to implement a Franchising scheme, with implementation like to take up to two further years.

5.4 Electric Charging Points

December 2020 status

To enable further expansion of Birmingham's Electric Vehicle (EV) network, a wider city EV charge point network strategy will be produced by August 2021. This strategy will be key in allowing Birmingham's EV network to be scaled to meet market growth in regard to EV take up for cars, taxis, vans and heavy goods vehicles. In line with the strategy, there is a need for the market to step forward to support with the delivery of EV charging points. We need to continue our collaboration with Western Power Distribution, to ensure grid capacity and

capability for EV expansion. We need to align EV infrastructure and highway and public realm major development projects including bus opportunity charging (TFWM), metro development (WMCA/TFWM), as well as developments including e-scooters/bikes. To ensure EV infrastructure is as accessible as possible, we will need to simplify the EV framework in the city – at present an EV user may need to use up to 8 apps across Birmingham to identify charging points – this will be simplified under the public accessible EV charge point contract arrangements, that specify ‘universal accessibility’, which includes contactless credit/debit card payments.

October 2021 Update

The first 10 EV charging sites (55 charge points) are now fully operational. The Navigation Street car park site is now operational as the first Rapid charge point hub in Birmingham City Centre.

Site identification and assessments are ongoing across another 45 potential sites, which will be followed by applications for WPD grid capacity assessments.

The R20 Action Plan had indicated that 9,000 charge points will be installed by 2030. However, the EV Strategy has modelled Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), Department for Transport (DFT) and BCC transport and market data, aligning with the Birmingham Transport Plan in regard to the priority of achieving significant modal shift (reduced reliance on the private car) of at least 40% by 2030 and the number of charge points to align with this is around 3,600 by 2030. The strategy notes that If modal shift is not fully achieved through BTP infrastructure developments and policy levers, then this figure is nearer 5,000+, and much more than this if BTP and all interventions have failed. Therefore, the 9,000 quoted in the R20 Action Plan, based on existing car numbers has been revised down in line with the EV charge point Strategy to take account of forecast modal shift.

To enable further expansion of Birmingham’s Electric Vehicle (EV) network, the wider city EV charge point network strategy was developed August 2021, and submitted for Cabinet approval November 2021.

This strategy sets out how the Birmingham’s EV network will be scaled to meet market growth in regard to EV take up for cars, taxis, vans and heavy goods vehicles by 2030. The strategy aligns with the ongoing private sector development of charge points at supermarkets, retail outlets, fuel stations and other places of destination.

The city-wide strategy will be implemented in collaboration with Western Power Distribution (as the District Network Operator) to ensure that charge point planning and implementation meets grid capacity and capability. We will work with strategic partners to ensure the EV infrastructure can operate alongside highway and public realm major development projects including bus opportunity charging (TFWM), metro development (WMCA/TFWM), as well as developments including e-scooters/bikes. To ensure the EV infrastructure is as accessible as possible, – the publicly accessible network will be available 24/7, with customer support 365 days a year, ‘universal accessibility’ is assured through pay-as-you-go, as well as other universal accessible payment arrangements.

5.5 Hydrogen Bus Pilot December 2020 status

Birmingham City Council has purchased 20 new hydrogen double decker buses as part of their Clean Air Hydrogen Bus Pilot. The Clean Air Hydrogen Bus Pilot looks to 'kick-start' the hydrogen market as a viable zero-emission fuel with the procurement and deployment of 20 hydrogen buses in Birmingham. The buses, which are made by Wrightbus and are the world's first zero-emission hydrogen fuel-cell double deckers, will be introduced with National Express West Midlands from July 2021.

It's intended that the pilot will be the catalyst for the next generation of hydrogen buses, hydrogen production and re-fuelling infrastructure development. The council have also collaborated with ITM, who will be producing and dispensing the hydrogen fuel from the new re-fuelling hub at Tyseley Energy Park.

October 2021 update

13 buses now delivered with mandatory inspections and sign offs completed– re-fuelling/compression issues in process of being resolved. Operational changes within the depot to comply with industry standards for Health and Safety have been completed. Training of drivers and maintenance staff has commenced.

5.6 City Centre Clean Air Zone December 2020 status

The Birmingham Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is to be introduced by 1 June 2021, at the earliest. It aims to reduce levels of NO₂ in the air to a maximum average of 40µg/m³, as soon as possible. The CAZ received government approval in 2019 and follows London's Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), introduced in the same year. Birmingham's Clean Air Zone will cover all the roads within the A4540 Middleway Ring Road, but not the Middleway itself.

October 2021 update

The CAZ was introduced as planned in June 2021. A factsheet published at the end of September 2021: [Brumbreathes September Factsheet](#) shows that the percentage of compliant vehicles entering the zone continues to improve (July = 80.4% v. September = 81.8%). At the end of September, the volume of PCNs issued in the month was 81.3k (compared with 112k for July).

At the end of September 2021, the number of locally issued exemptions had increased to 8.4k with c. 60% worker exemptions with the second biggest category being resident exemptions (30%). Similarly, just over £3m in grants have been issued with the scheme for Birmingham-licensed taxi drivers proving the most popular.

Birmingham’s CAZ is a measure that aims to improve air quality, and therefore is not considered a measure that focuses entirely on decarbonisation. The compliant vehicles that enter the CAZ are not all carbon-emission free. However, it is considered that the CAZ supports decarbonisation in principle as it overall discourages people from driving their cars to the city centre, especially when combined with upcoming measures such as the introduction of city centre segments. Figures 1 and 2 below show how traffic flows have changed since covid and the introduction of the CAZ. Both figures appear to demonstrate a drop in traffic flow after the CAZ’s implementation, however it is difficult to separate this reduction from the impacts of covid and other traffic reduction measures. With this in mind, more detailed data collection and modelling is needed to extrapolate traffic reductions and CO₂ savings. A proposal for providing options to update the Birmingham City Council transport model is being completed. Birmingham City Council (BCC) are reviewing their transport model Birmingham City Model (BCM) in the context of the future usage of the model.

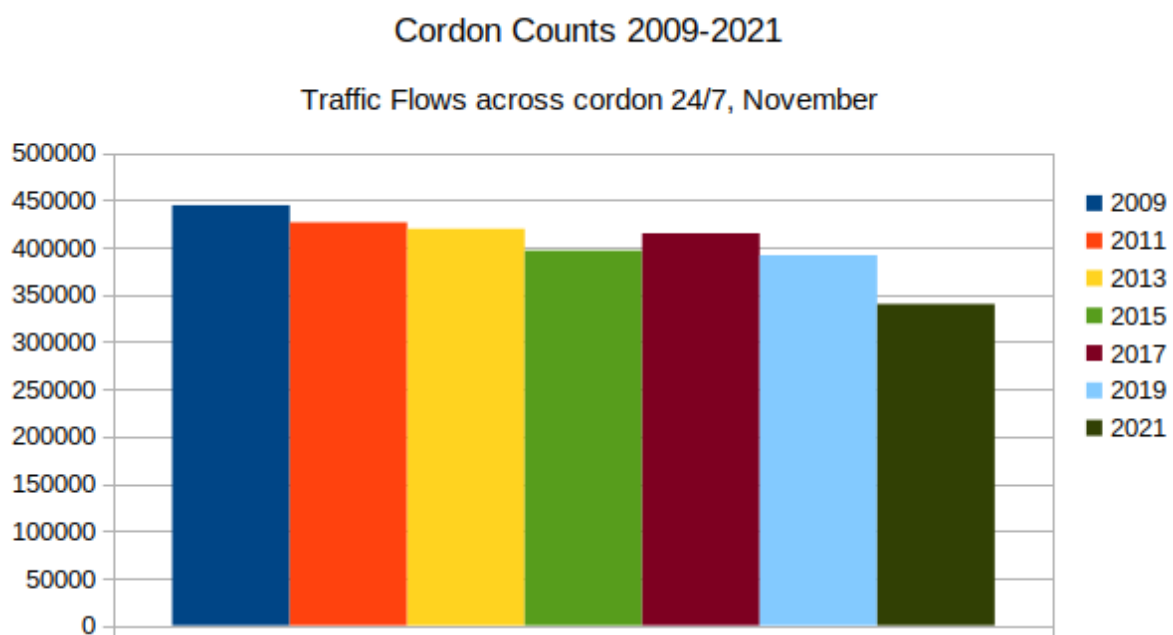


Figure 1 – Traffic flow cordon counts between 2009-2021

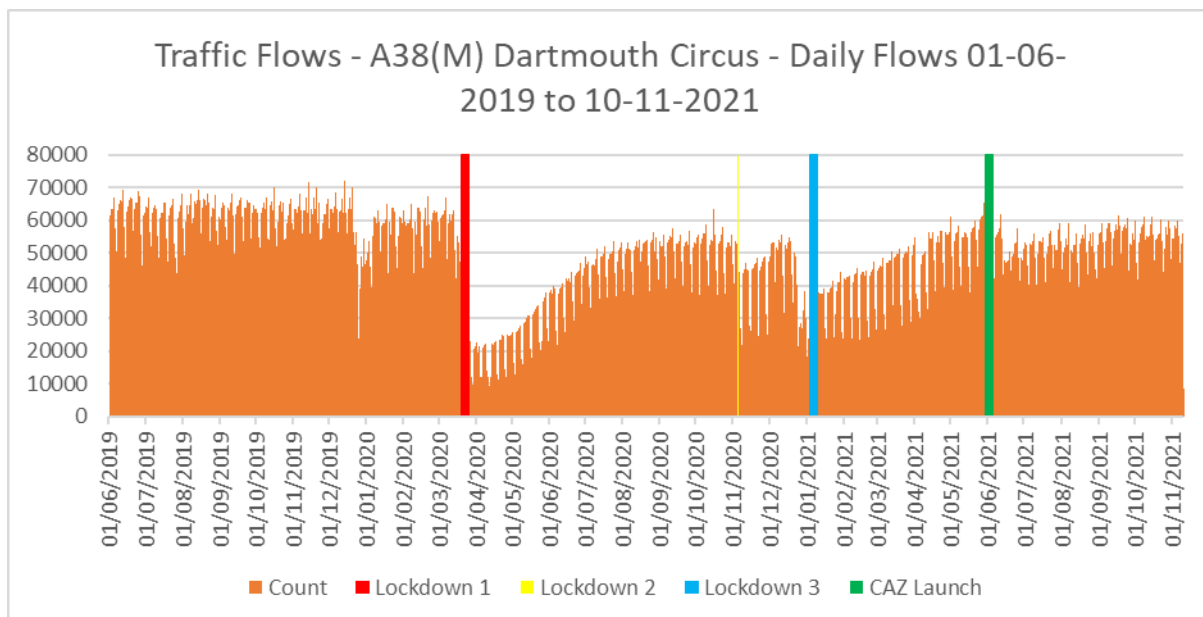


Figure 2 – Traffic flows across the A38 cordon from 2019 to 2021

5.7 Cole Valley Walking and Cycling December 2020 status

Birmingham City Council has submitted an expression of interest to the GBSLEP for part funding for the Ward End and Cole Valley Green Skills Hub project. The deliverables will be the creation of a skills hub at Ward End Park in Washwood Heath, consisting of training and community facilities at the Dolphin Women’s Centre (run by Norton Hall Children and Family Centre) and Ward End Park House; expanding existing Access and Level 2 functional skills provision to encompass Level 2 and Level 3 sector specific pathways with the potential for digital and low carbon themes. There will be an associated package of connectivity, leisure and Green Infrastructure improvements focussing on Ward End Park, where there will be improvements including a cycle path link, a cycle proficiency training circuit; an outdoor fitness training hub and a MUGA, and links to the Cole Valley walking and cycling corridor including new and improved cycling and walking routes, a new bridge access across the river Cole at Glebe Farm and landscape, amenity and biodiversity enhancements. The project aims to contribute towards the regeneration of East Birmingham, and the economic recovery of the area in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

October 2021 update

Cole Valley Walking and Cycling will be jointly delivered by R20 and the East Birmingham Programme. Several elements of activity have been identified associated with the transformation of the Cole Valley as a key natural resource and active travel corridor for East Birmingham. This will include the development of project proposals, business cases and funding applications for sub-projects including:

- Glebe Farm Recreation Ground Improvements
- Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens Access Improvements
- Cole Valley Walking and Cycling including the elements designed under the East Birmingham Phase 1 project EB002: Ward End/Cole Valley Skills Hub
- Ackers active travel interchange
- Tree planting and landscape improvements

There will also be partnership working with stakeholders including the Environment Agency, Canal and Rivers Trust and University of Birmingham and Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust. This will include the ERDF-funded *The River Cole and Tyseley Energy Park: Creation of Community Commons* project which is being led by the University of Birmingham. Funding for this project was confirmed in October 2021.

Chapter 6 – Waste

Headline achievements in 2021

- A Total Waste Strategy for the City is being commissioned, including looking at collaboration across the Combined Authority.
- Trials of electric refuse vehicles have taken place.
- The region's first ever "Circular Economy Routemap" has been produced by the Combined Authority

6.1 Commissioning a joint study with WMCA

December 2020 status

Commission a joint study with WMCA to look at waste movements in the conurbation. The Council is also considering the future impact of the Resources and Waste Strategy. Part of the consultation for the Waste and Resources Strategy explored the introduction of food waste collections. If food waste collections did become legislation, then this could see a reduction in tonnage from residual waste collections. This waste would require alternative means of processing.

The next step will be to approach the Combined Authority, to request they act as the facilitator between county councils to commission a joint study looking at waste movements across the conurbation. The aim of this study would be to observe the ways that all types of waste is moving across the wider West Midlands area and identify the most energy efficient way of managing waste at sub regional level. Ideally, this study will be commissioned through the Combined Authority, but could also be facilitated through the housing market area group, which would enable districts to take it back to the county councils. This work will need to feed into BCC's post 2034 Municipal Waste Strategy.

October 2021 update

BCC is commissioning a Total Waste Strategy for the City. Discussions have taken place at the WMCA's Net Zero Director's Group to look at collaborating across the WMCA and integrating other total waste strategies, where they are being commissioned, to provide a clearer picture across the region.

The Total Waste Strategy will be a robust document that provides updated evidence regarding existing and required facilities for the management and processing of waste and the waste arisings that are generated across WMCA and in the city. The study will identify the waste capacity needs to 2042 and will inform both future planning policy documents, the council's energy strategy; the WMCA and city council's corporate strategies for the management of waste.

6.2 Charging Infrastructure at Waste Depots

December 2020 status

The current tranche of the City Council's fleet of waste vehicles are all Euro VI compliant, meaning they meet the Clean Air Zone standards. However, the Council is currently trialling alternative fuel vehicles within its waste collection fleet and will move towards alternative fuels

in the next generation of vehicles. The two new planned City Council waste depots will have charging capability designed in.

October 2021 update

This project has been closed. However, the council is continuing to develop 2 waste depots, with the retrofit including the appropriate ducting to support electrical charging points.

6.3 Draft Municipal Waste Strategy

December 2020 status

The draft Municipal Waste Strategy will outline the Council's approach to household waste for the next ten years. A group is also to be established to look at the Council's approach to household waste, post 2034, including what disposal / treatment paths should be utilised for the City's household waste and recycling.

The Council is also considering the future impact of the Resources and Waste Strategy. Part of the consultation for the Waste and Resources Strategy explored the introduction of food waste collections. If food waste collections did become legislation, then this could see a reduction in tonnage from residual waste collections. This waste would require alternative means of processing.

The next step will be to approach the Combined Authority, to request they act as the facilitator between county councils to commission a joint study looking at waste movements across the conurbation. The aim of this study would be to observe the ways that all types of waste is moving across the wider West Midlands area and identify the most energy efficient way of managing waste at sub regional level. Ideally, this study will be commissioned through the Combined Authority, but could also be facilitated through the housing market area group, which would enable districts to take it back to the county councils. This work will need to feed into the post 2034 Municipal Waste Strategy.

October 2021 update

The Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) is a Birmingham City Council asset that is operated under a long term waste contract. The facility converts electricity which is exported to the grid and is located in an area of waste to energy innovation. The Council is in a procurement process for a new waste disposal contract which include operating Tyseley ERF, Waste Transfer Stations and Household Waste and Recycling Centres. The Council collects and manages 500,000 tonnes of municipal waste each year and this is expected to increase with a projected growth of 51,000 households. This significant waste volume makes Tyseley a critical facility for the City, its residents and businesses however the Council recognises the need to develop a robust decarbonisation plan for of all its estate. A carbon management plan to support Council asset management decision making will commence development in 2022 as part of the Council's R20 next steps. The Council is also working with major contract partners to ensure energy efficiency and carbon reduction principles are embedded into activities undertaken on behalf of the Council.

Municipal waste accounts for only a portion of the City's waste and this is why the Council has commissioned a Total Waste Strategy for 2022-2050 to identify the type and quantum and City wide action needed to minimise waste, promote resource efficiency and move towards a

circular economy. The Council's Municipal Waste Strategy will be a key pillar of the Total Waste Strategy and represents an area of greatest influence for Birmingham City Council. The Total Waste Strategy will seek to engage with organisations generating and managing waste across the City as well as innovators in waste reduction, repurposing and circular economy including eliminating problematic waste streams and utilising waste to energy, to build the capability and capacity of the City of Birmingham to harness new approaches to waste management. The strategy will be built on the fundamental need to achieve net zero carbon emissions and will enable the Council to make informed and well evidenced decisions on its own areas of responsibility in waste management, as well as collaborate and support positive decision making across other public and private sectors.

Strategy review is on hold while we await the Resource and Waste Strategy outcomes, so this can be reflected with the upcoming government legislation.

Further work in this area is unclear, BCC along with all other LA's wait for the government to confirm its direction, this will then be dictated by future legislation. The Environment Bill was passed on 10th November. The work to update the existing 2017 Municipal Waste Strategy will now commence.

6.4 Waste Fleet – Hydrogen/EV Fleet Demonstrator December 2020 status

The current tranche of the City Council's fleet of waste vehicles are all Euro VI compliant, meaning they meet the Clean Air Zone standards. However, the Council is currently trialling alternative fuel vehicles within its waste collection fleet and will move towards alternative fuels in the next generation of vehicles. The two new planned City Council waste depots will have charging capability designed in.

October 2021 update

BCC is regularly reviewing the market, discussions are taking place with major manufacturers, BCC has put itself forward to take part in any trials of vehicles with cleaner fuels.. We are experiencing supply issues as the market is still maturing and catching up with the demand. An electric refuse collection vehicle trial has taken place. A request for a longer trial has been made. We are waiting for a hydrogen vehicle to trial. The service is still in contact with leading manufacturers and as soon as vehicles become available trials will continue. Trials have also taken place with small electric vans. A procurement process is about to commence for both Parks and Waste vehicles.

6.5 Circular Economy December 2020 status

The council is currently rewriting the Council's Waste Prevention Plan and are in discussions with Keep Britain Tidy to co-ordinate a campaign to address the Circular Economy with actions prioritised on the top end of the waste hierarchy (prevention, minimisation and reuse).

October 2021 update

The region's first ever "Circular Economy Routemap" has been produced by the Combined Authority (CA) to show what can be done to make sectors such as manufacturing, construction

and food more efficient in their use of resources. It will contribute to sustainable inclusive growth, social economy and green recovery.

The route map is the first step for region's journey towards circular economy. The next steps include:

- Implementing key actions across five enablers;
- Developing business cases for West Midlands Industrial Symbiosis delivery programme and for a Zero Waste Construction Hub;
- Developing a network of circular community hubs;
- Working with partners to convene a Circular Battery Partnership;
- Accelerating a circular construction repurposing programme.

6.6 Waste to Recycling

December 2020 status

Birmingham City Council's Waste Management service is undertaking significant change and investment in order improve the Council's recycling performance and green credentials. The Council has entered into a procurement process for the new waste disposal contract. The City Council has committed to a £44.2m investment in the Energy from Waste Facility at Tyseley Energy Park (TEP), the potential building of a new Materials Recycling Facility and modernisation of Household Recycling Centres and Waste Transfer Stations.

October 2021 update

A Pilot fleet of 4 Mobile Household Recycling Centres (MHRCs) are set to roll out on the streets of Birmingham as part of the council's effort to achieve cleaner streets. Capturing data on sources of recycling streams contamination.

Work is continuing to establish the CO₂ baseline pre changes in recycling working practices, and to capture the arising CO₂ benefits. The roll out of the MHRCs has taken place. They are deployed daily across the City, the material collected at the moment is more waste than recycling but we hope to see an improvement over the next few months. Roads are recorded with high levels of contamination. Individual bins are tagged so residents know where they are going wrong with recycling. All current materials available to residents is being reviewed and updated. We are working with Keep Britain Tidy and other core cities in this area. A new reuse centre has been opened at Tyseley and anything taken to any HWRC across the city that can be reused is taken there for sale.

We have been working with our disposal partner to open up new recycling opportunities such as mattress and hard plastic recycling.

Chapter 7 – Energy

Key highlights from 2021

- Agreement has been reached to develop East Birmingham Low Carbon Innovation Zone, including a proposal for a Net Zero Neighbourhood to be a demonstrator project and attract capital funding.
- The Council house rewire programme is anticipated to complete by March 2022.

7.1 Tyseley Energy Park (TEP)

December 2020 status

Tyseley Energy Park (TEP) is an Energy Innovation Zone situated in East Birmingham on the A45 Coventry Road that connects the airport to Birmingham City Centre. TEP was established by Webster and Horsfall, a 300-year-old steel wire manufacturing company, to diversify their site operations but in keeping with their long history as industry innovators benefiting/supporting the surrounding community. The Tyseley area, has through local area planning been identified as an Environmental Enterprise District (EED), and has potential to cluster complementary waste and sustainable energy uses. The City Council actively encourage energy generation and air quality improvement schemes in this location. The University of Birmingham is a strategic partner of TEP and has invested in the development of the site and related research activity. The mission of Tyseley Energy Park (TEP) is to deliver a green technologies hub for the City of Birmingham as part of a wider intention by Birmingham City Council and Energy Capital to create one or more large scale Energy Innovation Zones in the city. TEP seeks to deliver new jobs and growth through the deployment of innovative energy supplies.

October 2021 update

The partners have agreed to establish an East Birmingham Low Carbon Heat Innovation Zone, the vision has been agreed and supported discussions at COP26 and with other interested stakeholders. The partners are developing a Net Zero Neighbourhood (NZN) proposal (which will include the Whole House Retrofit Energiesprong Pilot) and will co create the proposal with WMCA from Oct - Dec 2021 with the aim to become one of the first cohorts of NZNs across the region and attract capital funding from the WMCA NZN Demonstrator Programme. In parallel funding bids are being developed as part of the BEIS Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund and the Growing Places Capital Grant Fund and discussions are taking place with Lloyds.

Other supporting actions include:

- **Creating a Clean Energy Growth Masterplan for Tyseley**
- **Low and Zero Carbon Refuelling Station** - options for a re-fuelling facility which will support market expansion into low and zero carbon fuels e.g. are being investigated.
- **Energy from Waste** - Planning for 2034+ after current facilities' end of life and potential new EFW facility optimising and extending usage of electricity and heat for residential/domestic use and hydrogen for transport use
- **Develop plans for a National Centre for Heat Decarbonisation (NCHD)** - which will provide national leadership in the field and contribute to economic growth and development (jobs, skills, innovation, green tech and industry growth).

- **Levelling Up Fund** - Phase 2 bid c£20m for the National Centre and the development of solutions for low carbon heat in domestic and industrial applications.

7.2 Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility, Waste Transfer Stations and Household Waste Recycling Centres Operate, Maintain and Renewal Procurement

December 2020 status

Birmingham City Council's Waste Management service is undertaking significant change and investment in order to improve the Council's recycling performance and green credentials. The Council has entered into a procurement process for the new waste disposal contract. This procurement seeks to find a new partner who will:

- Operate and maintain the Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) for the treatment of the Council's residual waste and the continuous improvement of the Tyseley ERF to ensure it meets any future legislation. This shall include management of all residues, materials and products from the Tyseley ERF.
- Operate and maintain five Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) sites at Kings Norton, Tyseley, Sutton Coldfield, Castle Bromwich and Perry Barr, and the continuous improvement of all the HWRCs.
- Operate and maintain the three Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) at Kings Norton, Tyseley and Perry Barr, and the continuous improvement of all the WTSs
- Manage the Council's clinical waste disposal service

This Contract will be for a term of ten years with the opportunity to extend for a further term of up to five years.

October 2021 update

The contract is operating to specification. All planned maintenance has been carried out. Monthly contract meetings are taking place. We are currently working with bidders in dialogue phase 3 and have received submissions which are currently being evaluated.

7.3 Birmingham District Energy Company (BDEC)

December 2020 status

Birmingham District Energy Scheme is the largest low carbon heating network in Birmingham. It is owned, operated under the name of Birmingham District Energy Company (BDEC). BDEC supplies low carbon, low cost energy to major energy consumers across the city centre. Overall, the BDEC network comprises of three schemes: The Broad Street Scheme, Aston University Scheme, and Birmingham Children's Hospital, with interconnecting pipework linking the three schemes to enable future growth and densification of the scheme. There is also an energy centre at Birmingham New Street Station.

The next step will be to investigate how the concession can be extended and the network's energy centres can be converted to a carbon neutral energy sources (or as close to neutral as is feasible) as soon as possible. The BDEC Service Provider has provided an outline scope and proposal in respect of decarbonising the existing heat network. This proposal targets an application for Green Heat Network Funding (GHNF) to be readied for a second-round submission. This proposal is being considered a decision will be made shortly as to whether it meets the Council's overall ambitions. Any future extension of the concession will be dependent on a shift to green energy.

October 2021 update

A District Heat Network partners working group has been established consisting of BCC, Aston university and Birmingham Children's Hospital. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been created to allow partners to freely exchange information whilst respecting commercial sensitivities. Next steps are to agree the MoU, priorities for engaging Service Provider around decarbonisation, profit share and customer service improvements.

7.4 BEIS City Decarbonisation Delivery Plan programme (CDDP)

December 2020 update

Work on the BEIS CDDP (decarbonisation of heat within buildings) project commenced in January 2020. Output from BEIS work stage 1 shows that 16 heat decarbonisation intervention have been shortlisted, as potential options for Birmingham, based on modelled data.

If they were implemented across building types and sectors by 2050, the modelling shows that as technical solutions, they could potentially achieve around 80% reduction in carbon from heating of buildings from homes, council buildings, industrial, university, health to retail.

However, the scale of what is required would mean the cost would be around £6.8billion, with no investment rate of return until after 2050.

BEIS work shows that Air source heat pumps will significantly provide the biggest impact because they are an easier (smaller) solution for most residential areas and do not require planning permission (it should be noted that the issue here will be the market availability within this timeline).

The BEIS study phase 2 therefore set out to produce 4 business case developments (identifying funding sources and funding models, legal, financial and procurement modelling) of 'early pathfinder' developments across:

- Domestic Social Rented
- Non-Domestic Public Sector EE/Retrofit/LZC Heat – LA Whole Estates (excl. schools but including commercial estate)
- Non-Domestic Public Sector EE/Retrofit/LZC Heat – Non-Academy Schools
- Non-Domestic Public Sector EE/Retrofit/LZC – including Health Estates/University Campuses.

October 2021 update

As a BEIS led funded programme, the development of draft business cases for early options for intervention has required a process of working across 6 UK cities, identifying general heat decarbonisation themes such as heat zoning, heat as a service and understanding how existing heat networks can be decarbonised where these are common across the 6 cities. The draft business cases for Birmingham were completed in September 2021 and have been submitted.

Following initial feedback, BEIS have requested their commissioned consultants to input their 'methodology'/'method statements'- we are awaiting return of these completed documents.

Phase 3 of CDDP is currently being developed by BEIS to provide support to the 6 Local Authorities taking part, in how decarbonisation of heat options identified in Phase 2, can be developed further into full business cases in readiness for Local Authority governance processes to be able to take forward.

7.5 Council House Rewire

This action was not identified in the January 2021 council report and was added to the wave 1 projects in February 2021.

October 2021 update

This project is on schedule. The end date for Council House works is anticipated to be March 2022 and Council house extension works are aimed to end by February 2023.

Chapter 8 - Natural Environment (now City of Nature)

Key achievements of 2021

- The cabinet report is being prepared to take to Cabinet in February 2022 for adoption of Birmingham City of Nature 25 year delivery framework.
- Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) (2021) has been adopted and has attracted considerable interest and praise from outside the Council.

8.1 Future Parks Accelerator (FPA)

December 2020 status

Birmingham's Future Parks Accelerator initiative is producing a 25-year Delivery Framework for Birmingham's City of Nature ambition stated in the Our Future City Plan 2040.

It represents a corporate transformation programme that seeks to put nature and environmental justice at the centre of the city's decision-making for the next 25 years.

It will achieve this through the adoption of a new governance and finance model for the city's natural and green environment including all parks and green spaces. This will provide a new delivery and funding mechanism for the sustainable future of the city's green and natural environment. This action will deliver a major plank of the city's R20 adaptation ambitions.

Full Council Engagement- The FPA programme takes a systems-change approach that has mapped the integration between the city's strategic outcomes and the natural environment across the following areas of the council — Housing and the built environment; the Children's Trust and Education; the Health and wellbeing agenda; Employment and skills; new ideas and activities have been tested on the ground through four community neighbourhood pilots.

Embed Permanent Change - Phase 2 of the project will involve building the new governance model for green space in Birmingham supported by 5 city themes, these are:

- A Fair City
- A Healthy City
- A Valued City
- An Involved City
- A Green City

The FPA programme will proceed until its conclusion in March 2022.

October 2021 update

All the areas of the project are on track. A cabinet Report is being presented in February 2022 for the adoption of the Birmingham City of Nature 25-year Delivery Framework.

Work on natural capital account has been commissioned which will be used to calculate the proposed carbon sequestration achieved through the implementation of the full City of Nature delivery framework. These calculations will be used to provide a carbon estimate for parks and open spaces to be used in Council's 25-year Plan. Initial modelling shows that plans to improve and provide new greenspaces could increase carbon capture by 177,521 tCO₂ once it is implemented in full, over the 2022-2047 period. This would represent c. 4% of baseline yearly city-wide emissions.

8.2 Birmingham Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP)

December 2020 status

The Birmingham Urban Forest Master Plan draft will be produced early 2021 – once completed Birmingham will be the first UK city to have such a plan. The Urban Forest Master Plan will identify priority areas for tree planting, based on a variety of factors, such as air quality.

October 2021 update

The draft plan has been completed and approved by the Council.

BCC's work in this area continues to attract attention from outside the Council and has had significant engagement at all stages from industry experts and wider stakeholders.

Tree Inventory and Assessment of Plantable Areas - Current information/data is held in multiple systems and requires an intensive manual exercise and manipulation to inform tree planting planning. An investigation into suitable software to aid prioritisation of areas for tree planting has been undertaken, will digitise data and help identify "plantable space".

8.3 Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

December 2020 status

A biodiversity information note will be drawn up to set out Biodiversity Net Gain principle and outline the Local Nature Recovery Network and strategy ahead of this being mandated through the Environment Act 2021. A Biodiversity SPD will follow after the BDP review.

October 2021 update

The project needs to be reprofiled based on timescales for the BDP and the Environment Act 2021. Still looking for clarity around the government's environment bill, which will impact this work.

8.4 Ward End and Cole Valley Green Skills Hub

December 2020 status

One of our big moves within the natural environment is how we will create enhance existing green corridors and create new routes and green infrastructure within Birmingham. A key focus within this agenda is the Cole valley route, aiming to maximise the cities 'green lungs' and green routes that allow easy access into city, making it more enjoyable for walking and cycling.

Birmingham City Council has submitted an expression of interest to the GBSLEP for part funding for the Ward End and Cole Valley Green Skills Hub project. The project aims to contribute towards the regeneration of East Birmingham, and the economic recovery of the area in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional funding is being sought through ERDF funding. The project is seeking investment for a programme of interlinked green and blue infrastructure improvement activities that will develop an underutilised urban green corridor into an accessible and connected corridor and community commons with improved water, woodland and grassland habitats. Alongside the infrastructure improvement project activities there will be a programme of community engagement to inform the ongoing rehabilitation of this currently underused area to create a community common that is used by and accessible to the local community. Community

engagement will focus on developing the area as a green, post-Covid recovery, connecting corridor to the wider city that benefits local citizens economically and socially as a site for green skills training and learning pathways and enterprise opportunities, as well as improved health and wellbeing.

An ERDF bid is being formulated by University of Birmingham (UoB) in partnership with TEP, Ackers and community and BCC for habitat restoration, in channel modifications and removal of the weir at Ackers – this will provide biodiversity and flood alleviation benefits. In addition, the works is seeking to gain greater involvement of the local community, increase participation in and access to local green space (environmental justice strand). Consideration is also being given to providing a section of cycleway to avoid the need for cyclists to cross the busy Tyseley incinerator access road.

October 2021 update

The East Birmingham Inclusive Growth Programme is considering the component projects and securing additional resource to develop the Outline Business Cases (OBCs). Acivico and Landscape Practice group have been commissioned to carry out design work on these projects, work on developing the designs. Stakeholder engagement currently underway.

8.5 West Midlands National Park (WMNP)

December 2020 status

The West Midlands Combined Authority formally adopted the West Midlands National Park (WMNP) project on the 5th July 2020 as a key component of a post-Covid green economic recovery. The WMNP project will result in a region-wide spatial vision to kick-start the post-Covid economy in the context of WM2041, the West Midlands zero-carbon strategy and accelerated brownfield-first house building. It will also provide an overarching context for a range WMCA post-Covid recovery interventions, and a roadmap to increased and inclusive regional prosperity, spatial and environmental justice and growth where no one is left behind. The WMNP proposal was formulated by a professor of landscape architecture at Birmingham City University, and would make the region home to the UK's 16th official National Park. The WMNP have recently published their Award Criteria and will announce their first winners in Winter 2021.

October 2021 update

The WMNP concept is still in the early stages. The concept forms part of the West Midlands zero-carbon strategy and is seen as a key component of the region's green economic recovery

Work continues to develop conversations with partners and to identify opportunities to link up. A set of accreditation criteria for WMNP status has been agreed -

WMNP Lab has been established to support delivery. The WMNP concept was highlighted in the August 2021 WMCA Natural Environment Plan as an important first delivery step.

8.6 Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

December 2020 status

The Design Guide SPD was subject to consultation between November 2020 and January 2021. The SPD sets out the design aspirations of the city, with guidance to ensure all development aids the creation of high quality, people focused places that are resilient, innovative and healthy. The Design Guide is a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which once adopted will replace a number of existing SPDs.

October 2021 update

Work has started on drafting relevant revisions, but this work is not complete.

Chapter 9 - Council Strategy and Behaviour Change

Key achievements in 2021

- Climate Change module launched for all staff to raise awareness about the issue.
- Environmental and Sustainability Assessment (ESA) Template has been used for CLT/cabinet reports to assess any environmental or sustainability impacts of the decisions.
- Good progress and positive engagement have been made by procurement with four big areas that have the biggest impact on climate change.

The projects included under this theme were not included in the Action Plan. The discussions post the report submission suggested that there is merit in considering these projects as they will contribute towards the Council's net zero emission target. The section below provides an update on the projects as they were in October 2021.

9.1 Agile / Remote Working

All BCC staff are being supported to remain working from home where possible and so a first baseline travel habits survey has been drafted and subject to approval at New Ways of Working (NWOW) programme board will run in October.

A methodological approach to our Bin, Scan, Store operation to remove existing files is being planned, which will then roll out across our entire estate. This will be in conjunction with a campaign of activity to push the Paper Light approach which will see more digital options, training and support to limit the production of paper per individual. The team are in a process of establishing the Paper Light sub-group under NWOW to tether all activities together to enable the measure of reduction in carbon emissions.

9.2 Training and Induction

The climate change module is now complete and was launched (November 2021). The climate change module is now complete and was launched (November 2021). The possibility of making the module mandatory for all staff in 2022-23 is being explored.

9.3 Council-wide Route to Zero Behaviour Change Communications Strategy, Campaigns and Monitoring

The implementation of the strategy will be taken forward by the Principal Behaviour Change and Engagement Officer when they are recruited as a part of the R20 Team.

9.4 Working with Partners

The meetings are ongoing with respective partners and good progress is being made. The final reports and documents are still being prepared.

Enterprise Zone Investment Plan with LEP: Next steps are to look at how it is taken through the Governance processes at the LEP and BCC.

WMCA- Net Zero battle bus came to Birmingham on the 21st of September. Birmingham was part of a joint regional green zone bid for COP26 led by the CA which took place on 11th November (Cities and Regions Day).

Core Cities – BCC are contributing to the Connected Places Catapult work - The Connected Places Catapult (CPC) in collaboration with its partners Core Cities UK and London Councils has commissioned a piece of research and analysis, to help determine the potential investment opportunity for low carbon technologies across the UK's largest cities. The goal is to develop a City Investment Portfolio in support of the low carbon ambitions of London and Core Cities leading up to and including the launch of COP 26.

9.5 Embed carbon reduction in decision making

The implementation of an environmental assessment template is currently being trialled across the council. A report has been considered by CLT and recommendations have been made which have been considered by the Team. It has been agreed that Environmental and Sustainability Assessment template (ESA) will still be undertaken for all the decisions that may have an environmental impact. However, it has been suggested that the reports will not be made public until the trial is completed and the process is finalised. Training is being rolled out to all the Directorate Management Teams (DMTs) and elected members will be provided with more detail about the process. More training sessions are being offered to the staff to make them aware of the process and the template. The ESA Team has been given access to the forward plan folder and will be regularly monitoring it to ensure that all decisions that need an ESA should complete one.

9.6 Council Procurement

Key categories of focus have been identified - Construction, Highways, Repairs and Maintenance and Adult Social Care. Stakeholder meetings have been held.

Construction – An initial meeting has taken place with the consultants and a follow up meeting being scheduled with the identified consultants to tie into their sustainability reporting.

Highways – Introductory meeting took place with Kier. BCC representatives will be participating in Kier hosted workshop in October to develop a BCC Highways Contract One Planet Action Plan. This will identify opportunities to reduce CO₂ and be basis for starting to report to BCC.

Repairs and Maintenance - BCC representatives participated in a Wates hosted workshop on 1st September. Next steps re for Wates to propose 3-month milestone plan by 17th September to achieve contract level sustainability reporting.

Adult Social Care – A workshop with Green Mark certified Care Home was held. Sustainability planning framework developed for BCC run residential and day care facilities. Awareness training session on Green Mark certification originally scheduled for early September postponed and to be rescheduled. Target initiating plan start of October.

Chapter 10 - Carbon Savings

10.1 Context

At present, Birmingham City Council does not directly monitor its own carbon emissions. However, BEIS provides local authority level carbon emissions data, which can then be used to derive carbon reductions from. The most up to date carbon emissions data is from 2019, as data is back casted two years previous and can be accessed at: [UK Local Authority and Regional Carbon Dioxide Data](#). The data used to analyse Birmingham's carbon emissions is a subset that excludes emissions in the main data set which are considered to fall outside the scope of influence of Local Authorities (e.g. emissions from motorways and emissions from some installations in the EU Emissions Trading System are excluded). The figures shown for per capita emissions are based on population estimates published by the Office for National Statistics at the Local Authority level.

Data Revisions

The local authority carbon emissions estimates published previously have now been superseded by the latest revised figures. In order to ensure that the data for 2005 - 2017 are consistent with the data now available for 2017, the estimates for these years have been revised to incorporate both new data and improvements in the underlying methodology.

10.2 Summary of Citywide Carbon Emissions

- 1) In 2019, **Birmingham's CO₂ emissions had decreased by 40.6%**, against a 1990 baseline. This is a decrease in CO₂ emissions since 2018 when there was a 38.2% reduction.
- 2) Birmingham's total CO₂ emissions are at an all-time low since 1990.
- 3) Total emissions in 2019 were 4.083m tonnes (city wide).
- 4) CO₂ emissions across industry, commercial and domestic sectors continued to **decrease** from 2018-2019.
- 5) The largest contributor to Birmingham's emissions is transport – at 34.9%.
- 6) Domestic emissions now account for 34.4% of total emissions within the local authorities' scope.
- 7) On a per capita basis, Birmingham's CO₂ emissions are at their **lowest since data collection began** – 3.6 tonnes CO₂ per person (please see table 1).

10.3 Overall Carbon Emissions Data

Total emissions in 2019 were 4.083m tonnes. The overall carbon emissions data table can be seen in table 1. On a per capita basis, Birmingham's CO₂ emissions are at their lowest since data collection began – 3.6 tonnes CO₂ per person (please see table 1). Figure 4 shows our actual carbon emissions to date (the green line) along with the required trajectory for us to meet Birmingham's 2030 net zero carbon goal, as well as to meet central government's 2050

target. Figure 5 shows a close up view of how our carbon emissions have fluctuated since 2005.

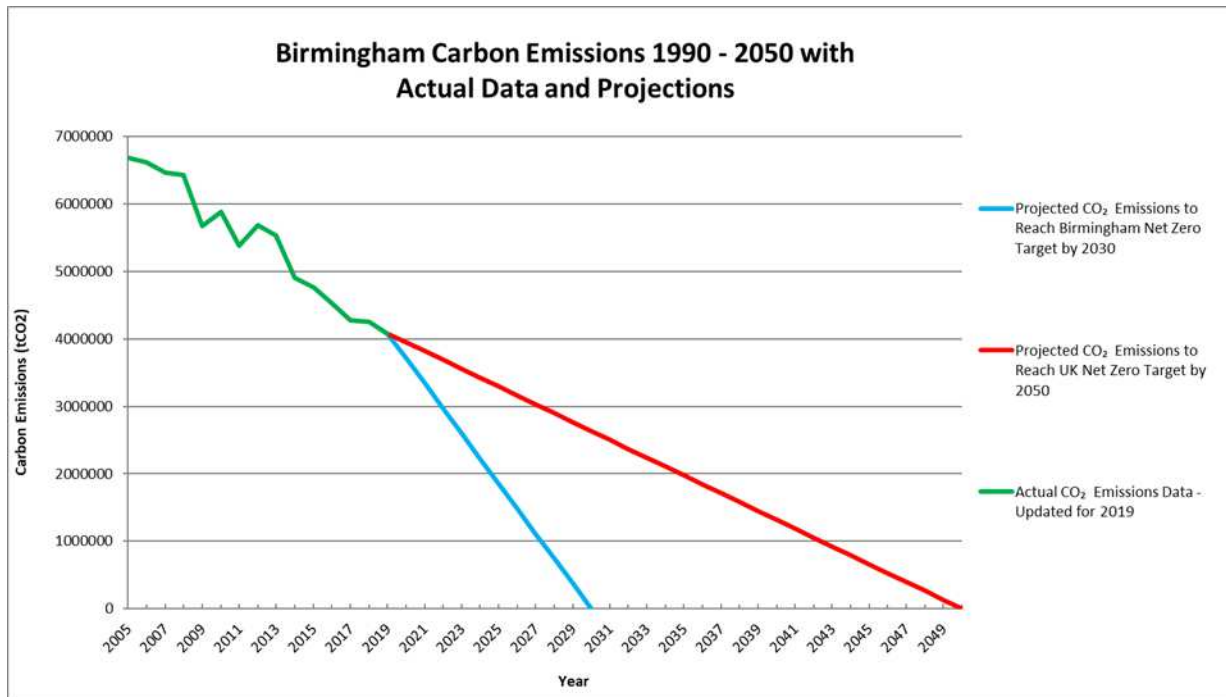


Figure 4: Actual carbon emissions data 2005-2019, with trajectories for Birmingham and Central Government targets

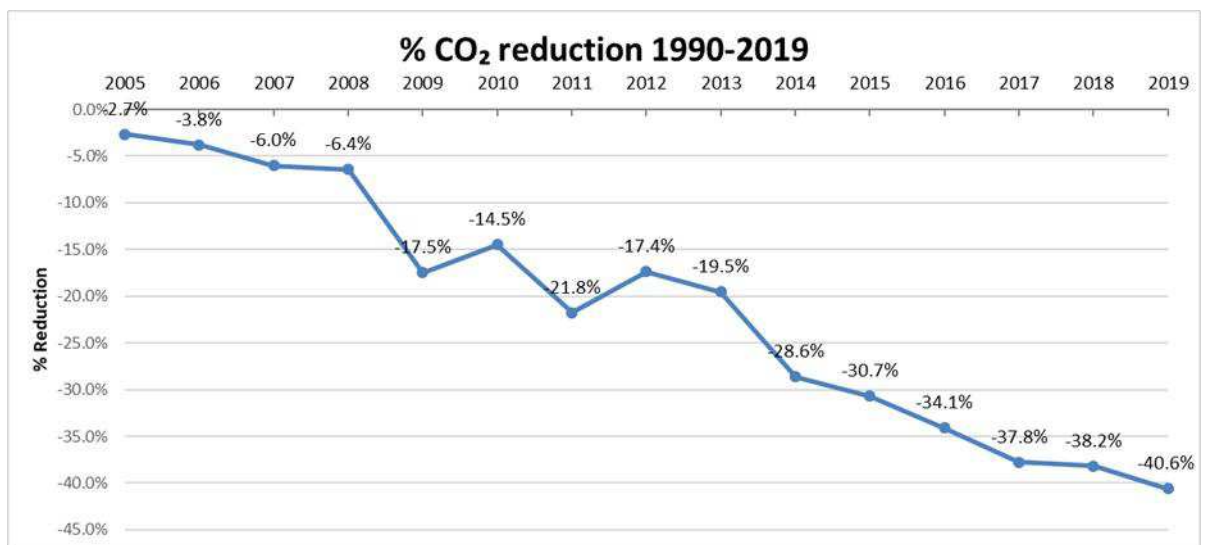


Figure 5: The percentage CO₂ reduction Birmingham has achieved each year since 2005 against 1990 data.

Sector Specific Breakdown

The breakdown of 2019's carbon emissions are as follows:

- 33.8% of emissions were from industry and commercial sectors;
- 34.4 from domestic; and
- 31.8 from transport.

The largest contributor to Birmingham's emissions is domestic – at 34.4%. As a local authority data only started to be collected in 2005, it is not possible to provide any data by sector to 1990. All sector specific emissions are at an all-time low against the available data since 2005. Figure 6 shows a breakdown by sector from 2005-2019.

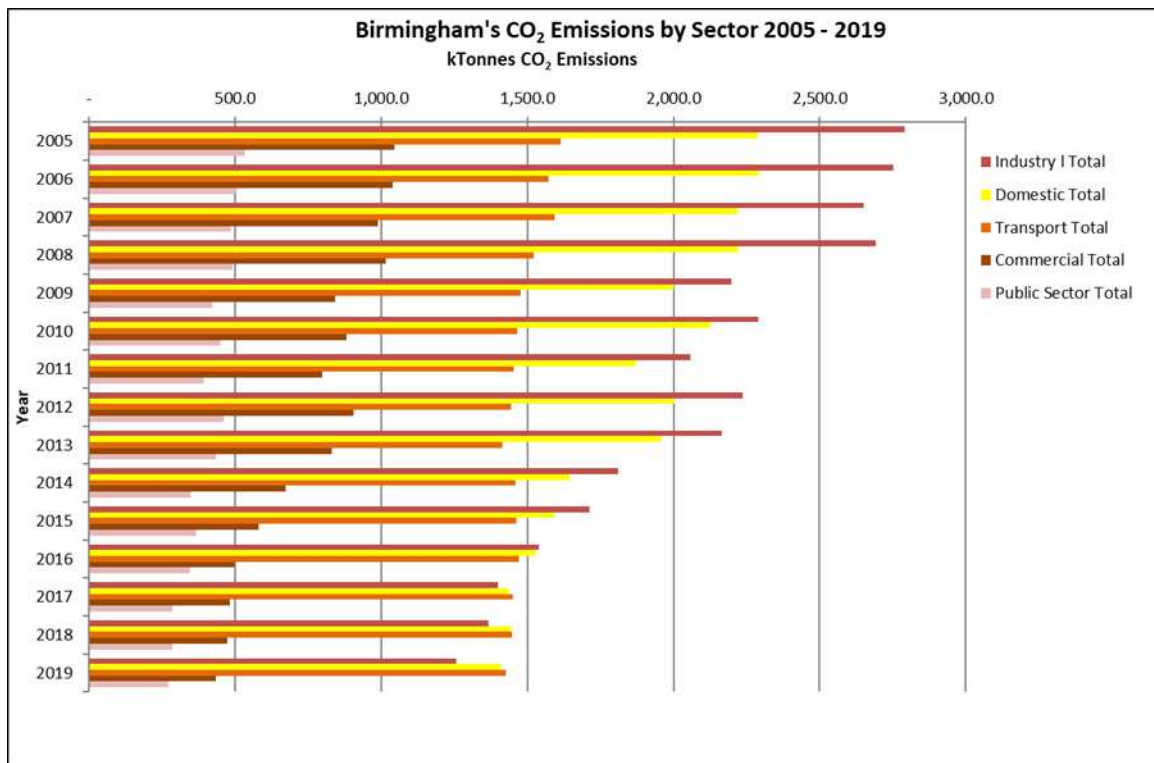


Figure 6: Sector breakdown of 2019 CO₂ data from 2005-2019.

Year	Industry Total	Commercial Total	Public Sector Total	Domestic Total	Transport Total	Grand Total	Population ('000s, mid-year estimate)	Per Capita Emissions (t)
2005	1,211.8	1,045.7	534.0	2,286.9	1,613.6	6,690.8	1,014.7	6.6
2006	1,206.4	1,037.9	507.5	2,292.4	1,572.4	6,614.6	1,020.8	6.5
2007	1,175.2	990.1	485.2	2,217.8	1,594.3	6,459.9	1,029.0	6.3
2008	1,188.2	1,015.1	489.9	2,222.1	1,520.7	6,432.6	1,039.0	6.2
2009	931.3	843.4	422.0	2,001.9	1,478.2	5,672.9	1,050.1	5.4
2010	962.4	880.9	448.1	2,127.6	1,465.0	5,879.6	1,061.1	5.5
2011	865.3	799.2	393.8	1,871.3	1,453.6	5,378.2	1,074.3	5.0
2012	871.3	904.3	460.9	2,005.7	1,443.2	5,679.9	1,085.2	5.2
2013	900.2	831.9	433.3	1,956.2	1,414.7	5,530.2	1,092.2	5.1
2014	787.7	672.8	349.0	1,643.3	1,458.9	4,905.4	1,101.5	4.5
2015	767.1	581.2	365.1	1,594.1	1,463.0	4,763.5	1,113.0	4.3
2016	696.7	496.4	346.7	1,527.2	1,470.5	4,530.5	1,128.1	4.0
2017	633.3	482.4	284.8	1,434.9	1,450.1	4,277.9	1,137.1	3.8
2018	607.5	472.3	286.2	1,442.9	1,448.2	4,249.1	1,141.4	3.7
2019	550.1	434.2	272.2	1,408.6	1,426.4	4,083.2	1,141.8	3.6

Table 1: Birmingham's detailed CO₂ emissions within scope and influence (ktCO₂)

10.4 Impact of Wave 1 Projects on Carbon Savings

The delivery of Wave 1 Projects is a significant step to continue and accelerate the reduction of carbon emissions in Birmingham. In this period, 2021/2022, these projects have already started to show an emissions reduction impact and are setting the foundations to boost carbon savings in scale and pace in the following years.

In this period, Wave 1 Projects have reduced emissions by 215,931 tCO₂e. Projects within Transport and Connectivity, such as Electric Vehicle Charging Points, Hydrogen Bus Pilot, and the City Centre Clean Air Zone, are the main contributors, accounting for c.75 % of carbon savings this year. These projects also have the potential to promote behaviour change and a long-term shift from fuel-based transportation towards more sustainable options, bringing future reductions.

An additional c.22 % reduction has been driven by projects in the Council Strategy and Behaviour Change category, such as Council Commissioning and Procurement, and Agile Working. On top of this, these projects have been successful in embedding environmentally sustainable approaches to the council's activities, which will be key to secure the council's net zero target.

Other projects have had a limited impact on carbon reduction in this period. However, important steps have been made to set in motion policy and institutional arrangements that

will make future carbon savings possible. Such is the case of the Birmingham Transport Plan which was adopted this year and will bring about future transport-related carbon savings. Similarly, through the Future Parks Accelerator project a new governance mechanism is being set up which will help fund and deliver green and natural environment projects.

A significant contribution to council-wide carbon savings will come from New Build projects. Though new construction will inevitably produce additional emissions, the recently agreed environmentally sustainable construction standards will allow the council to avoid future carbon emissions. It is calculated that each new unit built would add only 0.11186 tCO₂e, which represents a 2.3 tCO₂e reduction compared to the previous standard. Considering that the target is to build 2,850 per annum, the new standards will allow for considerable carbon savings in the coming years.

The Wave 1 Projects are the first step towards achieving BCC's carbon reduction goals in 2030. The 215,932 tCO₂e reduction in 2021/2022 might seem modest, as it accounts for c. 4.7 % of the Birmingham's total baseline emissions – there is still c.95 % of emissions to reduce to meet net zero. However, they provide the solid foundations to generate opportunities for broader medium- and long-term reductions within and outside the council.

To move forward and achieve the net zero targets more work needs to be done, and a renewed focus on putting into place and accelerating phase 2 projects will begin. This will require bolder initiatives to accelerate delivery. Focus must also be made on building capacity and generating mechanisms to ensure a comprehensive and timely collection of carbon reduction data. This will allow the council to measure and monitor progress more regularly and accurately and ensure R20 efforts are on track.

Chapter 11 - Next Steps

The 2020s have been highlighted as the 'decade of delivery' of emissions reductions at scale. Aligned with the Council's own ambitious plans to reach net zero carbon by 2030 or as soon thereafter as a just transition allows, and with approval to scale up the Council's own R20 capacity via the formation of a dedicated R20 enabling team, the work programme of the forthcoming 12 months will identify and focus on projects and initiatives that will lead to significant carbon reductions by 2030.

The City will need to be bolder, braver and take calculated risks to accelerate delivery.

The 41 initial projects in Wave 1 are setting good foundations. Activity will continue on these projects ensure they deliver and stay on track to deliver carbon reduction outcomes.

This will require the implementation of a rigorous approach to portfolio management which assesses projects against carbon reduction and other key strategic outcomes (for example economic, health and social), prioritises activity and rigorously evaluates and re-evaluates to ensure outcomes are maximised.

A similar assessment tool will be implemented to demonstrate the environmental and sustainability outcomes of all non-R20 enabled Council investment and project decisions. Not only will this tool inform Council decision makers of the emissions impact of recommendations, but it will also serve to increase knowledge and understanding across all Council departments. Projects and investments that do not support the Council's Route to Zero ambition cannot be supported if the Council is to achieve a positive trajectory.

Working collaboratively with City Council departments, fostering existing external relations, and facilitating new public-private sector partnerships to build investment and delivery capacity will need to sit at the heart of the R20 approach. The R20 team will provide leadership, inspire, and enable carbon emissions reduction for the Council and City as a whole, but it cannot deliver the significant scale of activity required across key emissions sectors. Key actions to empower and advance collaborative activity will include:

- Identifying the range of powers and tools available to the City to build and motivate action, including policy and financial mechanisms. All core City functions need to be aligned with the R20 ambition and Council's Corporate Plan.
- Driving a more place-based approach, attracting private sector investment from citizens and organisations through clarity of purpose and community level benefits. Making sure communities are involved in the design, delivery and learning process.
- Clear focus on the City Council's role and the direct influence, indirect impact and enabling function it will need to fulfil.
- Collaborating with public and private sector partners to design carbon reduction initiatives that are investible, scalable and deliverable. This will include identifying and assessing new delivery models and partnership arrangements.
- Leading by example, sharing and gaining knowledge from others.
- Being honest and transparent on the decisions we make and the outcomes our actions will achieve to create trust and build relationships.

Alongside this we need to ensure that we develop a comprehensive communication and engagement plan to raise awareness, demonstrate the benefits of positive environmental action and drive behaviours that support a net zero society.

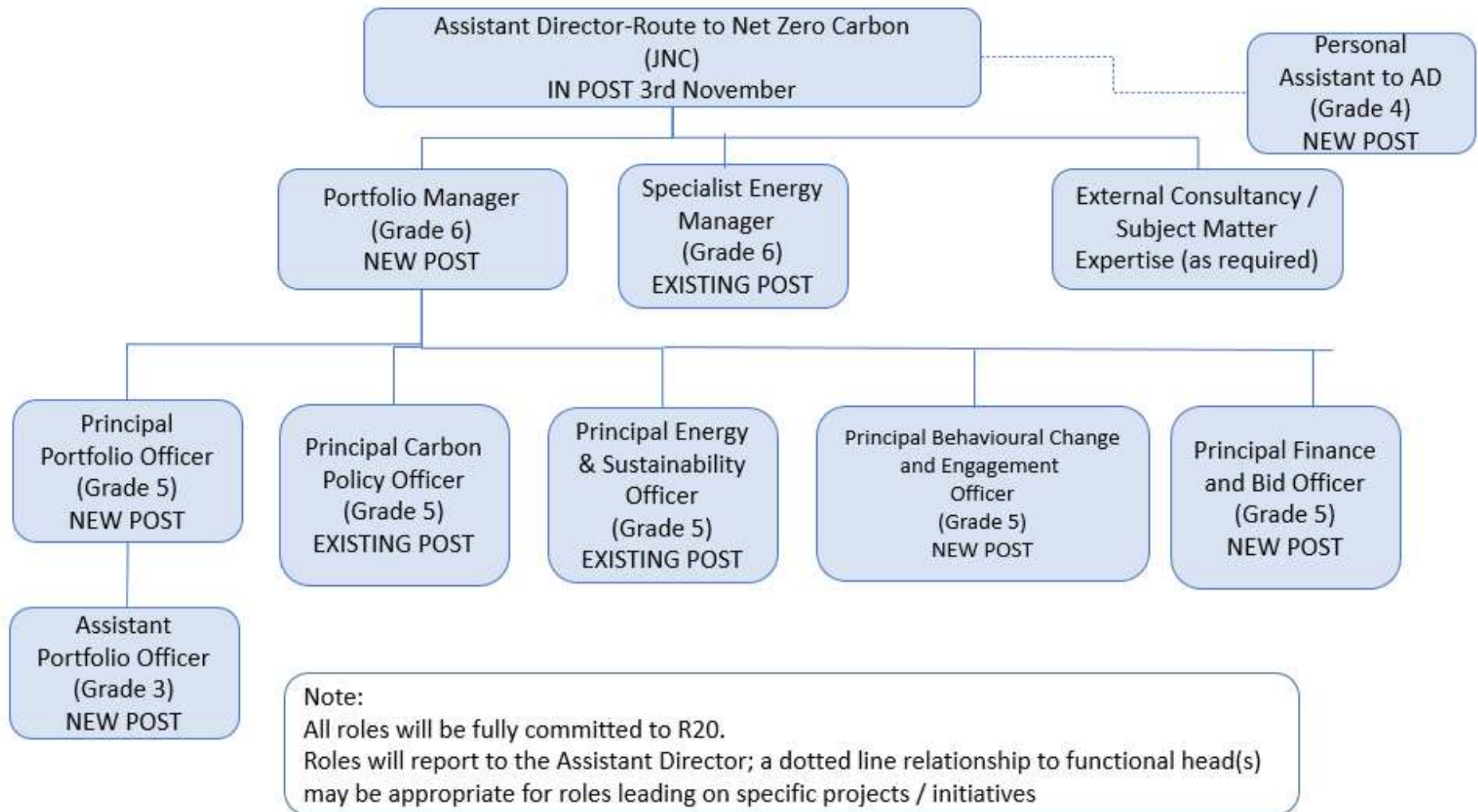
The five priority projects summarised in the Executive Summary and listed below can be scaled up to deliver a greater level of carbon reduction and demonstrate an investment-ready approach. These projects are:

- delivering whole house retrofits in social housing, using a self-funding approach
- creating a Net Zero Neighbourhood at Bromford and Castle Vale
- delivering larger and better district heat network(s)
- leveraging the Council's significant Commissioning and Procurement budget to drive more carbon reductions across the city's supply chain; and
- creating a total waste strategy, including energy from waste

Words around waste – Ellie HS

Alongside the R20 recruitment activity already underway to form the full capacity of the new R20 team, we will develop the processes and infrastructure that will support the identification and prioritisation of Wave 2 projects. Particular consideration will be given to the theme areas which account for the highest share of carbon emissions across the city. Key areas of activity are likely to include:

- Scaling up of currently self-funded housing retrofit projects, learning from pilots currently underway and seeking to secure additional capacity to fund and deliver.
- Working with a range of partners to create and mobilise investment in retrofit of private sector buildings in the domestic and non-domestic sectors.
- Agreeing a roadmap towards decarbonisation of the City's district heating network.
- Undertaking a carbon management assessment of Council assets to identify opportunities and challenges to decarbonising the City's own emissions, supporting asset management decision making.
- Accelerating supply chain carbon reductions through a strengthened procurement and investment strategy, common measurement approach and supporting City supply chains through collaboration with businesses and strategic partners such as WMCA, GBSLEP and Core Cities.
- Building an environment of mutual interest and benefit for all sectors of the City economy to enable partners to match the City's net zero ambition.



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Subject: Motions for Debate from Individual Members

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

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

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

A. Councillors Jon Hunt and Paul Tilsley have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

“Council recognises there are multiple overlapping reasons for improving traffic management and road safety around schools.

These include:

Air quality

Child fitness and obesity

Pedestrian safety

Climate change action

Nuisance and antisocial behaviour caused by inconsiderate and illegal parking.

Council further notes there is uncontrolled traffic around too many schools, contributing to recent disturbing and tragic incidents.

Council welcomes some of the innovative ideas that have been tested in many parts of the country, including our city, to tackle this problem. These include exclusion zones, no idling zones, ten-minute walking zones and walking buses.

It calls for accelerated action to address these issues around schools.

Council therefore calls for the executive:

1/ to develop citywide policies and strategies that will support rapid, effective, innovative and flexible local action to improve traffic safety around all schools and will clearly identify obstacles to action.

2/ to identify resources that can be used to support effective measures, noting the pressure on the core budgets of both Council and of schools.

3/ to increase effectiveness of partnership work with West Midlands Police to ensure effective enforcement of existing rules around parking and around stationary vehicles with idling engines.

Council further proposes a joint piece of work by the transport and education scrutiny and overview committees to oversee the development of the council's response to this problem.

Council further resolves to lobby government and local MPs for changes to legislation on schools to place duties on schools to respond to the health and safety risks posed to pupils and pedestrians outside school gates. This should include placing a duty on schools to cooperate with councils in responding to problems."

B. Councillors Ian Ward and Brigid Jones have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

"This council notes that:

- 2022 is a year of unprecedented opportunity for the people and communities of Birmingham.
- In attracting record levels of investment and successfully bidding for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham is already making a significant contribution to the levelling-up agenda - delivering jobs, homes and opportunities to improve the lives and life chances of people and communities across the city.
- Prior to Covid, this city was seeing growth at almost twice the rate of London, and four times the national average. And, while the pandemic has had a profound impact, both economically and socially, the factors that made Birmingham such an attractive place to live, work and invest 18 months ago remain in place and will now help power our recovery.
- Even at a time of such upheaval, the council and its partners have continued to make progress on a significant number of major projects, which will stimulate growth across the city.
- Projects like the Smithfield Development, Paradise, the regeneration of our Digbeth creative sector and the imminent arrival of the HS2 high-speed rail link mean homes, jobs, and opportunities for the people of Birmingham.
- Like the Commonwealth Games, these projects will shape the lives and life chances of people growing up in Birmingham today.

However, this council further notes that after over a decade of austerity:

- Over 40% of Birmingham's children live in relative poverty

- Birmingham fares less well across many indicators such as education, skills, and the living environment
- 90% of wards are more deprived than national average
- The rate of unemployment is double the national average
- And there is a decade's gap in life expectancy between the poorest areas, such as East Birmingham and the most affluent areas

The Government must work with and support the council, combined authority and other stakeholders to address these and other challenges, if it is truly committed to levelling up for the people of Birmingham.

Prosperity and Opportunity for All: Birmingham's Levelling Up Strategy is an ambitious blueprint to work with partners at city, regional and national levels to ensure that, given the right funding and powers, our city can play a key role in levelling up the UK economy.

The approach looks to address poor health, poor educational attainment, low skills and incomes, congestion, and air pollution, while bringing forward new homes, employment sites and community assets.

This council resolves to:

- Continue to make a compelling case for Birmingham to be at the heart of national efforts to level up the UK economy.
- Ensure that a successful Commonwealth Games will act as a springboard for future inclusive growth and success.
- Continue attracting the vital investment that will create jobs and opportunities for people in neighbourhoods right across the city.
- And work with a wide range of partners - at community, regional and national level - to ensure that Birmingham citizens benefit from levelling up."

