



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2020 AT 1400 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE MEETING**

PRESENT:- Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor Yvonne Mosquito) in the Chair.

Councillors

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

19356 The Deputy 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 Deputy 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

The Deputy Lord Mayor requested that Members ensure that their video cameras are switched off unless called to speak and that their microphone is switched off when they are not speaking.

The Deputy Lord Mayor advised Members that If they wished to speak, to indicate in the chat function and wait to be invited to speak and to state their name at the start of every contribution.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

19357 The Deputy Lord Mayor reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting

Any declarations would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

At this point in the meeting the Deputy Lord Mayor sought any expressions of interest and non were made.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded and –

19358 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2020 having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Death of Honorary Alderman Freda Mary Longden-Parker

The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that her announcement was a sad one in that she had to inform the Chamber of the death of former Councillor and Honorary Alderman, Freda Mary Longden-Parker. The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that the Council had recently been advised that Freda died on 16th January 2020, at 99 years of age. She leaves behind her daughter Elizabeth, two Granddaughters, Jessica and Charlotte, and her Great Grandson, Rudy.

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The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that tributes to Freda would be reserved until such time as meetings were able to be held in the Council Chamber and in the meantime she invited all to join her in extending sincere condolences to Freda's family and friends.

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

19359 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death of former Councillor and Honorary Alderman Freda Mary Longden-Parker and its appreciation of her devoted service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extends its deepest sympathy to members of Freda's family in their sad bereavement.

PETITIONS

Petition Relating to City Council Functions Presented prior to the Meeting

The following petition was presented:-

(See document No. 1)

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

19360 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer to examine and report as appropriate.

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 2)

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

19361 **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:-

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(See document No. 3)

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

19362 **RESOLVED:-**

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

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

19363 **RESOLVED:-**

That, pursuant to discussions by Council Business Management Committee, Standing Orders be waived as follows:

- Reduce the time for item No. 7 (Question Time) to 50 minutes and not have questions from members of the public.
 - No Motions be submitted by individual Councillors at the meeting
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QUESTION TIME

19364 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

EXTENSION OF TIME

It was proposed by Councillor Gareth Moore and seconded by Councillor Ian Ward that the time for consideration of agenda item 7 (Question Time) be extended by 15 minutes.

The Deputy Lord Mayor put the proposal to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore-

19365 **RESOLVED:-**

That the time for consideration of agenda item 7 (Question Time) be extended by 15 minutes.

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

SCRUTINY BUSINESS REPORT

The following report of the Scrutiny Chairs was submitted:-

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(See document No 4)

Councillor Carl Rice presented the report and the recommendation was seconded.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Carl Rice replied to the debate.

The recommendation having been moved and seconded was agreed.

It was therefore-

19366 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

**LEAD MEMBER REPORT - WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY
TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE**

The following report of Councillor Kath Hartley, Lead Member, Transport Delivery Committee was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

Councillor Kath Hartley presented the report and the recommendation was seconded.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Kath Hartley replied to the debate.

The recommendation having been moved and seconded was agreed.

It was therefore-

19367 **RESOLVED:-**

That the report be noted.

**SUBMISSION OF THE 'DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT IN
BIRMINGHAM' DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**

The following report of the Leader, Councillor Ian Ward was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward presented the report and the recommendation was seconded.

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A debate ensued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

On a point of clarification, Councillor Robert Alden, referring to the Leader's comments about the Conservative Group contacting Central Government in regard to the proposed changes to Permitted Development rights, explained that he had emailed the Leader that morning indicating that he had written to Government ministers highlighting a number of concerns that the issue would cause in Birmingham if retail was allowed to be converted to residential without consultation .

The recommendation having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For the Recommendation (59)

Akhlaq Ahmed	Kath Hartley	Karen McCarthy
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Penny Holbrook	Saddak Miah
Alex Aitken	Jon Hunt	Brett O'Reilly
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Shabrana Hussain	John O'Shea
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Against the recommendation (0)

Abstentions (13)

Robert Alden	Charlotte Hodivala	Simon Morrall
Debbie Clancy	Bruce Lines	David Pears
Maureen Cornish	Ewan Mackey	Julien Pritchard
Peter Fowler	Gareth Moore	Suzanne Webb
Adam Higgs		

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

That Council:

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- i) Notes the summary of representations received on the Publication DMB document and approves the 'Council responses' to the representations (Appendix 3) and the Schedule of Proposed Minor Changes to the Publication DMB document (Appendix 4).
- ii) Approves the submission of the Publication DMB document (Appendix 1), Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix 2), representations and Council response (Appendix 3), Schedule of Proposed Minor Changes (Appendix 4) and other supporting documents to the MHCLG under the provisions of Regulation 22 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as soon as practicable, following recent approval by Cabinet at its meeting on 23rd June 2020.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CO-OPERATIVE COUNCIL'S INNOVATION NETWORK

The following report of Council Business Management Committee was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward presented the report and the recommendation was seconded.

A debate ensued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

The recommendation having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

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Zaker Choudhry

Timothy Huxtable

Paul Tilsley

Debbie Clancy

Meirion Jenkins

Suzanne Webb

Adrian Delaney

Ewan Mackey

Ken Wood

Neil Eustace

Gareth Moore

Alex Yip

Peter Fowler

Simon Morrall

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

That Council agrees to make an application to join the CCIN in July 2020; and, if the application is successful, to review the outcomes after 12 months to inform any decision as to the renewal of membership for future years.

PROVISIONAL DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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The Deputy Lord Mayor asked Members to note that the provisional date of the next meeting of City Council is 15 September 2020.

In concluding the meeting, the Deputy Lord Mayor noted that several Councillors had been out in their Wards helping with food banks and helping those shielding and the vulnerable and she thanked them for her efforts. The Deputy Lord Mayor made reference to the Lord Mayor who was also shielding but had been making video messages.

The meeting ended at 1655 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
ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

A1 COUNCIL BACKED PROJECTS AND RATES OF ILLNESS AND LOSSES'

Question:

Given the high fatality rate among construction workers from Covid-19 (see Office for National Statistics analysis) could the leader report on the safety of workers involved in Council-backed projects, setting out rates of illness and any losses of life?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council appoints principal designers and principal contractors to undertake construction projects and complies with the associated legislation (primarily the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations. Sickness Absence records cover all BCC staff but would not include those of 3rd parties contracted to undertake construction work for BCC. Any losses of life are reportable to the HSE under the Reporting of Inquires, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR). We have not been made aware of any fatalities related to construction projects undertaken for Birmingham City Council.

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

A2 CWG - LACK OF BAME REPRESENTATION AT BOARD ROOM LEVEL

Question:

It has been reported in the media that the board of the 2022 Commonwealth Games significantly fails to reflect the ethnic diversity of the region - and indeed lacks any Asian members. Could the leader state what is being done to put this right, explaining how it happened?

Answer:

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee (OC) is a Public Limited Company (limited by guarantee) and a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) with the Department of Digital Culture Media and Sport as its department sponsor. As an NDPB, the OC has the operational independence required to allow it to run the Games effectively, whilst maintaining the right balance of accountability required for a body mainly funded by government.

The Birmingham 2022 board currently consists of 13 non-executive members, eight of which were nominated by the different Games partners and five of which are independent non-executive directors. Four independent directors were appointed by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport as part of a public appointments process. The Chair of the Board was appointed via the same public appointments process but he was appointed by the then Prime Minister. These appointments have been made in accordance with the Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments. The process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

The Council had the right to make one appointment within the eight Games Partner nominees and it was decided this would be whoever was the Leader of the Council, as the most senior publicly accountable representative of the Council.

There is currently a vacancy on the board, to be appointed by the Secretary of State, and the recruitment process to fill that vacancy will begin soon. You can see all of the board members here: <https://www.birmingham2022.com/corporate/who-we-are/board-of-directors/> Each has the Games partner that nominated them under their name or 'independent' for the independent NEDs.

Any further questions about efforts by the organising committee to ensure diversity in its appointments should be directed to the committee directly.

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

A3 Council Assets

Question:

What is the total value of Council assets held outside the city boundary?

Answer:

£92.4m.

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

A4 Supplies of PPE

Question:

What is the Council doing to build up supplies of PPE and other essentials in the event there is a second wave in the Covid-19 pandemic this autumn\winter?

Answer:

The council has worked hard to ensure we have an adequate supply of PPE and the Procurement Team have secured further supplies based on future stock projections. The Local Resilience Forum (LRF) are also monitoring stock levels across the region and will top-up BCC where required.

However, as the LGA made clear in its response to the Public Accounts Committee report on future PPE supply, Councils and social care providers need concrete assurances about ongoing supplies of quality PPE should we see a second wave of COVID-19.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, the Conservative Chairman of the Local Government Association's Community Wellbeing Board, said: "We have been calling for a clear long-term strategy for the sustainable supply of PPE to be published. Councils and social care providers need concrete assurances about ongoing supplies of quality PPE should the country experience a second wave of coronavirus.

Staff working in care homes and working in people's homes have been doing an incredible job in extremely challenging circumstances. They deserve to know that they will have the equipment, resources and support they need to continue doing so to ensure their safety and those they are caring for, at all times.

Social care services are still operating under the guidance for sustained transmission of COVID-19 in the community, with staff continuing to use PPE at the same level and rate as early on in the pandemic.

As the report states, we need urgent clarity over the governance and distribution of PPE, so that this vital protective equipment reaches where it is needed as soon as possible."

"We must be as prepared as possible if we are to continue supporting those who use and work in social care, while reducing the impact of this devastating disease."

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

A5 A34 Highway Scheme

Question:

What is the current estimated delivery date for final completion of the A34 Highway Scheme for the Commonwealth Games?

Answer:

The A34 Perry Barr Highway Scheme is planned to be complete by end of December 2021.

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

A6 Training

Question:

Does the Council provide Environmental and Planning Enforcement Officers expert witness training to help them when taking cases to court?

Answer:

The majority of Regulation and Enforcement officers are either trained via their formal professional qualification e.g. Environmental Health or Trading Standards degree, or have undertaken an NVQ level 3 in Investigative Practice. This course includes court practice and giving evidence. Others have previous experience in law enforcement e.g. ex-Police Officers.

Officers in Planning Enforcement have regular training with regard to formal interviewing and preparation for Court. The most recent training scheduled for 20 and 21 May 2020 has been postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

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

A7 Interim Chief Executive

Question:

When the Interim Chief Executive is in Birmingham, which office space is made available to him to work from?

Answer:

The Interim Chief Executive has had office space made available to him at Woodcock Street to work from.

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

A8 Appropriate Public Memorials and Statues

Question:

Could the leader state what is being done to address concerns about public memorials and statues associated with beneficiaries of slavery and proponents of colonialism?

Answer:

We will review the appropriateness of local monuments and statues on public land and council property. We will also ensure that the plaques accompanying our monuments properly and fully explain their historical context, where appropriate.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

B1 Resident Satisfaction 2019/2020

Question:

How does the Deputy Leader explain the steep decline in resident satisfaction in the past year?

Answer:

The Council values the views of our citizens and communities in shaping our priorities and investment areas. We welcome feedback from citizens on how they think our services are performing, and the annual Residents' Survey is only one of the ways in which we constantly seek the feedback that we need to continue on our improvement journey.

Our annual Residents Survey contains a number of questions and enables us to monitor satisfaction with the Council alongside service priorities, local cohesion and levels of volunteering. Unfortunately, national comparators are no longer available for us to compare our satisfaction levels against other local authorities, however we are committed to improving our performance in this area.

We are proud of the progress that we have made as a Council in many key areas of service delivery over the past few years, although we acknowledge that there is still some way to go. The introduction of a four year Council Plan and Budget has enabled us to successfully deliver within our approved budget over the past two financial years, with no unplanned use of reserves. These improvements has been made despite a decade of austerity cuts imposed by national government, forcing us to make cuts of £730m since 2010 – nearly a third of our budget. The departure of the Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel (BIIP) in 2019 is a testament to our success. Nationally, case-studies on improvement indicate that there is often a 'lag-effect' in turning around public perceptions after improvements have begun to take effect, and we may be observing this effect here in Birmingham.

We are constantly seeking feedback from citizens on their priorities and where they think that services need to improve, using this to inform our own strategic planning and where we choose to invest resources. We do this both through the Residents Survey and the annual Budget Consultation, inviting communities to have their say on what matters the most to them. For example, we are investing to modernise our waste collection and recycling services, refurbishing the Perry Barr waste depot and procuring a new fleet of refuse collection vehicles, after residents told us that one of their key concerns was the importance of clean streets and refuse collection. We also know that residents are concerned about the impact of austerity on vulnerable people, including children and older people, which is why we are working closely with the Birmingham City Board and our key partners to address these concerns as a system, while also shifting the emphasis of our social care services from crisis to prevention.

We believe that one of the key factors in citizen satisfaction is the extent to which people believe that they have a say in local services and the decisions that affect them. It is notable

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that the dip in resident satisfaction coincides with the move to a four-year election cycle which, while providing additional stability for the Council, may have led to citizens believing that they have less influence over local decision-making. We are determined to address this perception and develop innovative ways to involve people and communities in decision-making and the design of services, including those whose voices are 'less heard'. That is why last year we published 'Working Together in Birmingham's Neighbourhoods', signifying our commitment to helping local neighbourhoods and communities to have more influence over local services and decisions, and setting out a framework for a truly bottom-up approach to localism.

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

B2 Council Tax Reduction

Question:

Broken down by constituency\district, how many Birmingham residents benefited from the council tax reduction funded by the government's Covid hardship fund?

Answer:

Total £7,172,514.79 paid in hardship relief.

Numbers of Claimants in each area:

Acocks Green	1426
Aston	2468
Bartley Green	1413
Billesley	1174
Birchfield	419
Bordesley Green	2047
Bournville & Selly Park	541
Bourneville & Cotteridge	322
Brandwood & Kings Heath	1147
Bromford and Hodge Hill	17
Castle Vale	55
Druids Heath and Monyhull	401
Edgbaston	856
Erdington	1150
Erdington	39
Frankley Great Park	90
Garretts Green	71
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	138
Gravelly Hill	101
Hall Green North	585
Hall Green - South	122
Handsworth	738
Handsworth Wood	387
Harborne	618
Heartlands	155
Highters Heath	789
Holyhead	691
Kings Norton North	659
Kings Norton South	480
Kingstanding	1522
Ladywood	2301
Longbridge & West Heath	808
Lozells	2228
Moseley	939

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Nechells	2844
Newtown	479
North Edgbaston	25
Northfield	1169
Oscott	792
Perry Barr	1016
Quinton	1150
Shard End	1738
Sheldon	926
Small Heath	156
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	1902
South Yardley	1649
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	2055
Sparkhill	1588
Stirchley	470
Stockland Green	1181
Sutton Four Oaks	89
Sutton Mere Green	221
Sutton Reddicap	475
Sutton Roughley	111
Sutton Trinity	258
Sutton Vesey	387
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	159
Sutton Wylde Green	169
Tyseley & Hay Mills	1239
Ward End	1379
Weoley & Selly Oak	19
Yardley East	104
Yardley West & Stechford	1297

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

C1 Referrals

Question:

Since 2012 how many referrals were made to the Safer Recruitment Panel by Travel Assist Service providers and what proportion of these resulted in a job offer being rejected/withdrawn?

Answer:

We do not hold this information as whilst the safer recruitment panel could take a decision not to recommend the third party contractor employee for work on a BCC route, as we are not the employer we are unable to comment on whether the individual was employed for other duties.

Due to Data Protection legislation BCC does not hold any employment history for contractors as this is held with each 3rd party provider as the employer.

The Safer Recruitment Panel was strengthened earlier this year and since that time 28 referrals have been made by Travel Assist third party contractors. Of these 10 have been concluded of which none have resulted in the panel forming a view that they are not recommended to work on one of our routes. The remaining 18 are still pending a decision as further information or expert advice is being sought.

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

C2 National Express Contract

Question:

According to the decision report, the new National Express Contract included the provision of a new route management system. I understand this may no longer be the case and that another new system is being procured. If this is the case, what is the additional cost of this compared to the original contract?

Answer:

It is correct that National Express will no longer directly provide the route management system. It is now seen as more advantageous for BCC to own and operate its own Transport Management system to retain overall visibility over all suppliers, schools and related data. BCC is being refunded for this contractual element now.

It is also correct that a new transport system is being procured currently. At this stage, the difference between the original contract and the new procured system will depend on the chosen supplier, although the additional cost is likely to be in the region of £70k per annum (at worst case). We are planning to mitigate this additional cost by charging a small levy to our service providers to allow them full access to the portal and enhance the service. Going forward, the cost of the system will become cost-neutral to BCC and provide many additional benefits that address many of the issues raised in the audit report from October 2019.

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

C3 Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown, on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

None

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

C4 Non-Disclosure Agreement – Tyseley Incinerator

Question:

Were you asked to sign – and did you sign – a non-disclosure agreement in relation to information about the Tyseley incinerator?

Answer:

No

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

C5 Non-Disclosure Agreement

Question:

On how many occasions have you signed a non-disclosure agreement for information shared with you by Council officers since joining Cabinet?

Answer:

Once

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS
AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

D1 Laptop Scheme

Question:

How many laptops have been provided by government for Birmingham schools for applicable year groups and children in care under the Covid laptop scheme?

Answer:

The government provided 703 laptops for disadvantaged Year 10 pupils and 3,770 laptops for children with a social worker/care leavers.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS
AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

D2 Lockdown

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS & CULTURE BY COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY.

D5 Laptops for Children with Limited Access to it

Question:

It has been reported that Councils are getting laptops to ensure digital inclusion for children with limited access to IT. Could the Cabinet Member set out how these laptops are being distributed in Birmingham, stating how many have been received and how they are being distributed and how need is assessed?

Answer:

703 laptops were provided to Birmingham by the government for disadvantaged year 10 pupils. These were allocated to Birmingham schools on a pro-rata basis based on the number of pupils marked as disadvantaged in the spring term census 2020. These have been delivered to schools for them to distribute to the pupils.

3,770 laptops were provided to Birmingham by the government for children with a social worker and care leavers. These were allocated to pupils with social workers and care leavers by Birmingham Children's Trust and are being distributed through the pupils' schools.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE & RESOURCES
FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

E1 Lockdown Deficit

Question:

What is going to be the process for dealing with the deficit incurred as a result of lockdown?

Answer:

Further discussions are taking place with government with regard to the further funding announced by the Secretary of State at the LGA conference on 2 July 2020. The further funding allocation for the council is expected imminently. Once we have established the level of funding, we will then commence discussions with government on the “freedoms and flexibilities” available to the council to further address any residual budget gap, in accordance with suggested route by government.

Should a budget gap still remain the council will then address this through the usual mechanisms for balancing an in year deficit including fasttracking delivery of savings, minimising non-essential spend use of any unallocated contingencies. This will be done in accordance with the constitution.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE & RESOURCES
FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

E2 Losses Review for Expenditure, Revenue and Capital

Question:

The Cabinet Member is clearly hoping for the Government to provide more support for Councils for the losses incurred during lockdown. As part of making the case for this support, has the Cabinet Member reviewed all current expenditure, revenue and capital, to ensure no unnecessary activity is taking place?

Answer:

Council Officers are monitoring weekly the financial costs, income losses and risks associated with the Covid-19 pandemic and are in regular discussion with me, providing full briefings on the financial position of the Council and the steps being taken to control expenditure. Weekly reports are also submitted to the Strategic Cell, Corporate Leadership Team and EMT and my finance star chamber provides an additional mechanism to discuss and resolve specific Directorate challenges. This is on top of normal business of managing service budgets.

In addition, on a monthly basis we provide a financial return to MHCLG stating our forecast level of spend and income losses.

We continue to have ongoing discussions with MHCLG to fund these income losses and spend and to provide a range of freedoms and flexibilities to enable us to manage the situation. We are awaiting further funding, which is imminent. The Council will consider its position once conversations have been exhausted with MHCLG.

A full review of the Council's finances is taking place for Quarter 1 and the updated financial position for the Council, including the Covid position, will be reported to Cabinet on 21st July.

Within the constitution we declared Covid-19 as an emergency and we are legally required to spend. When the emergency commenced councils were told by government to spend what was needed and they would be reimbursed by the government. Under the emergency powers in the constitution the council got on with providing the emergency measures needed. Those emergency decisions taken were published on 30 June.

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

E3 Capitalisation of Losses Verses High Borrowing Rate

Question:

There is discussion of using capitalisation to cover the losses incurred by Councils' during lockdown. Is this a feasible proposal for Birmingham, given the City's high borrowing rate?

Answer:

Any capitalisation would need government approval.

Discussions are ongoing with MHCLG around additional funding for spending and loss of income and new freedoms and flexibilities. An announcement is expected imminently.

We are well within prudential borrowing limits and should capitalisation be an option for us this may well be a feasible option for the Council to adopt.

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

E4 Advertising

Question:

How much has the Council spent on advertising in the Guardian Newspapers in each of the last 4 years?

Answer:

We have run an analysis of payments to vendors in our system and identified three relevant names.

Guardian Media Group PLC
Guardian Newspapers, and
Guardian News & Media Ltd.

There are only two payments that have been made to the above organisations in the last 4 years totalling £1,320.

If you are aware of any other potential names we can analyse activity on those.

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

E5 Purchasing

Question:

How much has the Council spent on purchasing copies of the Guardian Newspaper in each of the last 4 years?

Answer:

The Council communications team only buys local Birmingham newspapers for scanning of local coverage. It is not possible to discern whether individual newspapers are coded to cost centres in the wider Council as costs are only attributed to a general 'newspapers/publications' code rather than individual titles.

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

E6 Claims

Question:

In the Covid returns to MHCLG, how much did the Council claim against loss of income from the Museum's Trust in the first 3 months of lockdown and how much has been passed onto them by the Council?

Answer:

The Museum has only recently claimed for supplier relief to meet the first 3 months (April to June) loss of income. The value of the claim is £405,000. The Council is yet to assess that claim.

MHCLG request Councils to complete financial position statements on a monthly basis for spend and loss of income. They are funding Councils via additional grant not on a claim basis.

£405,000 for the Museum claim will be reflected in the MHCLG COVID return for July.

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

E7 Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown, on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

Zero

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

E8 Non-Disclosure Agreement – Tyseley Incinerator

Question:

Were you asked to sign – and did you sign – a non-disclosure agreement in relation to information about the Tyseley incinerator?

Answer:

No

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

E9 Non-Disclosure Agreement

Question:

On how many occasions have you signed a non-disclosure agreement for information shared with you by Council officers since joining Cabinet?

Answer:

Once

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

F1 Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown, on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

None

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

F2 Non-Disclosure Agreement – Tyseley Incinerator

Question:

Were you asked to sign – and did you sign – a non-disclosure agreement in relation to information about the Tyseley incinerator?

Answer:

No

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

F3 Non-Disclosure Agreement

Question:

On how many occasions have you signed a non-disclosure agreement for information shared with you by Council officers since joining Cabinet?

Answer:

Once

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

G1 Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown, on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

None

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

G2 Non-Disclosure Agreement – Tyseley Incinerator

Question:

Were you asked to sign – and did you sign – a non-disclosure agreement in relation to information about the Tyseley incinerator?

Answer:

No

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

G3 Non-Disclosure Agreement

Question:

On how many occasions have you signed a non-disclosure agreement for information shared with you by Council officers since joining Cabinet?

Answer:

Once

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION,
COMMUNITY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

H1 Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown, on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

None

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION,
COMMUNITY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

H2 Non-Disclosure Agreement – Tyseley Incinerator

Question:

Were you asked to sign – and did you sign – a non-disclosure agreement in relation to information about the Tyseley incinerator?

Answer:

No

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION,
COMMUNITY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

H3 Non-Disclosure Agreement

Question:

On how many occasions have you signed a non-disclosure agreement for information shared with you by Council officers since joining Cabinet?

Answer:

None

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN

I1 Fly-tipped Rubbish

Question:

Since May 2018, how many piles of fly-tipped rubbish have been cordoned off with barriers rather than being cleared straight away?

Answer:

Since May 2018 the Highway Maintenance Service (Amey/Kier) has attended 1,008 received reports of 'large items' causing an obstruction to highway, where BCC Waste Management subsequently attended to remove the items.

It is not recorded whether these are 'fly tipped rubbish' or other types of obstruction such as building materials. In all instances Amey/Kier would remove obstructions where they can be safely lifted by the response crew. Where the items could not be removed immediately, a risk assessment would have been undertaken and where there was deemed to be a danger to the public, barriers would have been placed, pending removal of the obstruction by BCC Waste Management Services.

Without undertaking individual analysis of each reported case it cannot be determined as to the number of occasions where barriers were put in place. But it is considered from anecdotal feedback that in the majority of the received reports referred to above that the action taken would have been the placing barriers.

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

I2 Recycling Bin Paper Pods

Question:

How many recycling bin papers pods have the Council purchased that were the wrong size, and at what cost?

Answer:

The manufacturer ceased producing the caddies to the original 55 litre design.

The company sent in a new 55ltr design for trial. 150 of the new design caddies were bought on trial at the cost of £750. However, as the design and safety aspects were not agreed, these were returned to the manufacturer and the cost reimbursed so there was no cost to the Council.

In order to supply pods to residents, 40 litre caddies of a compatible design were ordered and are now in use by residents: 4960 of these pods have consequently been purchased at a cost of £24,552.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN

I3 Street Cleanliness

Question:

Please provide the ward by ward breakdown for each month since April 2019 showing the results of the 13 street cleanliness assessments carried out in each ward each month for the Land Audit Management System.

Answer:

The LAMS (Land Audit Management System) is a quality inspection system to monitor grounds maintenance and street cleansing for a total street scene overview. The survey is undertaken by trained officers. LAMS is a quality inspection scheme used by many local authorities

The data is reviewed by Service Managers to see if maintenance schedules need to be changed.

Locations are randomly chosen by the surveying officers

Grading & Scoring Mechanism details:-

Grade	Description	Score
A	Excellent Standard	3 points
B	Acceptable Standard	2 points
C	Unacceptable Standard	1 point
D	Poor Standard	0 points
Desired minimum grade of B and above (minimum baseline of 66.60%)		

Appendix showing data attached.



I3 Cllr Freeman Copy
of LAMS data April 20

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

I4 Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown, on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

During lockdown I have not been into the Council House for any reason at all.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

I5 Non-Disclosure Agreement – Tyseley Incinerator

Question:

Were you asked to sign – and did you sign – a non-disclosure agreement in relation to information about the Tyseley incinerator?

Answer:

No

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

I6 Non-Disclosure Agreement

Question:

On how many occasions have you signed a non-disclosure agreement for information shared with you by Council officers since joining Cabinet?

Answer:

None.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES

I7 Emissions

Question:

What are the current average daily emissions from the Tyseley incinerator, in mg/Nm³ for each of the following?

- Total dust
- TOC
- CO
- HF
- SO₂ and SO₃
- NO_x
- Sb + As + Pb + Cr + Co + Cu + Mn + Ni + V
- Hg
- Cd and Tl
- Dioxins and furans

Answer:

The information provided is a yearly average. This information is also provided on the Veolia website

www.veolia.co.uk/birmingham/facilities/our-sites/energy-recovery/emissions-air-data-0

	Dust (mg/N m ³)	TOC (mg/N m ³)	CO (mg/N m ³)	HF (mg/N m ³)	SO ₂ (mg/N m ³)	NO _x (mg/N m ³)	Sb + As + Pb + Cr + Co + Cu + Mn + Ni + V (mg/N m ³)	Hg (mg/N m ³)	Cd & Tl (mg/N m ³)	Dioxins & Furans (ng/N m ³)
2019	2.3	1.4	9.7	0.038	12.7	145.8	0.029	0.0008 8	0.0016 3	0.0154

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

18 CO2 Tonnage

Question:

For each of the last 4 years what was the total tonnage of CO2 emitted by the Tyseley Waste incinerator?

Answer:

Using waste as a fuel is recognised as a net saver of carbon.

When considering the full life cycle compared to other fuels, **waste provides a net saving of carbon emissions**. We consider the mining, transport, use of alternatives and the comparative of landfilling the waste, as well as the renewable biomass content of the fuel. The calculation methods have been rigorously tested and proven valid in many planning enquiries.

CO2e emissions reported to the Environment Agency include both the fossil and biogenic CO2e emissions released, and it is important to differentiate between them since biogenic emissions are considered to be carbon neutral.

The ERF technology generates partly renewable electricity which is exported to the National Grid to power homes, and ferrous and non ferrous metals as well as aggregates (glass, stones, ashes) which are recovered for recycling replacing virgin aggregate. **All of these reduce carbon emissions to the atmosphere.**

The alternative to this is not recycling as the infrastructure to deliver that is not in place, and would not be for a considerable time, **it is landfilling** which produces methane, 25 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

A summary of the carbon emissions for a Modern ERF using 2019 operational data and comparison against landfill is below:

CO2e emissions - 2019	Tonnes CO2e
Direct & Indirect CO2e emissions of Modern ERF	48,387
Avoided CO2e emissions of Modern ERF	33,702
Net CO2e emissions of Modern ERF	14,685
Net CO2e emissions of Landfill	34,125
Saving against landfill	19,440

A further summary of the CO2e emissions in grams CO2e per kWh of electricity exported is shown below for a Modern ERF compared with landfill and providing the electricity generation instead from alternative fossil fuel sources:

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Comparison of CO2e emissions	Emissions (gCO2e/kWh)
Modern ERF generation	486
Landfill* + coal fired power generation to produce equivalent energy	705
Landfill* + CCGT generation to produce equivalent energy	539
Landfill* + 50% coal & 50% CCGT generation to produce equivalent energy	523

**Landfill gas recovery efficiency is based on 75%*

To be clear the benefits of energy recovery are two fold in carbon terms, firstly landfill diversion, and secondly the use of a partly renewable fuel to generate energy.

Tyseley ERF Yearly Total	CO2 (tonnes)
2016	316,087
2017	310,366
2018	312,115
2019	308,485

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

19 Percentage of Waste

Question:

What percentage of waste collected at HWRCs has been recycled in each year for the last 5 years?

Answer:

HWRC WASTE (TONNES)

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
PERCENTAGE REUSE, COMPOSED & RECYCLED	45.01%	41.78%	38.00%	38.95%	47.11%
PERCENTAGE REUSE, COMPOSED, RECYCLED & SEGREGATED WOOD FOR BIO-FUEL	58.80%	55.96%	51.08%	53.89%	58.63%

Please note, the dip in the recycling percentage in 2017/18 and 2018/19 was mainly due to increases in residual waste, possibly due to the disruption to collection services at that time.

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

I10 Resuming of Garden Waste Subscriptions

Question:

Given that Paid Bulk Waste Collections have resumed, why have Garden Waste Collection Subscriptions not been resumed?

Answer:

During the pandemic, our focus has been to maintain the weekly collection of residual waste.

Bulky waste collections recommenced with a booking system and we have ensured that the weekly household and recycling collection service has been maintained in addition to bringing back the bulky waste service.

The garden waste collection service has 58,000 garden bins in operation with the majority of previous customers already renewing before the decision was made to suspend new customers. We are currently reviewing the provision of this service and any changes will be widely publicised.

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

I11 Paid Bulky Waste Collections

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member report on the number of requests for Paid Bulky Collections since the service was resumed, giving the age breakdown if possible?

Answer:

Paid bulky collections were resumed on Wednesday 6th May. The online bulky booking form has been accessed 11598 times (until 11:00 hours on 8 July), however many of these did not result in a collection being booked – examples for such include:

- there were no collection slots available
- their card didn't work
- they changed their mind about paying the fee.

Since the service resumed we have completed 80 collections per working day – a total number of 3540 collections (until 8 July).

Collection slots are currently being released on a weekly basis (usually a Friday morning) for the whole week following the week after next. For example, on Friday 10th July, collection slots will be released for the week beginning Monday 20th July. Therefore the maximum current waiting period between making a booking and the collection taking place is two weeks (e.g. booking successfully made on Friday 10th and the collection taking place on Friday 24th).

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

I12 Booking Slots for Household Recycling Centres

Question:

Following the introduction of the much-needed booking system for Household Recycling Centres, could the Cabinet Member report on the uptake of booking slots?

Answer:

The booking system at the Household Recycling Centres has been well received by residents with a 100% of all slots being booked 6 days in advance. It has been identified that a number of booking slots reserved have not been used by residents, as part of our effort to continue to improve the offer to our residents we have taken into account and added additional slots as a counter measure. We will continue to review on a regular basis moving forward.

- We continue to prioritise and ensure the safety of all users and employees of the sites by maintaining social distancing on all HWRCs across the city and continue to monitor government guidelines and advice on CoViD-19
- The implementation of the booking system has removed the queuing issues seen prior to implementation, which has resolved issues locally removing the negative impact felt by businesses and homeowners in the surrounding area
- We have received positive feedback relating to all aspects of the booking system and the management of the HWRCs

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

J1 Car Free School Streets Scheme

Question:

Can you provide a full list of schools who applied to take part in either tranche of the car free school streets scheme?

Answer:

2019 applications:

St Edward's Catholic Primary School
St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School
Twickenham Primary School
Featherstone Primary School
Gunter Primary School
Hollywood Primary School
Little Sutton Primary School
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
Alston Primary School
Leigh Primary School
St Francis CofE Primary School
Lyndon Green Junior School
The Orchards Primary Academy
Lea Forest Primary Academy
Court Farm Primary School
Hillstone Primary School
The Oaklands Primary School
Bournville School & 6th Form Centre
Penns Primary School
Nelson Mandela School
Moor Hall Primary School
St Peter's CE Primary School
St Francis Catholic Primary School
Water Mill Primary School
St Laurence Church Junior School
St Francis CofE Primary School
Cofton Primary School
The Oval Primary School
Sladefield Infant School
Chilcote Primary School
Nelson Junior & Infant School
Somerville Primary School
Heathlands Primary Academy

2020 applications:

Anderton Park Primary School
Ark Tindal Primary
Birches Green Infant and Junior Schools

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Chad Vale Primary School
Holy Cross Catholic Primary School
Hillstone primary school
Moor Green Primary Academy
Osborne Primary School
Somerville Primary School
The Oval
Wyndcliffe Primary School
St Albans Catholic primary
Woodthorpe JI School
Saint John Wall Catholic School

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

J2 Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown, on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

None.

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

J3 Non-Disclosure Agreement – Tyseley Incinerator

Question:

Were you asked to sign – and did you sign – a non-disclosure agreement in relation to information about the Tyseley incinerator?

Answer:

No

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

J4 Non-Disclosure Agreement

Question:

On how many occasions have you signed a non-disclosure agreement for information shared with you by Council officers since joining Cabinet?

Answer:

Once

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

J5 Whose Emergency Transport Plan

Question:

The log of emergency decision making during the pandemic states that a number of decisions were taken to develop the Emergency Transport Plan between 7 May and 11 June? The log also states that the cabinet member was not briefed or consulted about these decisions. Can the cabinet member explain why?

Answer:

The information contained in the log is incorrect and I have asked for it to be amended accordingly. I was engaged extensively on both the Emergency Transport Plan and the subsequent Emergency Active Travel Fund bid – as set out in the related Executive reports dated 9 June and 23 June respectively.

Matters relating to the awarding of contracts to take such work forward are delegated to officers and I would not expect to be consulted on these.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF CO-ORDINATING OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

K Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

Once on Friday, 29th May 2020 when the first live streamed Co-ordinating Overview & Scrutiny Committee took place.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMONWEALTH GAMES
CULTURE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

L Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

None

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMY AND SKILLS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

M Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

I have not visited the Council House since the start of lockdown in March. All committee meetings have been by video conference.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION CHILDREN'S
SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

N Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

Zero

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

O Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

Zero

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF HOUSING AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

P Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

None

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

Q Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

None

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF SUSTAINABILITY AND
TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR
ALEX YIP**

R Lockdown

Question:

During lockdown on how many occasions have you used the Council House to work out from?

Answer:

I have not been into the council house since lockdown. I'd like to place on record my sincere thanks to the council's IT service for acting so fast and effectively to enable remote working.