

# **CITY COUNCIL**

## **11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

**"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.





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

**“Balancing the Books”**

**Question:**

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

**“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.



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

**“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.



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

**“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.





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

**“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.



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

**“Balancing the Books”**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

**"Balancing the Books"**

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

**“Balancing the Books”**

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**COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

**"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.



**CITY COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

**"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.



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

**"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%



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

**“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
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,730</b>





## CITY COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

#### “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



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

**“Persistent Problems in Frankley and Great Park”**

**Question:**

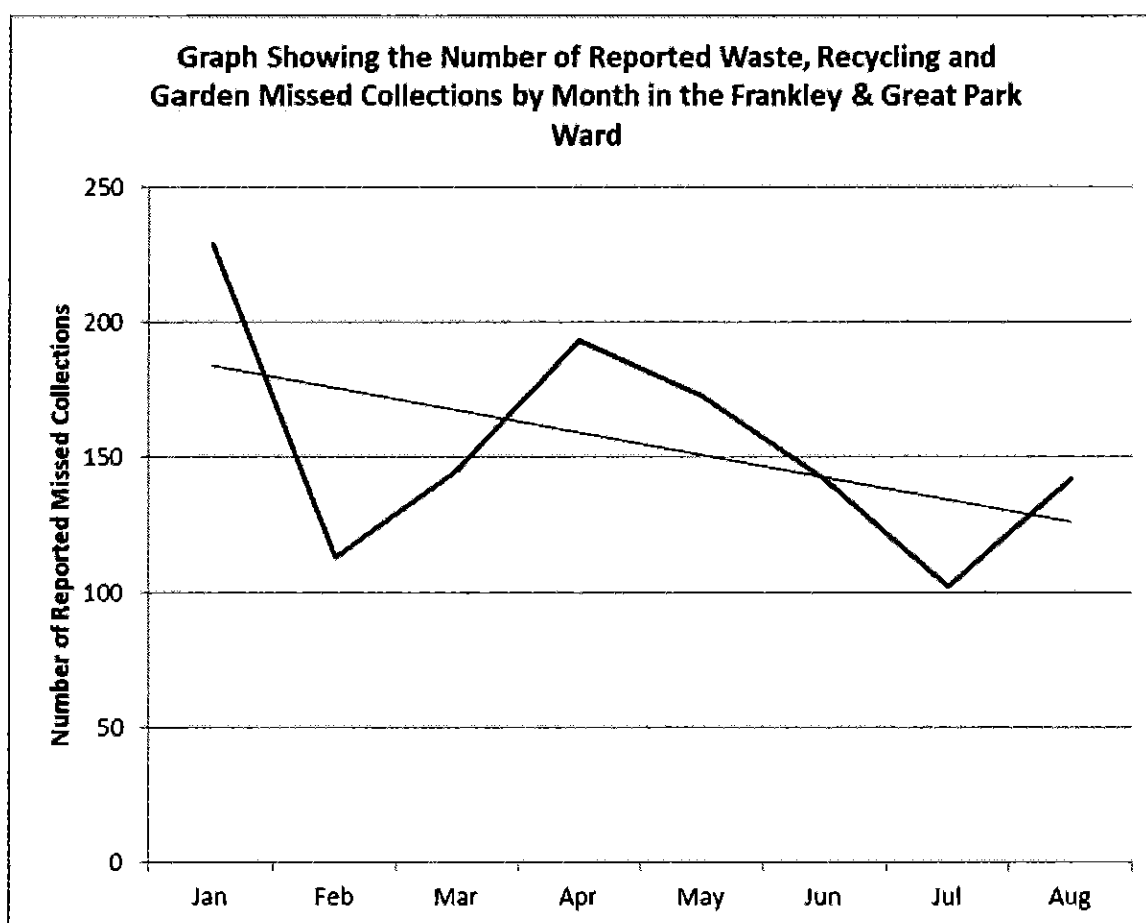
**Fly tipping, missed refuse and garden waste collections have been a persistent problem in Frankley and Great Park since before the bin strike. Now residents inform me that despite previous weeks having been missed bin men are taking excess bags out of overflowing waste bins and deliberately leaving 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.



### Flytipping

	Complaints Received	
	Frankley & Great Park	City Ward Average
January	28	35
February	24	29
March	19	25
April	17	34
May	24	38
June	35	38
July	23	34
August	19	24

**Please Note:** The data used to provide levels of flytipping and missed collections is only an approximation as it may contain duplicate data, where either the same resident has reported the same problem multiple times in the same or subsequent weeks, or different residents have reported the same incidence of fly tipping or missed collection.

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

**"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:**

**Please see attached spreadsheet.**



**Reply to D8 - Landfill  
By Month- Cllr R Harn**



## 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
Apr-14	540.21	3,113.08	-	2,737.89
May-14	934.91	2,691.90	-	2,385.71
Jun-14	-	-	-	-
Jul-14	266.34	-	-	-
Aug-14	1,986.99	-	-	59.08
Sep-14	-	-	-	-
Oct-14	1,370.54	-	-	-
Nov-14	1,174.30	50.30	-	13.32
Dec-14	-	-	-	-
Jan-15	106.84	6.07	-	0.97
Feb-15	0.68	-	-	-
Mar-15	-	-	-	-
Apr-15	6,025.02	6,037.43	-	239.62
May-15	3,625.13	1,423.93	-	335.94
Jun-15	1,918.03	1,235.02	-	489.10
Jul-15	397.61	644.21	-	35.68
Aug-15	1,413.36	1,146.40	-	-
Sep-15	303.51	343.70	-	-
Oct-15	1,101.24	1,114.51	-	-
Nov-15	17.69	19.83	-	-
Dec-15	-	-	-	-
Jan-16	0.02	0.01	-	-
Feb-16	15.48	2.30	-	-
Mar-16	-	-	-	-
Apr-16	3,076.38	2,073.60	619.18	-
May-16	3,762.21	2,780.29	2,000.14	-
Jun-16	1,607.96	367.80	120.68	-
Jul-16	2,547.39	1,779.11	1,618.30	-
Aug-16	2,352.44	3,176.65	19.29	-
Sep-16	2,149.82	1,420.68	1,362.28	-
Oct-16	-	-	-	-
Nov-16	307.12	36.72	-	-
Dec-16	414.00	-	-	-
Jan-17	1,060.97	282.03	45.69	-
Feb-17	153.46	47.80	-	-
Mar-17	538.55	487.45	234.70	-
Apr-17	2,542.48	1,487.62	2,371.90	-
May-17	3,989.60	1,543.17	3,106.12	-
Jun-17	2,459.27	603.51	2,369.38	-
Jul-17	2,791.59	1,588.92	2,253.66	-
Aug-17	4,293.43	604.02	5,424.04	-

Sep-17	2,082.43	1,418.21	1,248.39	-
Oct-17	2,637.86	4,130.07	1,341.79	-
Nov-17	-	-	-	-
Dec-17	-	-	-	-
Jan-18	81.35	172.08	28.05	-
Feb-18	1,387.74	915.12	46.26	-
Mar-18	63.51	10.27	-	-



(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	(Rejects from the Veolia WEEE System) Various Sites	(Asbestos) Ling Hall Landfill Site, Coal Pit Lane, Rugby CV23 9HH
-	532.50	43.15	8.52
-	717.42	38.41	16.34
-	773.30	38.99	8.70
-	892.02	39.57	15.56
-	701.44	37.98	15.74
-	746.00	37.94	8.16
-	833.96	35.00	17.40
-	712.54	29.24	-
-	973.24	25.64	7.52
-	764.78	36.33	7.88
-	797.80	30.39	-
-	695.20	36.80	-
-	355.58	46.44	8.42
-	813.98	40.18	16.88
-	649.40	43.08	7.72
-	772.72	43.15	-
-	693.30	46.81	8.24
-	678.60	43.02	-
-	886.50	38.62	9.14
-	732.22	34.48	-
-	744.10	37.48	8.04
-	706.34	41.07	-
-	783.79	42.41	-
-	849.53	42.87	-
-	716.00	53.81	8.00
-	513.60	54.48	7.82
-	739.36	49.03	7.78
-	675.38	46.76	7.96
-	707.44	36.42	6.94
-	608.08	52.23	16.56
-	654.58	47.59	-
-	706.72	36.51	7.02
-	760.70	30.16	-
-	713.12	38.93	7.30
-	681.92	38.77	6.50
-	759.94	47.25	9.04
-	577.30	43.04	7.26
-	639.32	48.19	14.36
34.96	592.12	45.46	-
-	587.52	47.08	6.92
-	608.92	46.50	6.98

-	589.36	34.37	7.52
-	682.66	21.69	-
-	732.28	38.56	-
-	628.12	24.33	-
-	788.44	42.57	-
-	674.14	36.44	-
-	607.04	29.98	-

Total Sent to Landfill	Total Municipal Waste Processed by Waste Management	Percentage of Municipal Waste Sent to Landfill
6,975.35	40,875.35	17.06%
6,784.69	44,139.48	15.37%
820.99	45,306.77	1.81%
1,213.49	46,821.03	2.59%
2,801.23	40,452.72	6.92%
792.10	41,813.55	1.89%
2,256.90	41,540.03	5.43%
1,979.70	37,528.27	5.28%
1,006.40	36,164.98	2.78%
922.87	38,922.27	2.37%
828.87	32,583.33	2.54%
732.00	38,907.20	1.88%
12,712.51	44,897.49	28.31%
6,256.04	42,605.93	14.68%
4,342.35	47,991.91	9.05%
1,893.37	46,765.15	4.05%
3,308.11	41,369.36	8.00%
1,368.83	42,040.50	3.26%
3,150.01	40,690.54	7.74%
804.22	39,478.40	2.04%
789.62	38,358.84	2.06%
747.44	40,770.31	1.83%
843.98	37,196.12	2.27%
892.40	40,602.97	2.20%
6,546.97	40,664.92	16.10%
9,118.54	44,716.95	20.39%
2,892.61	46,346.49	6.24%
6,674.90	43,814.10	15.23%
6,299.18	44,125.57	14.28%
5,609.64	43,900.47	12.78%
702.17	40,205.28	1.75%
1,094.09	40,593.52	2.70%
1,204.86	35,364.68	3.41%
2,148.05	40,512.43	5.30%
928.45	33,767.83	2.75%
2,076.93	42,154.64	4.93%
7,029.60	40,620.27	17.31%
9,340.76	46,021.39	20.30%
6,104.69	45,441.49	13.43%
7,275.69	37,168.16	19.58%
10,983.90	43,689.66	25.14%

5,380.29	38,034.99	14.15%
8,814.07	44,371.93	19.86%
770.84	39,899.96	1.93%
652.45	30,226.63	2.16%
1,112.49	42,888.93	2.59%
3,059.70	33,656.53	9.09%
710.80	37,456.86	1.90%

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SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

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AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MORRALL**

**“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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.





**CITY COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

**“Balancing the Books”**

**Question:**

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

**“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.



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

**“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.



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

**“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.





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

**“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.



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

**“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.



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

**“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 MTPF 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.



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

**“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.**





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

**“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.

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

**“Balancing the Books”**

**Question:**

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

**“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.



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

**“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"> <li>• Thursday 14th December 2017</li> <li>• Monday 18th December 2017</li> <li>• Wednesday 20th December 2017</li> <li>• Tuesday 2nd January 2018</li> </ul>
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
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 <sup>th</sup> 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



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

**“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.



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

**“Balancing the Books”**

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

**“Balancing the Books”**

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

**“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 specify 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.



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

**"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.



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

**"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.



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

**“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 Plan<sup>1</sup> 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 NO<sub>2</sub> 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 NO<sub>2</sub> forecast above legal limits and assuming no additional measures. All figures are provided in µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 40 µg/m<sup>3</sup> is the statutory annual mean limit value for NO<sub>2</sub>.**

**Note – includes only roads managed directly by local authorities and Transport for London<sup>10</sup>**

	Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
2015 Plan requires 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	48	46	43	41	39	37	35	33	32	31	30
Single stretch of road is monitored, included as part of the Southampton CSE	Southampton City Council	58	55	52	49	46	44	41	40	38	37	36	35	34	33
	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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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-quality-plan-for-nitrogen-dioxide-no2-in-uk-2017>





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

**“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.

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

**“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.



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

**“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.

<b>Breakdown of CAZ consultation responses by electoral ward</b>			
<b>Ward</b>	<b>Total number of responses</b>	<b>Percentage of responses (from B'ham district)</b>	<b>Percentage of responses (overall)</b>
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 & Monymhull	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%
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%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,538</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>72.54%</b>





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

**“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.



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

**“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.



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

**“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.<sup>1</sup> 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 regularly reviewed to ensure that predicted behaviours occur in practice to achieve the outcomes required by the Government.



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

**“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.





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

**“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.

