



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 1400 HOURS AS AN ON-LINE  
MEETING**

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

**Councillors**

Muhammad Afzal	Eddie Freeman	Karen McCarthy
Akhlaq Ahmed	Peter Griffiths	Saddak Miah
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Fred Grindrod	Gareth Moore
Alex Aitken	Paulette Hamilton	Simon Morrall
Deirdre Alden	Roger Harmer	Brett O'Reilly
Robert Alden	Kath Hartley	John O'Shea
Tahir Ali	Adam Higgs	David Pears
Olly Armstrong	Charlotte Hodivala	Robert Pocock
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Jon Hunt	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	Kath Scott
Sir Albert Bore	Kerry Jenkins	Lucy Seymour-Smith
Nicky Brennan	Meirion Jenkins	Shafique Shah
Marje Bridle	Julie Johnson	Mike Sharpe
Mick Brown	Brigid Jones	Sybil Spence
Tristan Chatfield	Mariam Khan	Ron Storer
Zaker Choudhry	Zaheer Khan	Martin Straker Welds
Debbie Clancy	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Sharon Thompson
Liz Clements	Chaman Lal	Paul Tilsley
Maureen Cornish	Mike Leddy	Lisa Trickett
John Cotton	Bruce Lines	Ian Ward
Phil Davis	Mary Locke	Mike Ward
Diane Donaldson	Ewan Mackey	Ken Wood
Barbara Dring	Majid Mahmood	Alex Yip
Peter Fowler	Zhor Malik	Waseem Zaffar
Jayne Francis		

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

19390 The Deputy Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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

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

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

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

19391 The Deputy Lord Mayor reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting

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

Councillor Majid Mahmood indicated that he intended to submit a petition relating to Handsworth Cemetery and declared a non-pecuniary interest as his mother is the grave owner of his late father's grave and his sister in law was the owner of his late brother's grave at the Cemetery. As in future he may beneficial owner of either or both graves and he declared a pecuniary interest as well.

Councillor Zaheer Khan declared an interest as he owned a grave at Handsworth Cemetery.

At this point in the meeting the Deputy Lord Mayor reminded Members that they were expected to treat each other with respect and abide by the Code of Conduct. She noted that the Lord Mayor or his deputy may, as they deem fit, direct a Councillor if they were breaching the rules. Therefore if there was anyone misbehaving the mute button will be used and the Councillor will not be able to unmute unless permission was given. The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that if there was more disruption the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor may direct the Councillor to withdraw from the meeting

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**MINUTES**

- 19392 The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting and the minutes of the Ordinary meeting both held on the 15 September 2020 had been withdrawn for resubmission to the next meeting.
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**LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Queen's Birthday Honours**

- 19393 The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that it was her pleasure to congratulate those mentioned in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to Birmingham or who live in Birmingham.

Those receiving an OBE are:  
Professor Dion Gregory Morton  
Mrs Herminder Kaur Channa JP

And an MBE  
Mr Yadvinder Bolina  
Mrs Laura Jane Brodie  
Dr Sarbjit Clare  
Mrs Gail Hyacinth Claxton-Parmel  
Ms Eluned Griffith Jones  
Mrs Sheila Try

And a BEM  
Mrs Parbir Kaur Jagpal  
Mrs Beverley Morris  
Mr Stephen Philpott  
Mrs Neeraj Kumari Singadia

The Deputy Lord Mayor asked all to join her in congratulating them all on these marvellous achievements.

**B. Remembrance Day**

- 19394 The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that following the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday and the increased restrictions being implemented from Thursday, she wished to mention Remembrance Sunday, 8 November.

The Deputy Lord Mayor explained that whilst there could not be a public event in the city centre, people looking to remember the fallen would still be able to participate from home by watching a live-streamed Service of Remembrance from Birmingham St Philip's Cathedral on Sunday, 8 November at 10.50am. The Service can be accessed on the day at [www.birminghamcathedral.com/remembrance](http://www.birminghamcathedral.com/remembrance). Regrettably, the Cathedral Service must be conducted without a congregation, however a wreath will be laid by clergy on behalf of the people and the City of Birmingham.

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The Deputy Lord Mayor continued that as there would be no military parade this year, people are being urged to carry out their own acts of remembrance at home or school - such as playing the Last Post, reading a poem, paying tribute to relatives who served - and to share online using #BhamRemembers.

The Deputy Lord Mayor noted that individuals and organisations that wished to have a wreath laid at the Hall of Memory on Sunday 8 November could arrange for their wreaths to be delivered to the Council House, gatehouse entrance, Chamberlain Square before Friday and they would be laid on their behalf on the day.

The Deputy Lord Mayor encouraged all to observe the national 2 minute silence at 1100 hours on both Remembrance Sunday, 8 November; and Armistice Day, Wednesday 11 November.

Lest we forget. We will remember them.

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### **PETITIONS**

#### **Petition Relating to City Council Functions Presented prior to the Meeting**

The following petition was presented:-

(See document No. 1)

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

19395 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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#### **Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting**

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 2)

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

19396 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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### Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 3)

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

19397 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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### EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

19398 **RESOLVED:-**

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

- Increase the time for item No. 7 (Question Time) to 80 minutes and allocate the time as follows:-
    - A. Questions from Members of the Public to any Cabinet Member or Ward Forum Chair (10 minutes)
    - B. Questions from any Councillor to a Committee Chair, Lead Member of a Joint Board or Ward Forum Chair (Up to 10 minutes)
    - C. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to a Cabinet Member (Up to 30 minutes)
    - D. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Member to the Leader or Deputy Leader (Up to 30 minutes)
  - Allocate 40 minutes to agenda item 8 (Scrutiny Inquiry: Responding to Our Customers)
  - Allocate 20 minutes to agenda item 9 (Street Trading Policy 2020)
  - Allocate 20 minutes to agenda item 10 (Amendments to the Constitution)
  - No Motions be submitted by individual Councillors at the meeting
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**QUESTION TIME**

19399 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

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

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**SCRUTINY INQUIRY: RESPONDING TO OUR CUSTOMERS**

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

(See document No 4)

The Deputy Lord Mayor called upon Councillor Carl Rice to present the report. However, in doing so Councillor Rice had technical difficulties.

**ADJOURNMENT**

In light of the technical difficulties it was moved by the Deputy Lord Mayor, seconded and

17400 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1615 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1600 hours.

At 1620 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

As Councillor Carl Rice was continuing to experience difficulties it was agreed that the Vice Chair of the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee Councillor Kath Scott present the report using the speech prepared by Councillor Rice.

Councillor Ewan Mackey seconded the report.

A debate ensued

Councillor Ewan Mackey replied to the debate.

The recommendation having been moved and seconded was agreed.

It was therefore-

19400 **RESOLVED:-**

That the recommendations R01 to R11 be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.

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**STREET TRADING POLICY 2020**

The following report of the Acting Director of Neighbourhoods was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward moved the motion which was seconded.

A debate ensued.

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

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

**For the Motion (57)**

Muhammad Afzal	Fred Grindrod	Karen McCarthy
Akhlaq Ahmed	Paulette Hamilton	Saddak Miah
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Roger Harmer	Brett O'Reilly
Alex Aitken	Kath Hartley	John O'Shea
Tahir Ali	Jon Hunt	Robert Pocock
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Shabrana Hussain	Hendrina Quinnen
Baber Baz	Mohammed Idrees	Carl Rice
Kate Booth	Zafar Iqbal	Lou Robson
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Marje Bridle	Kerry Jenkins	Lucy Seymour-Smith
Mick Brown	Brigid Jones	Shafique Shah
Tristan Chatfield	Mariam Khan	Mike Sharpe
Liz Clements	Zaheer Khan	Martin Straker Welds
John Cotton	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Sharon Thompson
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal	Paul Tilsley
Diane Donaldson	Mike Leddy	Lisa Trickett
Barbara Dring	Mary Locke	Ian Ward
Jayne Francis	Majid Mahmood	Mike Ward
Peter Griffiths	Zhor Malik	Waseem Zaffar

**Against the motion (18)**

Deirdre Alden	Eddie Freeman	Ewan Mackey
Robert Alden	Adam Higgs	Gareth Moore
David Barrie	Charlotte Hodivala	Simon Morrall
Debbie Clancy	Timothy Huxtable	David Pears
Maureen Cornish	Meirion Jenkins	Ron Storer
Peter Fowler	Bruce Lines	Ken Wood

**Abstentions (2)**

Julie Johnson	Julien Pritchard
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It was therefore-

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19401 **RESOLVED:-**

That City Council approves the final version of the Street Trading Policy 2020 and makes the resolution:

RESOLUTION: That all streets within the boundary of Birmingham City Council, excluding those to be designated as prohibited streets and the 51 parks and open spaces (which have no designation), be designated as consent streets for the purposes of street trading in accordance with the powers granted to the Council by Schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, such designation to come into force on Sunday 6 December 2020. Street trading in those streets will be prohibited without the Council's consent from Sunday 6 December 2020. On the same date, the prohibited streets will also be designated as such.

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### **EXTENSION TO THE TIME OF THE MEETING**

The Deputy Lord Mayor noted that the finishing time for the meeting had been reached.

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward proposed that the meeting be extended by 10 minutes which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

Having been moved and seconded the Motion was but to the meeting and it was-

19402 **RESOLVED:-**

That the meeting be extended by 10 minutes.

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### **ADMENDEMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The following report of the Interim City Solicitor was submitted:-

(See document No 6)

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward moved the motion and in doing so indicated that he wished to make an amendment by removing the following words from B11.4 Membership:-

'vi. A member should not be appointed to serve on both the Resources O&S Committee and the Audit Committee.'

The Motion as amended was seconded.

A debate ensued.

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.



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

The Deputy Lord Mayor requested that any member who could not vote via the link circulated and did not agree with the motion or wished to abstain, should indicate verbally. No members indicated they wished to do so.

### For the Motion as amended (70)

Akhlaq Ahmed	Paulette Hamilton	Saddak Miah
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Roger Harmer	Gareth Moore
Alex Aitken	Kath Hartley	Brett O'Reilly
Deirdre Alden	Adam Higgs	John O'Shea
Robert Alden	Charlotte Hodivala	David Pears
Tahir Ali	Jon Hunt	Robert Pocock
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Timothy Huxtable	Julien Pritchard
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John Cotton	Mike Leddy	Sharon Thompson
Phil Davis	Mary Locke	Lisa Trickett
Diane Donaldson	Ewan Mackey	Ian Ward
Jayne Francis	Majid Mahmood	Mike Ward
Eddie Freeman	Zhor Malik	Ken Wood
Peter Fowler	Karen McCarthy	Waseem Zaffar
Fred Grindrod		

### Against the Motion as amended (0) and Abstentions (0)

It was therefore-

19403 **RESOLVED:-**

That approval be given to the amendments to the City Council Constitution as attached in Appendix 1 and referred to in the forgoing preamble and that the City Solicitor be authorised to implement the changes with effect from 3rd November 2020.

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### PROVISIONAL DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

19404 The Deputy Lord Mayor asked Members to note that the provisional date of the next meeting of City Council is 1 December 2020.

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The meeting ended at 1725 hours.

**APPENDIX**

Questions and replies in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure B4.4 F of the Constitution:-

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

**A1 BID Levy**

**Question:**

**Since April 2020, for each Business Improvement District, what has been the total shortfall in income from the BID levy and what is this projected to be by year end?**

**Answer:**

<b>Bid Areas</b>	<b>Levi as April 2020</b>	<b>Amount collected as at Oct 2020</b>	<b>Short fall as Oct 2020</b>	<b>Short fall as %</b>	<b>Projected Outturn for end of the year</b>	<b>Estimated Short Fall at the end of year</b>
Acocks Green	99,793.01	(44,995.25)	54,797.76	0.55	89,814	9,979
Colmore	1,276,981.20	(647,330.54)	629,650.66	0.49	957,736	319,245
Erdington	102,338.65	(48,757.88)	53,580.77	0.52	76,754	25,585
Harborne *	147,227.83	(54,505.38)	92,722.45	0.63	73,614	73,614
Jewellery Qtr	447,851.69	(219,258.36)	228,593.33	0.51	268,711	179,141
Kings Heath *	140,004.42	(75,024.05)	64,980.37	0.46	84,003	56,002
Northfield	114,101.60	(70,262.66)	43,838.94	0.38	79,871	34,230
Retail	506,608.10	(226,640.87)	279,967.23	0.55	379,956	126,652
Sutton	272,134.80	(143,256.81)	128,877.99	0.47	163,281	108,854
Soho Road	238,808.45	(105,882.97)	132,925.48	0.56	179,106	59,702
Southside	333,426.30	(95,731.60)	237,694.70	0.71	133,371	200,056
Westside	194,803.28	(160,299.35)	34,503.93	0.18	185,063.12	9,740
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,874,079.33</b>	<b>(1,891,945.72)</b>	<b>1,982,133.61</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>2,671,279.23</b>	<b>1,202,800.10</b>

\* The projection has been estimated

Under normal business condition collection rate would have been above 70% by now and we would have been projecting collection rate of approximately 98%.

Year to date, £1.9m has been collected out of £3.9m of total bid amount.

The projection for this year is very difficult due to Covid-19, which has put a lot of pressure on businesses. This is has been illustrated by the very low collection rate so far, 51% as at October and therefore the Bid areas are projecting a low collection rate of 69% this year. Bid projection for the year end is £2.7m and an estimated shortfall of £1.2m as the table above.

This may be impacted by the Government decision to enact a further lockdown on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**A2 CAZ Grant Application**

**Question:**

**How many people have contacted each Cabinet Member for support submitting a CAZ grant application?**

**Answer:**

The only Cabinet Member to be contacted for support is Councillor Waseem Zaffar. This is unsurprising given his Cabinet position and portfolio.

These contacts over social media, telephone and email took place over a long period of time and the exact number is not known.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

**A3 Support - CAZ Grant Application**

**Question:**

**How many people did each Cabinet Member support with their CAZ application directly?**

**Answer:**

I refer to my answer at Question A2.

Councillor Waseem Zaffar informs me that he has not supported any application directly.

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

**A4     Referral - CAZ Grant Application**

**Question:**

**How many people did each Cabinet Member refer to officer for support?**

Answer:

I refer you to the answers provided at A2 and A3.

Councillor Waseem Zaffar has made referrals to officers in respect to questions raised on CAZ support.

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

**A5 Intervention - CAZ Grant Application**

**Question:**

**Has any Cabinet Member intervened with officers on individual CAZ grant applications?**

**Answer:**

**No**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**A6 Midlands Community Solutions**

**Question:**

**Had Midlands Community Solutions CIC (or Midlands Community Solutions Ltd) ever received any money from the Council, if so please specify how much and what for?**

**Answer:**

No payments have been made to a company called Midlands Community Solutions CIC or Midlands Community Solutions Ltd. This company is not set up as a supplier to Birmingham City Council.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

**A7 Tree Removal**

**Question:**

**How many trees have been removed by any Council department, or any contractor on behalf of the Council in each year since May 2012?**

**Answer:**

A total of 38,898 trees have been removed since May 2012

Year	Trees removed
2012	3277
2013	5116
2014	6067
2015	4949
2016	3993
2017	3735
2018	4469
2019	4876
2020	2149

There are also 267 trees which have been removed which do not have a year recorded against for removal.

Over this same period something in the region of 90,000 trees have been planted.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

**A8 Trees Planted**

**Question:**

**How many trees have been planted by or on behalf of the Council in each year since May 2012?**

**Answer:**

10,000 per year. This includes whips (very small trees).

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

**A9 Short Heath Playing Fields**

**Question:**

**Will the Leader have the Council cut the grass on Short Heath Playing Fields so that residents are able to use the whole fields in the coming months for outdoor activities? This would be particularly beneficial for local residents who do not have their own outdoor space. It would provide both mental and physical health and wellbeing benefits during the ongoing pandemic.**

**Answer:**

Short Heath Playing Fields are an unattached school playing field and not public open space.

Additional public open space is available to local residents adjacent in Bleak Hill Park, Short Heath Park, Witton Lakes and Perry Common – all within 600m or 10 minutes walk from Short Heath Playing Fields.

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

**A10 Playing Fields**

**Question:**

**Will the leader of the Council agree to scrap building houses on the Burford Road and Short Heath Road Playing Fields so that these green spaces can be retained for the local community?**

**Answer:**

The land on Short Heath Road is an unattached school playing field which fell out of use approximately ten years ago and has not been used as a school playing field since then. The land remained within Education portfolio and has never been designated as public open space.

The development of Short Heath Road playing fields by BMHT will provide much needed high quality, well designed affordable family homes with private amenity space. As part of this development, BMHT will also include design proposals for improvements to the existing formal play area located on the adjacent park land near to Streetly Road as well as improvements to the existing football pitches located on the open land adjacent, some few hundred metres away from this site.

The Burford Road site is similar to Short Heath in that the site was an unattached school playing field which fell out of use over the past 10 years and has not been used for education purposes since then. The land remained within Education portfolio and has never been designated as public open space. The Council is awaiting the final outcome of the Section 77 process and will progress the appropriation of the site subject to the outcome.

The redevelopment of Burford Road and Short Heath will provide in the region of 150 new family homes for residents in Birmingham, with at least 50% retained by the Council for affordable/social rent.

Failure to meet the city's housing need will result in more overcrowding and more homelessness.

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

**A11 Breakdown of Funding**

**Question:**

**Please can you provide a break down of all funding from the Government awarded to the Council since the 1st March 2020?**

**Answer:**

The Council has received **£430.3m** of funding from Government since 1 March 2020. This consists of:

- **£412.6m** in relation to response to the Covid pandemic. It should be noted that of this amount, £250.5m relate to grants for which the Council acts as the administering body and therefore passports to businesses and individuals. The details are shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: COVID Grant Funding Announced**

<b>Grant</b>	<b>BCC Allocation £m</b>
Tranches 1 - 4	128.519
Income compensation scheme	TBA
<b>Total Unringfenced funding</b>	<b>128.519</b>
Infection Control - Tranches 1 & 2	18.454
Reopening High Streets Safely Fund	1.017
Test and Trace Service	8.439
Contain Outbreak Management Fund	2.284
Emergency Assistance Grant for Food & essential Supplies	1.923
Next Steps Accommodation Programme	0.595
Emergency Accommodation Interventions	TBA
Compliance & Enforcement Grant	0.890
<b>Total Ringfenced funding</b>	<b>33.602</b>
Business Rates Grant - including discretionary grants	231.576
Support for BIDs	0.212
Council Tax Hardship Funding	17.383
Test & Trace Support Payments	1.317
<b>Total Other funding</b>	<b>250.488</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>412.609</b>

- **£17.7m** of Directorate specific grants to fund new burdens, specific services or projects. The details are shown in Table 2 below.

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**Table 2: Directorate Grants**

<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Name of grant</b>	<b>£m</b>
Education & Skills	COVID - School Fund	0.320
Education & Skills	ESOL for integration fund	0.196
Education & Skills	Wellbeing for Education	0.147
Education & Skills	COVID - Job retention	0.301
Education & Skills	COVID - Catch up premium	1.781
PIP	City Vision	0.120
Neighbourhoods	Illegal Money Lending - increase in grant	0.189
Adult Social Care	Asylum Migration & Integration Fund	1.324
Neighbourhoods	Supported Housing Pilot	1.048
	Supplier Skills Programme Oct 20 - Jun 23 (3 years)	12.000
Digital & Customer Services	New Burdens - delivery of the Covid-19 business support grant schemes	0.300
<b>Total</b>		<b>17.726</b>

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

**B EU Citizens**

**Question:**

**According to a report, tabled to cabinet last month (October), there are 20,000 EU citizens in Birmingham who have yet to apply for settled status in spite of being eligible for it. What steps are being taken to improve support and awareness among these citizens of the need to apply for settled status?**

**Answer:**

Birmingham is proud to be the chosen home of over 90,000 people from across the European Union - students, workers and families who keep our city running and help to make it the vibrant, diverse and welcoming city it is. Brexit has not changed this. Despite the referendum vote to leave the EU, we are clear that we want our EU citizens to stay and feel welcome in our city.

We know that there are still a significant proportion of EU citizens in Birmingham who have not yet applied for settled status to remain in the United Kingdom. Over the past few years we have carried out a range of engagement activities to get the message out about the need to apply for settled status, as well as offer additional support to those who may need help with their application. This includes:

- Dedicated EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) information and guidance page on our website, including information about local organisations that are able to provide further support
- [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20057/about\\_birmingham/2011/city\\_of\\_sanctuary/4](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20057/about_birmingham/2011/city_of_sanctuary/4)
- A BCC EUSS Social Media Campaign, with videos of EU citizens working for BCC sharing their own experiences of the EUSS (first video available below)
- <https://twitter.com/bhamcitycouncil/status/1232660323376738306?s=21>
- The establishment of an EUSS Working Group, working together with voluntary sector organisations and community groups across Birmingham. This group meets regularly to discuss progress and challenges in the scheme, and build a collaborative approach to improve the support and advice available to EU citizens in Birmingham.
- An open letter to Birmingham citizen, on behalf of the Deputy Leader, asking everyone to get the word out about the EUSS

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/15406/euss - letter to all residents](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/15406/euss_-_letter_to_all_residents)

Despite this, we know that there is always more we can do. Through our Brexit Readiness Programme, we have successfully secured additional funding to run additional awareness and engagement campaigns around the EUSS. The details of these are given below.

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- 1) We applied to the Home Office for grant funding to provide support and guidance to the EU citizens in Birmingham who haven't applied to the EU Settlement Scheme yet. We have got funding approval to finance the following activities between November 2020 and March 2021 targeting the EU citizens in vulnerable groups:
  - Basic advice, engagement and signposting: OISC L1 advice will be provided by partner organisations. This advice and guidance will be outreach based as much as possible, with "hosting" arrangements coordinated by the BCC EUSS Project Coordinator, who will access the BCC ASC Neighbourhood Networks Community Asset Register of over 1,000 trusted community organisations.
  - Expert immigration advice for practical support with EUSS applications: This advice will be follow-on for complex casework identified as part of the project activities providing basic advice and information. There will also be access to this advice through referrals into other projects (same partners; to avoid double counting).
  - Community Champions training scheme: 30 volunteers to be trained from specific EU communities in the city. Trained to identify and signpost to agencies.
  - Small-scale community events: Up to three community drop-in style events to be organised and targeted in specific areas or communities in the city.
  - Training for frontline staff: Training to be produced and provided for Job Centres, Social Workers, Housing Officers, and VCS (including commissioned providers of services in: homelessness, modern slavery, children in care) to recognise, inform and signpost on EUSS. Includes regular info sheets / briefings to larger networks such as schools.
  - EUSS Document ID Scanning location: Becoming an ID Scanning location will allow the Council to take an active role in supporting EUSS applications for people with limited digital access. The service will be available at a "home" in the Libraries or Registry Office Services and will also be partially mobile, visiting libraries, places of worship, community centres, etc.
  - Designated monitoring and tracking capacity for children in care and care leavers: A new post for the Children's Trust to understand and track progress with the registration of children in care. They will support social workers in identifying eligible children and in ensuring they have access to information, advice and training on EUSS through the project partners.
- 2) We applied to the West Midlands Combined Authority Brexit Pooled Fund to initiate a project to increase the collaboration and communication for the EU Settlement Scheme across West Midlands to reach and encourage more EU citizens to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. The funding got approved for the project that aims to:
  - Develop a WM approach to guide, support and encourage the EU citizens to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) and get their status,
  - Improve the collaboration and coordination of the EUSS initiatives in WM led by the Home Office, local authorities, voluntary sector organisations and community groups,

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- Develop and implement a West Midlands specific communication campaign focusing on:
  - Warm, clear and simple messaging for the targeted audience (especially the vulnerable groups),
  - Signpost to all available advice & support including the voluntary sector organisations funded by the Home Office
  - Communicate the important notices, modifications, adjustments and new deadlines,
  - Using different communication channels and materials, such as:
    - Banners on school railings,
    - Posters for bus stops, GP surgeries, police stations, housing associations, etc.
    - Leaflets for social workers, housing officers, etc. who are in direct contact with EU citizens and their family members, especially the vulnerable group



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

**C1 SENAR Agency Staff**

**Question:**

**Since April 2018, how much per month has been spent on Agency staff within the SENAR service?**

**Answer:**

No agency resources between Apr 18 – Aug 18

Sep-18	£1,246
Oct-18	£7,413
Nov-18	£11,250
Dec-18	£8,129
Jan-19	£13,993
Feb-19	£18,583
Mar-19	£13,368
Apr-19	£7,155
May-19	£19,587
Jun-19	£15,203
Jul-19	£23,170
Aug-19	£16,575
Sep-19	£20,159
Oct-19	£19,061
Nov-19	£16,741
Dec-19	£16,616
Jan-20	£16,409
Feb-20	£13,889
Mar-20	£24,745
Apr-20	£60,774

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May-20	£54,775
Jun-20	£110,404
Jul-20	£71,435
Aug-20	£86,170
Sep-20	£94,210
Oct-20	£83,750

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

**C2 External Support for EHCP Completion**

**Question:**

**Since April 2018 how much per month has been spent on external support for EHCP completion?**

**Answer:**

No agency staff are employed solely to support EHCP completion.

The agency spend in the response to C1 includes staff who undertake work in relation to EHCP completion in addition to other work.

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

**C3 Positive DBS Checks**

**Question:**

**For each month since January, please provide a breakdown of positive DBS checks within the Home to School Transport service, including the total number of positive DBS checks, the total number awaiting further information\vidence, the total number waiting a panel decision, the total number cleared to work by the panel and the total number rejected to work by the panel?**

**Answer:**

Positive DBS 'checks' are not undertaken within the Home to School Transport service, they are undertaken by a formal HR Safer Recruiting Panel led by the BCC DBS Registered Officer. The Positive DBS outcomes which have been submitted to BCC HR Safer Recruiting Panel by Home to School Transport providers, since January and up until 28/10/2020, are as follows:

Total submitted = 47 but 11 withdrew before the panel hearing therefore **36** considered by panel

Number awaiting further information/evidence = 6

Number awaiting a panel decision = 6 (these are the 6 above, awaiting further information)

Total cleared by panel = 29

Total rejected by panel = 1

Monthly breakdown of panel decisions (30 in total):

<b>Month</b>	<b>Cleared Rejected</b>	
January	0	0
February	0	0
March	1	0
April	2	0
May	5	0
June	1	0
July	2	0
August	8	0
September	6	0
October	4	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>

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

**C4 Consultants – Home to School Transport**

**Question:**

**Since September 2019, how much has been spent on consultants within the Home to School Transport service?**

**Answer:**

Sep-19	£7,800
Oct-19	£0
Nov-19	£5,040
Dec-19	£5,040
Jan-20	£5,040
Feb-20	£13,230
Mar-20	£17,359
Apr-20	£15,210
May-20	£29,585
Jun-20	£38,345
Jul-20	£21,180
Aug-20	£31,480
Sep-20	£56,645
Oct 20 *partial month	£40,398

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

**C5     Breakdown of Work**

**Question:**

**Since September 2019, for each consultant engaged to work on the Home to School Transport service please provide a breakdown of who carried out the work, the total cost, what they were asked to do and what the outcome of the work was?**

**Answer:**

For context, the Home to School Transport Service supports approximately **c7,500 children** through a range of services including school buses, taxis. Bus passes and personal travel budgets at **an annual cost of c£24.6m**. It currently provides **around 800 routes a day** and manages daily changes to these routes.

The service has needed to improve for some time and the impacts of Covid have increased the demands on the service, introduced new requirements and the number of daily changes needed to routes and, at the same time, placed pressure on the capacity and capability of staff to deliver operational requirements and deliver the change needed. Additional resources have been needed to support this, which are set out below. Since September 2019, as indicated in the first table below, **this equates to 1.1% of overall annual spend**.

These resources do not include EY resources to review the service and support with Immediate Fixes.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**C6     SEND**

**Question:**

**Please provide details of the recently established SEND Decision Making Groups. Specifically, please include:**

- **The criteria, including (but not limited to) the legislation and statutory framework being applied to make decisions.**
- **Details of membership, including their legal qualifications and training**
- **Terms of Reference**
- **Redacted (as appropriate) minutes of meetings since 1st September 2020.**

**Answer:**

The Decision-Making Groups were set up in June 2020 in response to bringing back decision making from the localities and into the centre to ensure consistency and equity of decision making and resource allocation citywide.

The criteria for the Decision-Making Groups are referenced in the attached Draft Terms of Reference and based on the requirements contained in the Children and Families Act 2014, associated Regulations, and the Statutory Guidance – SEND Code of Practice: 0 – 25 years. This is designed to ensure that decisions are lawful, reasonable, fair, proportionate and consistent.

The Terms of Reference for these groups were drafted in May 2020, piloted between June and October and are currently being reviewed as a result of the learning from the pilot. The new draft Terms of Reference, which is a work in progress is attached. It is anticipated these will be finalised in November 2020 once Legal Services have advised in relation to their content.

The membership of the Decision-Making Groups is also currently being reviewed in light of findings from the pilot and will be detailed in the finalised Terms of Reference. Membership of these groups will include, in accordance with the SEND Code of Practice, those who have the appropriate experience and specialist expertise and whose current roles and responsibilities involve a working knowledge and understanding of the SEND Code of practice.

Where a need is identified, through an audit of the knowledge, understanding and skills, of all members of DMGs, appropriate training will be provided.

The record of each Decision-Making Group meeting held since 1st September 2020 is contained in a spreadsheet format. The attached template shows the categories of information recorded during each meeting in relation to each child and young person.

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Year Group	LAC	Referral Type	CDN Type	Category of Need	School	Link Professional	Parent Link Notes	SNCP Coordinator Notes	Date application received	Date Decision Due	Additional information	Do we have enough info to make decision?	From what info do we need?	Who is getting this information?	Date of Decision	Decision Yes or No	If no what is the rationale?	Response information to add to the ICA letter rationale	Additional information for Link Professionals to inform discussions with families/setting
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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S  
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

**C7 Parent Link Service**

**Question:**

**Please provide a full breakdown of the Parent Link service expenditure since its formation.**

**Answer:**

Agency staffing (5 members of staff): £54,375 total.

Two Principal Officers G5 (9 months including on-costs): £43,256 each

Mobile phones x 7: £1,477 for 7 phones (+ £1,071 running costs)

Laptops x 7: £4,508 total

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

**C8     JEQ Process**

**Question:**

**Please provide the dates the posts in the Parent Link service were approved through the JEQ process and the Grades they have been approved at?**

**Answer:**

Parent Link has been commissioned in direct response to feedback from Parents and Carers that they wanted us to rapidly improve the communication and liaison with them, which is especially important given the impacts of Covid and the uncertainty and anxiety this has created, alongside increased demands on the operational services.

It's an interim measure that we put in place at pace and is not currently part of the permanent structure. The forthcoming redesign of SENAR will address any ongoing requirements for the Parent Link Service and relevant roles will be evaluated in line with BCC JEQ policy.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE**

**C9 Parent Link Posts**

**Question:**

**Please provide the date the Parent Link posts were approved as employee structure additions by the Council?**

**Answer:**

Parent Link has been commissioned in direct response to feedback from Parents and Carers that they wanted us to rapidly improve the communication and liaison with them, which is especially important given the impacts of Covid and the uncertainty and anxiety this has created, alongside increased demands on the operational services.

It's an interim measure that we put in place at pace and is not currently part of the permanent structure, so it hasn't been included as such. The forthcoming redesign of SENAR will address any ongoing requirements for the Parent Link Service and relevant roles will be evaluated in line with BCC JEQ policy.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

**C10 Breakdown of Data**

**Question:**

**For the period January 2020 - present please provide a breakdown of the following data:**

- **The number of decisions that SHOULD have been made by SENAR that would have been appealable to the SENDIST (this includes requests for assessment, issuing of plans, contents of final plans and placements, as well as decisions to amend following annual reviews and transfer reviews)**
- **The number of decisions that were ACTUALLY made (same criteria as above)**
- **Of those, the number of decisions that were outstanding from the period prior to January 2020**
- **The number of appeals registered by SENDIST**
- **The number of appeals conceded by the local authority prior to hearings**
- **The number that went to hearing where the appeal was dismissed (i.e. the local authority's decision was deemed to be correct)**
- **The number of resulting tribunal orders which have not yet been complied with by the Council**

**Answer:**

There are 7 detailed information requests set out in this question. Collating the data from a range of information sources and analysing this will take some time and I am afraid that officers have been unable to complete this within the timescales for written questions to Full Council.

I have asked that officers assess the number of hours it will take to collate and analyse the data.

I have asked officers to collate enquiries into Frequently Asked Questions, which will give Members access to information that has been requested and provided. This will improve the information available to Members. Officers will also assess the time taken to answer enquiries. The services does this for FOIs and it is good practice to do this for all enquiries, so decisions can be taken about the best use of resources and how we can all support the council's limited resources being used on those we are here to serve - children and their parents and carers.

- **The number of decisions that SHOULD have been made by SENAR that would have been appealable to the SENDIST (this includes requests for assessment, issuing of plans, contents of final plans and placements, as well as decisions to amend following annual reviews and transfer reviews) – This information is being collated and will be shared with elected members.**
- **The number of decisions that were ACTUALLY made (same criteria as above) – This information is being collated and will be shared with elected members.**
- **Of those, the number of decisions that were outstanding from the period prior to January 2020. - This information is being collated and will be shared with elected members.**

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- The number of appeals registered by SENDIST from January to present is 232
- The number of appeals conceded by the local authority prior to hearings was 60
- The number that went to hearing where the appeal was dismissed (i.e. the local authority's decision was deemed to be correct) was 4. 65 where a consent order was made as agreement was reached with the parent; 12 where the parent withdrew the appeal.
- The number of resulting tribunal orders which have not yet been complied with by the Council. This information is being collated and will be shared with elected members.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

**C11 Judicial Review Protocol**

**Question:**

**For each calendar year since 2015 please specify how many letters have been received by the Council under pre-action Judicial Review protocol on behalf of parents regarding their children's special educational needs and provision.**

**Answer:**

The following table shows the number of Judicial Review Pre-Action Protocol letters regarding special educational needs and provision, received by, or referred to Legal Services, since 2015.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of SEND Judicial Review Pre-action Protocol Letters</b>
2015	0
2016	2
2017	3
2018	1
2019	5
2020	32

A report into the significant increase in 2020 is currently being compiled by Legal Services.

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

**C12 Educated at Home**

**Question:**

**Please provide a breakdown by year group and area of need of the number of children with SEND currently being educated at home, funded by the local authority For each category please give the number that have been in this situation for:**

- **1 month or less**
- **1-3 months**
- **3-6 months**
- **6-12 months**
- **12-24 months**
- **24 months plus**

**Answer:**

The list of children without a school place is subject to change as:

- Placements are secured for children with an immediate start date
- Children turn 5 and become statutory school age (updated termly)
- EHC plans are finalised and name specialist provision or parents decline mainstream placement because their preference is specialist provision
- Families move into the local area with an EHC plan or make request
- Looked After Children move into the area
- Placement breakdown (PEX have taken place this term) typically for children with ASC or SEMH needs
- Parents have elected to home educate but are requesting support from the LA

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Number of children educated at home</b>
1	10
2	1
3	3
4	1

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5	1
6	4
7	10
8	6
9	4
10	5
11	10

<b>SEND type</b>	<b>Number of children educated at home</b>
Autism Spectrum Condition	28
Cognition and Learning	9
Social Emotional Mental Health	10
Sensory/Physical Disability	3
Severe Learning Difficulties / Speech, Language and Communication	5

Home Bridging Team are working with these families providing safe and well checks, signposting learning materials for children and where appropriate and wanted by families.

Of the 10 year 7s without a school place 2 have refused the mainstream placement offered and are being supported as parental preference if for out of LA placement.

Children are also benefiting from interim home tutoring packages from agencies, some families have declined this support as they do not want a tutor in the home and don't feel that online working will suit their child.

Link professionals are working with children and families who are out of school, a number are known to Forward thinking Birmingham because of their heightened anxieties. Home Bridging Team and other link professionals attend CIN and CP meetings and all this information is shared with DMG so that appropriate provision and support can be put in place.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKAY**

**C13 Legal Framework**

**Question:**

**What legal framework is being applied to home tuition of children with EHCPs**

**Answer:**

The Council has a legal duty to make arrangements for the provision of suitable education at school or otherwise than at school for those children of compulsory school age who, by reason of illness, exclusion from school or otherwise, may not for any period receive suitable education unless such arrangements are made for them under section 19 of the Education Act 1996. That duty applies to all children of compulsory school age, including those with an EHCP, and may include home tuition where the Council considers that is 'suitable education'.

The Council also has a legal duty under section 42 of the Children and Families Act 2014 to secure the educational provision set out in a child's EHCP. In some cases home tuition may be the educational provision that is described in the plan, and the Council will have regard to paragraphs 10.30 to 10.38 of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years which is statutory guidance.

In cases where home tuition is provided by the Council to children with an EHCP in order to fulfil the section 19 duty to provide alternative provision (for example because the child is too unwell to attend school for a period of time) then the Council has regard to paragraphs 10.39 to 10.46 of the Code of Practice. The Council will normally also consider whether a Review of the EHCP or a re-assessment is necessary in these circumstances.

The Home Bridging Team works with children and families to support with teaching resources and signposting them to materials which are suitable for young people. The majority of families access virtual learning from tuition agencies or other online materials to support home tuition.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

**C14 Attendance Rates**

**Question:**

**Please list the attendance rates at special schools since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, broken down by academic year group**

**Answer:**

Please find the data below for each full week since the start of term. This data comes from national data that is not reported by year group.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Special school attendance %</b>
07/09/20	46.6
14/09/20	73.6
21/09/20	66.6
28/09/20	64.8
05/10/20	68.4
12/10/20	73.3
19/10/20	75

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES**

**C15 Children with ECHP's**

**Question:**

**Please provide a breakdown of the number of children and young people with EHCPs who are currently:**

- **Without a school place**
- **In a mainstream school but awaiting a special placement**
- **Have annual reviews recommending change of placement that have not yet been actioned**

**For each category please give the number that have been in this situation for:**

- **1 month or less**
- **1-3 months**
- **3-6 months**
- **6-12 months**
- **12-24 months**
- **24 months plus**

**Answer:**

	<b>Number</b>
Without a school place	55
In mainstream awaiting a school place/parental request for change of placement including ARs which recommend change of placement	199

Number of children without a school place will continue to change as –

- Placement are secured for children with an immediate start date
- Children turn 5 and become statutory school age (updated after term)
- EHC plans are finalised
- Families move into the local area with an EHC plan or make request
- Looked After Children move into the area

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- Placement breakdown (PEX have taken place this term) typically for children with ASC or SEMH needs

Of the children without a school place a number of families are waiting for a specific setting and are willing to wait until that setting can offer a place and have declined other offers the Local Authority have made, this includes placement at an alternative special school.

Contact is being made with families to build relationships and support them through the process of their child getting an appropriate school place and enabling them to be 'school ready' when this placement is secure.

Of those 199 children attending a mainstream setting, schools have access to additional resources and funding which is enabling them to ensure that the children on their role are making progress until such time that a special school placement is secured or professionals agree that the current setting can meet need. For a number of these children it is parental preference that their child attends specialist provision. Schools and link professionals continue to work with families around the educational provision on offer. At this stage a breakdown of duration that are waiting for a change of placement is unclear as recovery work takes place and systems are updated. This information will be collated and added when new requests are made. The termly meeting with schools and professionals means that information is being shared and this is feeding into the special DMG when placement moves are being considered.

Where children are on reduced timetable or placement is at risk schools are working with link professional to explore what further support can be put in place and to work with families to increase the educational offer in place. This academic year Home Bridging Team have worked with a number of school settings to enable them to create bespoke provision and plan for increasing time the child is able to access education. This is part of the wider offer of support the team want to offer across the localities.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

**C16    SEN Support Plans**

**Question:**

**Please provide a breakdown of the children and young people who are currently benefitting from SEN Support Plans by ward, year group, area of need and budget attached (e.g. up to £2000, £2 - 5000, £5-10,000 etc.)**

**Answer:**

There are currently **60 CYP** benefitting from SEN Support Plans.

**By year group:**

Yr 0 = 9  
Yr 1 = 17  
Yr 2 = 10  
Yr 3 = 8  
Yr 4 = 4  
Yr 5 = 6  
Yr 6 = 3  
Yr 7 = 1  
Yr 8 = 2

**By need:**

Cognition and Learning = 26  
Autism Spectrum Condition = 7  
Social, emotional and mental health = 4  
Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties = 1  
Not specified = 22

**By budget attached:**

Up to £2k = 26  
Between £2k and £5k = 26  
Over £5k = 8

It has not been possible to break these figures down by ward as the software used is currently being updated. As soon as ward level data is able to be provided, this will be shared.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING  
FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY**

**C18 Holiday Meals**

**Question:**

**I understand the council is proposing a voucher scheme to compensate for the government decision not to support children on free school meals over the Christmas holidays. Could the cabinet member set out how this will compare with the provision provided nationally over the summer holidays?**

**Answer:**

The council's cabinet, along with councils up and down the country, has been lobbying the government for many months regarding free school meal provision for school holidays. We know that the effects of the pandemic have hit the most vulnerable hardest.

In anticipation of what promises to be an extremely challenging Christmas for far too many families in Birmingham and across the country, we are urging the government to do the right thing and reverse its decision not to extend the summer holiday provision for the Christmas period.

We have also seen in recent days just how generous Birmingham businesses and community groups have been and we will be working with partners to see what additional financial support can be provided to families eligible for free school meals.

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

**D1 Birmingham Library Service**

**Question:**

**Can the Cabinet Member provide a detailed list location by location of:**

- 1. What Libraries have reopened?**
- 2. What their opening hours are?**
- 3. If part time hours the reason why?**
- 4. Where part time open what date/s will each location return to full time opening hours?**

**Answer:**

**1, 2 and 3:**

<b>Library</b>	<b>Opening hours</b>	<b>Reason for p/t hours</b>
Acocks Green	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Requirement for staff bubbles has reduced our ability to share staff between sites. Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Balsall Heath	Extended service available Tues/Thurs/Sat: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Requirement for staff bubbles has reduced our ability to share staff between sites. Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Bartley Green	Order and collect available Tues/Fri:10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Birchfield	Extended service available Tues/Thurs/Sat: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Boldmere	Order and collect available Tues/Thurs 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Staff supporting Mere Green Tier 1 library.
Druids Heath	Tues/Wed/Thurs 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Erdington	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Requirement for staff bubbles has reduced our ability to share staff between sites. Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Frankley	Extended service available by appointment on school site Mon/Wed/Fri 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Glebe Farm	Extended service available Wed/Fri/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Hall Green	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Hall Green will be open at its pre-COVID hours from 1 December 2020.

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Handsworth	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri/ 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Hours are currently reduced due to staff sickness.
Harborne	Extended service available Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Requirement for staff bubbles has reduced our ability to share staff between sites. Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Kings Heath	Extended service available Tues/Fri/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Requirement for staff bubbles has reduced our ability to share staff between sites. Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Kings Norton	Extended service available Tues/Wed/Fri/Sat: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Requirement for staff bubbles has reduced our ability to share staff between sites. Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Kingstanding	Order and collect available Tues/Fri, alt Saturdays: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Library of Birmingham	Mon and Tues:11am-7pm Weds to Sat:11am-5pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Mere Green	Extended service available Mon/Wed/Sat. Order and collect available Tues & Thurs 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Northfield	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Perry Common	Order and collect available Mon/Thurs/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Quinton	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Fri (alternate Sat) 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Staffing vacancies. Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Shard End	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
South Yardley	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Thurs//Fri/Sat: 10am- 12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Sparkhill	Wed/Thurs/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Requirement for staff bubbles has reduced our ability to share staff between sites. Awaiting HR advice on use of agency staff to support increased opening.
Spring Hill	Extended service available Wed/Fri/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Stirchley	Extended service available Tues/Thurs/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Sutton Coldfield	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
The POD	Order and collect available Tues/Wed 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Tower Hill	Order and collect available Tues/Thurs/Sat 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.
Walmley	Order and collect available Wed: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Staff supporting Mere Green Tier 1 library.
Ward End	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Sat: 10am- 12pm, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.



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Weoley Castle	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm	Awaiting HR advice on use of agency to support increased opening
Yardley Wood	Extended service available Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri: 10am- 12 noon, 2pm-4pm	Opening hours remain the same as pre-COVID.

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Central government recognise that restoration of services will take place in a phased way, varying according to local needs and circumstances.

We are currently working towards full opening hours at all libraries (subject to local and national COVID restrictions and related government and Public Health guidance).

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**D2 Leisure Centres**

**Question:**

**Will the Cabinet Member commit to bidding for funding for each Council Leisure Centre, including the ones the Council has contracted out, like Erdington Leisure Centre, to enable hours, services and jobs to be protected, from the new £100million Leisure Centre funding pot announced by the Government last week?**

**Answer:**

The £100 million funding pot is welcome news and is much needed given the challenges faced by both our internal and contracted out centres as a result of the pandemic. Although we have made enquiries, further detail on the scheme will not be released until a later date. At a time when we recognise more than ever the importance of being active for both physical and mental wellbeing, we will make a submission to maximise the financial support for the city's whole community sport service.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES  
FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

**E Council Finances**

**Question:**

**Could the cabinet member update council on the state of the city's finances, setting out the impact of the pandemic and what steps may be necessary to tackle any shortfalls?**

**Answer:**

The quarter 2 financial position that will be considered by the Cabinet on 10 November will set out that the pandemic has cost the City Council's General Fund £115.8m in additional costs and income losses. After accounting for government unringfenced grants received to date of £84.3m and an estimate of £19.6m which will be recovered through the governments income loss scheme, the result is a net pandemic cost of £11.9m. This is further offset by a net underspend of £1.1m on directorate budgets that is not pandemic related. The net gap which will be reported will be **£10.8m** as detailed in the table below.

<b>Budget Gap 20-21 as at Qtr 2</b>	<b>2020/21 £m</b>
Cost of Covid as at 2 October 2020	115.8
Additional service pressures as reported at Month 6	(1.1)
Transfer to COVID reserve for Wave 2	44.2
<b>Total pressures and risks</b>	<b>158.9</b>
Government Covid Grant received (Tranches 1- 3)	(84.3)
Government Covid Grant announced (Tranche 4)	(44.2)
Latest estimate of funding for Sales, Fees & Charges	(19.6)
<b>Budget gap</b>	<b>10.8</b>

The Cabinet will also be considering the update to the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan at its meeting on 10 November. Proposals will be set out in that report to balance the budget this year and will identify what further budget measures are available to cope with further risks. In this regard the recently announced extra £44.2m of unringfenced government grant to see the City through the winter will be helpful.

However, in the light of the Government's most recent announcement of New National Restrictions from 5 November we will of course be assessing the potential impact that this may have on the Council's financial position.

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

**F1 Social Care Easements 1**

**Question:**

**In the event that social care easement powers are used again during a future wave of the Covid pandemic, how do you intend to contact service users to inform them?**

**Answer:**

We do not anticipate using the Care Act easement powers in the future, but in the event that this is required, we would communicate with service users via letter and by ensuring is available on our website.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

**F2     Social Care Easements 2**

**Question:**

**In the event that social care easement powers are used again during a future wave of the Covid pandemic, can you confirm that the council will provide a full explanation to service users and on its website of what it will be doing different during the easements and the practical implications?**

**Answer:**

**Yes**

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

**F3 Social Care Easements 3**

**Question:**

**In the event that social care easement powers are used again during a future wave of the Covid pandemic, can you confirm you will adopt the practice of providing the assessors written record in whatever form to the service user and carer?**

**Answer:**

We do not anticipate using the Care Act easement powers in the future. However, if this does become necessary, we would set out clearly the rationale for any changes and ensure that these are communicated to service users.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

**F4 Social Care Easements 4**

**Question:**

**In the event that social care easement powers are used again during a future wave of the Covid pandemic, can you confirm that the decision to do so will be published immediately with full reasons for the decision and that all documentary evidence, including officer reports, which inform that decision will be made publicly accessible in a timely way?**

**Answer:**

All documents will be made available in line with the Council's governance arrangements and requirements.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

**F5 Social Care Easements 5**

**Question:**

**Please provide a copy of the decision record, purchase order form and procurement paperwork authorising the NDTI report into Day Opportunities?**

**Answer:**

NDTI was commissioned using delegated responsibility by the Director of Adult Social Care. NDTI are recognised as a national leader in engagement and supporting the inclusion of citizens with disabilities.

I will arrange for the delegated responsibility documents to be shared with elected members in this chamber.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES**

**F6      Social Care Easements 6**

**Question:**

**During all the work to draft and consult on the Day Opportunities strategy, did any briefing from Officers mention to you that NDTI had been engaged to complete a piece of work?**

**Answer:**

Yes I had been made aware that NDTI were carrying out work in this area.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS**

**F7 NDTI Report**

**Question:**

**When carers (and later Scrutiny) raised with you the question as to the existence of the NDTI report into Day Opportunities, what steps did you take to establish with Officers whether this report existed?**

**Answer:**

When this was raised with myself, I asked officers to advise if a report existed as I had only ever been shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the outcome of NDTI work.

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

**F8     Investigation**

**Question:**

**On what date was the outcome of the investigation by Galloway Training Consultancy Ltd in to the complaint about the misleading answers on the NDTI report, first shared with you?**

**Answer:**

I was shared a copy of the redacted report on 13 August 2020.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOOD FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

**G1 Building Safety Manager**

**Question:**

**Can you provide a copy of the Job Description for the Building Safety Manager role piloted in Birmingham tower blocks?**

**Answer:**

It is important to note that this Job Description is a draft to highlight how BCC see the role being implemented, however it will be developed further with the outcomes from MHCLG's working group who are currently developing the competencies, the qualifications required and how the role fits into the requirements from the building safety regulator.

Please see draft Job Description below.



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draft.docx

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

**G2 Waiting Time**

**Question:**

**In each year since 2014, what was the average waiting time to register a birth?**

**Answer:**

Unfortunately, the statistics are not recorded in this way. The most relevant key performance target (KPT) set nationally, which the Service works to, relates to birth registrations where the informant waited more than 5 days from when they made contact to book as below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of births registrations where the informant waited more than 5 days</b>
2020	1,114 to March 2020
2019	6209
2018	10489
2017	11620
2016	10622
2015	10911
2014	12349

NB Due to COVID 19 this KPT has little relevance at the present time. Informants are contacted and advised that appointments are available to book online in daily batches based on the oldest births.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOOD FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

**G3 Waiting Time 2**

**Question:**

**In each year since 2014, how many people had to wait longer than 42 days to register a birth?**

Answer:

Year	Number of births registered	Number of births registered over 42 days
2020	12,976	6980
2019	22,203	1063
2018	23,332	2041
2017	23,663	2893
2016	24,630	8967
2015	22,708	2946
2014	23,789	3312

For 2020, the registration of all extremely urgent births was suspended from late March to June. Birmingham resumed general birth registrations on 18 June once the COVID 19 risk assessment was signed off.

Not all parents are able to register within the 42 days.

Some parents do not agree with registering the birth of their child for which a statutory process is followed, but which will take the registration over the 42 days.

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

**G4 Use of Housing Dept Garages**

**Question:**

**Could the cabinet member set out the vacancy rate for council garage lets, setting out how many garages are empty, how many applicants are waiting for allocations and what is the potential earnings for the council of improving the letting rate?**

**Answer:**

We are now in the process of inspecting all 714 sites (7426 units). Currently 85% of sites have been inspected.

Our current records indicate we have 6370 potentially available and of these 3483 are let (55%). 1056 Garages are not lettable. We are exploring the potential of using sites for future development. This figure is constantly changing following inspection/ repair/unreported issues being identified. Of those garages not let, we contact those on the waiting list in order to match them to vacant garages. This process is ongoing.

Rental is £9.01pw to BCC tenants and £10.91 (Inc. VAT) to other residents of Birmingham. If all garages were let this would raise approximately an additional £1.6 million.

There is a waiting list of 3791 applications. We are currently reviewing IT systems to support the process.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY**

**G5 Exempt Accommodation**

**Question:**

**Does the council have an indication of how many HMOs are deemed as managed by registered social landlords and therefore exempt from the city's Article 4 direction relating to HMOs?**

**Answer:**

We currently have 6,631 separate addresses that have been made for customers living in Registered providers accommodation claiming supported Exempt Accommodation Housing Benefit. This will include both HMO's and self-contained flats.

All exempt accommodation or RSLs would be exempt from the Article 4 as these uses cannot be defined as HMOs in accordance with the definition of a HMO provided in Schedule 14 of the Housing Act 2004.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND  
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

**G6 Flooding at Cemetery**

**Question:**

**Following the 4th incident in the last 6 months of flooding at Handsworth Cemetery which has resulted in a number of graves being flooded, it has been reported that £50k was spent following the 3rd incident to prevent any more flooding from occurring. Can you provide me with a breakdown of what this money was spent on?**

**Answer:**

I would like to place on record my regret for any upset that has been caused by these issues.

There has been in excess of £50,000 expenditure at Handsworth Cemetery since the incident in August directly associated with land drainage management. The bulk of the expenditure relates to the installation of an earth bund and soakaway between the main driveway and section 24 of the cemetery.

Turfing of a reserved graves area in section 68 of the cemetery has been undertaken. This work was necessary due to damage to the area caused by cemetery users. This compacted the ground which added to surface water run off.

In addition, all gulleys across the site have been cleared of silt and ensured that the drainage is free running. The final work on the gulleys and pipework is the removal of tree roots from the system. This should have been undertaken on 23 October, but the contractor failed to attend the site.

Given this is a time of extensive leaf fall, an enhanced mechanical clearance service of clearing leaves from channels and gulleys has been introduced. This is occurring a minimum of weekly.

The individual final costs of these works have yet to be received.

An order is being placed for damaged kerbing and tarmac to be reinstated which will ensure water is channelled to the land drainage system and thereby away from any graves.

Visits have been made to the site by the City Council's own land drainage experts and a detailed survey of the site is to be arranged subject to contractor's

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

**H      Harborne Public Space**

**Question:**

**In total, since work first began, how much has been spent on developing the Harborne Public Space Protection that is still to be implemented? Including legal costs and consultation etc**

**Answer:**

No development, legal or consultation costs have been incurred

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

**I1 Grounds Maintenance Machines**

**Question:**

**For each month since April 2018, how many grounds maintenance machines have been un-operational, broken down by machine type?**

**Answer:**

The grounds maintenance contracts were brought back 'in-house' in late March 2019. We do not hold the information you require prior to that.

A procurement process was initiated to provide brand new machinery to undertake the grounds maintenance functions. The machines were delivered during the summer of 2019 which did mean the grass cutting programme was delayed.

Since the machinery has been in operation a completion rate of over 95% has been maintained and the service has not suffered with any machinery breakdown that has resulted in a loss of service.

Grass cutting in 2020 was delayed at the start as it was not identified as essential work under government guidelines. Since operations have restarted there has been no machinery breakdown that has affected operations.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

**12 Grounds Maintenance Activities**

**Question:**

**For each month since April 2018, how many schedule grounds maintenance activities have been cancelled or delayed due to the unavailability of either staff or machinery?**

Answer:

Answer:

The work programme for Grounds Maintenance allows a period of time for tasks to be completed. This is to take into account climatic conditions. There are very few tasks that are required to be completed daily. I am pleased to report for the daily checks there has been 100% completion on time.

Excluding the initial start up of the contracts transferring to the City in 2019 and the decision to stop all but essential operations in the Covid lockdown, 97.88% of the remaining tasks have been completed within the time frame.

Tasks that are missed are managed by exception and no data is kept regarding whether they have been cancelled or delayed because of non-availability of staff or machinery.

It should however be noted that during the Covid 19 pandemic that performance dropped slightly for the following reasons:

- Some GM staff were diverted to help litter/waste removal on housing sites/high rise communal areas.
- GM staff working shorter days to remove the need to use the facilities in depots.
- Grass cutting was not deemed an “essential” activity at the start of the initial lockdown period.

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

**I3      Destination of Recyclables**

**Question:**

**Could the cabinet member state how often are general waste crews being ordered to put recycling in the general waste, by depot?**

**Answer:**

The only time a manager will make a decision to sacrifice the recycling collection is due to crew shortage or vehicle breakdown and we would be unable to collect the bins from that particular road.

Sometimes, inspection of the recyclate reveals that it is so contaminated that it would render the entire load in the vehicle unusable and under these circumstances the recyclate would be disposed of as residual waste.

In each of the above case historical records have not been kept.

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

**J1      Resurfacing Costs**

**Question:**

**What is the total cost of the recent resurfacing work on Harborne Road between the Green Man and Chad Road?**

**Answer:**

The final cost of the works has not been fully reconciled as there are two invoices for traffic management and road markings which have not been received yet. The estimated values for these two items are £92,020 and £9,780 respectively.

The total cost (which includes the estimated values for these two items with all other costs being actual) is therefore an estimated value being £641,960. There is however likely to be very little variance in this total.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

**J2     Emergency Active Travel Fund**

**Question:**

**For each new measure implemented under the ‘Emergency Active Travel Fund’ what was the total cost spent on each?**

**Answer:**

Final invoices to confirm outturn costs are yet to be received from contractors implementing the Emergency Active Travel Fund measures. Officers will be happy to share this information with members as soon as it is available.

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

**J3     Removal of Scheme**

**Question:**

**For each measure implemented under the ‘Emergency Active Travel Fund’, what was budgeted for the potential removal of each scheme, given they are ‘temporary’?**

**Answer:**

No budget has been set aside from the Emergency Active Travel Fund (EATF) Tranche 1 programme for the potential removal of schemes, as the expectation is that they would be removed, modified or made permanent under Tranche 2 of the EATF programme. Further detail on Tranche 2 has yet to come forward from the Department for Transport (DfT), having originally been expected in early October 2020



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

**J4 Consultation and Engagement Costs**

**Question:**

**For each measure implemented under the 'Emergency Active Travel Fund', what was budgeted for consultation and engagement costs?**

**Answer:**

A budget of £165,000 was approved by Cabinet for design, development and fees associated with implementing the Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 programme. This allocation included provision for activities associated with consultation and engagement.

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

**J5     CAZ Grant Applications**

**Question:**

**How many CAZ grant applications received by the Council were submitted via local Councillors (with number by each individual Councillor)?**

**Answer:**

There have been no applications to any of the support schemes operated by the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) team submitted through a Councillor.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**J6     Clean Air Zone**

**Question:**

**Have you ever told anyone that the Clean Air Zone will not go ahead?**

**Answer:**

The Council has never made an announcement that the Clean Air Zone would not go ahead.

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

**J7 Clean Air Zone Grants**

**Question:**

**How many CAZ grants have been issued by Ward?**

**Answer:**

All grants issued so far have been from the taxi fund. Of the 50 issued, the breakdown by ward is listed below.

Please note that grants issued to drivers in wards outside of the city boundary are due to the respective drivers being licensed by Birmingham City Council.

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of Grants Issued</b>
Abbey (Sandwell)	1
Acocks Green	1
Aston	1
Alum Rock	1
Balsall Heath	4
Bordesley & Highgate	2
Bournbrook & Selly Park	3
Bromford & Hodge Hill	1
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	1
Gravelly Hill	1
Great Bridge (Sandwell)	1
Hall Green North	1
Handsworth Wood	1
Heartlands	1
Nechells	3
North Edgbaston	2
Perry Common	2
Pype Hayes	1
Small Heath	2
Soho & Victoria (Sandwell)	1
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath	2
Sparkhill	2
Stirchley	1
Stockland Green	6
Sutton Vesey	1
Tyseley & Hay Mills	1
Ward End	4
Yardley & Stechford	2

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

**J8      CAZ Grants**

**Question:**

**Could the cabinet member report on the take up of Clean Air Zone grants for taxi drivers, setting out how many have been awarded at what cost and how many have been rejected?**

**Answer:**

There are six grant types available from the taxi fund. These cover both Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (PHV) vehicles. 51 taxi grants have been awarded, with a total cost of £94,000. 12 taxi grant applications have been rejected, as they did not meet the published criteria.

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

**J9      CAZ Grants**

**Question:**

**Could the cabinet member indicate what advice and support the council is offering to taxi drivers and other applicants who may have trouble accessing grants available through the Clean Air Zone?**

**Answer:**

Prior to the launch of the taxi grant schemes on 8 October 2020 the application process had been tested with members of the taxi community. In addition, full guidance notes and the step by step application process have been published on the Brum Breathes website.

There are also specific members of the Clean Air Zone team who support the taxi grant application process. This includes communicating with applicants in writing and by phone should they experience any difficulties in completing their applications or in understanding the process and the eligibility criteria for the grant schemes.

It should also be noted that I have participated in online sessions with Birmingham's taxi community and encouraged them to make contact with their trade representatives, operators and local Councillors should they experience any specific issues with the application process.