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

“Workshops”

Question:

In the letter to the Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel, the Leader of the Council referred to a series of “demand analysis model” workshops that have taken place. Please can the Leader of the Council list all of the workshops that have taken place, including which Members of Birmingham City Council have attended?

Answer:

Rather than split work up by service area, customers were split into cohort groups, and these groups took part in a series of workshops. There was no attendance from members at workshops, as it was agreed with EMT that officers would initiate the process over the summer and then feedback on findings.

Cohort	Dates
Vulnerable Children 0-11 and Vulnerable Young People 11-25	1, 6, 8, 14, 21,27 July
Environment & Infrastructure	23, 26 th June 1, 6 July
Businesses	24,26,30 June, 2 July
Whole life SEND and Vulnerable Adults 25-65	25, 29 June, 7, 9 July
Health & Wellbeing	10,14,23 July
Economic Development	13,15,22,24 July
Older Adults 65+	16,20,28,30 July
Education & Skills	16,22,28,30 July
Culture	17,21,27,29 July

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

“Fly me to the Euro Cities”

Question:

In the last 12 months ending 1 September 2015, how many hours/days (whichever is the more appropriate) did the Leader of the Council spend on Euro Cities’ business, broken down by duration of each trip including travel time?

Answer:

I set out below details of the visits undertaken by myself on Eurocities business from 1 September 2014 – 1 September 2015:

Munich 5-7 November 2014 – 3 days

Brussels 25-26 February 2015 – 2 days

Total – 5 days

In order to provide some context, please also find set out below details of visits undertaken by Cllr Tilsley for his last year in office as Deputy Leader from May 2011 – May 2012 in support of Eurocities’ activity:

Grenoble 25-27 May 2011 – 3 days

Rotterdam 5-7 October 2011 – 3 days

Genoa 2-4 November 2011 – 3 days

Copenhagen 21-23 March 2012 – 3 days

Brussels 26-28 March 2012 – 3 days

Brussels 7-8 May 2012 – 2 days

Total – 17 days

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

"Details of meetings attended since 7th July - engagement with Partners"

Question:

Could the Leader give details of meetings he has attended since 7th July in order to move forward the City Council's engagement with partners, and to support the work of Birmingham Partners?

Answer:

The first steering group meeting was held on 27th May, attended by myself.

A launch event with partners was held on 8th July to start developing the shared vision. Cllrs James McKay and Ian Ward were present – as I was unable to attend – but also Cllr Robert Alden was invited but did not attend. You, Cllr Tilsley, were briefed but did not wish to be engaged with these partnership sessions.

Since then, steering group meetings have been held on 22nd July and 4th September with Cllr James McKay in attendance.

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

"How many failed Logons/Password Problems Logged"

Question:

Could the Deputy Leader inform the Council how many requests for help with failed log-ons and password problems the IT Help/Service Desk have been received in the last six months, giving an estimate of the lost productivity associated with this?

Answer:

From **March to August 2015** Service Birmingham completed **12,151 password resets** across various systems requested by council and Acivico staff. The breakdown by month is in the table at the foot of the page, which shows that password resets are decreasing.

As a further move towards reducing demand on the ICT helpdesk and therefore cost, adoption of an automatic password reset functionality is being rolled out to all ICT users.

It's quite difficult to give a reliable estimate of lost productivity, particularly as being unable to log on to a particular system doesn't necessarily equate to zero productivity.

Password resets completed per month by Service Birmingham, 2015

Month Closed	Number
March	2,617
April	2,411
May	2,037
June	1,871
July	1,524
August	1,691
Total	12,151

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

"Born in the Summer of 69"

Question:

I have previously raised with you the issue of "Summer Born" children born between 1st April and 31st August, whose parents were experiencing difficulties gaining admission for them to start in reception in the September following their 5th birthday. The attitude of the Council has, in my view, been obstructive and overly bureaucratic.

The DfE have now written to local authorities making clear their intention to amend their guidance to ensure that parents in these situations have a right for their children to start reception a year "late" and to keep that arrangement throughout their entire time at school - ie they cannot be made to skip a year later on.

These changes will take some time to put in place but the government's intentions are clear. Therefore local authorities are being encouraged to act as if these changes are already in place and take a more permissive approach to "summer born" requests. Can you confirm what immediate changes will be made to policy and practise in line with the government's clearly stated wishes?

Answer:

It should be noted that children born in the summer of 1969 are now aged 46, and as such their parents are likely to have any applications for deferred primary school admission in this round refused.

However, during academic year 2014/2015, of the 15,785 Reception Class applications School Admissions Team received, 8 applications were from parents and carers who wished for their child to be taught outside the normal admissions round. All 8 applications have been individually agreed. The DfE have confirmed that Birmingham City Council's process and procedures when dealing with such applications is a model of "good practice".

The School Admissions Code 2014 states that admission authorities must make decisions on the basis of the circumstances of each case and in the best interests of

the child concerned. As well as the parent's view, they must take into account information about the child's academic, social and emotional development; where relevant, their medical history and the views of a medical professional; whether they have previously educated outside their normal age group; whether they may have naturally fallen into a lower age group if the child had not been born prematurely; and the views of the head teacher.

In May 2015, DfE issued further guidance. The Council will be ensuring that all schools receive a copy of the Secretary of State for Schools' letter advising of concerns around summer born admissions and will continue to offer advice to other admission authorities in the city. The School Admissions online system has been updated so that parents whose children are born during summer term (1 April and 31 August) can now submit their preferences on line.

The proposed Birmingham admission arrangements, which are subject to formal consultation from Monday 23 November 2015 until Friday 8 January 2016 will include proposals to ensure the procedures for dealing with summer born applications are in line with government proposals. Following the proposed public consultation and parliamentary approval of proposed changes to School Admissions Code, we will ensure all policies and procedures act in accordance with those statutory regulations.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

"Secondary School"

Question:

How many children are on the secondary school waiting list?

Answer:

All children in the city who applied in the latest admissions round have been allocated a place at a secondary school.

Following the offer of secondary school places on 2 March 2015, of the 13,583 first preferences expressed for both Birmingham children and those living in another local authority, 8,922 children were offered their first preference.

The remaining 4,661 children were offered one of their lower preferred schools or an alternative school. Children are added to a secondary waiting list for one or more of their parents' higher preferred schools.

At the start of the academic year, all waiting lists are passed to schools and academies to maintain. Waiting lists remain fluid and can change on a daily basis.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
SERVICES FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

"School Places"

Question:

How many children are on the primary school waiting list?

Answer:

All children in the city who applied in this admissions round have been allocated a place at a primary school.

Following the offer of primary school places on 16 April 2015, of the 16,008 first preferences expressed from both Birmingham children and those living in another local authority, 13,538 children were offered their first preferred school.

The remaining 2,470 children were offered one of their lower preferred schools or an alternative school. Children are added to a primary waiting list for one or more of their parents' higher preferred schools.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT
AND THE ECONOMY FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

"Amey's selection criteria for resurfacing projects"

Question:

In the last year or so my Ward has had a spate of resurfacing projects by Amey involving small roads and cul-de-sacs, largely with road names beginning with the letter "H". At our Ward Committee in March, Amey representatives explained that a statistical glitch tends to lead their software to select small roads for resurfacing. They assured us this was being sorted out. I was disappointed, therefore, to receive recently an explanation from Amey as to why it would not do the pavements, as requested in a residents petition, on a long hillside road. This was because there are good sections, the "average" condition of the road does not meet the criteria. As the road, Curbar Road, adjoins a smaller, flatter road – Haddon Road – which has just had its pavements done, residents are doubly perplexed.

Could the Cabinet Member explain what progress there is in improving Amey's selection criteria for resurfacing projects and whether any element of risk assessment – eg history of reported pedestrian falls – has been built into it?

Answer:

The City Council's specification for carriageway and footway maintenance sets condition targets to be achieved by Amey. Condition is measured by visual and machine surveys undertaken in accordance with national standards as required by the PFI contract, which was signed by the previous administration.

The specification requires condition scores to be recorded for each 20m sub-section along each carriageway and footway and for these then to be averaged along the entire road section. Amey's works programmes should then address the requirement to meet the condition targets as a minimum.

When planning and programming works, Amey do take account of the latest safety inspection risk assessments and the number and nature of accident claims, and introduce additional works to the programme where required.

However, following representations by ward members to myself, officers of the City Council have raised a number of concerns with Amey with regard to its approach to programmed maintenance works. In the City Council's view, some works have resulted in appearing piecemeal, may not give appropriate consideration to whole life maintenance costs and are focused towards short-term patching, rather than a more substantive refurbishment.

Whilst Amey's approach does on the whole ensure that a basic level of provision is achieved on the city's highway network, these issues are complicated and involve a number of inter-related matters of how required works are measured, planned and programmed.

The City Council is seeking, through contractual mechanisms, to require Amey to address these matters and deliver a level of service, which results in some changes to the extent and delivery of Amey's programmes.

I am working with officers to deliver this and shall keep members informed of progress accordingly.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT,
TRANSPORT AND THE ECONOMY FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

“Baby Can I Park my Car”

Question:

As of 1 September 2015, how much money has been ring-fenced for the implementation of the physical measures required for the Erdington Residents’ Parking Scheme in the 2015/16 Council Budget?

Answer:

Budget provision of £300,000 has been ring-fenced for the implementation of physical measures required for the Erdington Residents’ Parking Scheme in the 2015/16 Council Budget. This is contained within the Enabling Growth and Tackling Congestion section of the Transportation and Highways Capital Programme.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT,
TRANSPORT AND THE ECONOMY FROM COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY
HUXTABLE**

“Child Safety”

Question:

Councillor Rob Sealey and I have, for as long as we have been Councillors for Bournville Ward, campaigned for 20mph zones outside of schools in Bournville Ward.

Could the Cabinet Member explain why he changed, as part of the Local Strategic Transport Fund (LSTF), the speed limit both along the Pershore Road through Stirchley Local Centre and along the Pershore Road through Cotteridge Local Centre to 20 mph, but decided to keep the small section of the Pershore Road along which Cotteridge Junior and Infant School is located (that links Stirchley and Cotteridge Local Centres) at 30mph.

This is despite a specific request made, as part of and at the time of the LSTF consultation, by Councillor Rob Sealey and myself to reduce the speed limit to 20mph along this section of the Pershore Road where Cotteridge Junior and Infant School is located.

Answer:

One of the key objectives of the Local Strategic Transport Fund (LSTF) Programme is to reduce transport's emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, tackling climate change through modal shift.

The LSTF bid specifically identified the Cotteridge and Stirchley as local centres for improvements. The improvements, including the introduction of 20 mph limit, aim to make a positive contribution to local economies by making local centres more attractive places to visit, assisting pedestrians and reducing car dominance and thereby encouraging people to make shorter journeys to their local centres by sustainable means.

In addition to the Cotteridge and Stirchley local centres, 20mph limits were also introduced in the Northfield and Acocks Green local centres as part of the LSTF programme. A number of requests were received to extend the 20mph limit beyond the extents of the local centres, unfortunately it was not possible within the available funds to extend the scope of works.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT,
TRANSPORT AND THE ECONOMY FROM COUNCILLOR ROB SEALEY**

“Speed Cushions”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member explain where the speed cushions are located along Selly Oak Road, Kings Norton (as detailed in his written answer to question C1 at the City Council meeting on 7 July 2015)?

Answer:

Cllr Sealey is aware, I am sure, that there are no speed cushions on Selly Oak Road and that in answering the written question C1 on 7th July the reference to speed cushions was an error. The road is a blue route for emergency services and has road narrowings rather than speed cushions so as to avoid vertical traffic calming.

The substantive question C1 on 7th July was about the school crossing patrol rather than traffic calming, so the main answer was not incorrect, but it is clearly regrettable that the supporting detail was wrong.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABILITY FROM
COUNCILLOR KAREN TRENCH**

"Flytipping totals break down by Ward and Years"

Question:

Thank you for the information on flytipping totals provided in E4 from the written questions at City Council 7th July 2015.

Can you please break this down by Ward and Years, and give the total cost for the collections?

Answer:

Please find below breakdown by Ward of the reports of fly-tipping for the time period requested.

The total cost for collections in 2013/14 is reported on the Defra website as £813,548. The cost figures are calculated by Defra, not individual authorities, based on estimated costs. As Birmingham does not separately calculate the cost of fly tipping clearance (it is contained within the overall street cleaning budget), it cannot provide a cost figure for 2014/15 until the figure is calculated by Defra. We anticipate the Defra website being updated in the autumn.

WM Fly-tipping Aug 13 - May 15 Totals			
Acocks Green	1285	Oscott	291
Aston	1355	Perry Barr	445
Bartley Green	808	Quinton	557
Billesley	494	Selly Oak	355
Bordesley Green	1597	Shard End	1075
Bournville	401	Sheldon	612
Brandwood	792	Soho	2070
Edgbaston	450	South Yardley	1171
Erdington	441	Sparkbrook	1842
Hall Green	852	Springfield	1225
Handsworth Wood	1043	Stechford and Yardley North	999
Harborne	1062	Stockland Green	612
Hodge Hill	1372	Sutton Four Oaks	132
Kings Norton	491	Sutton New Hall	182
Kingstanding	544	Sutton Trinity	251
Ladywood	1160	Sutton Vesey	204
Longbridge	628	Tyburn	1097
Lozells and East Handsworth	1071	Washwood Heath	1696
Moseley and Kings Heath	905	Weoley	584
Nechells	1697	No Ward Recorded	156
Northfield	511	Total	34515

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABILITY FROM
COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

"Current Overspend on Wheelie Bin Project"

Question:

A recent Cabinet report indicated that the rollout of wheelie bins in North Birmingham has gone over budget by some £3.8 million, largely because of the need for weekend working (involving delays to collections that have triggered weekly complaints and confusion in my ward for the last three months).

Could the Cabinet Member inform the Council what the current overspend on the project is, indicating where the funding is coming from and what is being done to manage costs?

Answer:

The financial performance report to Cabinet (on the 27 July 2015) indicated that there was a potential pressure on the day to day operational refuse collection service of £3.8m (mainly on employees and agency staff). This relates to the all the refuse and waste collection services provided across the entire City and not specifically for the North of Birmingham.

The Wheeled Bin Project (acquisition of new vehicles and wheeled bins, new IT technology and Depot Improvements) will all be delivered within the approved budget of £62.5m over 2013/14 to 2016/17. The expenditure will be funded from the DCLG grant that was received by the Council and City Council resources (including some repayable prudential borrowing).

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

"Bulky Collections break down by Ward and Years total paid by residents"

Question:

Thank you for the information on bulky collections responded to in E2 of the written questions to City Council dated 7 July 2015.

Can you please break this down by Ward and Years and give the total paid by residents for this service?

Answer:

Charging for bulky waste collections commenced 1st April 2014.

Please see below, outlining the number of bulky collections by ward and total paid by residents.

Total number of collections is 18,328

Total income is £458,200

Ward	14/15	15/16
Acocks Green	317	169
Aston	202	115
Bartley Green	398	269
Billesley	349	202
Bordesley Green	276	167
Bournville	405	222
Brandwood	290	151
Edgbaston	185	97
Erdington	321	172
Hall Green	252	146
Handsworth Wood	263	140
Harborne	375	193
Hodge Hill	244	124
Kings Norton	302	168
Kingstanding	324	189
Ladywood	148	71
Longbridge	318	226
Lozells and East Handsworth	264	141
Moseley and Kings Heath	393	177
Nechells	231	140

Northfield	328	187
Oscott	340	196
Perry Barr	284	132
Quinton	388	268
Selly Oak	214	127
Shard End	362	200
Sheldon	278	133
Soho	251	140
South Yardley	287	154
Sparkbrook	204	134
Springfield	254	154
Stechford and Yardley North	248	147
Stockland Green	316	156
Sutton Four Oaks	333	180
Sutton New Hall	268	129
Sutton Trinity	333	153
Sutton Vesey	286	147
Tyburn	264	167
Washwood Heath	304	158
Weoley	364	224
	11763	6565

18328

£
294,075.00

£
164,125.00

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABILITY
FROM COUNCILLOR FERGUS ROBINSON**

“Extra Time”

Question:

Has the time for appeals relating to wheelie bins been extended to take account of the fact that it coincided with the August holiday period?

Answer:

The August holiday period was taken into account when the appeals period was set, allowing for slightly over 3 weeks for appeals to be submitted.

A communications campaign was also carried out via social media and roadshows were held at various locations around this area to also remind residents to look out for their red/green cards.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABILITY
FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

“Appeals”

Question:

How many appeals (both for and against wheelie bins) that were submitted for Edgbaston Ward were upheld?

Answer:

9 Decisions were amended.

Green to Red 8 (i.e. given bins = 8)

Green to Amber 1 (i.e. HMO/flat = 1)

Summary of two responses:

	Question from Councillor Deirdre Alden	Question from Councillor Matt Bennett	
Properties which were green carded and appealed	62	Properties where the assessment was changed to red	8
Properties which were red carded and appealed	5	Properties where the assessment was changed due to being a HMO	1
		Properties where the assessment was changed from red to green	0

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABILITY
FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

“Red Cards”

Question:

How many appeals (both for and against wheelie bins) were submitted for Edgbaston Ward?

Answer:

67

Red = 5 (i.e. 5 residents wanted bins)

Green = 62 (i.e. 62 residents did not want bins)

Summary of two responses:

	Question from Councillor Deirdre Alden	Question from Councillor Matt Bennett	
Properties which were green carded and appealed	62	Properties where the assessment was changed to red	8
Properties which were red carded and appealed	5	Properties where the assessment was changed due to being a HMO	1
		Properties where the assessment was changed from red to green	0

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

“Rubbish”

Question:

Broken down by staff, vehicles, waste disposal costs, management costs, capital expenditure and other, what is the Fleet and Waste budget for refuse collection, listed by year since 1 April 2012?

Answer:

The table below sets out the original budgets for the Fleet and Waste Service for each of the years 2012/13 to 2015/16 (these relate to all services provided including street cleansing and exclude the CLG Weekly Collection Support Grant).

For context, it needs to be noted however that decisions re savings were taken in 2011, before this administration came into power, and:

- there were general savings approved for the service to reflect the proposed future operating model (but the key point to note is that these were step up savings approved in March 2011 – see page 205 of the City Council Business Plan and Budget 2012+ as approved in March 2012)
- new investment had been approved by the City Council to deliver the Wheeled Bin Programme (£62.5m in total and funded jointly by the Council and CLG)
- the service has also been substantially protected from savings in 2014/15 and 2015/16 and in particular as follows:
 - the savings approved of £2.2m for street cleansing in 2014/15 were substantially reversed in 2015/16 at £1.5m
 - additional resources of £1.5m were also provided to deal with the downturn in the commercial paper market
 - other resources of £1.1m approved to cover both the contractual inflation indexation on the waste disposal contract and increases in landfill tax.

	ORIGINAL BUDGET			
	2012/13 £'000	2013/14 £'000	2014/15 £'000	2015/16 £'000
Employees (incl.training)	28,347	22,484	27,754	28,479
Premises	887	887	883	803
Transport	11,861	11,378	9,443	5,507
Supplies and Services	3,644	3,516	2,134	2,836
Waste Disposal (incl. Landfill Tax)	33,262	33,254	33,393	33,785
Capital Financing Costs	4,301	3,914	3,774	4,450
Recharge Expenditure	4,055	3,087	3,069	2
Total Expenditure	86,357	78,520	80,450	75,862
Income from services	-11,081	-11,195	-15,133	-14,133
Recharges (incl. District SLAs)	-28,316	-29,189	-29,089	-23,780
Total Income	-39,397	-40,384	-44,222	-37,913
Net Expenditure	46,960	38,136	36,228	37,949

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABILITY
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

“Recycle Waste”

Question:

Listed by Ward, what is recycling rate for Birmingham City Council from Quarter 1 in 2012 to the latest available figures?

Answer:

Attached is a table of the annual recycling rates, on a ward basis, for:

2012-13

2013-14

2014-15

2015-Mid August

The recycling rates per ward are calculated in tonnages as they can only include kerbside collections, and therefore do not include all recycling (such as on-street recycling banks and container collections) – as these cannot be attributed to a specific ward. The overall city (total) recycling rate, which can be calculated as a percentage, includes all recycling across the whole of the city.

WARD	PAPER				MULTI			
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015 to Mid August	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015 to Mid August
Bartley Green	585.07	497.26	140.12	62.47	403.2	365.34	314.77	140.72
Edgbaston	448.44	394.14	146.71	71.94	341.76	312.28	297.87	110.36
Harborne	532.94	598.46	174.86	73.84	493.32	578.94	501.24	198.68
Quinton	594.86	567.62	171.68	107.05	415.92	424.14	386.9	191.18
Erdington	544.1	610.1	514.64	236.06	353.4	451.91	391.37	213.59
Kingstanding	416.8	461.36	380.62	226.27	254.61	312.2	304.7	230.43
Stockland Green	478.5	474.26	381.09	237.46	258.78	320.36	608.55	202.54
Tyburn	356.54	425.96	404.84	225.59	240.88	296.42	291.78	218.3
Hall Green	799.32	694.36	646.03	229.89	480.24	475.26	479.95	221.68

Moseley/Kings Heath	701.64	705.36	602.04	181.86	496.1	573.68	516.04	189.32
Sparkbrook	252.7	248.62	301.34	192.45	204.34	179.14	310.9	204.18
Springfield	433.14	402.12	401.17	157.08	279.96	274.06	383.02	208.44
Bordesley Green	313.46	326.1	397	245.9	209.86	210.3	349.31	265.72
Hodge Hill	544.24	527.26	503.12	195.52	304.72	322.16	401.79	223.1
Shard End	618.5	559.94	540.09	248.44	404.1	373.74	462.93	264.33
Washwood Heath	360.1	325.54	362.74	185.5	205.58	200.2	333.59	227.02
Aston	401.87	251.9	280.72	141.61	204.46	157.86	400.25	149.29
Ladywood	396.93	237.48	147.16	55	274.72	219.82	221.29	59.16
Nechells	269.63	230.16	242.62	110.22	187.68	143.98	358.1	145.18
Soho	350.76	246.92	351.35	177.2	277.4	198.24	456.37	206.39
Kings Norton	537.56	502.66	143.72	73.29	393.86	426.66	326.38	143.14
Longbridge	638.44	618.5	167.32	119.79	472.86	472.54	426	216.28
Northfield	705.98	612.76	162.54	43.34	502.82	486.68	403.05	138.6
Weoley	595.44	534.24	165.44	101.08	381.86	394.8	350.7	180.41
Lozells/East Handsworth	249.9	245.78	278.16	182.13	113.72	118.32	241.35	178.24
Handsworth Wood	533.36	617.72	456.19	166.15	386.9	491.84	310.51	190.67
Oscott	649.74	733.22	618.28	260.9	410.76	500.52	439.88	250.43
Perry Barr	433.04	571.22	521.67	256.2	303.1	425.94	398.84	239.21
Billesley	693.36	610.6	145.18	62.35	439.2	425.85	363.85	239.21
Bournville	858.27	704.86	207.78	118.78	603.02	579.24	509.82	238.97
Brandwood	638.26	654.16	162.51	102.98	421.78	695.14	482.67	233.63
Selly Oak	496.23	400.2	112.96	53.65	352.9	319.92	280.98	165.08
Sutton Four Oaks	734.72	1,091.60	1013.14	287.16	495.18	714.68	460.32	219.04
Sutton New Hall	614.12	682.2	757.67	277.21	452.7	583.38	556.01	220.62
Sutton Trinity	527.22	662.24	655.52	266.7	419.82	608.7	495.44	243.01
Sutton Vesey	650.62	864.52	880.02	322.74	444.32	651.68	556.82	271.86
Acocks Green	649	585.86	557.3	247.89	396.88	397.36	444.99	227.76
Sheldon	660.14	627.04	500.7	162.47	419.74	492.3	505.05	237.35
South Yardley	511.78	416.96	448.76	213.17	350.38	313.58	472.45	314.9
Stechford	579.92	584.87	454.03	170.51	395.22	410.42	459.66	234.23
TOTAL	21,356.64	21,106.13	15498.83	6849.84	14,448.05	15,899.58	16255.49	8252.25

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR INCLUSION AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

“School Crossing Sites”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm which sites across the City, including all locations and their Ward, did he decide to staff following the assessment of the classification of all school crossing sites in Birmingham?

Answer:

The assessment to which Cllr Beauchamp refers has not yet been concluded.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR INCLUSION AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE**

“School Crossings”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm whether he has decided to staff the zebra crossing outside of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Selly Oak Road, Kings Norton following the assessment of the classification of all school crossing sites in Birmingham (as detailed in written answer to question C1 at the City Council meeting on 7 July 2015).

Answer:

No decision has yet been made.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR INCLUSION AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

“School Crossings”

Question:

**As of 10th September 2015, on a Ward basis how many School Patrol Wardens
are employed across the City?**

Answer:

In addition to the numbers below, 10 standby Wardens are employed to cover
vacancies, sickness absence etc.

**City Wide School Crossing Patrols - By Ward
September 2015**

Acocks Green Ward	6
Aston Ward	7
Bartley Green Ward	6
Billesley Ward	5
Bordesley Green Ward	2
Bournville Ward	6
Brandwood Ward	5
Edgbaston Ward	2
Erdington Ward	10
Hall Green Ward	7
Handsworth Ward	5
Harborne Ward	6
Hodge Hill Ward	2
Kings Norton Ward	2
Kingstanding Ward	5
Ladywood Ward	6
Longbridge Ward	4
Lozells and East Handsworth Ward	5
Moseley and Kings Heath Ward	5
Nechells Ward	3
Northfield Ward	15

Oscott Ward	6
Perry Barr Ward	4
Quinton Ward	4
Selly Oak Ward	2
Shard End Ward	7
Sheldon Ward	6
Soho Ward	1
South Yardley Ward	7
Sparkbrook Ward	9
Springfield Ward	7
Stechford and Yardley North Ward	9
Stockland Green Ward	2
Sutton Four Oaks Ward	2
Sutton New Hall Ward	2
Sutton Trinity Ward	1
Sutton Vesey Ward	3
Tyburn Ward	5
Washwood Heath Ward	6
Weoley Ward	4
Total	201

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE

“School Crossings”

Question:

For the year 2012/13, listed on a Ward basis how many School Patrol Wardens were employed across the City?

Answer:

The Councillor will be aware that until May 2015, decisions about the school crossing service were the responsibility of individual District Committees. Therefore, whilst I am happy to provide him with the figures, should he wish any further details I will need to refer him to the relevant District Committee.

City Wide School Crossing Patrols - By Ward	2013
Acocks Green Ward	8
Aston Ward	11
Bartley Green Ward	8
Billesley Ward	6
Bordesley Green Ward	2
Bournville Ward	5
Brandwood Ward	5
Edgbaston Ward	1
Erdington Ward	9
Hall Green Ward	5
Handsworth Ward	4
Harborne Ward	6
Hodge Hill Ward	3
Kings Norton Ward	4
Kingstanding Ward	5
Ladywood Ward	6
Longbridge Ward	4
Lozells and East Handsworth Ward	7

Moseley and Kings Heath Ward	10
Nechells Ward	3
Northfield Ward	16
Oscott Ward	5
Perry Barr Ward	4
Quinton Ward	5
Selly Oak Ward	2
Shard End Ward	7
Sheldon Ward	6
Soho Ward	6
South Yardley Ward	9
Sparkbrook Ward	9
Springfield Ward	7
Stechford and Yardley North Ward	10
Stockland Green Ward	4
Sutton Four Oaks Ward	1
Sutton New Hall Ward	4
Sutton Trinity Ward	4
Sutton Vesey Ward	2
Tyburn Ward	6
Washwood Heath Ward	6
Weoley Ward	5
Total	230

NB Figures exclude standby Wardens

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

“Homeless 2”

Question:

**How many homeless people are the Council aware of in Birmingham as of 7th
September 2015 that are ex-servicemen?**

Answer:

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

“Homeless 1”

Question:

**How many people are the Council aware of that are homeless in Birmingham
as of 7th September 2015?**

Answer:

2,314 households have been accepted as homeless by BCC and are awaiting an
offer of permanent accommodation

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

“Housing”

Question:

How many ex-servicemen are on the housing waiting list?

Answer:

There is a specific points award for applicants who have served in Her Majesty's armed forces who

- Have been discharged in the 6 months preceding the date of the application or
- Have a date for discharge within the next 6 months

And

- Have a local connection with Birmingham or lived here prior to serving

And

- Discharge documents have been provided.

There are currently 17 applicants who have been awarded these points.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD
MANAGEMENT AND HOMES FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

“Housing List”

Question:

Listed on a Ward basis, how many people are on the housing waiting list?

Answer:

District	Ward	Total on Register
Edgbaston	Bartley Green	647
	Edgbaston	342
	Harborne	360
	Quinton	502
Edgbaston Total		1851
Erdington	Erdington	394
	Kingstanding	511
	Stockland Green	517
	Tyburn	400
Erdington Total		1822
Hall Green	Hall Green	157
	Moseley And Kings Heath	387
	Sparkbrook	1152
	Springfield	567
Hall Green Total		2263
Hodge Hill	Bordesley Green	832
	Hodge Hill	513
	Shard End	541
	Washwood Heath	928
Hodge Hill Total		2814
Ladywood	Aston	1242
	Ladywood	655

	Nechells	1428
	Soho	940
Ladywood Total		4265
Northfield	Kings Norton	588
	Longbridge	494
	Northfield	635
	Weoley	535
Northfield Total		2252
Out of Borough	Out of Borough	1019
Out of Borough Total		1019
Perry Barr	Handsworth Wood	406
	Lozells And East Handsworth	1012
	Oscott	227
	Perry Barr	284
Perry Barr Total		1929
Selly Oak	Billesley	449
	Bournville	352
	Brandwood	524
	Selly Oak	245
Selly Oak Total		1570
Sutton Coldfield	Sutton Four Oaks	80
	Sutton New Hall	66
	Sutton Trinity	150
	Sutton Vesey	80
Sutton Coldfield Total		376
Yardley	Acocks Green	527
	Sheldon	252
	South Yardley	582
	Stechford And Yardley North	375
Yardley Total		1736
Total on Register		21897

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SKILLS, LEARNING AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR SUE ANDERSON

"People with Learning Disabilities - Birmingham set an example to others"

Question:

People with learning disabilities have an entitlement to work opportunities and employment.

When and how will Birmingham City Council set an example to other employers?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council already sets an example and provides a positive employment policy around people with all forms of disability through our positive about disabled people policy. Under this policy there are five key commitments:

- To interview all applicants with disabilities who meet the minimum criteria for a job vacancy and to consider them on their abilities.
- To discuss with employees with disabilities, at any time but at least once a year, what both parties can do to make sure employees with disabilities can develop and use their abilities.
- To make every effort when employees acquire disabilities to make sure they stay in employment.
- To take action to ensure that all employees develop the appropriate level of disability awareness needed to make these commitments work.

To review these commitments each year and assess what has been achieved, plan ways to improve on them and let employees and Job Centre Plus know about progress and future plans.

We use our procurement policies and the charter for social responsibility to lever extra influence ensuring those with bigger challenges and with disabilities are positively included in HR policy and recruitment.

And this year the council has gone further targeting our direct resource at those with most need, committing to 1000 work experience placements within BCC for those with disabilities and other groups excluded from the labour market.

However we remain committed to doing more and ensuring no resident is left behind in the economic revival of the city, and work to continue to work in partnership with many

organisations including the DWP and employment providers to ensure the number of people with disabilities in work rises.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SKILLS, LEARNING AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR JERRY EVANS

"People with Learning Disabilities - employment rates"

Question:

People with learning disabilities have an entitlement to work opportunities and employment.

Would the cabinet member please provide statistics and improvement on the present employment rates?

Answer:

Limitations on the data from ONS means that employment rates for those with learning disabilities are only available at a national level. At a city level the data combines those with depression, learning disabilities and mental health illnesses.

The ONS Labour Force Survey 2014 shows that nationally 24.3% of adults aged 16-64 with a learning disability were in employment, compared to an overall employment rate of 73%.

The newest ONS comparable data for Birmingham on the combined employment rate shows that in the year to March 2015, 21.3% of Birmingham residents with a learning difficulty were employed.

However this remains an issue the council is determined to address and I would refer you to my answer to Cllr Anderson on the actions we are taking to address this.