



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

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

Councillors

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

19079 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

19080 The Lord Mayor reminded members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

Councillor Alex Yip indicated that, with reference to the Oral Questions, he was a Governor at Wilson Stuart School.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

19081 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2018 having been printed and copies circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord Mayor indicated that there were no announcements.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented prior to the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 1)

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

19082 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Relating to External Organisations Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 2)

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

19083 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petitions be received and referred to the relevant external organisation.

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 3)

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

19084 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 4)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19085 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

19086 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 10.3.

When Councillor Alex Yip asked a question of the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing relating to Travel Assist and Councillor Gary Sambrook indicated that his Mother was a Pupil Guide working for the Travel Assist service.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

The following schedule was submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

Following further nominations it was:-

19087 **RESOLVED:-**

That appointments be made by the City Council for Members to serve on the Committees and other bodies set out below:-

Planning Committee

Councillor Mohammed Fazal to replace Councillor Mike Sharpe and Councillor Karen McCarthy replaces Councillor Mike Sharpe as Chair for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Ziaul Islam to replace Councillor Saddak Miah and Councillor Paul Tilsley to replace Councillor Aikhlaq Ahmed for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

Learning, Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Mike Sharpe to replace Councillor Baber Baz for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

Licensing and Public Protection Committee

Councillor Mike Sharpe to replace Councillor Narinder Kaur Kooner for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

Licensing Sub-Committee B

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Councillor Mike Sharpe to replace Councillor Nicky Brennan for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

Independent Remuneration Panel

Appoint Honorary Alderman Stewart Stacey for the period 15 September 2018 -14 September 2022 as a co-opted member.

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

It was moved by Councillor Martin Straker Welds, seconded and

19088 **RESOLVED:-**

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

- Allocate 10 Minutes for item 9 (Constitution)
- Allocate 40 Minutes for item 10 (Section 24 Auditors Report)
- Allocate 25 Minutes for item 11 (Bordesley Park Area Action Plan)
- Reduce the time for the Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committees to 45 minutes (item 12)

Council Business Management Committee also agreed that the time for the meeting be extended to 2000 if required.

The Lord Mayor requested that, in accordance with Standing Order 7 (Suspension of Standing Orders), a Leader or Deputy Leader (or their nominee) of one of the Party Groups to move that the meeting be extended to 2000 hours and that that be seconded by the Leader or Deputy Leader (or their nominee) of another Party Group.

LENGTH OF COUNCIL MEETING

Having been moved by Councillor Robert Alden and seconded by the Leader, Councillor Ian Ward it was-

19089 **RESOLVED:-**

That the meeting be extended to 2000 hours.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

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

(See document No. 5)

The Leader of the Council Councillor Ian Ward moved the motion and indicated that appendix 2 of the report should be amended so that in respect of the composition of the Standards Committee in the first bullet

point under 'membership' the words ' , other than those with Special Responsibility Allowances,' be deleted. The motion was seconded.

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

It was therefore-

19090 **RESOLVED:-**

That approval be given to the necessary changes to the City Council's Constitution as indicated in the appendices to the report (as amended in the forgoing preamble) and that the City Solicitor be authorised to implement the changes with immediate effect.

ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018 – STAUTORY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 24 LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The following report of the Section 151 Officer and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources was submitted:-

(See document No. 6)

The Leader of the Council Councillor Ian Ward moved the motion which was seconded

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Merion Jenkins and Robert Alden gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 7)

Councillor Meirion Jenkins moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Ewan Mackey and Alex Yip gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 8)

Councillor Ewan Mackey moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Alex Yip.

A debate ensued.

The Leader of the Council Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

The first amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

The second amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

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

It was therefore-

19091 **RESOLVED:-**

The Council accepts the statutory recommendation of Grant Thornton made under section 24 of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the responses and actions set out in section 4 of this report.

**BORDESLEY PARK AREA ACTION PLAN - PROPOSED SUBMISSION
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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

(See document No. 9)

The Leader of the Council Councillor Ian Ward moved the motion which was seconded

A debate ensued during which Councillor Tahir Ali noted that he was a resident in the area covered by the Plan and was also a local Councillor for some of the area covered by the Plan. Councillor Bob Beauchamp indicated that he was the Chairman of the Wheels Charitable Trust which was located within the area covered by the Plan.

The Leader of the Council Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore

19092 **RESOLVED:-**

That the City Council approves the Bordesley Park Area Action Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and Consultation Statement for submission to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government in accordance with this report.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

19093 **RESOLVED:-**

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

The Council then adjourned at 1630 hours.

At 1702 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The following report of the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee was submitted:-

(See document No. 10)

Managing the Risk and Response to Flooding in Birmingham

Councillor Liz Clements moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor Timothy Huxtable.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Liz Clements replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore

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RESOLVED:-

That the report is noted, and discussion points are forwarded to the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee to feed into future work.

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The Council proceeded to consider the Motions of which notice had been given in accordance with Standing Order 4(i).

A. Councillor Jon Hunt and Baber Baz have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 11)

Councillor Jon Hunt moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Baber Baz.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Debbie Clancy and Robert Alden gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 12)

Councillor Debbie Clancy moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Majid Mahmood and Liz Clements gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 13)

Councillor Majid Mahmood moved the amendment during which he noted that a consensus had been reached so that the amendment be amended with the following words added in place of the words 'to become a Plastic Free City' in the in the third paragraph:-

'so it can become a Plastic Free City. The Scrutiny Committee will report back by the end of the 2018/19 Municipal Year a range of options, including cost neutral options, which the Executive can implement as soon as possible from the start of the 2019/20 Municipal Year'

Councillor Liz Clements seconded the amended amendment.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Julien Pritchard and Roger Harmer gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 14)

Councillor Julien Pritchard moved the amendment during which he indicated that he was willing to remove the additional paragraph 3 from the amendment. Councillor Roger Harmer seconded the amended amendment.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Jon Hunt replied to the debate.

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

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

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

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

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

This Council is alarmed at the growing evidence of the impact of disposable plastic items on the world's oceans, fish supplies and the litter on the streets and in the hedgerows of Birmingham.

Council notes and welcomes the success of plastic bag charging policies introduced by national governments. It calls for action at a city level so Birmingham makes a significant contribution to reducing disposal of plastics and cleaning up the environment.

Council calls on the Executive to ask the Transport and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny Committee to explore the opportunities and the options available to the City so it can become a Plastic Free City. The Scrutiny Committee will report back by the end of the 2018/19 Municipal Year a range of options, including cost neutral options, which the Executive can implement as soon as possible from the start of the 2019/20 Municipal Year. These options to include:

1. Encouraging the city's institutions, businesses and citizens to adopt measures to minimise the use of single-use plastic products.
2. Immediately starting the process of reducing the sale and provision of single-use plastic products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in Council buildings where it is reasonable to do so.
3. Encouraging market traders to sell re-usable containers and inviting customers to bring their own, with the aim of phasing out single-use plastic containers and cutlery on market stalls.
4. Working with the Council events team and creating a policy in which single-use "disposable" plastic cups are replaced at all large city festivals with re-usable or deposit scheme cups and which the release of balloons on City Council property is not permitted, investigating the possibility of ultimately making these a condition for obtaining a licence for large scale events held in the city.
5. Promoting refill schemes with retail businesses and Business Improvement Districts.
6. Investigating the possibility of installing free water fountains in City Council reception areas and elsewhere in our buildings.
7. Further investigating having locally branded water containers for sale.
8. Encourage the city's businesses, organisations and residents to go 'plastic free,' working with best practice partners in the city to explore the creation of a 'plastic free network,' that could provide business support, practical guidelines and advice to help local businesses transition from SUPs to sustainable alternatives;
9. Working with tenants in commercial properties owned by Birmingham City Council to encourage the phasing out of disposable plastic cups, bottles, cutlery and straws.
10. Ensuring that sustainability is a key feature of the 2022 Commonwealth Games and commit to working with the LOC and Games partners to minimise the use of single use plastic items.

11. Ensuring that all Local Authority Maintained Schools school's are part of a new City Council initiative to help them become plastic-free working with partners such as CityServe and Veolia.
12. Encouraging, enabling and aiding all City Council employees, Councillors, businesses, community groups, and citizens to engage with an annual Plastic Free Challenge Month to be launched in April 2019.
13. Writing to all major supermarkets trading in the city encouraging them to introduce plastic free aisles.
13. Working with Procurement services to encourage all businesses with which the Council has contracts to support the banning of single-use plastics in their place of work and consider the possibility of phasing out of single-use plastics in the awarding of new contracts where this is relevant and proportionate.

Council further asks the Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs urging him to bring the United Kingdom into line with the European Union's 2030 target for phasing out single use plastics, rather than the less ambitious target outlined in the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan for England only and to fund local government to meet the target.

The Council also commits to working with partners within the Combined Authority to develop a complimentary regional strategy on this issue to ensure greater collaboration and to leverage more support from Government for innovative schemes to help support the Government's own strategy to reduce plastic pollution.

B. Councillor Paulette Hamilton and Shabrana Hussain have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 15)

Councillor Paulette Hamilton moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Shabrana Hussain.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Matt Bennett and Suzanne Webb gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 16)

Councillor Matt Bennett moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Suzanne Webb.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Paulette Hamilton replied to the debate.

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

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

It was therefore-

19096 **RESOLVED:-**

The council notes that in August 2018 Birmingham was named the UK's first ever Donor City - a city dedicated to increasing the number of citizens signed-up to the NHS Organ Donor Register.

The council further notes that just 21 per cent of Birmingham residents have signed up to the Organ Donor Register and acknowledges the urgent need to improve on that record. Registration rates are even lower for BAME communities across the city, reflecting a similar shortfall across the UK.

One in five people who died on the Transplant Waiting List last year were from a black, Asian or ethnic minority background.

Consequently, more donors from black, Asian and minority ethnic groups are urgently needed to address an increase in patients from the same communities dying whilst waiting for an organ transplant.

Organ donation is the only hope for many desperately ill people and citizens from all communities must be encouraged to discuss donation.

- Around 6,000 people across the UK are currently waiting for an organ transplant.
- Only around 6,000 people each year die in circumstances where they can donate their organs.
- Three people a day die in need of a transplant due to a shortage of people being willing to donate organs.

The council resolves to:

- Work with partners to increase awareness of this vital issue across Birmingham.
- Work with communities throughout the city to encourage people to join the NHS Organ Donor Register.
- Encourage people to share their donation decision with their family and friends.
- Lead by example by encouraging staff and members to have the conversation about organ donation and to register.

Look at international examples for what works well in terms of public education and other measures to improve organ donor rates and calls on Government to do the same as part of its work on this issue.

C. Councillor Paulette Hamilton and Shabrana Hussain have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 17)

The Lord Mayor advised that as the finishing time for the meeting had been reached the remaining motions and amendments should be moved and seconded formally (without comment) and following which they would be put to the vote without discussion.

Councillor Simon Morrall formally moved the Motion which was formally seconded by Councillor Adrian Delaney.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Matt Bennett and Robert Alden gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 18)

Councillor Matt Bennett formally moved the amendment which was formally seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Brigid Jones and Fred Grindrod gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 19)

Councillor Brigid Jones formally moved the amendment which was formally seconded by Councillor Fred Grindrod.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Paul Tilsley and Jon Hunt gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 20)

Councillor Paul Tilsley formally moved the amendment which was formally seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt.

The first amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting with names listed in seat number order was as follows:-

(See document No. 21)

The total results referred to in the interleaved read:-

Yes – 22 (For the amendment)

No – 59 (Against the amendment)

Abstain – 0 (Abstentions)

The second amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

Here upon a poll being demanded the voting with names listed in seat number order was as follows:-

(See document No. 22)

N.B. The documents have been amended to show that Councillor Gary Sambrook voted against the amendment.

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 54 (For the amendment)

No – 27 (Against the amendment)

Abstain – 1 (Abstention)

The third amendment having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

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

It was therefore-

19097 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council has been directed by the Conservative government to take action 'in the shortest possible' time to bring air quality within legal limits in Birmingham City Centre. The only way of achieving this is by the introduction of a Clean Air Zone.

The Council further believes that whilst clean air is an absolute priority for the city there are measures that can be taken to mitigate the impact on the worst affected. The Council is bidding to the government for funds to introduce mitigating measures including both exemptions and financial support to reduce the impact on those individuals and businesses likely to struggle the most:

Those on low incomes working / regularly travel to the Clean Air Zone area

- Key Workers
- Small and Medium size Enterprises
- City Centre Residents, Businesses and Fleet Operators

Clean air is a basic human right and yet poor air quality is responsible for hundreds of early deaths in Birmingham each year. This is completely unacceptable and we cannot allow it to continue.

Therefore, while the Birmingham City Council Conservative group would appear to be at odds with the Conservative government and Conservative Mayor on this issue, the council will undertake the necessary steps to improve air quality in Birmingham.

The Council therefore calls on the Executive to:

- Lobby Government to support our bid for mitigating measures from the National Clean Air Fund
 - Lobby Government to support wider measures to improve air quality, including investment in green infrastructure and public transport.
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The meeting ended at 1925 hours.

APPENDIX

Questions and replies in accordance with Standing Order 10.2.

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

A1 Star Chamber

Question:

Could the Leader advise the Council, in which month the "Star Chamber" of budgetary control was abandoned, who gave instructions for the curtailment of this tried and tested method of holding Cabinet Members and Chief Officers to account and how many millions of pounds were lost and wasted by this reckless decision? It is noted that the "Star Chamber" has belatedly been reintroduced.

Answer:

Advice from previous senior officers of the Council was that the Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel had insisted the Star Chamber process was not the most effective way to manage Council budgets. I reluctantly agreed to change the process to monitoring by a Budget Board.

As Leader I have reflected again on the arrangements for monitoring the Council's budget, I made a number of changes to Cabinet Member portfolios last May and in consultation with both the current Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and the Corporate Director for Finance and Governance, I have reintroduced a robust monthly Star Chamber process designed to bear down on areas that are forecasting an overspend.

This process is being shown to have a positive impact.

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

A2 Balancing the Books

Question:

Listed by individual item, what specific further mitigations have you taken, or do you plan to take this year to ensure that your portfolio's budget balances at year end without resource to reserves (or to over-deliver to ensure that the council's overall budget position balances)?

Answer:

The actions being taken to mitigate the Council's forecast overspend are set out in the Month 3 report to Cabinet and in the Council's response to the Section 24 Statutory Recommendations notice. A further update on the Month 6 forecast outturn will be presented to the Cabinet in October 2018.

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

A3 Vacant Council Assets

Question:

How many vacant properties (excluding HRA) are currently in the Council's possession, split between tenure (free hold, leasehold, rented)? For leasehold or rented properties please list the end date for each one.

Answer:

Investigations have identified 41 Birmingham City Council (non-Housing Revenue Account) buildings as currently being vacant. In the vast majority of cases these buildings are pending disposal, demolition or appraisal of the asset for potential reuse. All the identified buildings are owned freehold; a number of those are held in trust.

In terms of the commercial portfolio we manage over 5,500 assets and as you would expect the level of voids varies across the portfolio from 0.5 – 5 % and changes on a daily basis. This information can be provided separately; however at this point it has not been possible to provide an exact number.

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

A4 Capital Budget Monitoring

Question:

What procedures does the Council have in place this year for monitoring capital spend and projects and how does this differ from last year?

Answer:

The Council has significantly strengthened its capital monitoring procedures this year. A Capital Board, chaired by the Leader and supported by the Cabinet Member for Finance, CEO and Corporate Director Finance & Governance has been established and meets monthly to oversee the development and management of the capital programme. This Board also oversees the disposal of major assets.

New arrangements for major capital projects are being introduced to strengthen controls and reporting.

Capital monitoring is being fully integrated with revenue monitoring to be reported to Cabinet quarterly. The budget process for 2019/20 is considering capital proposals alongside revenue to ensure that all spending is aligned with the Council's priorities.

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

A5 Council House Redevelopment

Question:

What additional costs have been budgeted for in the redevelopment of the council house and museum due to the impact of the proposed clean air zone charging delivery trucks and other fleet needed for the work?

Answer:

In awarding the contract for the works it is anticipated that the successful contractor will, where possible, utilise vehicles that will be compliant with the requirements of the clean air zone - any other costs associated with this issue will be factored into the cost and considered and included as a provisional sum.

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

A6 Male suicide

Question:

Currently in the UK, the single biggest killer of young men under the age of 50 is Suicide. Can the Leader of the Birmingham City Council tell me, what is the City Council doing to help prevent Suicide in our City?

Answer:

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has published figures showing that nationally suicide and injury/poisoning of undetermined intent is the leading cause of death in men under 50, accounting for 23.9 % of deaths in men aged 20-34 and 11.3% of deaths in men aged 35-49 registered in 2016. In Birmingham the picture is different. For men aged 20-34 suicide and injury/poisoning of undetermined intent is the third leading cause (behind accidental poisoning and land transport accidents) accounting for 11.2% of deaths. In the 35-49 age group it is the fourth leading cause of death (behind cirrhosis and other diseases of liver, ischaemic heart diseases and accidental poisoning) accounting for 6.5% of deaths.

Birmingham City Council works with partners to prevent suicide. There is an action plan in place supported by the Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, and developed with the Council both Public Health and Adult Social Care, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust, Forward Thinking Birmingham and a range of other partners including Police and the voluntary sector.

The suicide prevention group leads this work, and actions include delivering Mental Health First Aid training, Suicide prevention training, and working to target groups most at risk of suicide. The aim is to ensure those groups know what support is available and how to access it. The group is being chaired by a West Midlands Fire Service Area Commander with support from partners across local government, NHS, Third Sector and WMCA.

Within the Council, we provide support for groups at higher risk of dying from suicide such as those leaving prison, those who misuse substances and people in places of custody or detention. We work to ensure that staff know what to do to identify suicide risk and how to support someone at risk, as well as developing good relationships with partners to share information in an appropriate way to deliver good crisis support.

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

B Balancing the Books

Question:

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FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN
STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR PETER
FOWLER**

D1 Balancing the Books

Question:

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN
STREETS AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

D2 Memorandum of Understanding

Question:

**Why wasn't the Memorandum of Understanding with the trade unions
implemented on September 1st?**

Answer:

The implementation was agreed to be moved from 1 September 2018 to allow the ongoing clarification discussions to take place. These have largely been concluded satisfactorily.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN
STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL
EUSTACE**

D3 Memorandum of Understanding - rotas and rounds

Question:

Under the Memorandum of Understanding with the trade unions, waste collection operatives are meant to move to a five-day working week. Given that this was meant to be implemented, have rotas and rounds been organised for these new arrangements?

Answer:

All of the new rotas and rounds have been reviewed jointly with the Trade Unions based on optimising routes. We want to get collections right first time. We have reviewed all of our collection rounds from the 360,000 properties and jointly developed a new delivery model to reduce missed collections over the next few weeks.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

D4 Missed Collections - Meet Obligations

Question:

I am getting regular reports from constituents about missed assisted collections and missed recycling collections. Why is the waste collection service unable to meet its obligations to citizens?

Answer:

Missed collections are monitored on a daily basis. They can occur for a number of reasons, such as vehicle breakdowns, traffic and access issues. Missed collections are on a downward trend from the start of the year. Of the 360,000 properties we collect from on a weekly basis our collection rate is on average 99.86%

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN
STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM
HIGGS**

D5 Agency Staff Costs

Question:

For each month from September 2017 what has been the total spend on agency staff within waste management?

Answer:

WMS Agency Expenditure September 17 - August 18

Month	Amount £000
Sep-17	590
Oct-17	699
Nov-17	601
Dec-17	705
Jan-18	573
Feb-18	562
Mar-18	893
Apr-18/May-18	861
Jun-18	855
Jul-18	806
Aug-18	586
Total	7,730

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN
STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE
ALDEN**

D6 Sickness Absence

Question:

For each week since April 2018, what was the total number of sick days taken by staff within waste management?

Answer:

Council recording of sickness absence is monthly and a weekly breakdown is not available. Monthly data is as follows:

Month	Total FTE Sickness Days in Period	Average FTE	Average Sickness Days per FTE in Period
Apr-18	659.12	733.285	0.90
May-18	823.21	732.29	1.12
Jun-18	892.88	755.29	1.18
Jul-18	970.08	805.26	1.2
Aug-18	855.62	804.26	1.06

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN
STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON
MORRALL**

D7 Persistent Problems in Frankley and Great Park

Question:

Fly tipping, missed refuse and garden waste collections have been a persistent problem in Frankley and Great Park since before the bin strike. Now residents inform me that despite previous weeks having been missed bin men are taking excess bags out of overflowing waste bins and deliberately leaving them behind even though they are only overflowing due to failures of the service. Can the member for refuse tell me, why does the service continue to get worse and what he is doing to address the persistent issues of missed collections and fly tipping in South Birmingham?

Answer:

Missed collections are monitored on a daily basis. They can occur for a number of reasons such as vehicle breakdowns, traffic and access issues. Missed collections are on a downward trend from the start of the year.

Waste Management undertake approximately 7,300 waste and recycling collections each week in the Frankley and Great Park Ward. Over the past 35 weeks (between January and the end of August 2018) on average 14 missed collections (0.19%) have been reported by residents each week.

The department currently have 653 garden collection customers in the Frankley & Great Park Ward and since the start of the service on average approximately 11 (2%) customers have reported a missed collection each week.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

D8 Landfill

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member inform the Council how much of Birmingham's waste has gone to landfill per month for the past 4 years? Please can this information be given in the format of a table giving the amount per month to each landfill site, the overall total per month to landfill and that overall total as a proportion of total waste processed?

Answer:

See table below.

Landfilled Waste in Tonnes

Landfill Site	Ling Hall Landfill Site, Coal Pit Lane, Rugby CV23 9HH	New Albion Landfill Site, Occupation Road, DE11 8HD	Poplars PFA Landfill Site, Lichfield Road, Cannock, WS11 8NQ	Onyx Landfill Ltd, Sandy Lane	(Bottom Ash from Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility) Ling Hall Landfill Site, Coal Pit Lane, Rugby CV23 9HH	(Fly Ash from Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility) Onyx, Stubbers Green Road, Aldridge, WS9 8BL
Apr-14	540.21	3,113.08	-	2,737.89	-	532.50
May-14	934.91	2,691.90	-	2,385.71	-	717.42
Jun-14	-	-	-	-	-	773.30
Jul-14	266.34	-	-	-	-	892.02
Aug-14	1,986.99	-	-	59.08	-	701.44
Sep-14	-	-	-	-	-	746.00
Oct-14	1,370.54	-	-	-	-	833.96
Nov-14	1,174.30	50.30	-	13.32	-	712.54
Dec-14	-	-	-	-	-	973.24
Jan-15	106.84	6.07	-	0.97	-	764.78
Feb-15	0.68	-	-	-	-	797.80
Mar-15	-	-	-	-	-	695.20
Apr-15	6,025.02	6,037.43	-	239.62	-	355.58
May-15	3,625.13	1,423.93	-	335.94	-	813.98
Jun-15	1,918.03	1,235.02	-	489.10	-	649.40
Jul-15	397.61	644.21	-	35.68	-	772.72
Aug-15	1,413.36	1,146.40	-	-	-	693.30
Sep-15	303.51	343.70	-	-	-	678.60
Oct-15	1,101.24	1,114.51	-	-	-	886.50
Nov-15	17.69	19.83	-	-	-	732.22
Dec-15	-	-	-	-	-	744.10
Jan-16	0.02	0.01	-	-	-	706.34
Feb-16	15.48	2.30	-	-	-	783.79
Mar-16	-	-	-	-	-	849.53

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Apr-16	3,076.38	2,073.60	619.18	-	-	716.00
May-16	3,762.21	2,780.29	2,000.14	-	-	513.60
Jun-16	1,607.96	367.80	120.68	-	-	739.36
Jul-16	2,547.39	1,779.11	1,618.30	-	-	675.38
Aug-16	2,352.44	3,176.65	19.29	-	-	707.44
Sep-16	2,149.82	1,420.68	1,362.28	-	-	608.08
Oct-16	-	-	-	-	-	654.58
Nov-16	307.12	36.72	-	-	-	706.72
Dec-16	414.00	-	-	-	-	760.70
Jan-17	1,060.97	282.03	45.69	-	-	713.12
Feb-17	153.46	47.80	-	-	-	681.92
Mar-17	538.55	487.45	234.70	-	-	759.94
Apr-17	2,542.48	1,487.62	2,371.90	-	-	577.30
May-17	3,989.60	1,543.17	3,106.12	-	-	639.32
Jun-17	2,459.27	603.51	2,369.38	-	34.96	592.12
Jul-17	2,791.59	1,588.92	2,253.66	-	-	587.52
Aug-17	4,293.43	604.02	5,424.04	-	-	608.92
Sep-17	2,082.43	1,418.21	1,248.39	-	-	589.36
Oct-17	2,637.86	4,130.07	1,341.79	-	-	682.66
Nov-17	-	-	-	-	-	732.28
Dec-17	-	-	-	-	-	628.12
Jan-18	81.35	172.08	28.05	-	-	788.44
Feb-18	1,387.74	915.12	46.26	-	-	674.14
Mar-18	63.51	10.27	-	-	-	607.04

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Landfill Site	(Rejects from the Veolia WEEE System) Various Sites	(Asbestos) Ling Hall Landfill Site, Coal Pit Lane, Rugby CV23 9HH	Total Sent to Landfill	Total Municipal Waste Processed by Waste Management	Percentage of Municipal Waste Sent to Landfill
Apr-14	43.15	8.52	48,705.35	40,875.35	119.16%
May-14	38.41	16.34	48,544.69	44,139.48	109.98%
Jun-14	38.99	8.70	42,611.99	45,306.77	94.05%
Jul-14	39.57	15.56	43,034.49	46,821.03	91.91%
Aug-14	37.98	15.74	44,653.23	40,452.72	110.38%
Sep-14	37.94	8.16	42,675.10	41,813.55	102.06%
Oct-14	35.00	17.40	44,169.90	41,540.03	106.33%
Nov-14	29.24	-	43,923.70	37,528.27	117.04%
Dec-14	25.64	7.52	42,980.40	36,164.98	118.85%
Jan-15	36.33	7.88	42,927.87	38,922.27	110.29%
Feb-15	30.39	-	42,864.87	32,583.33	131.55%
Mar-15	36.80	-	42,796.00	38,907.20	110.00%
Apr-15	46.44	8.42	54,807.51	44,897.49	122.07%
May-15	40.18	16.88	48,381.04	42,605.93	113.55%
Jun-15	43.08	7.72	46,498.35	47,991.91	96.89%
Jul-15	43.15	-	44,079.37	46,765.15	94.26%
Aug-15	46.81	8.24	45,525.11	41,369.36	110.05%
Sep-15	43.02	-	43,616.83	42,040.50	103.75%
Oct-15	38.62	9.14	45,428.01	40,690.54	111.64%
Nov-15	34.48	-	43,113.22	39,478.40	109.21%
Dec-15	37.48	8.04	43,128.62	38,358.84	112.43%
Jan-16	41.07	-	43,117.44	40,770.31	105.76%
Feb-16	42.41	-	43,244.98	37,196.12	116.26%
Mar-16	42.87	-	43,322.40	40,602.97	106.70%

Landfill Site	(Rejects from the Veolia WEEE System) Various Sites	(Asbestos) Ling Hall Landfill Site, Coal Pit Lane, Rugby CV23 9HH	Total Sent to Landfill	Total Municipal Waste Processed by Waste Management	Percentage of Municipal Waste Sent to Landfill
Apr-16	53.81	8.00	49,007.97	40,664.92	120.52%
May-16	54.48	7.82	51,609.54	44,716.95	115.41%
Jun-16	49.03	7.78	45,414.61	46,346.49	97.99%
Jul-16	46.76	7.96	49,226.90	43,814.10	112.35%
Aug-16	36.42	6.94	48,882.18	44,125.57	110.78%
Sep-16	52.23	16.56	48,223.64	43,900.47	109.85%
Oct-16	47.59	-	43,346.17	40,205.28	107.81%
Nov-16	36.51	7.02	43,769.09	40,593.52	107.82%
Dec-16	30.16	-	43,909.86	35,364.68	124.16%
Jan-17	38.93	7.30	44,884.05	40,512.43	110.79%
Feb-17	38.77	6.50	43,695.45	33,767.83	129.40%
Mar-17	47.25	9.04	44,871.93	42,154.64	106.45%
Apr-17	43.04	7.26	49,855.60	40,620.27	122.74%
May-17	48.19	14.36	52,196.76	46,021.39	113.42%
Jun-17	45.46	-	48,991.69	45,441.49	107.81%
Jul-17	47.08	6.92	50,192.69	37,168.16	135.04%
Aug-17	46.50	6.98	53,931.90	43,689.66	123.44%
Sep-17	34.37	7.52	48,359.29	38,034.99	127.14%
Oct-17	21.69	-	51,823.07	44,371.93	116.79%
Nov-17	38.56	-	43,810.84	39,899.96	109.80%
Dec-17	24.33	-	43,722.45	30,226.63	144.65%
Jan-18	42.57	-	44,213.49	42,888.93	103.09%
Feb-18	36.44	-	46,191.70	33,656.53	137.24%
Mar-18	29.98	-	43,870.80	37,456.86	117.12%

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

E1 Balancing the Books

Question:

Listed by individual item, what specific further mitigations have you taken, or do you plan to take this year to ensure that your portfolio's budget balances at year end without resource to reserves (or to over-deliver to ensure that the council's overall budget position balances)?

Answer:

The actions being taken to mitigate the Council's forecast overspend are set out in the Month 3 report to Cabinet and in the Council's response to the Section 24 Statutory Recommendations notice. A further update on the Month 6 forecast outturn will be presented to the Cabinet in October 2018.

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

E2 Travel Assist CAZ Impact

Question:

What assessment has been made of the financial impact of the proposed clean air zone on the transport costs for children with disabilities and children in care?

Answer:

Comprehensive research to support the development of the Business Case for the Clean Air Zone considered where the introduction of the scheme could have the most negative impact.

The appraisal identified that Disabled people could be adversely affected by implementation of the CAZ through the potential reduction in availability of community transport and wheelchair adapted taxis, and also the potential increase in cost of community transport. Similarly it was identified that Children would be adversely affected by any reduction in the availability of community transport servicing schools and community centres within the CAZ.

Where licenced Hackney Carriage vehicles are used for transporting people who use wheelchairs and for services such as Council contracts for home to school travel, CAZ compliance is addressed through the changes approved by the Licencing Committee that will be implemented on the 1st January 2020. The Council are applying for Clean Air Funding from the Government, aligned to the CAZ business case to support Birmingham licensed Hackney Carriage vehicles to meet the CAZ requirements.

Vehicles that are not licensed Hackney Carriages, but used solely for the transport of disabled people as well as SEN pupils and elderly people to day care centres, are registered under Section 19 permit. As such these vehicles, would be exempt from the CAZ charge.

It is therefore proposed that vehicles that serve the community and are classified as operating under a Section 19 permit will be exempt from the CAZ charge.

The Council's proposals will also include funding support to fleet operators to help them move to compliant vehicles. It is also proposed to offer exemptions and funding to support those on low incomes.

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

F1 Balancing the Books

Question:

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

F2 Mini Bus Hire

Question:

How much does the Council spend each year renting mini-buses?

Answer:

A few services within the Council use minibuses but we don't record minibus spend as such. For example:

- Travel Assist and support for Vulnerable Adults provide services that are procured that use minibuses but we don't rent the minibuses
- Use of Taxis – these are not minibuses per se, though some actually taxis may be minibuses. We don't have the detailed level of reporting as to the type of vehicles on each taxi journey
- Coaches - the majority of coach spend is with schools and if we remove this then there is little council spend left. Some of the remaining spend may be minibuses (as opposed to coaches) but we don't have this level of detail either.

There is no "code" as such for minibuses as it not considered to be a spend area that requires detailed analysis.

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

F3 Finance Birmingham Due Diligence

Question:

What due diligence is made on companies ahead of loans\investments made via Finance Birmingham and who is responsible for carrying this out?

Answer:

Finance Birmingham routinely undertake extensive due diligence assessments on all loans/investments from the council's business loan and equity funds including physical visits to the applicant, verification of financial performance, the background of Directors and financial project reviews.

A full report on each loan or investment request is presented to the investment committee for consideration and decisions are fully document. Each report undergoes a quality assurance review within Finance Birmingham.

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

F4 Finance Birmingham Management Fees

Question:

Where a business that has received money via Finance Birmingham goes into Administration, do Finance Birmingham still receive the full management fee for awarding that loan\equity investment?

Answer:

Finance Birmingham do not receive a management fee from BCC for management of the BCC business loan and equity portfolios. The costs of managing the council's own remaining loans and investments is covered by monitoring fee income. As sole owner of the company, BCC receives a dividend and meets its own costs of administration.

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

F5 Finance Birmingham Bad Investments

Question:

Where a loan or investment made via Finance Birmingham fails (e.g. where the company receiving the loan collapses) resulting in unrecoverable debt for BCC, what penalties are paid by Finance Birmingham?

Answer:

No penalties are paid by Finance Birmingham. The interest and equity gains received on the full portfolio by BCC is used to build up a bad debt reserve, this is the source for any write off required.

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

F6 Finance Birmingham Total Debt

Question:

What is the value of the total amount loaned or invested via Finance Birmingham currently outstanding? (Split between loans and equity investments)

Answer:

As at 1 April 2018 the historic cost of BCC investments into the equity portfolio was £2,812,044. The 2018/19 valuation of these investments was £2,339,030 (after undertaking an impairment review)

The current balance on the BCC Business Loan portfolio balance is £1,320,026

A total of £25m has been made available since 2010 for loan and equity investment of which £18.9m has to date been drawdown resulting in 1,765 jobs created and/or safeguarded.

Since 2016, however, the remaining funds have largely been inactive to new applicants reflecting a reduction in BCC risk appetite and a rise in LEP funding and more recently WMCA funding.

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

F7 Finance Birmingham Council MTFP

Question:

What amount has been set aside each year within the medium term financial strategy for payment of fees to Finance Birmingham and what dividends are anticipated in each of those years?

Answer:

No fees are payable to Finance Birmingham for their management of the council's loan and equity portfolios.

For the year 2017/18 a dividend of £100,000 has been received.

Dividends are not part of the MTFP as all receipts from Finance Birmingham are placed into a reserve which is used by BCC to manage any adverse performance on the loan and equity portfolios. Similarly, any capital gains and all interest on the portfolios are paid into this reserve.

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

F8 Amey PFI

Question:

The Cabinet Member for Finance recently attended my ward forum and publicly expressed a desire to bring the Amey contract back in house. Can he inform the Council when we are likely to see this happen and how much this is likely to cost, including the cost of lost PFI credits?

Answer:

I attended the ward forum meeting as a resident and not in my capacity as a Councillor or Cabinet Member, moreover I refute the claim that I made such a statement.

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

F9 Politically Restricted Posts

Question:

Which current posts, broken down by service area, paid at SCP 44 and above has been explicitly exempted from being politically restricted under Part 1 of Local Government and Housing Act 1989, including the process that is followed to approve any such exemptions?

Answer:

With effect from January 2010, the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (LDEDC Act) changed the approach to identifying posts which are party politically restricted under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

Originally posts were deemed to be politically restricted if they were earning above spinal column point 44 (£37,206 pa) at 31st March 2010. The LDEDC Act removed the concept of political restriction by salary level.

Posts are considered politically restricted if they fall into the following two broad categories:

(a) Specified Posts

Specified posts are automatically subject to restrictions on public party political activity and as such, there is no right of appeal. These posts are listed as follows:

Chief Executive
Chief Officers
Deputy Chief Officers (those reporting to Chief Officers)
Monitoring Officer
Chief Finance Officer

(b) Sensitive Posts

A sensitive post is one which meets one or both of the following duties-related criteria:

- Regularly giving advice to the Council at member level.
This means that you are either:
 - Regularly advising any Councillor or group of Councillors,
or
 - Giving strategic advice about policy formation to Councillors or senior officers.

and / or

Speaking on behalf of the authority on a regular basis to journalists or broadcasters.

Exemptions:

There is no right of appeal in respect of **specified** posts.

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 have given the Standards Committee responsibility to determine applications for exemption from political restriction by holders of such posts.

Where the Standards Committee is satisfied that the duties of the post do not fall within the definition of a **sensitive post** then the Committee must direct that the post should not be regarded as politically restricted.

No posts have been exempted.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

G1 Balancing the Books

Question:

Listed by individual item, what specific further mitigations have you taken, or do you plan to take this year to ensure that your portfolio's budget balances at year end without resource to reserves (or to over-deliver to ensure that the council's overall budget position balances)?

Answer:

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

G2 Better Care Fund

Question:

The Quarter 1 financial monitoring report presented to Cabinet in July identifies £5.8m additional use of the improved Better Care Fund which had not been budgeted for, to offset savings that weren't forecast to be fully achieved. Since the BCF and iBCF were introduced, how much of these funds has been used to offset the non-delivery of savings for the Council within each financial year since they were introduced?

Answer:

Better Care Fund resources have only been used to fund new initiatives or continue to support expenditure previously funded through joint arrangements with health.

An outline of the use of the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) resources was included on page 13 of the Council Plan and Budget 2018+ (paragraphs 3.12 and 3.13). In addition, Appendix 5 (page 100) of that document included £9.3m in 2018/19 and £2.0m in 2019/20 to support savings not fully achieved in those years. The funding for this is from iBCF. The vision and Strategy to modernise Adult Social Care was approved by Cabinet on 3rd October 2017. This recognised that savings would not be immediately available from implementing this Strategy and short-term funding from iBCF was agreed with health partners. The Directorate continues to work to implement the transformation programme as quickly as possible and identify other mitigations to reduce the £5.8m and minimise the need to use these additional funds.

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

G3 Fairways

Question:

Since the original budget decision to close two day centres was taken in March 2016, how much has been spent in total (including officer times) on consultation around the identification and then closure of Fairways?

Answer:

There has been extensive consultation and officer time spent on this budget decision. It is not possible to calculate accurately Officer (both Manager and Social Work time) as this has not been logged. Details of consultation and timelines are set out below:

Date	Details
Week commencing September 2017	Daily meetings with service users and carers (two hours being set aside each day)
November 2017	Social work reviews were carried out and social work engagement groups established
December 2017	Advocacy Matters were commissioned to undertake an independent engagement process, commencing 11th December 2017 Sessions were held on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 14th December 2017• Monday 18th December 2017• Wednesday 20th December 2017• Tuesday 2nd January 2018
March 2018	A report was produced and this was made available to service users, carers and staff. The report was placed before Cabinet in March 2018.
	Further engagement has taken place with service users and their carers by the allocated social work team. The team for Fairways reviews consisted of six social workers. Following a number of meetings to introduce the team and their role; the social workers contacted people individually.

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By 4th January 2018	58 people had had a conversation with their social worker and reviews were well under way.
End of January 2018	58 service users had been engaged – Individually by social workers, and in group workshop session, and 9 had been engaged via a group workshop session
5 th February 2018	A session with Director of Adult Social a total of 24 attendees, half of whom were carers
5th February 2018 16th July 2018	Six sessions with Assistant Director Adult Social Care – a total of 41 attendees over the 2 sessions

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

G4 Fairways Maintenance

Question:

**Since 2016, how much has been spent on maintenance at the Fairways
Day Centre?**

Answer:

The premises costs for Fairways for the previous 3 financial years, the Building Maintenance costs were £10,097 in 2017/18, £12,083 in 2016/17 and £27,334 in 2015/16.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

H Balancing the Books

Question:

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR
BOB BEAUCHAMP**

I Balancing the Books

Question:

Listed by individual item, what specific further mitigations have you taken, or do you plan to take this year to ensure that your portfolio's budget balances at year end without resource to reserves (or to over-deliver to ensure that the council's overall budget position balances)?

Answer:

The actions being taken to mitigate the Council's forecast overspend are set out in the Month 3 report to Cabinet and in the Council's response to the Section 24 Statutory Recommendations notice. A further update on the Month 6 forecast outturn will be presented to the Cabinet in October 2018.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT
AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

J1 CAZ Drop-In Consultation Event

Question:

How many of the official ‘public drop-in events’ on the proposed clean air zone held by the City Council did you personally attend (please specific the dates and location of each on you attended)?

Answer:

I was represented by officers at all public consultation events.

I conducted face to face media briefings at the Council House on 18 June and 7 September and attended the following further media engagements:

Date	Format	Details
18 June 2018	Media briefing	Media briefing at Council House to coincide with publication of Cabinet papers
21 June 2018	Social media	BCC video for Clean Air Day, promoting CAZ proposals
24 June 2018	Television	Appearance on BBC Sunday Politics
26 June 2018	Television	Interview with ITV Central following Cabinet approval of CAZ consultation
18 July 2018	Social media	Facebook Live with Neil Elkes for BirminghamLive
20 July 2018	Radio	Unity FM live interview and phone-in
8 August 2018	Radio	BBC WM live interview and phone-in
8 August 2018	Radio	New Style Radio live interview and phone-in
16 August 2018	Television	Interview with ITV Central to promote CAZ consultation
16 August 2018	Radio	Interview with Free Radio to promote CAZ consultation
17 August 2018	Television	Interview with Midlands Today on last day of CAZ consultation
7 September 2018	Media briefing	Media briefing at Council House to coincide with publication of Cabinet papers

I discussed the CAZ proposals with key stakeholders when I delivered the keynote address to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Patrons Lunch on 26 July, and met with representatives of Citizens UK on 17 August.

In addition, I replied directly to those members of the public and stakeholders who contacted me personally during the consultation period.

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

J2 Balancing the Books

Question:

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Answer:

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

J3 Perry Barr Flyover - Replace with Traffic Light Junction

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member share the cost-benefit analysis behind the proposal to remove the Perry Barr flyover and, as I understand it, replace it with a complex traffic light junction?

Answer:

Highway options are being developed for Perry Barr including appropriate analysis. A report to Cabinet will be produced to consider a preferred option in due course.

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

J4 Heavy Vehicle Restrictions - Review Progress

Question:

At the last Council meeting the Cabinet Member stated there would be a review of the out-dated rules on the introduction of heavy vehicle restrictions on residential roads - this following the petition from residents of Glendower Road and surrounding roads. Can he update the Council on the progress of this review?

Answer:

Given the limited officer resources available to undertake all aspects of the City Council's traffic and transport duties, such reviews will take time to develop, consult on and implement.

I will however seek to prioritise this particular piece of work through our Local Engineering service and will ask that officers confirm to you the intended timeframe for undertaking the review.

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

J5 Air Quality

Question:

By what year does modelling project that air quality would meet legal standards without intervention, due to the natural process of fleet turnover and already planned improvements works?

Answer:

The modelling contained within the Government's Air Quality Plan¹ specifies that Birmingham will not be compliant until 2025 assuming no additional measures (pg83-85).

269. Table 1 below sets out the UK government's best available forecast of UK local authorities with one or more roads with concentrations of NO₂ above statutory limits and for how long these exceedances would last if no additional measures were taken. The table excludes any roads managed directly by Highways England (Strategic Road Network) Transport Scotland, Welsh Government and Transport Northern Ireland.

Table 1: Local authorities with roads with concentrations of NO₂ forecast above legal limits and assuming no additional measures. All figures are provided in µg/m³ and 40 µg/m³ is the statutory annual mean limit value for NO₂.

Note – includes only roads managed directly by local authorities and Transport for London¹¹⁰

	Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
2015 Plan assumed a Clean Air Zone is required	Greater London Authority	97	84	76	66	61	56	53	49	47	45	42	40	38	37
	Birmingham City Council	58	56	53	51	48	45	43	41	39	37	35	34	33	32
	Derby City Council	57	55	52	49	46	44	41	39	37	35	34	32	31	30
	Leeds City Council	58	55	52	49	46	44	41	39	37	36	34	33	31	30
	Nottingham City Council	57	54	52	49	46	43	41	39	37	35	33	32	31	30
	Southampton City Council	58	55	52	49	46	44	41	40	38	37	36	35	34	33
Single stretch of road in exceedance, modelled as part of the Southampton CAZ	New Forest District Council	53	50	48	45	42	40	38	36	34	32	31	29	28	27

2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
97	84	76	66	61	56	53	49	47
58	56	53	51	48	45	43	41	39

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-quality-plan-for-nitrogen-dioxide-no2-in-uk-2017>

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

J6 Pot holes and air quality

Question:

What assessment has been made of the impact of road condition on air quality (e.g. through increased emissions from braking and accelerating for pot holes)?

Answer:

The condition of road surfaces is not considered within the modelling explicitly.

Modelled vehicle speeds are derived in the modelling based on relationships between flow and road capacity plus delays caused by junctions, these relationships are based on empirical relationships derived from measured data on a variety of real-world roads, and therefore should contain a range of typical road surface conditions.

However, the condition of roads varies both spatially local and temporally. There is no published method or guidance requiring consideration of the road surface, and there is no facility in the modelling software to consider the impact of road condition in this context.

The theory that decelerating followed by accelerating, irrespective of the reason, generates increased emissions over an otherwise smooth / steady driving style is sound and as such if this was the normal response of road users to the presence of pot holes then it could be reasonable to argue that pot holes could give rise to increase emissions.

In regards to the modelling approach by Birmingham for the CAZ model, the data underpinning the model allows for different speeds (and hence emissions) to be inserted based on a stretch of the road or a time of the day e.g. by hour, or blocks of hours. This is done to generate road links between nodes i.e. junctions, and each road link has four time periods – AM peak, inter peak, PM peak and off peak – for which each has a speed and hence emissions profile. The emissions from these time periods are combined into an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) value to improve model run times. This is the depth of detail incorporated into the model.

The approach taken by Birmingham for modelling in general is widely accepted as standard practice, and has been reviewed and approved by the government and an independent technical review panel.

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

J7 CAZ Drop-In Consultation Events - Northfield

Question:

Why were none of the 12 public drop-in events on the proposed charging clean air zone held in the Northfield District\Constituency?

Answer:

As part of the overall Clean Air Zone consultation a series of 12 public drop-in sessions were organised at locations across the city. Venues were selected on the basis of suitability, accessibility, availability, and with the intention of providing good geographical coverage across the city within the available budget and capacity. These events were widely promoted and were open for anyone to attend.

Although none of the venues were within the Northfield district/constituency itself, three of them were in relatively close proximity to this area and on arterial routes into the city centre from here – University of Birmingham (A38), Stirchley Baths (A441) and the All Saints Centre (A435). Given that people travelling into the city centre on a regular basis were seen as being particularly affected by proposals for a Clean Air Zone for Birmingham, these travel patterns were deemed as being significant when selecting venues and locations.

Responses from individual wards were monitored at various points during the consultation period to identify any areas with a low number of responses where activity might be required to address this. A total of 761 responses were received from electoral wards wholly or mostly in the Northfield district/constituency, which represents 10.1% of responses received from across the Birmingham district and 7.32% of overall responses.

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

J8 CAZ Consultation Responses

Question:

For those that provided postcodes, what were the total number of consultation responses by ward to the consultation on the charging clean air zone? (Please provide as a raw number and as a percentage of overall responses)

Answer:

7,538 out of 10,392 respondents (72.54%) provided a post code in the Birmingham district. A breakdown of these responses by electoral ward is shown below.

NB: 701 respondents (6.75%) did not provide a post code.

Breakdown of CAZ consultation responses by electoral ward			
Ward	Total number of responses	Percentage of responses (from B'ham district)	Percentage of responses (overall)
Acocks Green	113	1.50%	1.09%
Allens Cross	72	0.96%	0.69%
Alum Rock	114	1.51%	1.10%
Aston	110	1.46%	1.06%
Balsall Heath West	127	1.68%	1.22%
Bartley Green	118	1.57%	1.14%
Billesley	137	1.82%	1.32%
Birchfield	56	0.74%	0.54%
Bordesley & Highgate	140	1.86%	1.35%
Bordesley Green	62	0.82%	0.60%
Bournbrook & Selly Park	149	1.98%	1.43%
Bournville & Cotteridge	240	3.18%	2.31%
Brandwood & King's Heath	284	3.77%	2.73%
Bromford & Hodge Hill	92	1.22%	0.89%
Castle Vale	18	0.24%	0.17%
Druids Heath & Monyhull	52	0.69%	0.50%
Edgbaston	217	2.88%	2.09%
Erdington	129	1.71%	1.24%
Frankley Great Park	64	0.85%	0.62%
Garretts Green	32	0.42%	0.31%
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	65	0.86%	0.63%
Gravelly Hill	55	0.73%	0.53%
Hall Green North	141	1.87%	1.36%
Hall Green South	92	1.22%	0.89%

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Handsworth	39	0.52%	0.38%
Handsworth Wood	125	1.66%	1.20%
Harborne	270	3.58%	2.60%
Heartlands	46	0.61%	0.44%
Highter's Heath	59	0.78%	0.57%
Holyhead	30	0.40%	0.29%
King's Norton North	100	1.33%	0.96%
King's Norton South	53	0.70%	0.51%
Kingstanding	80	1.06%	0.77%
Ladywood	331	4.39%	3.19%
Longbridge & West Heath	122	1.62%	1.17%
Lozells	63	0.84%	0.61%
Moseley	375	4.97%	3.61%
Nechells	37	0.49%	0.36%
Newtown	41	0.54%	0.39%
North Edgbaston	181	2.40%	1.74%
Northfield	86	1.14%	0.83%
Oscott	117	1.55%	1.13%
Perry Barr	154	2.04%	1.48%
Perry Common	57	0.76%	0.55%
Pype Hayes	54	0.72%	0.52%
Quinton	195	2.59%	1.88%
Rubery & Rednal	54	0.72%	0.52%
Shard End	38	0.50%	0.37%
Sheldon	111	1.47%	1.07%
Small Heath	102	1.35%	0.98%
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	202	2.68%	1.94%
South Yardley	58	0.77%	0.56%
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	141	1.87%	1.36%
Sparkhill	142	1.88%	1.37%
Stirchley	153	2.03%	1.47%
Stockland Green	103	1.37%	0.99%
Sutton Four Oaks	52	0.69%	0.50%
Sutton Mere Green	69	0.92%	0.66%
Sutton Reddicap	44	0.58%	0.42%
Sutton Roughley	61	0.81%	0.59%
Sutton Trinity	72	0.96%	0.69%
Sutton Vesey	207	2.75%	1.99%
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	111	1.47%	1.07%
Sutton Wylde Green	84	1.11%	0.81%
Tyseley & Hay Mills	53	0.70%	0.51%
Ward End	52	0.69%	0.50%
Weoley & Selly Oak	210	2.79%	2.02%
Yardley East	71	0.94%	0.68%
Yardley West & Stechford	54	0.72%	0.52%
TOTAL	7,538	100.00%	72.54%

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

J9 CAZ Engagement Opportunity at Mela

Question:

Was any consultation or more general awareness raising on the proposed Clean Air Zone carried out at the Big Johns Birmingham Mela where over 70,000 people were in attendance?

Answer:

We did not use the Big John's Birmingham Mela for consultation or more general awareness raising on the Clean Air Zone.

In putting together our consultation strategy we sought to identify how we could best reach and engage with as many people as possible within the available budget and capacity. This included stakeholder workshops, public drop-in sessions, printed flyers, roadside signage, bus-stop advertising, traditional media and social media, as well as promotion through existing stakeholders and community networks.

This Mela is a fantastic event which attracts a large audience from across the city and wider region, and we should look at how we can utilise this and similar events to communicate and publicise activity in relation to the introduction of the proposed Clean Air Zone for Birmingham in future.

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

J10 CAZ Engagement Opportunities

Question:

Were any sporting/leisure events (e.g. football home games at Villa Park or St Andrews) used to promote awareness of the consultation on the charging clean air zone? (if so please specify which and when)

Answer:

Information was distributed to existing contacts (from the Birmingham Connected stakeholder database) at Aston Villa Football Club, Birmingham City Football Club, Edgbaston Cricket Ground and the Alexander Stadium. These people were sent information on what was happening as part of the consultation on a number of occasions, were invited to stakeholder workshops, and were encouraged to disseminate relevant information through their own communication channels.

Such organisations are well placed to help us in reaching large audiences and we will look to build on existing relationships and identify how they can support our efforts to communicate and publicise activity in relation to the introduction of the proposed Clean Air Zone for Birmingham over the coming year.

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

J11 Charging more vehicles

Question:

Does the Council rule out extending the proposed clean air charge to Euro 4 petrol and Euro 6 diesel cars if and when new standards come out (i.e. Euro 7) or otherwise extending the charge to vehicles not currently included within the proposals?

Answer:

The standards which are proposed are set out in the Government's Clean Air Zone Framework document. The Council has no plans to change this at this stage and would look to further guidance from Government with regard to any future changes to the standards.

It should be noted that the Council must continue to review and monitor its air quality plans. How the CAZ operates in practice will need to be reviewed to ensure that predicted behaviours occur in practice to achieve the outcomes required by the Government.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ACTING CHAIR OF PLANNING FROM
COUNCILLOR SUZANNE WEBB**

K1 Pype Hayes Hall Enforcement

Question:

Since the Council sold Pype Hayes Hall, how many Enforcement Notices or other formal demands for actions have been made by the council to the new owners of the Hall?

Answer:

Up to and including the 5 September 2018, there have not been any requests for enforcement investigations or subsequent action in relation to Pype Hayes Hall.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ACTING CHAIR OF PLANNING FROM
COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

K2 Pype Hayes Hall

Question:

**On how many occasions did the previous Chair of Planning,
Councillor Mike Sharpe, meet with the Developers who purchased
Pype Hayes Hall?**

Answer:

Officers from Planning and Regeneration have met with the developer/agents on a number of occasions and the previous Chair of Planning (Mike Sharpe) was not present at any of these meetings. I am not aware of any meetings that the previous Chair of Planning had with the developer directly.