

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2019 AT 18:00 HOURS
IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,
BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING

Lord Mayor to advise that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

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3 MINUTES

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 April 2019.

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4 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LORD MAYOR 2018/2019

(15 Minutes)

To receive the annual report of the Lord Mayor.

Report was marked "To follow".

5 ANNOUNCEMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S AWARDS

6 **ELECTION OF THE LORD MAYOR 2019/2020**

To elect the Lord Mayor.

NB. A short break will follow to allow for the robing of the Lord Mayor.

7 **APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**

To appoint the Deputy Lord Mayor.

8 **PRESENTATION OF THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR**

To present the retiring Lord Mayor with an ex-Lord Mayoral Badge.

9 **PRESENTATION TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR'S CONSORT**

To present the retiring Lord Mayor's Consort with a badge as a memento of office.

NB. A short break will follow to allow for guests to retire.

10 **ALLOWANCES**

To agree the allowances to be made to the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor in office during 2019/2020.

11 **DATES OF MEETINGS**

To determine the dates of the meetings of the Council to be held during the year ending with the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

It is suggested that meetings of the Council be held in the Council Chamber at 1400 hours on the following Tuesdays:-

2019	2020
11 June	7 January
9 July	4 February
10 September	25 February
5 November	7 April
3 December	

12 **ANNUAL MEETING IN 2020**

To confirm the date for the holding of the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2020.

It is recommended that the Annual Meeting for 2020 to be held in the Council Chamber at 1800 hours on Tuesday 19 May 2020.

13 **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive the Lord Mayor's announcements and such communications as the Lord Mayor may wish to place before the Council.

14 **PETITIONS**

To receive and deal with petitions in accordance with Standing Order 9.

As agreed by Council Business Management Committee a schedule of outstanding petitions is available electronically with the published papers for the meeting and can be viewed or downloaded.

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15 **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Report of the Council Business Management Committee.

The Leader to move the following Motion:

"That approval be given to the necessary changes to the City Council's Constitution as indicated in the appendix to the report and that the City Solicitor be authorised to implement the changes with immediate effect.

Report was marked "To follow".

16 **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS**

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17 **CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

To consider a report of the Council Business Management Committee.

The Leader to move the following Motion:

"That the City Council makes appointments to Committees and Other Bodies as set out in the Appendix to the report."

Report was marked "To follow".



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 2 APRIL 2019 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Deputy Lord Mayor (Councillor John Lines) in the Chair.

Councillors

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 19179 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 indicated that those Members who wished to speak should press their microphone button once and be patient whilst the operator switched the microphone on.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 19180 The Deputy Lord Mayor reminded members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.
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MINUTES

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

- 19181 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2019, having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death of Former Councillor Alan Hope

The Deputy Lord Mayor indicated that his announcement today was a sad one as he informed the Chamber of the death of former Councillor Alan Hope.

The Deputy Lord Mayor continued that Alan served on the City Council from 1965 to 1974 as a Councillor for the Perry Barr Ward and between from 1974 and 1985 he served as a County Councillor, during that time he was also Leader of the County Council.

Alan leaves behind his wife Marilyn and their children Caroline and Philip and grandchildren.

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

19182 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death of former Councillor Alan Hope and its appreciation of his devoted service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extends its deepest sympathy to members of Alan's family in their sad bereavement.

Members and officers stood for a minute's silence, after which a number of tributes were made by Members.

PETITIONS

Petition Relating to City Council Functions Presented before the Meeting

The following petition was presented:-

(See document No. 1)

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

19183 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 2)

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

19184 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 3)

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

19185 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

19186 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 10.3.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

19187 There were no appointments.

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

It was moved by Councillor Martin Straker Welds, seconded and

19188 **RESOLVED:-**

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

- Allocate 30 Minutes for item 10 (Extraordinary Auditor's Report - Statutory Recommendations made under Section 24 Local Government and Accountability Act 2014)
 - Allocate 30 minutes for item 11 (Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel).
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EXTENSION OF TIME

It was proposed by Councillor Gareth Moore, seconded and -

19189 **RESOLVED:-**

That the time for consideration of agenda item 10 (Extraordinary Auditor's Report - Statutory Recommendations made under Section 24 Local Government and Accountability Act 2014) be extended by 45 minutes.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL
2018/19**

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

(See document No. 4)

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

A debate ensued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward, responded to the debate.

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

It was therefore-

19190 **RESOLVED:-**

The recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel on Page 4 of its Annual Report be accepted and implemented with effect from 21 May 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

19191 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1625 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1605 hours.

At 1635 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

**EXTRAORDINARY AUDITOR'S REPORT - STATUTORY
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 24 LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014**

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

(See document No. 5)

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

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

(See document No. 6)

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

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Meirion Jenkins and Gary Sambrook gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 7)

Councillor Meirion Jenkins moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Gary Sambrook.

A debate ensued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward, replied to the debate.

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

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

(See document No. 8)

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 26 (For the amendment)
No – 54 (Against the amendment)
Abstain – 0 (Abstentions)

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

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

(See document No. 9)

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 27 (For the amendment)

No – 53 (Against the amendment)

Abstain – 0 (Abstentions)

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

It was therefore-

19192 **RESOLVED:-**

The Council accepts the statutory recommendations of Grant Thornton made under section 24 of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the responses and actions set out in section 3 of this report.

BIRMINGHAM INDEPENDENT IMPROVEMENT PANEL

The following of the Leader was submitted:-

(See document No. 10)

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

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

(See document No. 11)

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

A debate ensued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward, replied to the debate.

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

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

It was therefore-

19193 **RESOLVED:-**

That Council notes the final formal assessment of the Council's improvement journey prior to the Birmingham Independent Improvement

Panel (BIIP) stepping down at the end of March 2019 and notes the City Council's priorities for improvement 2019/20+.

The Council adds its thanks to the Improvement Panel for its support over the last 5 years and regrets that "years of public denial, defensiveness and push-back has prevented the Council taking all the necessary steps to deliver real and lasting change."

The Council commits to working positively and openly from the outset with whatever form of support the Secretary of State decides to put in place following the Improvement Panel's recommendation for continued intervention.

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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

A. Councillor Kath Scott and Kate Booth have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 12)

Councillor Kath Scott in moving the Motion indicated that she wished to replace the last sentence of the 4th bullet point with the words:-

"A growing number of schools are looking at closing early on a Friday, restructuring reducing Teaching Assistants due to financial difficulties. In Kings Heath Primary School it was recently reported that unless funding improves they may be forced to look at consulting on closing their Resource Base provision for children with special education needs"

The motion as amended was seconded by Councillor Kate Booth.

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

(See document No. 13)

In moving the amendment, Councillor Alex Yip indicated that he was Vice Chair of the Governors at Stuart Wilson School. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Debbie Clancy.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Kath Scott replied to the debate.

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

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

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

This Council notes that:

- Government changes to the Schools national funding formula are having a detrimental impact on the education of Birmingham children - in particular those with additional needs.
- The changes to the national funding formula are having a negative impact on our high needs block of funding as, prior to April 2018, local authorities were able to move funding between the four education funding blocks to meet the needs of our children with additional needs.
- Schools are struggling to meet the needs of children with additional needs with the inflexibility and limits on the first allocation of SEND funding; which means many schools that could have supported children with additional needs are no longer able to comprehensively provide their education.
- Our schools are having to make undesirable efficiencies to their budgets, leading to damaging outcomes for our City's SEND children. A growing number of schools are looking at closing early on a Friday, restructuring reducing Teaching Assistants due to financial difficulties. In Kings Heath Primary School it was recently reported that unless funding improves they may be forced to look at consulting on closing their Resource Base provision for children with special education needs.

The Council further notes that the key priority for our schools should be to focus on improving the outcomes for our children's education and providing our children with a good and outstanding education. Sadly schools and governing bodies spend an increasing amount of time making budget savings and trying to generate income.

Council believes that there is only one way to meet the Department for Education's criteria, "to support schools to manage their budgets effectively and ensure their financial health, whilst maintaining or improving pupil outcomes". And that is to provide the changes Birmingham City leaders are asking for: flexibility in budgets, and fairer, adequate funding for our children.

The Council supports the families involved in the current Judicial Review which has been brought by IM Irwin Mitchel Solicitors on behalf of East Sussex, Yorkshire and Birmingham parents, against the Chancellor of the Exchequer & The Secretary of State for Education. This action is challenging the "wholly inadequate funding being allocated by central

government for the provision of services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) by local authorities and schools.”

The Council therefore requests that the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children’s Wellbeing write to the Secretary of State for Education Damian Hind MP and the Chancellor of the Exchequer Phillip Hammond MP, urging them to ensure that our City’s education budget is sufficient to cover increasing Special Educational Needs demands to call for the Notional Funding Formulae be adjusted so that allocations can be determined by the City Council; to ensure that this Council is able to allocate funds (above the limited 0.5%) from other Schools funding blocks.

The Council also calls on the Leader and Cabinet Member for Children’s Wellbeing to continue lobbying against the Government’s ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be invested in the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for education, ensuring that all our City’s Children have the funding provision sufficient to meet their needs.

B. Councillor Alex Yip and Robert Alden have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 14)

Councillor Alex Yip moved the Motion, during which he indicated that the Liberal Democrat amendment was acceptable to him and the first two paragraphs of the Labour amendment were acceptable as an addendum to the motion. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Morriam Jan and Baber Baz gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 15)

Councillor Morriam Jan moved the amendment

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

Councillor Baber Baz formally seconded the amendment.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors John Cotton and Kerry Jenkins gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 16)

Councillor John Cotton formally moved the amendment and in doing so indicated that he was not prepared to accept Councillor Yip’s proposal. Councillor Kerry Jenkins formally seconded the amendment.

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

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

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

It was therefore-

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RESOLVED:-

This Council expresses its very serious concern at the rise in knife crime in the city. Every violent incident, every injury, every life lost is a tragedy that has devastating consequences for all involved.

Further, the Council rejects Prime Minister Theresa May's assertion that there is no direct link between police cuts and rising knife crime.

The Council notes that young people have been comprehensively let down by a toxic combination of cuts to police numbers nationwide and cuts to youth services. And, while welcome, the long overdue action now being taken by the Government, is not enough to tackle a national crisis.

The announcement of £100m additional funding to be made available immediately to police forces and ring-fenced for knife crime falls well short of the £200m to £300m requested by police chiefs earlier this year. Indeed the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner has requested up to £20m for this region alone. Despite this urgent request, it has not yet been made clear if the government will deliver on its original commitment for the funding to be targeted at the most impacted areas.

The Council welcomes:

- A commitment to use the comprehensive spending review to ensure long term sustainable funding. This must take into account the fact that West Midlands Police has faced £175m in cuts since 2010, losing over 2,000 officers.
- That the Government has agreed to requests from the police to amend the Offensive Weapons Bill to include the introduction of Knife Crime Prevention Orders
- And a new prosecution fund to support Trading Standards teams to secure the prosecution of retailers who repeatedly sell knives to Under 18s.
- The launch of the #knifefree campaign aimed at young people which looks to inspire them to pursue positive alternatives.

- The Supporting Families Against Youth Crime fund from which Birmingham will receive £485,845 to provide specialised training for frontline staff within Birmingham Children's Trust, help educate more than 1,000 pupils in primary schools across the city on how to stay safe, and support earlier interventions to turn young people away from gangs and crime.

The Council further notes that:

- The West Midlands PCC founded the Violence Prevention Alliance in 2015, bringing together agencies in the region to take a public health approach to tackling violence. The Alliance has placed youth workers in A and E departments and introduced violence prevention mentors in schools. This service now needs to be scaled up and the PCC has asked the Home Office for £1m in funding for the next financial year.
- The Government's new £200 million Youth Endowment Fund is inadequate when set against cuts to the overall spending on youth services in England of over £730m since 2010.
- Likewise, the independent review of drug misuse to ensure law enforcement agencies and policy are targeting and preventing the drug-related causes of violent crime effectively must take into account significant budget cuts for alcohol and drug treatment services.

However, the Council believes that more needs to be done both in the short and longer term to get knives and violence off our city's streets. This includes more powers to restrict knife sales, more sustainable funding solutions to enable an increase in police numbers and better joined up collaborative working at a neighbourhood, city and regional level.

This Council therefore calls on the Executive to

- Write to the Government to request a review into licensing and other powers available to councils to restrict knife sales, particularly assault and combat knives designed to inflict the most serious damage
- Call on government to carrying out a sentencing review to ensure tougher sentences for repeat offences
- Write to the Home Secretary urging him to provide the £1m funding urgently needed to scale up the work of Violence Prevention Alliance.
- Urge the Government to keep to its commitment to use the forthcoming comprehensive spending review to ensure sufficient local public sector funding and to ensure that this takes into account relative needs and resources so that Birmingham and the West Midlands gets the money it needs to increase the police presence on our streets and invest in early intervention
- Lobby the Government to prioritise funding for youth services in the comprehensive spending review and ask that it urgently seeks to legislate for a statutory youth service, with dedicated ring fenced funding,

- provided by a core of JNC qualified youth workers, from the statutory and voluntary sector, working with trained and supported volunteers.
- Call on the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner – to continue to prioritise funding on frontline police over back office functions and consultants
 - Redouble efforts with partners to find more collaborative ways to tackle the knife carrying culture by building on the work led by the Children's Trust, the Violence Prevention Alliance and The City Board.
 - Maximise the opportunity afforded by hosting the Knife Angel sculpture. And to Work with partners, youth groups and local media organisations to promote the national #goknifefree campaign in Birmingham, adapting and targeting the message where necessary.
- a. Calls for an immediate injection of sustainable funding into police forces and local authorities to increase the capacity for responding to knife crime;
- b. Reaffirms the Council support, agreed in January, for the rolling out of bleed control training, in particular as part of efforts to tackle the knife-carrying culture in schools and educational institutions.
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C. Councillor Jon Hunt and Roger Harmer have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 17)

Councillor Jon Hunt formally moved the Motion which was formally seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Nicky Brennan and Waseem Zaffar gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 18)

Councillor Nicky Brennan formally moved the amendment which was formally seconded by Councillor Waseem Zaffar.

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

(See document No. 19)

Councillor Ewan Mackey formally moved the amendment which was formally seconded by Councillor Gareth Moore.

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

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

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

It was therefore-

19196 **RESOLVED:-**

In light of recent events at schools and mosques in Birmingham, this Council condemns hateful behaviour of all kinds.

Birmingham is a city of many communities, nationalities and faiths but we all have one thing in common. We are all Birmingham citizens and we all deserve respect.

No community should live in fear and no community should feel singled out and victimised.

The Council therefore undertakes through the Community Cohesion Strategy to ensure that people from every community feel supported to live their lives free from discrimination and empowered to speak out against intolerance and bigotry whenever and wherever they see it.

This Council resolves to adopt the APPG definition of Islamophobia:

Islamophobia is rooted in racism and is a type of racism that targets expressions of Muslimness or perceived Muslimness.

having regard to the guidelines and examples set out in the report *Islamophobia Defined* which this Council also endorses.

Further, this Council believes that the best way to tackle all types of hate is through education. The No Outsiders Programme developed in this City and other similar education programmes used in schools have an essential role to play in ending discrimination against all protected groups under the Equalities Act 2010 and as such should be given this Council's full support.

The meeting ended at 1920 hours.

APPENDIX

Questions and replies in accordance with Standing Order 10.2.

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

A1 Council Chamber use by Unite

Question:

How much did Unite pay for the hire of the Council Chamber for their mass meeting on 4 March and 11 March 2019 with bin workers?

Answer:

Trades Unions recognised by the City Council and representing members who are employed by the City Council are granted the use of a room in the Council House for up to two weekday meetings in a calendar month for which no charge is made. This arrangement has been in place for many years.

The meeting on March 4th 2019 was within this permitted quota and therefore there was no room hire charge. Unite did however request use of the microphones and as such were charged an equipment hire fee of £66.00.

The meeting on March 11th 2019 was outside the permitted quota and therefore Unite were charged £220 for room hire. In addition, they requested the use of the microphones and as such they were also charged an equipment hire fee of £66.00.

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

A2 Alfred Road Car Park

Question:

Can you provide a full copy of the report produced by the Ashiana Project for the consultation they were commissioned to carry out into future use of the Alfred Road Car Park site?

Answer:

Please see following report:-

Consultation Alfred Road Car Park



Ashiana
Community
Project



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Date:

5th January 2018

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Background Information and Project Brief

Birmingham City Council is looking into options for the pay and display car park in Alfred Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B11 4PB.

A consultation exercise is required in a defined target area to help determine options for the future use of the car and Birmingham City Council is seeking an experienced local organisation to undertake a consultation exercise to get the views of local businesses and residents.

The options for the consultation are shown on the attached questionnaire that also includes equalities monitoring information. Please note Equal Opportunities Data has not been updated to reflect surveys completed over Xmas Period.

Target area for consultation

The target area for the consultation is shown on the attached plan but briefly comprises of the following:

- Stratford Road – 339 – 421 / 334 – 396.
- The four maisonette blocks in Alfred Road / Beach Road.
- Industrial units from Alfred Road to Alfred Street.
- Stoney Lane – 70 – 108.
- Beach Road – 2 – 62 / 1, 61 – 69.
- Trenville Avenue – 1 -21 / 14 – 16.
- Beach Brook Close – 5 – 21 / 10 – 26.
- Ashway – 2 -14.
- Fulham road – 1 – 65.

Key Tasks

- To carry out a consultation with local businesses and residents in an identified target area (see attached plan).
- To produce a detailed report on the findings of the consultation.
- To use a range of consultation methods to maximise the level of response.
- To ensure the consultation findings can be used as evidence to make an informed decision on the future use of the car park.

Methodology

Our Trained and experienced did 5 days of door knocking exercise. The door knocking was done at various times of the day the day:

2 days – Mornings

2 Days – Evenings

1 Day – Afternoon.

We had to carry out more than the original planned door knocking sessions, owing to residents not being home.

Equal Opportunities Monitoring of respondents

183 individual surveys were completed, 151 local residents completed the surveys and 32 businesses. A significant number declined to complete the EO monitoring sections, a significant number of those completing EO questions, only partially answered the questions.

The responses of Business are indicated in brackets with a (R) for Retail, to indicate their numbers (they were the businesses that were significantly closer to the car park).

Unlike residents, where people may choose not to open the door; we were able to initiate a conversation with almost every business to ascertain their views. The low response in completed business surveys can be summed up with a mixture of the following statements.

They didn't care about the car park, the car park was too far for their customers and they were not interested in wasting their time completing the survey.

Gender: Male (43%), Female (21%), Trans (0%), Refused 36%

Disability: None (46%), Refused (54%)

Orientation: Straight (60%), Bisexual (6%), Trans (0%), Refused (34%)

Religion: Islam (60%), Christian (3%), Sikh (3%), Hindu (1%), Refused (34%)

Ethnicity: Asian Kashmiri (31%), Asian Pakistani (21%), Sikh 2%, Bangladesh 1%, African (1%), Chinese (1%), Indian (1%), Kurdish (1%), Somali (1%), Yemeni 1%, Refused (12%)

Note: Some of the younger respondents were observed to deliberately declare themselves to be a member of a different ethnicity before declaring they were bisexual. They verified the entry on the survey and then laughed (these entries have not been left unchanged).

Summary of Findings for Alfred Road Car Park Survey

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	3	29	151	183
	2%	16%	83%	

Question 2	Yes	No	Crime	Environment	Other	Tally
Do you feel safe using car park?	112	26	19	11		138
	81%	19%	14%	8%		

Question 3	Very	Fairly	Not Important	Tally
How Important is the car park to the local community?	96	46	39	181
	53%	25%	22%	

Question 4	Yes	No	No Opinion	Tally
Do you believe the car park is needed?	95	32	55	182
	52%	18%	30%	

Question 5	Housing	Keep	Shops	Free Car Park	Tally
What should happen in the future?	101	74	4	21	183*
	56%	40%	2%	11%	

Comments:

*Since, It is possible to select more than 1 option, totals will not equal 100% and the percentage is expressed out of a total of 183.

(Q1) Only 2% of the survey sample indicated they had used the Alfred Street Car Park (Regular use was defined as more than 12 times a year). With 83% indicating they had never used the car park.

(Q3) 78% believed the car park was (Very / Fairly) Important to the community, despite not having used it. This figure dropped to (Q4) 53% when asked if it was needed, which was essentially the same question phrased differently. (Q5) 40% expressed a desire to keep the Car Park, with an additional 11%, mostly businesses expressing a desire for more free Parking.

This discrepancy is better understood when an analysis of the comments is undertaken. Many users complaining of a lack of parking space, cars parked on pavements, or double parked on the road. The higher figure is because users hope that by having a car park would address this problem.

Some residents stated they locals will not pay to park their car in a car park, so it was of no use to them. More free parking on the street would be helpful.

Businesses were the most vocal against the Car Park, with only 4% of Stratford Road, and 0% of Stoney Lane wishing the Car Park to remain as a pay and display car park.

Summary of Comments received:

The current arrangements (Pay and Display Car Parking was of minimal benefit to local residents) and was of questionable benefit to local businesses. Residents and Businesses, who cited crime as their concern, reported that the Alfred Street Car Park, with its low fencing and good visibility to neighbouring streets and excellent pedestrian access on all sides, was the ideal location for those who wish to sell illegal drugs. Since those engaged in such activity never left the cars parked, they did not pay for their use of the Car Park.

The ideal solution would be additional free on the street parking, and the existing Alfred Street Car Park being replaced with additional housing. The housing should be designed with their own parking, with a new separate road from Alfred Street and/or Beach Road, so as not to reduce the existing parking on these Roads.

Data Integrity Check

In order to get a clear view of answer Question 5, we had an additional external review of the process. Practically speaking this meant only housing, paid parking or shops were reported on. (Free parking is not included in this final summary).

8 Addresses from Fulham Road were removed from the tally, since these were outside the parameters of the Survey (numbers 66 upwards) – This resulted in 8 less car parks and 2 less housing. (Some had chosen 2 options) Surveys from Stratford Road, who were outside the requested survey area, were also removed this reduced the number of housing from the total.



Statistical Weighting for Distance Explained

The nearest respondents living on Beach Road, are on average 1 minute away from the Car Park and have their scores multiplied by 4.

Respondents on Beach Brook Close, and Stratford Road are on average of two minutes' walk, their scores are multiplied by 3.

Respondents on Ashway, and Trenville Avenue and Stoney Lane are on average 3 minutes' walk, their scores are multiplied by 2.

Respondents from Fulham Road are an average 4 minutes' walk, their scores are unchanged.

This has the effect of giving a slightly greater importance on the views of those impacted most owing to how close they are living to the Car Park.

The relative location of the streets, to Alfred Road Car Park



Conclusion

Overall Usage of Car Park

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	3	29	151	183
	2%	16%	83%	

There has been no statistical weighting applied, based on those who actually used the car park. Whilst it is standard statistical practice to apply a weighting based on those who used the carpark, doing so would have inadvertently given preference to businesses desire for more housing. It was decided to include the individual street summary instead, rather than represent this in an overall figure. (Over 60% of Occasional users were local businesses and only 2 out of the 68 businesses interviewed wanted to keep the car park as a pay and display car park and 57 out of 68 business wanted to replace it with housing).

Data Analysis

In order to answer the question, what should happen to the car park on Alfred Street, a statistical weighting is applied to question 5, based on the average walking distance of respondent from the car park, and percentage of people on a street who use the Car Park.

Question 5 Final TOTAL

Street	Housing	Carpark	Shop	Tally	Weighting	Housing	Carpark	Shop	Tally
Beech Rd	15	5	0	20	4	60	20	0	80
Beech Bk Cl	1	14	0	15	3	3	42	0	45
Ashway	4	12	0	16	2	8	24	0	32
Trenville	10	2		12	2	20	4		24
Fullham	22	31	4	53	1	22	31	4	57
Stratford	40	2		42	3	120	6		126
Stoney Ln	16	0	0	16	2	32	0	0	32
	108	66	4	174		265	127	4	396
	62%	38%	2%			67%	32%	1%	

FINAL FIGURE 67% FAVOUR REPLACING THE CAR PARK WITH HOUSING

The survey is broken down by each individual street in the rest of this report.

Annexes – Residential Streets Breakdown

Summary for Beach Road (1 min Walk)

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	3	2	15	20
	15%	10%	25%	

Question 2	Yes	No	Crime	Environment	Other	Tally
Do you feel safe using car park?	3	3	3	2		6
	50%	50%	50%	33%		

Question 3	Very	Fairly	Not Important	Tally
How Important is the car park to the local community?	12	3	5	20
	60%	15%	25%	

Question 4	Yes	No	No Opinion	Tally
Do you believe the car park is needed?	11	5	4	20
	55%	25%	20%	

Question 5	Housing	Keep	Shops	Free Car Park	Tally
What should happen in the future?	15	5	0	0	20
	75%	25%			

Comments:

(Q3 & Q4) 60% of the respondents, of Beach Road, indicated the car park was Important, and 55% said it was needed however only (Q5) 75% said it should be replaced with housing.

(Q1) 3 respondent of Beach Road indicated they regularly used the car park with another 2 residents having occasionally used the car park. (Occasional use meant less than 12 times a year).

(Q2) 50% of the respondents, of Beach Road, indicated they felt safe, using the carpark,

Residents of Beach Road, were the most vocal about the problems of the car park, which was summed up as follows

Side roads are congested with cars; residents are not willing to pay to for parking here, consequently cars parked illegally on pavements and on the roads. Gangs were using the car park to sell drugs.

Most significantly the nearest residents were also most vocal about the problems of having an underutilised pay and display car park

Summary for Beach Brook Close (2 min Walk)

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	0	6	9	15
		40%	60%	

Question 2	Yes	No	Crime	Environment	Other	Tally
Do you feel safe using car park?	4	0				4
	100%					

Question 3	Very	Fairly	Not Important	Tally
How Important is the car park to the local community?	9	3	3	15
	60%	15%	15%	

Question 4	Yes	No	No Opinion	Tally
Do you believe the car park is needed?	13	0	1	14
	93%		7%	

Question 5	Housing	Keep	Shops	Free Car Park	Tally
What should happen in the future?	1	14	0	0	15
	7%	93%			

Comments:

Breach Brook Close, was the closest residential area to the car park and out of the 6 users, 4 chose to answer Q2, about how safe they felt about the car park, all 4 indicated that it was safe.

(Q3) 75% of the respondents, of Beach Brook Close, indicated the car park was Important, this figure increased to (Q4) 93% who said the car park was needed and only (Q5) 93% said it should be kept as a car park.

Summary for Ashway (3 min Walk)

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	0	0	13	13
			100%	

Question 2	Yes	No	Crime	Environment	Other	Tally
Do you feel safe using car park?	12	0				12
	100%					

Question 3	Very	Fairly	Not Important	Tally
How Important is the car park to the local community?	12	0	1	13
	92%		8%	

Question 4	Yes	No	No Opinion	Tally
Do you believe the car park is needed?	11	1	1	13
	84%	8%	8%	

Question 5	Housing	Keep	Shops	Free Car Park	Tally
What should happen in the future?	4	12	0	0	16*
	25%	75%			

Comments:

Given the distance from the car park, none of the Residents of Ashway had used the car park, (Q1). 100% felt the car park would be safe to use, 92% said it was important to the local community and 75% felt it should be kept.

*Some respondents for Q5, ticked more than 1 box, so Q5, Tally is higher than the total respondents.

Summary for Trenville Ave (3 min Walk)

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	0		13	13
			100%	

Question 2	Yes	No	Crime	Environment	Other	Tally
Do you feel safe using car park?	7	6	3	1		13
	54%	46%	23%	8%		

Question 3	Very	Fairly	Not Important	Tally
How Important is the car park to the local community?	4	6	3	13
	31%	46%	23%	

Question 4	Yes	No	No Opinion	Tally
Do you believe the car park is needed?	6	3	4	13
	46%	23%	31%	

Question 5	Housing	Keep	Shops	Free Car Park	Tally
What should happen in the future?	10	2		1	13
	77%	16%		7%	

Comments:

Tenville Avenue, was amongst the further residential areas to the Alfred St Car Park.

None of the residents had used the car park. To use the Alfred Street Car park residents would have had to walk along Stoney Lane and then Alfred Street.

(Q4), 46% said Car Park was needed and (Q5) 77% wanted the Car Park replaced with housing.

Summary for Fulham Road (4 min walk)

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	0	1	56	57
	0%	2%	98%	

Question 2	Yes	No	Crime	Environment	Other	Tally
Do you feel safe using car park?	53	1	1			54
	97%	1%	1%			

Question 3	Very	Fairly	Not Important	Tally
How important is the car park to the local community?	33	15	9	64
	52%	24%	14%	

Question 4	Yes	No	No Opinion	Tally
Do you believe the car park is needed?	35	7	15	64
	55%	9%	23%	

Question 5	Housing	Keep	Shops	Free Car Park	Tally
What should happen in the future?	22	31	4	2	59*
	37%	53%	7%	3%	

Comments:

(Q3) 76% of the respondents, of Fulham Road, indicated the car park was Important, this figure dropped to (Q4) 55% who said the car park was needed and only (Q5) 53% said it should be kept. This anomaly is best explained by looking at responses to Q1-2.

(Q1) 1 respondent of Fulham Road indicated they had occasionally used the car park. (Occasional use meant less than 12 times a year). (Q2) 98% of the respondents, of Fulham Road, indicated they felt safe, using the carpark, despite never having used the car park. It would be reasonable to infer, they were responding on how safe it was for other users of the carpark.

2 respondents near Fulham Rd, Beach Rd, Junction expressed a need for a free car park.

*Some respondents for Q5, ticked more than 1 box, so Q5, Tally is higher than the 65 respondents.

Annexes – Commercial Streets Breakdown

Summary for Stratford Road (2 min Walk)

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	0	17	32	48
		35%	65%	

Question 2	Yes	No	Crime	Environment	Other	Tally
Do you feel safe using car park?	12	15	12	8		27*
	44%	66%	44%	30%		

Question 3	Very	Fairly	Not Important	Tally
How Important is the car park to the local community?	16	13	19	47
	34%	27%	39%	

Question 4	Yes	No	No Opinion	Tally
Do you believe the car park is needed?	9	12	27	48
	19%	25%	56%	

Question 5	Housing	Keep	Shops	Free Car Park	Tally
What should happen in the future?	41	2		13	56*
	73%	4%		23%	

Comments:

The responses from Stratford Road, were from businesses.

(Q1) There were no regular users of the Alfred Road Car Park, however 35% of the respondents indicated they had occasionally used the car park. (Occasional use meant less than 12 times a year).

(Q2) 44% of the respondents, of Stratford, indicated they felt unsafe, using the carpark, with 44% citing crime as a concern.

(Q4), 19% indicated the Car Park was needed. Whilst (Q5) 73% indicated it would be better if the car park was replaced with housing. (Only 4% indicated the car park should remain).

The general consensus from the business community was the Car Park should be replaced with Housing; Businesses were the most vocal about the Car Park being used to sell Drugs.

*It is possible to select more than 1 option so Crime & Environment, totals will not equal 100%.

Summary for Stoney Lane (3 min Walk)

Question 1	Regularly	Occasionally	Never	Tally
How Often do you use car park?	0	3(1R)	9	18
		17%	83%	

Question 2	Yes	No	Crime	Environment	Other	Tally
Do you feel safe using car park?	16(4R)	1	1			17
	94%	6%				

Question 3	Very	Fairly	Not Important	Tally
How Important is the car park to the local community?	8(3R)	7(1R)	3	18
	44%	39%	17%	

Question 4	Yes	No	No Opinion	Tally
Do you believe the car park is needed?	4(2R)	8	6	18
	22%	44%	34%	

Question 5	Housing	Keep	Shops	Free Car Park	Tally
What should happen in the future?	16(2R)	0	0	4(2R)	20*
	80%			20%	

Comments:

The responses of Business are indicated in brackets with a (R) for Retail, to indicate their numbers (they were the businesses that were significantly closer to the car park).

(Q1) 1 Local business owner indicated an occasional use of the car park (Occasional use meant less than 12 times a year). (Q2) 89% of the respondents, who indicated the car park was safe, despite never having used the car park. It would be reasonable to infer, they were responding on how safe it was for other users of the carpark.

(Q3) 90% of the respondents, indicated the car park was Important, this figure dropped to (Q4) 20% who said the car park was needed and none (Q5) said it should be kept, as a pay an display car park.

(Q5) Business were equally split, between more housing or replacing the existing car park with a free car park, again none of them wished to keep the car park as a pay and display car park. Majority of the residents would prefer the car park was replaced with additional housing.

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

A3 Alfred Road Car Park Consultation Responses

Question:

How many responses were received from the consultation carried out by the Ashiana Project on the Alfred Road car park site that they were paid £2500 to do on behalf of the Council?

Answer:

There were 181 completed questionnaires.

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

A4 Housing Repair Service - outsourcing

Question:

Labour's national manifesto for this year's local elections has mirrored its Birmingham manifesto last year in rejecting outsourcing.

Could the Leader state what the intentions are for the housing repair service, which has been outsourced with area-based contracts, for some time, with apparent success?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council has for a number of years, outsourced its repairs and maintenance provision.

This approach has happened on a national basis over the last 20 years with the majority of local authority housing provision adopting this.

The current contracts will cease in 2023/24 subject to continued satisfactory performance.

As part of the re-procurement approach, officers from the housing repairs and maintenance division will provide an options appraisal for future repairs and maintenance provision. This will include the option of bringing the service back in house.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
ADRIAN DELANEY**

A5 GMB failure to consult claim

Question:

Were any employees of Grade 5 or above paid as part of the GMB 'failure to consult' settlement?

Answer:

No.

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

A6 Visit to see Robert the Cat

Question:

**What method of transport did you use to travel to the meeting at Walsall Road
allotments on 8 March?**

Answer:

I travelled to the meeting with two Council officers in one of their cars.

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

A7 Public Transport use

Question:

During the 18/19 financial year, how many meetings outside of the City Centre but within the West Midlands metropolitan area have you travelled to using public transport?

Answer:

None

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

A8 Broken Promise - Walsall Road Allotments

Question:

Why did the Leader break his promise to the Walsall Road Allotments to ensure they can remain in situ during the 2022 Commonwealth Games?

Answer:

We are currently looking at a master plan for the stadium site to ensure that we can provide a sustainable sports campus for the residents of Perry Barr, post-the Commonwealth Games for the foreseeable future. We have therefore been looking at all land within the area as part of this master planning including the allotments.

I am also aware of the local allotment community and I have visited the allotments to hear the views of the allotment committee about developing a master plan for the wider area.

As a result, a master plan and business case for the site to deliver the Commonwealth Stadium and Community Sport Campus will be presented to Cabinet in June 2019, after considering all feedback from the local community.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

A9 Funding cut - net or gross of tax increases

Question:

The administration states in press statements that ‘funding has been cut by £690 million’ since 2010. Could the Leader state whether this figure is net or gross of tax increases, setting out the additional revenue to be raised through council tax and business rate increases between 2010 and 2020.

Answer:

The savings requirement has been calculated net of all revenues, including Council Tax and Business Rates. The overall figure is a combination of net cash reductions in resources available to the Council together with the need to finance a range of budget pressures including inflation, increasing demands for service provision, and investment to secure service improvement.

The cumulative impact can be summarised as follows:

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Changes in Budget Pressures	47.1	109.6	192.2	210.2	230.7	218.2	280.9	402.5	476.1
Changes in Business Rates	0.0	0.0	(191.7)	(192.6)	(196.3)	(187.9)	(384.7)	(434.2)	(449.7)
Changes in Council Tax Income	3.1	3.2	84.2	75.7	64.2	42.6	22.7	7.1	(11.1)
Corporate Grant Reductions	124.4	162.6	291.5	364.9	465.0	517.8	723.2	714.9	721.2
Cumulative savings	174.6	275.4	376.2	458.2	563.6	590.7	642.1	690.3	736.5

It should be noted that the Government’s system for financing local government has changed a number of times during the course of this period, notably due to changes in the proportion of Business Rates retained locally and the introduction of Council Tax Support Schemes (all of which have been associated with adjustments in Government grants). This has, therefore, involved switching resources between the lines in the above table. As a consequence, whilst the overall aggregate position represents a clear trend over time, care should be taken in the interpretation of the time series on individual lines in the table.

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

A10 Community Asset Transfers

Question:

In June 2017 Ackers Pavilion and Playing Field along with other sites was earmarked by cabinet for a community asset transfer after being declared ‘out of scope’ for the transfer of the well-being service to the new mutual. What has happened since then to progress this asset transfer and what is the current status of each of these sites?

Answer:

Ackers Pavilion was advertised for transfer in September 2018. This resulted in several expressions of interest in the site, however none of the proposals submitted provided the continuation of a Sport or Health & Wellbeing offer. As a result the site was re-advertised with a closing date of January 2019.

However as part of the wider master planning for the city, a transfer has now been put on hold to maintain the flexibility of the site within the city’s control, until such time the wider master planning has been completed.

Additional status of the remaining sites is as follows:-

Aston Pitches

Site advertised & Tenant identified – July 2018

TUPE transfer of staff is progressing prior to the lease being finalised.

Aston Pavilion

Site initially advertised & Tenant identified – July 2018 (Unable to progress lease with identified tenant)

Site has been re- advertised – March 19 (Potential tenants to be interviewed – April 19)

Firs & Bromford Wellbeing Hub

Site advertised & Tenant identified – July 2018

Lease scheduled is being finalised – April 2019

Nechells Wellbeing Centre

Site advertised – July 2018

No compliant bids received.

Masefield Wellbeing Hub

Site advertised & Tenant identified - October 2018

TUPE transfer of staff is progressing prior to the lease being finalised.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
ALEX YIP**

A11 Commonwealth Games - Partner Funding

Question:

How many times have you personally met with each of the partners who previously committed to provide funding for the Commonwealth Games to discuss their contributions?

Answer:

Officers have been assigned to manage securing individual funding streams relating to commitments to funding made at the time of the bid. Much of the last planning period has involved each of those officers working with their counterparts in the funding partners to understand the detail of the requirements to access the funding, the governance required and the timeline. In addition, there has been a concerted focus on securing the £165m from MHCLG as part of the Village funding model and importantly the aspects of the project which that covers. Now that is understood and the first receipt of that funding is in train, the attention can move towards the detail of which aspects of the Commonwealth Games project can be matched to funding partners. Officers could not move to detail on this until the Village funding was secure and clarity provided on what it was matched against.

Should I need to meet with any of the partners to discuss funding, I am of course available to do so.

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

B1 ATG Contract

Question:

What measures were put in place to manage and review the ATG contract on an ongoing basis?

Answer:

Operational contract management involved monthly reporting by ATG on matters such as Management Information, complaints, any changes or amalgamation of routes and safeguarding issues. The service then cross-referenced and checked this information with their data and service information. The Service also arranged for an independent transport safety assessor to undertake spot checks on vehicles, on a regular basis to ensure that all vehicles were safe and suitable to transport children.

The service were in regular contact with ATG daily/weekly to address any issues as required, as they arose and met with ATG on a near monthly basis to discuss contract financial penalties and the subsequent amendment to payments.

We do recognise however that contract management can be further strengthened, and we will embed this into the arrangements with any new provider of transport.

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

B2 Home to School Transport

Question:

How much has been spent on taxi's on home-school transport for 0-25 in 2015, 16, 17, 18?

Answer:

It has not been possible to collate the request for previous year's data, as it would take a significant amount of officer time to do this. With the current operational issues we are currently having with ATG, the proposed new policy and transport contract, we do not have the capacity to complete this.

Taxi provision is constantly changing due to the needs of the pupils, changes in circumstances and other variables over a full academic year. A taxi may be required for a short period of time (possibly one day) or for the full academic year. Though we cannot currently provide the full breakdown of costs for taxis for previous years due to the timescales in responding to this question, we can provide the average number of vehicles and cost for March 2019.

- The number of taxis provided throughout March 2019 (black cab, private hire, MPV) is **178 vehicles**. Whilst we use 178 vehicles, this can vary considerably and one taxi could be used for one morning only.
- We have a number of schools where providers work on a 'per capita' basis. The pupils being transported in this respect have the highest SEMH and behavioural needs. Therefore there may be a variance in taxi provision required each day, dependant on the pupils attending school and the times that they attend.
- The estimated spend on taxis per day in March 2019 is **£20,174 (£3.85m per academic year)**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING
FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

B3 ATG Financial Position

Question:

When was the Cabinet Member first made aware of the risks surrounding ATG's financial position?

Answer:

In September 2018, officers informed the Cabinet Member that ATG were experiencing cash flow issues. In order to support ATG officers agreed to a rescheduling of payments during this transitory phase.

In March, officers were told that ATG were experiencing significant financial difficulties, and had made an application to the courts for insolvency. The Cabinet Member was subsequently informed.

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

B4 ATG into Administration

Question:

When was the Cabinet Member notified of ATG going into administration?

Answer:

On Friday 15th March 2019 BCC officers attended a meeting with ATG what was arranged by Transport for West Midlands. At this meeting BCC and TfWM were advised that earlier that week ATG Trustees had made an application to the courts for insolvency due to significant financial difficulty. Later on the 15th March the Cabinet Member was advising of this situation.

BCC officers were advised that ATG went into Administration late afternoon on Thursday 21st March. The Cabinet Member was advised of this on Friday 22nd March.

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

B5 Travel Assist Policy

Question:

What was the total number of members of the public who attended each of the 7 public consultation meetings on the travel assist policy?

Answer:

Meetings have been held at 8 special schools.

Fox Hollies	30
Langley	3
Hunters Hill	1
Calthorpe	12
Priestley Smith	25
Selly Oak	35
The Pines	22
Wilson Stuart	51

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING
FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

B6 Meetings

Question:

List by date all the meetings that the Council has held regarding ATG since May 2018?

Answer:

Matters relating to ATG have been discussed at a number of meetings held by the Council, where the Travel Assist Service has been on the agenda. These include:

Cabinet meetings: 26 June 2018; 11 December 2018

Scrutiny meetings: Resources Committee: 19 July 2018 and 14 February 2019

Children's Social Care: 14 November 2018.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING
FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

B7 Authorisation

Question:

Who authorised the payment of £300k to ATG in September 2018 in response to a request to help with cash flow and which Cabinet Members were informed?

Answer:

The payment referred to was not an additional sum to ATG but a change to the date of the payment of money owed for service delivery, which was then reconciled against invoices in line with the expected monthly payment profile. It was an operational matter intended to help ATG manage cash flow, and was authorised by the Director of Finance and Resources.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing was informed in September 2018 that ATG were experiencing cash flow issues and that payments were being rescheduled to support ATG.

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

C1 Union Mass Meetings 1

Question:

Were staff given paid time off to attend the mass meetings of Unite bin workers in the Council House on 4 March and 11 March 2019?

Answer:

Yes.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN

C2 Union Mass Meetings 2

Question:

Based on the hourly rate (plus on costs) of the staff attending what was the total cost of any paid time off for staff to attend the mass meeting of Unite bin workers in the Council House on 4 March and 11 March 2019, from the time they were permitted to leave the depot to the time they were expected to return or the end of the normal working day?

Answer:

The mass meeting held on the 11th March was at the end of the working day. Staff attending and left directly after.

The mass meeting on the 1st March was held at 11:30. Staff were not expected to return to work after the meeting as it was either close to finishing time with no time to get back to the depot, or past it.

The hourly rate at mid spinal point is as follows

Grade	Hourly rate	N.I @ 9.70%	Super @ 33.50%	Total cost per hour
GR2	9.44	<u>£0.92</u>	<u>£3.16</u>	13.52
GR3	11.77	<u>£1.14</u>	<u>£3.94</u>	16.85
GR4	15.71	<u>£1.52</u>	<u>£5.26</u>	22.49

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

C3 Union Mass Meetings 3

Question:

Were staff expected to return to work after the mass meeting of Unite bin workers in the Council House on 4 March and 11 March 2019?

Answer:

The mass meeting held on the 11th March was at the end of the working day. Staff attending and left directly after.

The mass meeting on the 1st March was held at 11:30. Staff were not expected to return to work after the meeting as it was either close to finishing time with no time to get back to the depot, or past it.

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

C4 Union Mass Meetings 4

Question:

How much recycling was collected on 4 and 11 March 2019, when the mass meeting of Unite bin workers in the Council House was held, compared to what the Council would expect to collect on a typical working day?

Answer:

4 March 2019

No comingled recycling was collected

2.3 tonnes of paper was collected

11 March 2019

3.4 tonnes of comingled recycling was collected

8.1 tonnes of paper was collected

Typical collections per day

The average daily collection in June 2018 per day was:

120 tonnes of comingled

82 tonnes of paper

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

C5 Union Mass Meetings 5

Question:

Since January 2017, how much paid time off has been given to bin collection staff to attend Union arranged meetings?

Answer:

There have been three staff meetings since January:

- 29th February
- 1st March
- 11th March

A total of 4.5 hours.

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

C6 Productivity

Question:

What was the average number of properties per round visited by bin collection crews in the period from April 2018 up until the introduction of the MOU and from the introduction of the MOU up until the start of industrial action on 29 December compared to the target set based on core city benchmarking?

Answer:

Up until the implementation, the teams were working a 9 hour day, four days a week. This was reduced to 7 hours a day 5 days a week.

The average round size changes from 1,200 properties to 850 properties per day to be collected.

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

C7 Bin collections w/c 18 March

Question:

How many missed collections were reported in the week following suspension of the strike?

Answer:

There were 3,863 calls concerning missed collections during the week of the 18th -22nd March.

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

C8 Bin collections w/c 18 March 2

Question:

How much was spent on overtime and external contractors (split between the two) for dealing with waste collections on each day between 18-24th March 2019?

Answer:

Overtime was approved for the 23rd and 24th March. The cost of this has not been processed yet.

Contractor costs were £37,800 per day for a ten hour working day.

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

C9 Bin collections w/c 18 March 3

Question:

What percentage of waste refuse vehicles sent out between 18 March and 24th March 2019 collected both waste and recycling in the same load?

Answer:

139 teams were deployed, separating both waste streams.
23 catch up teams were deployed for outstanding missed collections. These crews collected recycling and residual waste as a mixed load.

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

C10 Waste Collection Service - Steps to Improve

Question:

Prior to the industrial action in January, the waste collection service was still struggling to embed new working arrangements. What steps are being taken to improve the service and prevent missed collections, now the crews are working normally?

Answer:

Service failures can include vehicle breakdowns, access problems and staff shortage. A plan to replace the ageing fleet and the type of vehicles should resolve the majority of breakdowns and some of the access problems with the purchase of smaller vehicles.

Waste collections are monitored and missed collections are investigated to determine the reasons for service failure. Rounds are also monitored in terms of the daily tonnage collected.

A Joint Service Improvement Board has been established to work to improve the service which will work alongside the Trade Unions and managers. In addition an independent review will be undertaken to look at all aspects of the service.

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

C11 Waste Collection Service - Area Based Contracts

Question:

Given the comments of the district auditor, will the independent review into the waste collection service be allowed to consider the option of delivering the waste collection service through area-based contracts, as rejected by the Labour group earlier this year?

Answer:

A report detailing the specifications for the Independent Service Review was reported to Cabinet on 26.03.19. The review will consider all aspects of the service and will report its findings to the Council.

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

C12 City's Recycling Rates by quarter over last 5 years

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member please give details of the city's recycling rates by quarter over the last five years.

Answer: The table below shows the city wide recycling rates for each quarter starting from 2014. These figures include not only collected kerbside waste but waste from street cleansing activities and waste disposed of at the five Household Waste Recycling Centres.

YEAR	QUARTER	Column A % Household Waste Reused, Recycled or Composted (old NI 192 indicator)	Column B % Municipal Waste Reused, Recycled or Composted - Including Recycled Ash from Tyseley ERF (new 2018-19 indicator)
2014	January-March	25.56%	
2014	April-June	33.22%	
2014	July-September	30.68%	
2014	October-December	27.46%	
2015	January-March	25.43%	
2015	April-June	28.61%	
2015	July-September	27.82%	
2015	October-December	25.65%	
2016	January-March	22.81%	
2016	April-June	29.37%	
2016	July-September	28.98%	
2016	October-December	25.55%	
2017	January-March	22.85%	
2017	April-June	28.15%	
2017	July-September	16.60%	
2017	October-December	23.29%	
2018	January-March	21.99%	
2018	April-June	28.83%	*38.37%
2018	July-September	27.12%	*41.38%
2018	October-December	24.46%	*39.32%

- The percentage of municipal waste reused, recycled or composted (column B) includes household waste (column A)

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBERS FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

D1 School Places

Question:

Broken down by ward, what percentage of Y6 children were offered a place at their first choice and what percentage were offered one of their 6 choices of secondary school for September 2019?

Answer:

Thank you for your question. Unfortunately it has not proved possible to gather the information you have requested in the time available. To provide the requested information requires technical updates of Impulse the Council's education software system.

I will provide you with a full response response by Monday 8th April.

Footnote:

Impulse (the Council's education management information system) is currently undergoing major development and this is impacting on the ability to make changes to the current system.

Currently the software provides the ward information based on the previous 2004 boundaries and has not been updated to reflect the new 2018 boundaries.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBERS FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE

D2 Admissions checks

Question:

In each year since 2014 how many ‘spot checks’ have been carried out to confirm that parents do live at the address they put on their child’s school admission form, split between reception and year 7 admissions and broken down by Ward?

Answer:

The School Admissions service is not required to maintain this information in a central database.

School Admission records information in relation to wrong or false addresses on individual children’s electronic applications for both reception and year seven transfers.

A range of evidence is used to confirm addresses for applications. For example for the reception round all applications are checked normally against NHS records, birth data and early years records. For the secondary round checks the focus is on the primary school records.

If in either of the primary or secondary rounds the above checks reveal discrepancies matters are then escalated and ‘Data Warehouse’ checks are undertaken. This allows the Council to then check additional records including council tax, council rent records and housing benefit records.

If these checks do not establish any related records we will then request proof of address directly from the parents or carers.

In the event of communications from third parties alleging wrong or false addresses these are always investigated. In such cases we review and update previous checks and write directly to the parents or carers requesting further information and presenting any related concerns to enable a right of reply.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH

D3 Admissions Enforcement

Question:

In each year since 2014 on how many occasions have the ‘spot checks’ used to confirm that parents do live at the address they put on their child’s school admission form, found that a false address has been used, split between reception and year 7 admissions and broken down by district\constituency?

Answer:

Thank you for your question.

School Admission records information in relation to wrong or false addresses on individual children’s electronic applications for both reception and year seven transfers.

The council is not required to and does not keep a central data base in respect of wrong or false addresses.

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Officers have reviewed the number of third party allegations for the 2018/19 admissions round and have confirmed that for the primary round there is one on-going investigation and for the secondary round five on-going investigations.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES

D4 Asbestos checks

Question:

How frequently are safety checks carried out on schools with asbestos?

Answer:

Asbestos Management Surveys (AMS) and Asbestos Management Plans (AMP) – current Compliance and Monitoring

- All maintained Schools have an Asbestos Management Survey to MDHS100 standard
- Asbestos Management Plans (AMP) were provided in Template format in 2010. This is a required document and explains how to manage areas of school with Asbestos to prevent persons being exposed to the material. Within the AMP there is a schedule for monitoring asbestos materials condition i.e. the asbestos materials are visually checked for damage by a person(s) identified on site.
- Recently the Department for Education (DfE) completed a survey of management of asbestos in schools across all schools in the country. We achieved a 100% return from our maintained schools (we do not know the outcome of this survey yet).
- We ask for an annual return requiring a declaration of conformity across a range of statutory requirements including the updating of the AMP by the local duty holder onsite. This year we are also asking schools to submit their asbestos management plan so that we can check that visual checks are being carried out and the plan is being updated regularly.
- It is our intention to launch an interactive Annual Compliance Return by 2020 where the relevant documents indicating compliance and any associated action plans will have to be uploaded before a school can be declared fully compliant.
- Although the Council currently does not have a planned programme of carrying out safety checks specifically on asbestos in schools, there is an annual audit process undertaken by the Council's Safety Services team. Asbestos is an element included in the audit.

Future Plans

In addition to the audits, we are in the process of developing a three year plan to:

- Carry out a full review of asbestos and its management in our maintained education estate to establish a risk register.
- We will develop a programme of resurveying schools to update the AMS to HSG264 Standard.
- We will establish a maintenance programme to encapsulate or remove asbestos as recommended in the survey. Our Dual Funding initiative within our Capital Maintenance programme for 2019/20 has a focus on asbestos related maintenance works.
- Asbestos Management Plans will be updated as required.
- Awareness and accredited Training will be relaunched (at school level for complex buildings).

It is important to note that the Council is not the 'Responsible Body' for the Academies, Voluntary Aided and Free Schools and as such the information above only applies to the 191 (of the 445) schools we are directly responsible for.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

D5 Commonwealth Games Athletes Village - New Primary School at this Location"

Question:

At least 1,400 homes are due to be created on the site of the Commonwealth Games Athletes Village after 2022 - with more homes being built locally by private developers. Given the benefits, especially in a new community, of parents being able to walk their children to school, why has the Education Department not supported the creation of a new primary school in this location?

Answer:

When forecasting for school places, we consider a number of factors including permitted housing developments. The forecast is submitted to the DfE as part of our annual School Capacity (SCAP) return which drives the Basic Need funding allocation in order for the Council to create additional school places.

We are due to update our forecasting this summer (2019). Our forecasting will factor in the pupil yield from the homes being created through the Commonwealth Games Athletes Village.

Our new School Place Planning Requirements document for 2019/20, which is usually published towards the end of the year, will include both primary and secondary place requirements as a result of the additional homes. The document will be an update on the latest School Place Planning Requirements which reflects the change in primary demand and the upcoming need to reduce our primary supply in some areas of the city. In light of this we anticipate any additional demand from the housing development to be able to be met through the expansion of existing schools. If needed we will create new schools.

Please note that any new schools can only be created through the government's Free School route either as a direct 'Application' through the DfE's Waves programme or as a 'Presumption' which is led and funded directly by the Council.

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

E1 Union Payments

Question:

For the last 3 years please list all payments made directly to any trade union.

Answer:

List of payments identified as being made directly to Trade Unions through Accounts Payable Vendors.

Unite

No payments Current Financial Year to date

No payments Financial Year 2017/18

£2870 value of payments made in Financial Year 2016/17

Unison

No payments Current Financial Year to date

No payments Financial Year 2017/18

£15000.00 value of payments made in Financial Year 2016/17

National Union Of Teachers

£2580.00 value of payments made in current Financial Year to date

£4140.00 value of payments made in Financial Year 2017/18

£2580.00 value of payments made in Financial Year 2016/17

National Assn Of Head Teachers

£980.00 value of payments made in current Financial Year to date

£3242.00 value of payments made in Financial Year 2017/18

£5434.00 value of payments made in Financial Year 2016/17

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES
FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

E2 Time off or union meetings

Question:

What is the policy for time off to attend union arranged meetings during work time?

Answer:

Reasonable time is allowed to attend union meetings in work time and this is agreed in advance between the manager and the trade union.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
FROM COUNCILLOR SUZANNE WEBB**

F1 Mortuary Repairs

Question:

How much has been spent on repairs to the Birmingham mortuary in each of the last 6 years?

Answer:

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Planned Maintenance / Stat Testing	8,059	(3,377)	1,241	455	3,775	(1,670)
Building R&M Routine / Acivico	16,496	22,267	790	1,883	1,227	4,282
Building R&M Emergency / Acivico	2,333	(471)	648	1,147	435	263
Building R&M Departmental	0	513		0	0	29,407
	26,888	18,932	2,679	3,485	5,437	32,282

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

F2 Integrated Water Services

Question:

How many properties is IWS contracted to carry out water checks on in Birmingham?

Answer:

They are now required to carry out 4000 water checks to Housing properties from this financial year onwards.

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

F3 HTA audits

Question:

Can you publish the findings of the last 3 audits by the Human Tissue Authority on the Birmingham Mortuary?

Answer:

We are aware that all future Human Tissue Authority audits will be published on the HTA website.

Any requests for previous reports which have not been published, should come directly to myself.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

F4 Integrated Water Services 2

Question:

How many properties have IWS invoiced the council for completed water checks?

Answer:

Acivico have been invoiced for 2500 Housing properties in the last financial year.

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

F5 Burial Fees - Is increase justified

Question:

Does the Cabinet Member believe the planned 55% increase in some burial fees is justified? A simple yes or no answer will suffice.

Answer:

The question relates to one particular fee in respect of burial charges and this is the cost of our adult interment, which will increase from £681 to £1,054 which is a 55% increase. However, most families who require a burial will purchase an Exclusive Right of Burial with the cost of interment. We have not adjusted the fee for the Exclusive Right of Burial, which remains at £2,247.00. When taken together our price has risen from £2,928 to £3,301 which represents an increase of 12.7%. I realise that this is not insignificant, but it still does not make Birmingham more expensive than some of our neighbouring authorities.

In Birmingham we include in our price permission to erect a memorial on the grave. Some of our neighbouring authorities charge an additional fee for permission. Taking that into account means that in the West Midlands 4 other authorities are more expensive than Birmingham.

	Authority	Total price of burial and plot 2019/20 Prices
1	Walsall	£3,549
2	Dudley	£3,422
3	Solihull	£3,423*
4	Coventry	£3,384*
5	Birmingham	£3,301
6	Wolverhampton	£2,962
7	Sandwell	£2,853

* When adding the right to erect a memorial fee which is included within other burial authorities' EROB fees.

It is also worth noting that there we have around 107 different fees and charges which are included in the overall Council's fees and charges for burials and cremations. 13 of these have increased in price; however 94 of them remain unchanged.

The decision to increase burial charges was not taken lightly and I understand that any price increase which affects the cost of burials or cremations is unwelcome. This year we have taken steps to ensure that our fees reflect current rates when compared to other local authorities across all service areas and Birmingham is not the most expensive burial authority in the region.

Whilst many other burial authorities are experiencing issues with a shortage of future burial land, we have made significant capital and revenue investments in land for burial over the last few years, extending our cemeteries in both the North and the South of the city. I refer here to particular developments in Kings Norton, Lodge Hill and Sutton New Hall Cemeteries.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

G1 Public Space Protection Orders at School Gates

Question:

Given recent allegations of homophobic language being used outside city schools, has the Cabinet Member considered using Public Space Protection Orders at school gates, as a way of reducing tension in the community and to protect staff and children from inappropriate language?

Answer:

Yes, I have given consideration to the use of Public Space Protection Orders as a means of ensuring the safety of pupils, parents and staff attending the affected schools. However, given the extremely lengthy process involved in applying for and consulting upon the use of a PSPO, I am not convinced that this is the best means of providing the more immediate support and guidance that schools require in the current circumstances.

There are a number of other legal and practical tools available and I have asked that officers work with our colleagues in West Midlands Police to ensure that we take appropriate and robust steps to ensure our schools remain safe spaces where children can learn free from intimidation, prejudice or distress.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD

G2 Public Space Protection Order - Reconsider Gay Village and Southside

Question:

The proposed city centre Public Space Protection Order excluded the Gay Village and Southside (and runs around its edges). Can the Cabinet Member reconsider, given the vulnerability of the clientele using entertainment centres in this area?

Answer:

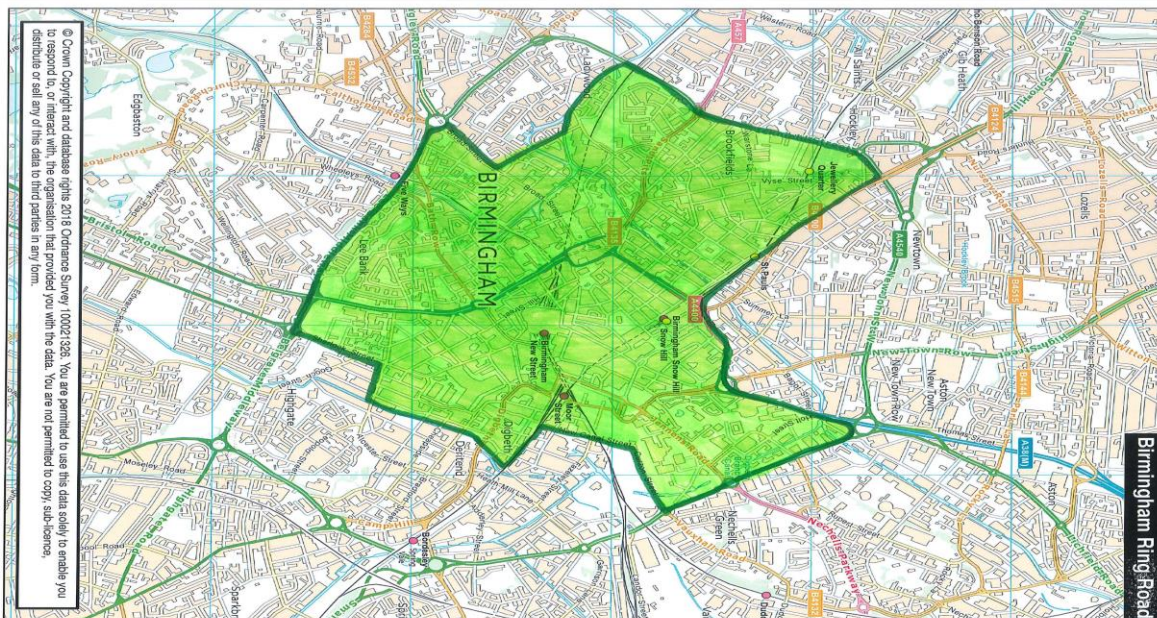
The current Public Space Protection Order for the city centre does include the Gay Village and Southside.

The consultation started on 22 March 2019 and ends on 02 May 2019.

As of 1st April 2019 we have had 510 responses on the consultation 93.4% of which are positive and want the PSPO.

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/place/birmingham-city-centre-pspo-consultation>

Public Space Protection Order map



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

H1 Perry Barr Flyover - X51 Bus Service

Question:

The X51 bus service contributes to making the A34 corridor one of best public transport routes in the city and is due to be expanded by National Express. How will this service be sustained during the proposed demolition of the Perry Barr flyover from 2020-2021?

Answer:

The delivery of the changes to the highway will result in some disruption to users. The project team will work with Transport for West Midlands to endeavour to keep traffic disruption to a minimum through:

- (i) A phased construction approach
- (ii) Co-ordination of the highway contract with adjoining contracts e.g. Village, Bus Interchange, Rail Station and SPRINT
- (iii) The introduction of a Travel Demand Management strategy to promote wider travel times and mode shift.

The contractor's temporary traffic management proposals for the highway works are subject to approval in accordance with the Council's Traffic Management Protocol process. The temporary traffic management proposals will be developed in discussion with National Express with a view to minimising disruption to bus services.

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

H2 Demolition of Perry Barr Flyover - Respondents able to change?

Question:

For a consultation to be meaningful, consultees must be able to change something. When the Cabinet Member consults on his proposed demolition of the Perry Barr flyover, what will respondents be able to change?

Answer:

As set out in the Options Appraisal Report to 12th February 2019 Cabinet, the main components that will be put out to public consultation are:

- (i) Modification of the A34 / A453 Junction including the removal of the flyover
- (ii) The conversion of the A34 / A4040 Birchfield roundabout to traffic signal crossroads junction and provision of public realm
- (iii) The introduction of a cycle track from Heathfield Road to Perry Barr centre
- (iv) The introduction of public realm including bus and cycle provision on the 'stopped up' section of A453 Aldridge Road

The views of consultees will be sought on the above. We would expect the consultees to specifically comment on the pedestrian, cycle and public transport measures, the proposed junction layouts and pedestrian crossing provisions at the junctions. Any changes proposed that may bring benefits will be given further consideration.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

H3 Average Speed Cameras - Birmingham Lagging

Question:

Black Country councils have agreed funding with West Midlands Police to install a new round of average speed cameras. Why is Birmingham lagging?

Answer:

Birmingham is not lagging. Together with Solihull Council, Birmingham led the way in piloting Average Speed Enforcement in the West Midlands with a project that commenced in August 2016 seeing cameras installed on five routes in the city. A sixth site (Belgrave Middleway) was introduced in December 2018 following the fatal collision the year before. The current partnership arrangements covering existing camera sites run until 2021, however we are already working with WM Police with regard to further roll-out and how this might be funded.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE

H4 Expressway and tunnels work staff time

Question:

During the recent work on the A38 tunnels, what hours (start and finish time) were workers carrying out the work engaged for each day the tunnels were closed?

Answer:

The works were carried out during 26th and 27th Feb. 2019 with closures booked between the hrs of 00:01 and 05:00 on each night.

As a result of unexpected blockages to the drainage system, the closure of the northbound bore of the Holloway Underpass had to be extended to 10:34 hrs on 26th Feb. 2019.

The works scheduled on 27th Feb. 2019 were undertaken between 00:01hrs and 05:00 hrs as planned.

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

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF CO-ORDINATING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

I1 Timeliness of Scrutiny Reports

Question:

In the last 12 months, what percentage of reports to scrutiny have been published 5 clear working days in advance alongside the agenda?

Answer:

In the last 12 months, 89% of reports and presentations to scrutiny have been published five clear working days in advance of the meeting.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF CO-ORDINATING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS

I2 Scrutiny Reports

Question:

In the last 12 months, what percentage of scrutiny agenda items have been taken as ‘verbal updates’ or presentations rather than as a report published in advance?

Answer:

In the last 12 months, 7% of scrutiny items have been taken as verbal updates or presentations on the day rather than as a report or presentation published in advance.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR
ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

J Planning Permissions - Community Infrastructure Levy

Question:

How much has been allocated to community infrastructure levy through planning permissions awarded in the last 12 months?

Answer:

From 01 April 2018 to date (27 March 2019), £2,728,144 has been received in CIL payments.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

K Perry Barr road layout changes - value for money

Question:

Has the Scrutiny Chair been able to satisfy himself that the £27 million capital costs of the Perry Barr road layout changes, linked to the Commonwealth Games, represent value for money for the city and its citizens, noting the potential disruption caused by the proposal to remove the A34 through route access provided by the Perry Barr flyover?

Answer:

In accordance with the Council's gateway and financial approval framework, a Full Business Case will be presented for executive decision upon completion of the planned public consultation exercise for the A34 highway proposals. The Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider this report and the associated value for money case at the appropriate time in accordance with the Council's governance processes.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

L1 Maintain X51 Service - Demolition of Perry Barr Flyover

Question:

Given that National Express continue to invest in the successful X51 service on the A34 corridor, has the Chair been able to satisfy herself how this will be maintained as a popular, timely and reliable service during the proposed demolition of the Perry Barr flyover?

Answer:

I am satisfied that the plans for the Perry Barr highways infrastructure improvements, including the demolition of the flyover, include robust arrangements for communication and partnership working with National Express to minimise any disruption to the X51 route and ensure that passengers continue to enjoy a reliable service. As agreed at the Call In meeting on 22 February 2019, the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee will monitor the consultation on the Perry Barr highways infrastructure improvements and receive regular updates.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

Perry Barr Flyover - Meaningful Consultation over Demolition

Question:

Is the Chair satisfied that the City Council proposes a meaningful consultation over the demolition of the Perry Barr flyover, given that this is hotly contested by the local community and local businesses?

Answer:

Following the call-in meeting of 22 February 2019, as Chair of the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee I agreed to write to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment setting out the committee's expectations for the conduct of the consultation on the Perry Barr highways infrastructure improvements, including the demolition of the flyover. The letter and the draft consultation plans have been shared with Cllrs Hunt and Jan as the ward councillors, and Cllr Hunt has already provided useful comments in response.

The Cabinet Member and his officers have responded positively to the committee's letter. Therefore I am confident that a meaningful consultation will be carried out with affected residents, businesses and elected representatives (cllrs and MPs), and that their feedback will be responded to appropriately. My committee will be reviewing the consultation as it is rolled out and receiving regular updates.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEAD MEMBER FOR THE TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

M1 Transport Delivery Committee Walkabout - Perry Barr - no local Ward Members

Question:

I understand the TDC had a walkabout in Perry Barr at some point in the last 12 months. Could the Lead Member indicate why it clearly considered there was no benefit in inviting local ward members to participate?

Answer:

The Transport Delivery Committee, a sub-committee of the WMCA, has organised visits for our members to various sites in the West Midlands in the last few years.

In response to early information and artist's impressions presented at a Transport Delivery Committee for the refurbishment of two rail stations in Birmingham, we visited University Station and Perry Barr Station on 27 November, 2018.

We invited members of the BCC Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as they, too, had recently looked at the ideas for the two stations at their committee meeting. Chair, Cllr. Liz Clements, attended the visits on 27 November with some TDC members.

Our focus was on the stations themselves- the emerging plans, access for passengers, site restrictions etc. There was no 'walkabout' in Perry Barr.

We continue to monitor and offer advice on the development of these important capital projects and many others in the West Midlands.

Once much firmer plans for Perry Barr and University Stations are available, there will be public consultation as has happened recently with Hazelwell, Kings Heath and Moseley Stations. This will include briefings with ward councillors. The plans will also go through the usual Planning Application process.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEAD MEMBER FOR THE TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

M2 SRAs and Other Benefits - Members Transport Delivery Committee

Question:

Could the Lead Member set out the SRAs and other benefits received by City Council Members of the Transport Delivery Committee, setting out their monetary value?

Answer:

Members of the West Midlands Combined Authority's Transport Delivery Committee receive Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances in accordance with the WMCA's scheme of allowances, agreed at its inception in June 2016.

Birmingham City Council appoints seven members to represent it on the Transport Delivery Committee. For 2018/19, these are Councillors Robert Alden, Philip Davis, Mohammed Fazal, Kath Hartley, Timothy Huxtable, Chaman Lal and Keith Linnecor. Each of these members receives a Basic Allowance of £4,060 per year.

In addition, a number of Special Responsibility Allowances are paid for members taking on additional responsibilities. In respect of Birmingham city councillors, for 2018/19 these are:

- Councillor Philip Davis - Lead Member for Air Quality, Congestion & Environmental Sustainability (£5,491)
- Councillor Kath Hartley Chair and Lead Member for Putting Passengers First (£16,467)
- Councillor Timothy Huxtable - Minority Vice-Chair and Lead Member for Sprint (£8,191)

All members of Transport Delivery Committee also receive a Swift travel card whilst they are members of the committee, which allows for travel on bus, rail and Metro services throughout the WMCA area in recognition of the responsibility they have in considering matters related to public transport provision in the region.

The background of the page is a faded, grayscale photograph of a large, ornate building, likely a city hall or a significant municipal structure. It features multiple stories with many windows, a prominent clock tower with a spire, and classical architectural elements like columns and arches. The text is overlaid on this image.

The Lord Mayor's Annual Report to Council

May 2019

Nature and Purposes of this Report

This is the seventh annual report from the Lord Mayor and the principal purpose is to give an overall impression of the work that is carried out by the Lord Mayor, the officers of the Lord Mayor's Office and former Civic Heads. The report draws attention to the importance of this work for the Council and for the City as a whole. Communication is vital in achieving a strong and positive understanding of the role of the Lord Mayor's Office.

The substantive sections of the report are:

1. *The Fourth Function* - setting out the context, history, attributes and perceptions of the Lord Mayoralty.
2. *The Duties of the Lord Mayor* - illustrating the wide variety of roles, responsibilities and assignments undertaken.
3. *Other Civic Positions* - explaining the roles of the Lord Mayor's Consort, Deputy Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor's Deputies.
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1. The Fourth Function

In addition to the Full Council itself, there are four, rather than the sometimes quoted three, principal areas of municipal function. These are Executive, Regulatory, Scrutiny and Civic. The fourth of these, which is delivered through the Lord Mayor's Office, arguably has the longest tradition and is the most widely recognised by our citizens. However it is perhaps less well recognised in parts of the City Council itself.

Birmingham is the largest local authority in Europe and the Civic function of the Council should be commensurate with this status. The underlying objective of the Lord Mayor's Office is serving the people of Birmingham and, within the bounds defined by law and the provisions of the Council's constitution, interpreting the role of Lord Mayor in the context of Birmingham, its values, heritage, customs, practices and civic tradition and upholding the broad and lasting interests of the wider council, our communities and our citizens as a whole.

The Civic Office carries out a wide range of public duties on behalf of the Council and the people of Birmingham. While there are great variations in roles, the concept of 'Mayor' is recognised throughout the country and indeed worldwide. Thus the Lord Mayor has many occasions on which to promote the image and importance of Birmingham in both a regional, national and international context should opportunity be taken of this.

The principal function of the Civic Office is to serve and to represent. The Lord Mayor and civic dignitaries are the representative face of Birmingham and promote the city locally, nationally and internationally. The tradition, standing and impartiality of the office of Lord Mayor help to transcend barriers; and the Lord Mayor represents the Birmingham community at formal ceremonies and on both joyous and tragic occasions.

Members of the City Council are used to serving all their constituents regardless of political support, but the Lord Mayor belongs to the public as a whole in an even more fundamental way due to the extent of the Lord Mayor's contact with communities across the city.

The Lord Mayor is politically neutral - the First Citizen being above political controversy. This is a vitally important aspect of the role and it is one that distinguishes the Lord Mayor from executive Mayors (directly elected Mayors).

The office of Mayor, together with the Domesday Book and the Feudal System, were brought to this country by the Normans. In continental Europe the office has existed since at least the fifth century.

The right to appoint a Lord Mayor is a relatively rare honour that is even less frequently bestowed than city status. Currently, 23 cities in England have Lord Mayors: Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Canterbury, Chester, Coventry, Exeter, Kingston-upon-Hull, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, the City of London, Manchester, Newcastle upon

Tyne, Norwich, Nottingham, Oxford, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Sheffield, Stoke-on-Trent, the City of Westminster and York.

The role of the Chairman of a District Council is the same as the Mayor of a Borough Council, and they have the same status as first citizen, after the Sovereign, in their district.

While in other countries the role of Mayor may have more formal powers than here, most Lord Mayors refer to the esteem in which the role is held by the general public. This stems in part from history - in the 17th and 18th centuries formal mayoral power was considerable.

The office has a central part to play in modern councils and modern society and arguably a growing one. Part of this role is as a result of the traditions it inherits. The First Citizen in any community is in a special position, and a lot of the prestige associated with the role is bound up in the traditions and ceremony that surround the Mayoralty.

The dignity of the office of Lord Mayor is protected by a time-honoured range of protocols and customs and in taking on the role, a Councillor is becoming part of this City's long history of local democratic institutions. It goes without saying that the office of Lord Mayor is immeasurably more important than the individual occupying the position. People expect that the First Citizen in their community will be shown the greatest respect. The protocols are shown in Appendix 1.

The Lord Mayor's impartiality and the avoidance of contentious issues in public discussion is essential if he / she is to represent the citizens of Birmingham as a whole. The taking of a public position on any issue is a potential wedge between the Lord Mayor and a section of the local community.

The title Lord Mayor has been accorded to the first citizen of the City of Birmingham since 1896 and the Lord Mayor shall, by law, have precedence in the City but not so as to prejudicially affect Her Majesty's Royal Prerogative. The Lord Mayor is styled 'The Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Birmingham' and has precedence immediately after the Royal Family in civic premises and after the Lord Lieutenant elsewhere in the City.

The limited nature of the formal powers of the Lord Mayor does not mean a lack of significance for the role or an inability to initiate beneficial change. Indeed, combined with the absolute impartiality that goes with the office of Lord Mayor, the freedom from formal powers can be a positive asset. Moreover, with the enormous number of engagements that are undertaken by the first citizen, it would be impossible to exercise day to day executive powers with due deliberation.

The volume of engagements undertaken by the Lord Mayor is not an indicator of quality and if excessive can limit the opportunities during a Mayoralty to take full advantage of

the multitude of contacts and subsequent connections that could be made while the influence of being Lord Mayor is available.

It is important that a reasonable proportion of the engagements should be proactive, for example those relating to the Lord Mayor's objectives for the year, and that requests from organisations that have not received a mayoral visit previously are encouraged. A mayoral year should not merely be a repeat of previous years.

It is also important that people at all levels of community and voluntary organisations, particularly those in 'the front line' get a share of Mayoral time.

In a sense the Lord Mayor belongs to the people of Birmingham. This perception not only affects the way that the role is carried out but suggests that it is not for others to dispose of or encroach upon.

The Lord Mayoralty is a chance to be exposed to a wide range of issues across the board through first hand observation and through various briefings. It provides an opportunity to reach out, encourage, involve and support and to make productive connections with and between people. What Lord Mayors say and do is heard by hundreds of thousands of people - both personally and through the media.

The city has some of the best civic insignia in the country - a matter for considerable pride and one reason why the attendance of the Lord Mayor at events is so much appreciated. Basic information on the chains, mace and badges is given in Appendix 8.

2. Duties of the Lord Mayor

There are two distinct aspects of the office of Lord Mayor:

The Lord Mayor is the Chair of Council meetings

This is a legal provision of the Local Government Act 1972, enabling Council business to be carried out in an orderly and proper manner, having regard to statutory obligations and the Constitution of the Council for the conduct of meetings. The fact that the first citizen chairs the meetings of the full City Council is an important symbol of the fact that the Council itself is the council of the people of Birmingham.

The Lord Mayor may call an extraordinary meeting of the Council subject to proper procedures being followed.

The person presiding at the Annual meeting must give a casting vote in the event of any equality of votes for the election of the new Lord Mayor. Such a casting vote would be in addition to a 'deliberative' (ordinary) vote. (1972 Local Government Act sec 4(3)).

The Lord Mayor is the first citizen of the City.

The majority of the Lord Mayor's responsibilities relate to the 'first citizen' function of representing the Council, the city and its people and in so doing meeting a wide range of voluntary organisations, charities, employers, agencies, civic heads from other Local Authorities, consular and diplomatic representatives, Heads of State and members of the Royal Family.

Many of the Lord Mayor's duties are ambassadorial, representing the people and the City both at home and abroad. Responsibilities are many and varied and include, as examples:

- Presiding as ceremonial head for the Council over its civic functions and social occasions
- Acting as a focal point in times of crisis, tragedy or triumph. This arises as a consequence of precedence.
- Hosting events, receiving and welcoming members of the Royal Family, dignitaries and visitors, at all times observing the recognised protocol.
- Taking part in functions as a representative of the people of Birmingham or the City Council.
- Maintaining good relationships and links with the Armed Services and veterans' organisations, including the taking of salutes and presiding at Freedom of the City ceremonies.
- Working proactively for the Lord Mayor's Charity and supporting many other charities.
- Promoting and raising the profile of many Council initiatives and projects that benefit the citizens of Birmingham.
- Encouraging active citizenship and facilitating participation by all in the life of the city.
- Maintaining good relationships and working with faith organisations within the city, attending a variety of religious occasions and making visits.
- Supporting voluntary activities that benefit the local community and the people of Birmingham.
- Celebrating local success and recognising achievement both internal and external to the Council.
- Opening significant buildings, exhibitions and businesses

- Joining citizens in community events.
- Enhancing social cohesion, making connections and expressing the unity of the city.
- Acting as a reassuring reminder of tradition and constancy in a volatile world.
- Acting as an ambassador for the city both nationally and internationally.

The Lord Mayor also has a role in friendly relations between Birmingham and other cities and regions both at home and abroad. This latter includes, but is not confined to, twinning and Sister Cities. In more recent times, trade and the economic considerations have played a major role but the importance of cultural and social linkage and understanding should not be lost.

There is also scope for simpler, community-to-community friendship links. Birmingham has a substantial and thriving Irish community; many having close family connections with County Councils throughout Ireland, and reciprocal visits take place regularly. Birmingham also has very strong links with the town of Albert in France, having been one of the 'War Godmother Towns' that helped to rebuild Albert after the First World War.

The Lord Mayor hosts a number of civic functions during the year. The Head of Lord Mayor's Office, has the responsibility of making high level connections with a very wide range of external organisations.

Examples of the demands of the role can be found in Appendix 2.

3. Other Civic Positions

The Deputy Lord Mayor

In Birmingham the position of Deputy Lord Mayor is occupied by the previous year's Lord Mayor.

The Deputy Lord Mayor's principal duties are:

- To assist the Lord Mayor
- To deputise in the absence of the Lord Mayor or at the request of the Lord Mayor at civic or community events.

The Lord Mayor's Deputies

If both the Lord Mayor and the Deputy Lord Mayor are unavailable to cover a particular event, previous Lord Mayors can be called on to act in a civic capacity as deputy and bring their considerable experience to bear as former civic heads.

The former Civic Heads represent one of the primary sources of the civic institutional memory and a number undertake many supportive roles in the office and in the delivery of the civic function, as well as serving on the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group, a Sub-Committee of Council Business Management Committee.

4. Mayoral Links to the Magistracy and Judiciary

The Lord Mayor's formal link to the magistracy disappeared many years ago, by virtue of the Administration of Justice Act 1973 and section 10(2) of the Justices of the Peace Act 1979, although equivalent powers were retained by the Lord Mayor of London. Nevertheless, the Lord Mayor can perform certain tasks in a manner similar to a JP.

For example, the Lord Mayor may:

- Take and authenticate by their signature any written declaration not made on oath;
- Give a certificate of facts within their knowledge or of their opinion as to any matter;
- Sign any document for the purpose of authenticating another person's signature.

The Lord Mayor, in conjunction with the Liaison Judge and the Chairman of the Birmingham Bench, presides at the swearing in ceremonies for new magistrates. In recent years there has been an expanded range of informal connections that are much appreciated.

The Lord Mayor meets with members of the Judiciary on a number of occasions and through the Honorary Recorder may sit with the Judge in trials held in Birmingham.

5. The Lord Mayor and Voting

At City Council meetings the Lord Mayor may exercise a casting vote (having not voted previously) or indeed a second vote (after voting previously on the issue in question (a 'deliberative vote')).

While some Local Authorities have attempted to point the Lord Mayor towards support for the status quo, there is no convention that the Lord Mayor should seek to vote to protect the status quo.

In fact the law requires that the Lord Mayor has complete freedom in exercising a casting vote and it is important that discretion is not seen to be fettered. The Lord Mayor should always be able to vote in accordance with his or her conscience.

The Lord Mayor may reasonably decline to use a casting vote if an affirmative vote is not required on grounds of urgency and there is an opportunity to consider the matter again in an acceptable period.

However, if there is a risk - reputational, financial or otherwise - to the Council, the Lord Mayor will no doubt deploy a casting vote as he or she sees to be in the best interests of the Council as a whole.

6. Selection of Lord Mayors

The Lord Mayor must be a member of the City Council but it was not until 1974 that it became compulsory for Mayors to be selected from members of the council (Local Government Act 1972 section 3.1).

Previously, under the Local Government Act 1933, the Lord Mayor could be elected from 'those qualified' - which roughly equated to all those entitled to vote in the area.

In Birmingham an agreed formula is applied so that a candidate is presented to the Council from the major political groups in a frequency proportional to their representation on the Council.

7. The Mayoral Year 2018/19

The Lord Mayor's Consort, Mr Winston Mosquito and I, along with Mr Chaudhury Abdul Khaliq, who has assisted me at several official engagements, firstly wholeheartedly thank the staff of the Office of the Lord Mayor, for their outstanding professionalism and considerate support, during the period of office from May 2018 to May 2019. As someone who has held a few senior positions, I, not only with great appreciation, want to recognise them and place on record my highest regard but also make it clear that without them, the Lord Mayor's Consort, my husband Winston Mosquito and Mr Khaliq would not have had any semblance of a successful or enjoyable year. The engagements were unceasing and intense. Anne Kennedy, Sharon Allen, Lynne Simon, Bev Whitehouse, Tarek Chowdhury, Kenneth Bond, Paul Phillips and Gerry Ashford - it is often the people we don't see that are the real unsung workers and heroes and 'sheroes' within our city. Thank you for all your support.

I thank, the Chairman of the Lord Mayors Charity Stephen Goldstein for his passion for the unseen and unheard and his drive to raise over a million pounds for the Lord Mayors Charity. I thank Tim Watts, President of the Patrons Club of the Lord Mayors Charity, who is one of the nobles of our great city; also the dynamic Carmen Watson Chair of the Patrons Club Womens in Business Group – all kind, generous, born and

bred, brilliant Brummies. I thank all the Lord Mayor's Charity Patrons, who have kindly agreed to support the Charity and ultimately many good causes in Birmingham.

There are many outstanding individuals who have an unrivalled energy for maintaining the city of Birmingham's traditions and one of them is the witty, razor-sharp Adrian de Redmond, City Armorer and Knight of Malta.

I thank my Councillor colleagues, the wonderful citizens, the great organisations (civilian and military), the public statutory services - the great institutions of Birmingham that form the rich social tapestry that make up Birmingham - for their donations to the Lord Mayors Charity, their hospitality and their expressions of kindness on our various visits and engagements; and also for the many letters, statements and emails of appreciation.

I thank the Lord Lieutenant John Crabtree and his office, along with the High Sheriff 2018/19 Chris Loughran and his wife Jane for their sterling civic contributions and support.

We have been dazzled and humbled by the brilliance, generosity, and creativity of the people of Birmingham; the wealth of diversity is the great strength of our city. I have been enthused by the stunningly beautiful and highly intelligent women of the All Pakistan Women's Association; the hard working members of Women Acting In Today's Society; and the wonderful teachers and children in our schools. I also thank the Rotarians and the faith organisations.

My visit to the Southside in Chicago reinforced my understanding of how our mindset can limit or empower individuals who legitimately live in fear of other people's perceptions.

Our academic institutions, Birmingham City University, Aston University and Birmingham University are world class along with UCB, Matthew Boulton and South and City College. They have undoubtedly enriched our city along with the Chamber of Commerce and the voluntary charitable organisations.

It is my view Birmingham is more than a great city, it contains the spiritual heart of the Commonwealth, and if we as a city truly wish to create a more productively fruitful and dynamic future, we need to connect to those 77 countries, who seek relationships of mutual benefit.

The channels of communication and business development are not limited to one or a few people, they are available to all of us. And I have been privileged to witness those social corridors being formed in China.

Individually and collectively Birmingham has the vantage point to forge innovative relationships, just as other regions have done. Those with vision, energy and capacity

must go out and capture talent and resources to create a better place for all of us. No one person or organisation can do this, but a vision that we can all shape, or buy into, needs to be set.

In our current world of social, technological and economic networks, the future prosperity of our city depends upon how we engage. I am not spouting something new – it is a model that already exists and is working to the advantage of others.

I have seen the opportunities, the emerging and embryonic networks, and I hope Birmingham can utilise some of the greatest and most talented people in the world, who have come from all over the country and indeed the world - all of whom are, to use the words of Sir Richard Knowles are “born again Brummies”

We have a wonderful industrial and historical legacy which will help us in the future and will inspire our people.

I have discovered the role of the Lord Mayor goes beyond what I thought was vain, superficial, ritualistic pomp and ceremony when various people cried because the Lord Mayor had attended their event or merely shook their hand. I discovered the Lord Mayor can make people feel special, respected and of value. I have discovered it is a role like no other, which needs to be enhanced not reduced, to promote what is great in Birmingham.

I concur with all that has been said about Birmingham by previous Lord Mayors in their annual reports, it is a great and wonderful city and I am truly proud to be the first person of colour born in Birmingham to become Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

I give God thanks for Birmingham and ask for His continued blessing.

8. Further Information

Members who would like to learn more about civic traditions, protocol and ceremonial heritage throughout the country are referred to *Civic Ceremonial* by Paul Millward - upon which this report draws extensively. The Local Government Acts of 1972 and 2000 give valuable information on precedence and protocol.

A concise history of the Lord Mayoralty in Birmingham has been written by Professor John Stewart of INLOGOV, University of Birmingham. Debrett's *Correct Form* is also a valuable reference for procedure and etiquette.

Councillor Yvonne Mosquito
Lord Mayor of Birmingham 2018/19

Appendix 1

Lord Mayoral Protocol

General Information

The Lord Mayor is the first citizen of the City of Birmingham.

In maintaining the dignity of this widely respected position of long standing, it is important that due regard is paid to the office as it has been since the title of Lord Mayor was first accorded in 1896.

There is an established protocol regarding precedence, procedure, speaking arrangements and other matters at events when the Lord Mayor of Birmingham is present. In terms of precedence it is expressly laid down by statute (31 Henry VIII c10) that the determination of precedence is a matter for the Royal prerogative.

The following notes indicate the procedure that should be followed in the City when the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham are attending public functions.

Precedence

The Lord Mayor shall, by law, have precedence in the City with the sole exception that this shall not prejudicially affect Her Majesty's Royal Prerogative. This means that the Lord Mayor takes precedence over all other members and officers of the Council at all events.

The Lord Mayor's office will be pleased to assist organisers - within or outside of the Council - on any protocol issues when these involve the attendance of the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, the Deputy Lord Mayor or a Deputy acting on behalf of the Lord Mayor.

Arrival and Departure

As, in many instances, the Lord Mayor may be unacquainted with those responsible for the organisation of your function, it is mutually helpful if an appointed person meets the Lord Mayor at the entrance to the building when he arrives.

The Lord Mayor (and the Consort/Lady Mayoress if he/she attends) should then be escorted and introduced immediately to the President, Chairman or whoever is acting as host for the function, or, in certain circumstances, to the assembled company.

When the Consort/Lady Mayoress only attends the function, or when the Lord Mayor is represented by the Deputy Lord Mayor or by a Deputy, similar arrangements should be made.

The departure time from the function that has been agreed with the Lord Mayor's Office is expected to be observed.

Reception

When the Lord Mayor of Birmingham enters an assembly it is customary for those present to rise. Similarly, this courtesy is extended to him when he/she leaves the meeting.

Precedence at Visits and Functions

As the first citizen of Birmingham, the Lord Mayor should be the first to receive Royal visitors to the Council. The Lord Mayor should also be the first to receive emissaries and diplomatic visitors such as Ambassadors, Charges d’Affaires or Consuls.

At meetings, unless the Lord Mayor occupies the Chair, he should be seated on the immediate right of the Chairman. This also applies to seating arrangements at lunches and dinners.

At lunches and dinners, when the toast of “*The City of Birmingham*” is given (although this toast is not obligatory) it usually follows that of “*The Queen*”.

When the toast is omitted but the Lord Mayor has previously consented to speak, it is customary to accord him/her the privilege of being the first to propose or respond to the toast immediately following the loyal toast.

Similarly at meetings or social gatherings, the Lord Mayor would be the first speaker, although an introduction may appropriately be made by the Chairman of the meeting.

In programmes or printed material that contains a ‘welcome’ at an event where the Lord Mayor is to be present, the ‘welcome’ should be by the Lord Mayor or, if several ‘welcomes’ are included, that of the Lord Mayor should be first.

Information for the Lord Mayor

The provision of a comprehensive briefing is essential to the Lord Mayor’s participation in your event. The briefing form, *which must be completed in full with no elements omitted*, should be sent to the Lord Mayor’s Office at the earliest convenient date *but at least two weeks before the function*.

Photographs, Filming and Recorded Interviews

The Lord Mayor and the Consort/Lady Mayoress will normally be pleased to be included in a reasonable number of photographs taken at your event. However, *photographs must on no account be used for commercial or political purposes*.

If the event is to be filmed, this should be notified to the Lord Mayor’s Office in advance. If, in addition to other participation in the event, a filmed or recorded interview with the Lord Mayor or Lady Mayoress is desired, filming and subject matter should be agreed with the Office in advance of the event. Informal use of video cameras by members of the audience is allowable within reason.

Forms of address

The formal announcement to be made when the Lord Mayor only is present is:

*“The Right Worshipful, The Lord Mayor, Councillor *****”.*

When the Consort/Lady Mayoress is also present the announcement is: -

*“The Lord Mayor and Her Consort” or “The Lord Mayor and The Lady Mayoress”,
“Councillor ***** and Mr *****”
or “The Lord Mayor and The Lady Mayoress Councillor *****”.*

When the Lady Mayoress only is present it is: -

*“The Lady Mayoress, Mrs *****”.*

When the Lord Mayor’s Consort only is present it is

*“The Lord Mayor’s Consort, Mr *****”.*

These are also the correct descriptions for use in printed materials.

The usual mode of address is:

*“Lord Mayor – Lady Mayoress”. “Lord Mayor – Lord Mayor’s Consort”. The older form:
“My Lord Mayor” is also correct but nowadays is less frequently used.*

When the Lord Mayor is represented by the Deputy Lord Mayor he/she is addressed as
“Deputy Lord Mayor”.

Similarly if the Lord Mayor is represented by a deputy, who will be a former Lord Mayor,
it is: *“Mr / Madam Deputy”.*

The correct descriptions are: -

*“The Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor *****.” and
“The Lord Mayor’s Deputy (Councillor (or Honorary Alderman)...)”.*

Variations and Queries

The Lord Mayor will wish to help ensure the success of every event. In this it is emphasised that precedence must be observed by all participating in the event and any variations to the programme must observe precedence.

The Lord Mayor, the Consort/Lady Mayoress or Deputies should not be asked to deliver a formal speech or address, conduct a recorded or filmed interview or play a particular or changed role in any ceremony associated with the function they are attending, unless a prior request has been made to the Lord Mayor’s Office and consent obtained.

Organisers may have other queries and the Lord Mayor’s Office should always be consulted on these should there exist any remaining doubt.

Appendix 2

Head of Lord Mayor's Office

Given the significance of the role, this position calls for an appropriate status and title. Very broadly the principal functions are as follows:

Acting as Private Secretary to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and director of the civic affairs function of the City of Birmingham.

Providing essential support for the Deputy Lord Mayor and former civic heads when acting in deputising capacities.

Acting as adviser to the Lord Mayor, Consort /Lady Mayoress, Deputy Lord Mayor and Lord Mayor's Deputies on issues relating to protocol, non-politicisation and conduct befitting the office.

Acting as Adviser to the Leader of the Council on civic and Mayoral matters.

Working closely with the Leader of the Council to manage reputational risk and ensure collaborative working and best possible communication between the two offices.

Managing the overall budget for the Lord Mayor's Office.

Directing and administrating the Lord Mayor's Office in light of current legislation and internal procedures.

Oversight of all personnel and activities managed and administered by the Lord Mayor's Office.

Managing the programme of major civic and ceremonial events including Remembrance Sunday, Royal Visits and visits from Heads of State, Freedom Parades, the Annual Civic Service and the Annual Mayor-Making Dinner.

Organising the full calendar of civic functions.

Arranging overseas visits.

Working as the link officer with other civic offices both nationally and internationally to develop and enhance partnerships and exchange information.

Co-ordinating the City's response to national and international disasters/tragedies/atrocities; including drafting responses from the Lord Mayor on behalf of the City to Heads of State and the media, managing the half-masting of flags, observances of silences and/or other memorial events as appropriate, and ensuring that all Government directives are actioned appropriately.

Developing and maintaining a Birmingham Protocol for major operations and policy documents.

To co-ordinate the City's nominations for Queen's Honours.

The co-ordination and administration of the Lord Mayor's Award.

Dealing with numerous and significant organisations and individuals on a regular basis, including:

- The Lord Lieutenant's Office
- The Armed Forces (Remembrance Sunday, Freedom Parades, Regimental visits)
- The consulates of over 20 countries
- The office of the High Sheriff
- Government departments (such as the Home Office, The Lord Chancellor's Office, MHCLG)
- The Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church, the Muslim, Sikh, Jewish, Buddhist and other faith communities.
- The Royal British Legion
- The Broadcast Media
- The Birmingham Federation of Ex-Service Associations
- The Honorary Recorder and the Crown Court
- The Magistrates Association
- The Local Government Association
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Fire Service
- The Lunar Society
- The Civic Society
- Cathedrals and Major Churches
- BARRA
- War Widows
- War evacuees
- Birmingham City University (the Lord Mayor is Chancellor)
- Rotary Clubs
- Birmingham Royal Ballet
- Birmingham Irish Association
- The Chinese Community
- The Birmingham Society
- Broad Street Business Improvement District
- A wide range of companies with civic engagement such as Sandvik, Firmins, Elkington & Co and Ede & Ravenscroft

Further information is available from the Lord Mayor's Office.

Appendix 3

The Lord Mayor's Award

The Lord Mayor's Award fills the significant gap between a letter of appreciation from the Lord Mayor and the award of the Freedom of the City. The standard has been set high, it being envisaged that a relatively small number of such awards would be made each year in order to preserve its distinction. Nominations for the Lord Mayor's Award should have broad support throughout the council. The recipient could be an individual, a group of individuals or an organisation. Each recipient receives a testimonial presented at Full Council at the end of the Lord Mayor's term of office.

The overriding principle is that any Lord Mayor's Awards must be on merit, this being defined as outstanding achievement or exceptional service to the City and people of Birmingham.

No Councillor, past or present, would be considered for the Award, as the same are already considered for the title of Honorary Alderman. To avoid the Award becoming politicised, the Award is not given for services rendered to any Political Party or related organisation.

The Lord Mayor's Award is not made simply for a job well done or because someone has reached a particular level. The Award will recognise 'going the extra mile' in the contribution. The person(s) should stand out from their peers in what they have achieved.

Accordingly, consideration for the Award is given to individuals or organisations who have, through their sustained endeavours, initiative and dedication:

- improved the reputation or benefited the perception or fabric of the City of Birmingham;
- benefited a significant number of the people in Birmingham or improved their lives;
- represent outstanding examples of selfless service to the City of Birmingham and its citizens;
- command the respect of their peers and who are exceptional role models in their field; or
- 'against the odds' demonstrated great moral courage and loyalty to the City and people of Birmingham.

Nominations can be made by Birmingham Councillors and / or members of the public at any time, although it is envisaged that the Lord Mayor will make the awards at the Council AGM. Nominations received are considered by the members of the Lord Mayor's Advisory Group in conjunction with the Lord Mayor and the Awards are administered and supported by the Lord Mayor's Office.

Appendix 4

Related Offices and Freedoms

The Lord Lieutenant

The Lord Mayor works closely with the Lord Lieutenant during the year. The office of Lord Lieutenant dates from the sixteenth century. The Lord Lieutenant had various tasks throughout history and was originally responsible for local military defence and the keeping of order. The Lieutenancy role also has historic associations with the magistracy and the most recent legislation is the Lieutenancies Act 1997.

The Lord Lieutenant is appointed by the Queen and is Her Majesty's representative in the region - in our case the West Midlands. The Lord Lieutenant has primary responsibility for Royal visits. The Lord Lieutenant has considerable involvement with the armed forces, undertakes some charitable and benevolent activities and is 'keeper of the rolls' (concerned with the conduct of JPs).

The Lord Lieutenant may have a large number of Deputy Lieutenants (typically 30 or 40) and is supported by a Lieutenancy Office. As determined nationally, the Lord Lieutenant takes precedence over the Lord Mayor except within civic premises. The Lord Lieutenant once appointed may remain in office until the age of 75.

The High Sheriff

A High Sheriff is appointed for each county in England and Wales. The office of High Sheriff is an ancient one dating back to Anglo-Saxon times. Before the creation in Tudor times of the office of Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff was the Sovereign's sole representative in a County.

The position is not to be confused with the much newer post of City or Borough Sheriff which exists in around sixteen councils in England. The Lord Mayor and High Sheriff are each present at a number of ceremonial occasions and there are significant opportunities to develop connections and common interests further.

The High Sheriff is appointed for one year and is responsible to the Crown with formal responsibility for the well-being of High Court Judges. The High Sheriff is supported by an Under Sheriff. The Shrievalty Association publishes a guide to the office of High Sheriff

Honorary Freemen

This is the highest honour that the City Council can bestow and therefore it should not be awarded lightly or frequently. It is awarded to persons who have, in the opinion of the council, rendered eminent services to the city. Local Government Act 1972 Sec 249 (5).

“After the passing of the resolution a newly appointed Freeman may, depending on custom, take the appropriate Freeman’s Oath and sign the Freeman’s Roll, his or her signature being witnessed by the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive.”

Freedom of the City

The freedom of entry associated with the Freedom of the City is granted to military service units which have rendered conspicuous service and which are closely associated with the city and the recruitment of people from the region.

The Freedom of the City is bestowed as an honour. It is worth noting that Councils outside London probably do not in any case have powers to prevent entry by HM forces even should they wish to do so.

Appendix 5

The Lord Mayor's Charity

The way in which the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's Charity operates changed in 2016. The Charity now chooses a theme which runs for three years and all projects funded by the Charity must either be based in Birmingham or be for the benefit of the people of Birmingham.

The theme for 2016-2019 is Health and Wellbeing.

One of the important and exciting benefits of the change is that all of the funds raised by the Charity will be spent right here in the city.

Another exciting benefit is that rather than each Lord Mayor choosing the good causes they will support at the start of their year, they can now also choose to make donations to local projects throughout the year. In addition, local good causes can apply to the Lord Mayor for funding by providing full details of the project and what donations will be spent on.

Corporate supporters can also apply for funding from the Lord Mayor's Charity for specific projects that their companies support, which will enhance partnership working. The three year theme will also bring continuity and help corporate supporters to plan ahead.

Appendix 6

Civic Insignia

The Lord Mayor's engagements fall into three relatively distinct categories: ceremonial, formal and informal, and regalia and clothing are appropriate to the occasion. On ceremonial occasions (for example the Civic Service, Remembrance Sunday, the Annual Meeting and Freedom Ceremonies) the robes and chain are worn.

The chain is worn on formal occasions ranging from important major events such as Royal Visits, presentations and official visits or openings of community functions.

For other engagements, for example receiving visitors in the Lord Mayor's Parlour, non-public meetings, small localised events either the chain or the day badge may be worn although, given the interest associated with it, the chain is preferred on most occasions, particularly for community events. The badge is frequently worn at internal business and briefing meetings, at City Council and on black tie occasions.

The essential factor is the continued maintenance of the dignity of the Lord Mayor and the City. The attendance of the Lord Mayor, whether it be in robes, chain or badge, is an honour to the event and should not be regarded as a right by the organisers.

The mace is used on ceremonial and some other formal occasions and for meetings of the full City Council. It was made in Birmingham in 1897 by Elkington and Company. The mace, 4 feet 3 inches in length, is silver, cast and chased and gilded.

The Lord Mayor's chain is 18 carat gold, made and maintained in Birmingham. The chain has 55 enamelled links in two rows suspended from two shoulder clasps in the form of wreathed Tudor roses terminating in an oval enamelled badge bearing the initials of William Scholefield.

Incorporated in the suspension link is a diamond, cut by a refugee from occupied Europe (1939-45). From this badge hangs a Maltese cross incorporating the first diamond to be cut in Birmingham.

Two new links were added in 1989 for the City's Centenary. These bear the initials of Frederick Chapman and Harold Blumenthal who were the Lord Mayors in that year. The measurements of the chain are: circumference (outer row): 60 inches; (inner row): 46 inches; height of the pendant badge: 5 inches; width: 3 ½ inches.

The Lady Mayoress's chain was presented to the City by Alderman F C Clayton in 1914 and is 18 carat gold. There are 25 links alternately double-sided fleur-de-lys end openwork scrolling enclosed collet set diamonds. The central badge of openwork scrolling enclosing the letter 'B' in diamonds is set in platinum. Suspended from this is a larger badge with the City coat of arms in gold and enamel. The length of the chain is 36 inches and contains over 70 diamonds.

The Lord Mayor's Consort does not wear a Chain of Office but wears a civic badge.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

It is recommended that City Council approve the changes to the Constitution as indicated in the appendix to the report now submitted (changes highlighted in red).

A full review of the Constitution is underway and will be submitted to City Council in July 2019.

Summary of Changes

The changes relate to Part B of the Constitution as approved by City Council in September 2018:

- 2. Cabinet Portfolios:
 - Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Inclusion to move to Cabinet Member, Children's Wellbeing portfolio (formerly shared with Cabinet Member, Education, Skills & Culture);
 - Cabinet Member, Clean Streets, Waste and Recycling to be changed to Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks;
 - Parks and Allotments to move from the Homes and Neighbourhoods portfolio to the Street Scene portfolio, with specific reference to grounds maintenance.
 - Register office functions to be added to the Homes and Neighbourhoods portfolio.
- 5.5 Overview & Scrutiny Committees:
 - Scrutiny of schools and education to move to the Children's Social Care O&S Committee and that committee to be re-titled: Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee. The co-opted members for education to be appointed to the Education and Children's Social Care O&S Committee;
 - The Learning, Culture & Physical Activity O&S Committee to be re-titled Commonwealth Games, Culture & Physical Activity O&S Committee and to be the lead O&S committee for Commonwealth Games matters;
 - Scrutiny of parks and allotments to move to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee.
- 5.1 The Full Council – appointments
 - Appointments to Safety at Sports Grounds Advisory Groups, currently made by the Licensing and Public Protection Committee, to be made by Full Council.
 - West Midlands Joint Committee, Transport for West Midlands and Employee Consultative Forum (Teachers) to be removed as no longer in existence.

MOTION

That approval be given to the necessary changes to the City Council's Constitution as indicated in the appendix to the report and that the City Solicitor be authorised to implement the changes with immediate effect.

Appendix 1: Amendments to Constitution (approved September 2018)

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2. CABINET PORTFOLIOS

2.1 Leader's Portfolio

The Leader has ultimate political responsibility for the Council, and accountability for the following strategic functions:-

Strategic policies	Development and implementation of the Council Business Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy/Budget
Structure and Governance of the Council	Overall organisational design of the Council, including corporate governance arrangements.
Lord Mayor's office	Appropriate support to the Lord Mayor and other holders of civic office.
Communications	Internal and external stakeholder engagement and formal consultation on Council performance and use of resources.
Financial strategy	In conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources, the Council's strategic approach to the use of financial resources and budget, including alignment between other local authority bodies (e.g. Combined Authority), partners (e.g. Health, LEP etc), the BCC General Fund, Housing Revenue Account, capital spending and the use of reserves.
Council Wide Efficiency and Improvement	Jointly, with the Deputy Leader, to take a strategic lead in relation to efficiency and improvement across all Council services and to foster lean governance in all areas of Council work.
Policy and Partnerships	Promotion of collaborative working relationships with stakeholders and partners as part of the city's 'Civic Family', whilst positioning Birmingham as a leader in public policy development at city, regional, national, European and international levels. Representing the Council's policy agenda as appropriate through proactive engagement with Government, national policy networks and relations with the media.
West Midlands Combined Authority	Appropriate arrangements for the Council's response and review to changes in the Constitution, consultation and devolution deals. Representing the City Council on the West Midlands Combined Authority Board.

Major projects	Responsibility for major physical regeneration and infrastructure projects in the city and engagement with key economic growth partners, partnerships and investors.
Promotion of the city and Inward Investment	Promotion of Birmingham regionally, nationally and internationally. This includes work with partners such as the West Midlands Growth Company, the universities and cultural organisations of citywide, regional or national significance. Marketing strategies to encourage investment in Birmingham.
Commonwealth Games, Sports and Events Development	Development, delivery and promotion of sports, events and festivals. Delivery of Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 and its legacy.
Council land use and property assets	Oversight of the Council's land use and property strategy and asset management plan including framework for reuse, disposal and requisition of land and property in the Council's priorities – including assets of heritage and community value. Including oversight of Council owned land and property facilities, amenities and services including markets.
Economic growth and jobs	Strategic approach to economic growth and regeneration programmes and strategic planning policy. Representing the City Council on the Local Enterprise Partnership Board.
Business Improvement Districts	Partnerships with the Business Improvement Districts, including city centre management opportunities.
Land Use Planning	Local Development Plan, Neighbourhood Plans, Development Briefs and Supplementary Guidance; including advice to Planning Committee.
Housing Development	To review the supply of housing and tenure based on an analysis of housing need.
Commissioning	Strategic approach to, and compliance with, the Council's commissioning approach.

2.2 Deputy Leader's Portfolio

The Deputy Leader will act as Council Leader where the Leader is not available and has accountability for the review and improvement of all council services, management of all corporate resources of the Council, and oversight of the management of services and delivery of outcomes on:

Business Change	All major business change programmes.
Efficiency and improvement for the Council – including governance and performance of third-parties	<p>Jointly, with the Leader, to take a strategic lead in relation to efficiency and improvement across all Council services and to foster lean governance in all areas of Council work.</p> <p>Oversight of good governance in relation to Council representation on outside bodies; Trading Services; Council-owned companies; and strong 'client' governance for externalised services (when Executive decisions needed).</p>
Risk Management	Strategic risk management, internal audit and holding senior officers to account on the management of risks.
Revenues and Benefits Service	To ensure effective management of the Revenues and Benefits service.
Customer Services	To take a strategic lead in the provision of the City Council's customer services functions.
External Scrutiny and Local Government Ombudsman	To take appropriate action in response to external scrutiny of the Council through inspectorate, peer or Government improvement and / or local government ombudsman reports.
Open data and Information systems	To provide strategic leadership and advising all Cabinet members of initiatives that need to be taken in relation to the development of world class technological capability and connectivity in Birmingham.
Whistleblowing and Corporate Complaints Procedure	To take a corporate lead in relation to Whistleblowing and complaints.
Emergency Planning	Arrangements for the Council's response to emergencies including chairing the Contest Board.
Impact and implications of Brexit	Assessment of the implications of Brexit for Birmingham and co-ordination of requisite strategies by way of response.
To take a lead on information law and data protection matters	Overall leadership and organisation of information law and data protection matters for the Council.

To challenge any lack of transparency in all work carried out by the Council.	To ensure transparency in all areas of Council work.
ICT	Oversight of the Council's ICT strategy, information Governance and General Data Protection Regulations (G.D.P.R.)
Legal	Oversight of the Council's legal services function including political engagement with the Council's monitoring officer.

2.3 Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture

The Cabinet Member has accountability for:

Education of Children and Young People	Political leadership on strategic and statutory duties, including school improvement, school places and travel to and from school. Oversight of Direct Schools Grant.
Arts and Culture and Tourism	Sustaining and promoting art, culture and tourism, including management of grants and associated economic opportunities.
The Library of Birmingham and Community Libraries	Oversight of the regional and city-wide role of the Library of Birmingham and the community library service; including the vital part libraries play in communities, learning and skills.
Museums	Oversight of the provision and activity of the Birmingham Museums Trust.
Skills, expansion for key growth sectors enterprise and innovation	Developing the skills and employability of Birmingham's workforce, thereby enabling each citizen to realise their potential. Engaging with the skills agenda throughout the Council and Birmingham in liaison with local, regional and national partners.
Youth Engagement and Youth Service, along with Lifelong Learning (post 14 skills and adult education)	Clear progression and vocational pathways from education into further and higher education and employment. Provision of all-age guidance, skills development, training and work experience to meet the economic needs of the city now and in the future.
Skills and Entrepreneurship in Schools	Development of 14-19 career pathways, enterprise and entrepreneurship in Birmingham schools.

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Inclusion	Working with the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing, on the SEND agenda across children's agencies and holding officers and partners to account in the delivery of the Birmingham SEND strategy.
Employment Opportunities	Enabling all residents to access employment through the development and delivery of local employment plans.

2.4 Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member has accountability for:

Lead Member for Children's Services (LMCS)	<p>Political accountability for all the local authority children's services, including education and social care.</p> <p>This post is required by law to hold direct local accountability for the effectiveness, availability and value for money of the local authority's children's services (particularly education and children's social care.)</p> <p>This role will therefore require close joint working and formal reporting with the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture to ensure appropriate accountability for statutory education functions contained within the LMCS role – including fair access to schooling for all children, high quality early years provision and children's involvement in public decision making.</p>
Safeguarding Children and Young People	With statutory partners, the safety and wellbeing of all children.
Children's Services	Leadership, strategy and effectiveness of children's services – responding to the needs of all children and young people, especially the most disadvantaged and vulnerable, and their families and carers.
Overseeing the Children's Trust	Oversight of the 'client side' role of the Children's Trust to ensure the delivery of agreed outcomes, KPIs and finances within the legal and contractual framework agreed
Overseeing Early Years	Ensuring a sufficiency of places and a citywide Early Years Health and Wellbeing offer.
Corporate Parenting	<p>Political leadership on improving the lives of looked after children.</p> <p>Ensuring all Council members, officers and services understand and actively promote the Council's</p>

	responsibilities to looked after children.
Lead Member for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Inclusion	Lead Member working with the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture on the SEND agenda across children's agencies and holding officers and partners to account for the delivery of the Birmingham SEND strategy.

2.5 Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

The Cabinet Member has accountability for:

Transport Strategies	Sustainable transportation policy and strategy, programmes, projects and initiatives to improve connectivity and road safety for the city across all modes of travel.
Highways	Strategic highways matters. Maintenance of roads and streets, traffic management and car parks and enforcing rights of way.
Advice to Planning Committee (Highways)	Providing advice, where appropriate, including the effect of proposed developments in relation to roads and transport and working in cooperation with the West Midlands Combined Authority and Mayor in relation to the key route network.
Air Quality	Leading the development and delivery of an Air Quality Strategy for Birmingham, to comply with national and pan-national regulations together with key partners.
Green City	Working with partners to develop a strategy for sustainability, liveability and environmental improvement for the city.
Climate Change	Engaging in proactive citywide and national policy development to tackle the causes and consequences of climate change.

2.6 Cabinet Member for ~~Clean Streets, Waste and Recycling Street Scene and Parks~~

The Cabinet Member has accountability for:

Waste Strategy and	Development of a financially and environmentally
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Services	<p>sustainable waste strategy for the city and ensuring delivery.</p> <p>Collection and sustainable disposal of waste from residential and other properties within the city and street cleansing.</p>
Pest Control	Provision of the Pest Control Service
Cleaner Neighbourhoods	Street cleansing, litter prevention, fly tipping, graffiti, placarding.
Recycling	Development of a robust reuse and recycle strategy for the city and ensuring delivery.
Enforcement	Ensuring robust enforcement policies and implementation across street cleansing, waste and recycling.
Parks and Allotments	Provision maintenance and usage of facilities including grounds maintenance

2.7 Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

The Cabinet Member has accountability for:

Adult Social Care and Health	<p>Development of the Health and Wellbeing Board and relationships with the NHS and private providers.</p> <p>Strategic leadership of social care services and safeguarding for adults.</p> <p>Development of an integrated health and social care economy in Birmingham and neighbouring local authorities around the relevant Sustainability and Transformation Plan.</p>
Public Health	Leadership on public health services, working with the Health and Wellbeing Board to reduce health inequalities.
Healthy Communities	Championing healthy living through sport and leisure services and influencing resident choices through proactive behaviour change initiatives.
Domestic Violence	Taking the lead on the health implications of domestic violence and advising the Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities on these matters.

2.8 Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods

The Cabinet Member has accountability for:

Council housing management services	Oversight and direction of estate management services and best use of housing stock (across all housing providers). Repairs and maintenance programmes.
Registered Social Landlords	Liaison with the Birmingham Social Housing Partnership on neighbourhood management initiatives and the housing growth agenda.
Private Rented Sector	Licensing and regulation. Private Tenancy Unit activities. Bond and deposit scheme initiatives.
Housing Options	Assessing housing need, options for vulnerable adults, children and young people and offenders. Temporary accommodation provision. A coherent strategy to address homelessness, including short-term engagement, education and enforcement with rough sleeping.
Tenant engagement in social housing	Tenant engagement in the management and development of social housing and Housing Liaison Boards.
Neighbourhood Management	Development of the Council's neighbourhood engagement model and work with wider Council and partners to ensure integration at the local level.
Bereavement Services and Register Office	Strategic leadership for the development of Cemeteries, Crematoria and Mortuary and Coroners Court Services; and Register Office services.
Parks and Allotments	Provision, maintenance and usage of facilities.

2.9 Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources

The Cabinet Member has accountability for:

Finances	Overall financial direction within the Financial Strategy
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	developed by the Leader, including Best Value and appropriate financial, accounting and audit controls and procedures.
Human Resources	<p>An effective organisational development function for shaping the future workforce of the Council. Development of effective change/transformational programmes deployed corporately.</p> <p>Member development programmes.</p> <p>Processes and procedures to support good staff performance development and equality objectives. Staffing structures at JNC level and personnel procedures that comply with good practice and natural justice (in consultation with the Leader).</p> <p>[The Council Business Management Committee deals with issues around the employment of staff and their terms and conditions of employment].</p>
Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility	Application of the Birmingham Business Charter for Social Responsibility that requires contractors to offer, inter alia, local employment and training opportunities, and to adopt the Birmingham Living Wage policy.
Commercialism	To take the strategic lead in the consideration of all commercial opportunities available to the Council
Procurement	Oversight of procurement management.
Contract Management	Strategic approach to and compliance with contract management policy to ensure best value.
Internal Trading Operations	Effectiveness and holding to account the management of all internal trading operations in conjunction with Deputy Leader

2.10 Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities

The Cabinet Member has accountability for the following:

Safer Communities	Strategic citywide leadership to community safety in Birmingham, including anti-social behaviour, fear of crime and public spaces and ensuring effective support for victims of crime.
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	<p>Effective relationships and clear shared priorities with the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Police.</p> <p>Leadership on youth offending issues.</p> <p>CCTV and liaison with Police.</p> <p>Strategic leadership in relation to Prevent.</p>
Social Cohesion and Inclusion	<p>Approaches to ensure that all Birmingham citizens have opportunity across the social and economic life of the city, within a safe city - including in education, employment, housing, health and social care, civil society and political participation – whether these are delivered by the City Council itself, partner agencies, or by private or third sector organisations.</p> <p>Holding to account other relevant Cabinet Members and officers for the delivery of those functions that impact on social cohesion and inclusion.</p>
Tackling Inequality	<p>Strategic approaches to reduce inequalities including around health, education and employment outcomes; ‘access to services’; and participation in civic life.</p> <p>Neighbourhood advice and information services.</p> <p>Holding to account other relevant Cabinet Members and officers for the delivery of those functions that impact on inequalities and inclusion.</p>
Equalities within the Community	<p>Development and promotion of shared values and mutual respect across the diverse communities of Birmingham.</p> <p>Ensuring that community and cultural events promote social cohesion and inclusion</p>
External Challenge	<p>Ensuring that partner agencies, private or third sector organisations are challenged on their contribution to improving social cohesion and inequalities.</p>
Third Sector Partnership and Engagement	<p>Working with and coordination of third sector and partner agencies around equalities, cohesion and inclusivity.</p>
Domestic Violence	<p>All Council activity relating to domestic violence, its</p>

	impact on families and children and implementing a city-wide domestic violence strategy with partners including advice to the Cabinet Member for Homes and Neighbourhoods on the provision of accommodation and taking advice from the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care on the health implications of domestic violence.
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5.5 Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Terms of Reference of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

There shall be eight Overview and Scrutiny Committees as set out in the terms of reference below.

Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To plan and co-ordinate the work of all the Overview & Scrutiny Committees. To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning governance (including transparency, regional working and partnerships): citizens (including communications and public engagement); performance; customer services and emergency planning.

These functions include:

- (a) giving such guidance to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees in any cases of uncertainty, as to work which they should or should not be undertaking, as may be necessary to achieve such co-ordination, including the allocation of “call-in” to the appropriate Committee;
- (b) determining, in any cases of uncertainty, the allocation of responsibility for specific tasks between the Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
- (c) ensuring (by means, for example, of issuing appropriate guidance and/or instructions) that the Overview & Scrutiny Committees pay proper attention in their work to the consideration of key cross cutting issues, in particular equalities, transparency and improvement;
- (d) publishing each year an Annual Programme of major scrutiny inquiries as suggested by individual Overview and Scrutiny Committees following consideration of the Council Plan and priorities;
- (e) agreeing the establishment of any task & finish groups; and
- (f) considering overview and scrutiny development, working practices and constitutional arrangements.

Membership of the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consist of 12 members: the chair of the committee and the seven other Overview and Scrutiny Committee chairs along with 4 places for opposition group members to ensure proportionality.

Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning finance (including strategic finance, budget setting and financial monitoring); revenues and benefits; human resources; contracting, commissioning and commercialism.

Health and Social Care Committee

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning adult safeguarding, social care and public health; and to discharge the relevant overview and scrutiny role set out in the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including:

- The appointment of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committees with neighbouring authorities; and
- The exercise of the power to make referrals of contested service reconfigurations to the Secretary of State as previously delegated to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Council.

Education and Children's Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning **schools and education**, the Children's Trust, vulnerable children, corporate parenting and other child social care and safeguarding functions of the council.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:

- (a) Church of England diocese representative (one);**
- (b) Roman Catholic diocese representative (one); and**
- (c) Parent Governor representatives (two).**

Economy and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning strategic economy; skills and apprenticeships; land and property; inward investment; land use planning; business improvement districts and the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities relating to sustainability; air pollution; transport strategy and highways.

The Committee shall undertake the authority's statutory functions in relation to the scrutiny of flood risk management (Flood and Water Management Act 2010).

Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning housing; social cohesion; waste management; neighbourhood management; **parks and allotments**, localisation; bereavement services and community safety.

This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee (Police and Justice Act 2006).

~~Learning, Commonwealth Games, Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee~~

To fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning ~~schools and education~~ the **Commonwealth Games**; arts and culture; libraries and museums; sport; events and physical activity. ~~parks and allotments~~.

~~The Overview and Scrutiny Committee dealing with education matters shall include in its membership the following voting representatives:~~

- ~~(a) Church of England diocese representative (one);~~
- ~~(b) Roman Catholic diocese representative (one); and~~
- ~~(c) Parent Governor representatives (two).~~

5.1 The full council

Appointments reserved to the Full Council

	No. Appointed
Local Government Association (General Assembly)	4
West Midlands Fire & Rescue Authority	10
West Midlands Police and Crime Panel	3
West Midlands Joint Committee	3
West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee	1 plus 2 observers
Departmental Consultative Committees	1 on each
National Association of Councillors	1
Joint Scrutiny Committee for Supervisory Board of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership	1
West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Board (and Boards as required)	1 (and to Boards as required)
WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee	3
Transport Delivery Committee	7
WMCA Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee	1
WM Growth Company – Board of Directors	1
Transport for West Midlands (TFWM)	4
Interim Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education	8
Employee Consultative Forum (Teachers)	8
City Housing Liaison Board	3
Safety at Sports Grounds Advisory Groups	Numbers to be advised

CITY COUNCIL

21 MAY 2019

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

1. This report sets out appointments to Committees and other Bodies to be approved by the City Council for the 2019/2020 Municipal Year.

MOTION

2. That the City Council makes appointments to Committees and other bodies as set out in the Appendix to the report.

CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS 2019/20

In accordance with aggregate proportionality requirements based on 114 seats, the following adjustments need to be reflected in the composition of **Committees**: ie

Labour	= + 3 seats
Conservative	= - 1 seats
Liberal Dem	= - 3 seats
Others	= + 1 seat

Committees will have regard to aggregate number of seats on all the Sub-Committees which they appoint.

1. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY 2020**

(A) **CO-ORDINATING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

12 Members

Labour (8)	Conservative (3)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Tahir Ali	Cllr Deirdre Alden	Cllr Roger Harmer
Cllr Sir Albert Bore	Cllr Debbie Clancy	
Cllr Liz Clements	Cllr Charlotte Hodivala	
Cllr Penny Holbrook		
Cllr Khan, M		
Cllr Rob Pocock		
Cllr Carl Rice		
Cllr Kath Scott		

Councillor Carl Rice as Chair

(B) **RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members

Labour (5)	Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Muhammad Afzal	Cllr David Barrie	Cllr Paul Tilsley
Cllr Sir Albert Bore	Cllr Meirion Jenkins	
Cllr Yvonne Mosquito		
Cllr Brett O' Reilly		
Cllr Lisa Trickett		

Councillor Sir Albert Bore as Chair

(C) **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members (1 seat given up by the Conservative Group to the Labour Group)

Labour (6)	Conservative (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Mick Brown	Cllr Peter Fowler	Cllr Paul Tilsley
Cllr Diane Donaldson		
Cllr Nagina Kauser		
Cllr Zaheer Khan		
Cllr Ziaul Islam		
Cllr Rob Pocock		

Councillor Rob Pocock as Chair

(D) **EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members (1 seat given up by the Liberal Democrat Group to the Labour Group)

Labour (6)	Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (0)
Cllr Mohammed Aikhlaq	Cllr Suzanne Webb	
Cllr Safia Akhtar	Cllr Alex Yip	
Cllr Barbara Dring		
Cllr Kerry Jenkins		
Cllr Zaheer Khan		
Cllr Kath Scott		

Councillor Kath Scott as Chair

Other Voting Members (4)

1 Church of England diocese representative – Sarah Smith

1 Roman Catholic diocese representative – Adam Hardy

2 Parent Governor Representatives – Rabia Shami and Omar Hanif

(E) **ECONOMY AND SKILLS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members (1 seat given up by the Liberal Democrat Group to the Green Party Member)

Labour (5)	Conservative (2)	Green Party Member (1)
Cllr Tahir Ali	Cllr Simon Morrall	Cllr Julien Pritchard
Cllr John Clancy	Cllr Ken Wood	
Cllr Chaman Lal		
Cllr Lou Robson		
Cllr Lucy Seymour-Smith		

Councillor Tahir Ali as Chair

(F) **SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members

Labour (5)	Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Muhammed Afzal	Cllr Eddie Freeman	Cllr Zaker Choudhry
Cllr Olly Armstrong	Cllr Timothy Huxtable	
Cllr Liz Clements		
Cllr Julie Johnson		
Cllr Josh Jones		

Councillor Liz Clements as Chair

(G) **HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members

Labour (5)	Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Marje Bridle	Cllr Deirdre Alden	Cllr Roger Harmer
Cllr Penny Holbrook	Cllr Gary Sambrook	
Cllr Mahmood Hussain		
Cllr Shabrana Hussain		
Cllr Mary Locke		

Councillor Penny Holbrook as Chair

(H) **COMMONWEALTH GAMES, CULTURE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members

Labour (5)	Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Alex Aitken	Cllr Ewan Mackey	Cllr Morriam Jan
Cllr Mariam Khan	Cllr Ron Storer	
Cllr Zhor Malik		
Cllr Hendrina Quinnen		
Cllr Martin Straker Welds		

Councillor Mariam Khan as Chair

2. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE REGULATORY COMMITTEES UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY 2020**

(A) **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

15 Members

Labour (10)	Conservative (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Mohammed Fazal	Cllr Bob Beauchamp	Cllr Mike Ward
Cllr Peter Griffiths	Cllr Maureen Cornish	
Cllr Mahmood Hussain	Cllr Adam Higgs	
Cllr Julie Johnson	Cllr Gareth Moore	
Cllr Keith Linnecor		
Cllr Karen McCarthy		
Cllr Zhor Malik		
Cllr Saddak Miah		
Cllr Lou Robson		
Cllr		

Councillor Karen McCarthy as Chair

(B) **LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

15 Members

Labour (10)	Conservative (4)	Liberal Democrat (1)
Cllr Olly Armstrong	Cllr Bob Beauchamp	Cllr Neil Eustace
Cllr Nicky Brennan	Cllr Adam Higgs	
Cllr Phil Davis	Cllr Bruce Lines	
Cllr Nagina Kauser	Cllr Simon Morrall	
Cllr Mike Leddy		
Cll Mary Locke		
Cllr Majid Mahmood		
Cllr Chauhdry Rashid		
Cllr Mike Sharpe		
Cllr Martin Straker Welds		

Councillor Phil Davis as Chair

(B1) **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

3 Members

Labour (2)	Conservative (1)	Liberal Democrat (0)
Cllr Phil Davis	Cllr Bob Beauchamp.	
Cllr Mary Locke		

Councillor Phil Davis as Chair

(B2) **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B**
(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

3 Members

Labour (2) Conservative (1) Liberal Democrat (0)

Cllr Mike Leddy Cllr Adam Higgs.
Cllr Nicky Brennan.

Councillor Mike Leddy as Chair

(B3) **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE C**
(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

3 Members (1 seat given up by Conservative Group to the Liberal Democrat group)

Labour (2) Conservative (0) Liberal Democrat (1)

Cllr Nagina Kauser Cllr Neil Eustace
Cllr Martin Straker Welds

Councillor Nagina Kauser as Chair

3. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY 2020**

(Outside of proportionality requirements)

8 Members –

Labour Group Leader, Deputy Leader & Group Secretary

Conservative Group Leader & Group Secretary

Liberal Democrat Group Leader or Group Secretary

2 Labour

Labour (5) Conservative (2) Liberal Democrat (1)

Cllr Shabrana Hussain Cllr Robert Alden Mike Ward
Cllr Brigid Jones Cllr Gareth Moore
Cllr Brett O'Reilly
Cllr Martin Straker Welds
Cllr Ian Ward

Councillor Ian Ward, Leader of the Council as Chair

4. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY 2020**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members

Labour (5)	Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (1)
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Cllr Safia Akhtar	Cllr Meirion Jenkins	Cllr Paul Tilsley
Cllr Marje Bridle	Cllr Suzanne Webb	
Cllr Fred Grindrod		
Cllr Josh Jones		
Cllr Hendrina Quinnen		

Councillor Fred Grindrod as Chair

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE TRUSTS AND
CHARITIES COMMITTEE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
COUNCIL IN MAY 2020**

(Must comply with proportionality requirements)

8 Members (1 seat given up by the Liberal Democrat Group to the Labour Group)

Labour (6)	Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (0)
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Cllr Akhlaq Ahmed	Cllr Adrian Delaney
Cllr Alex Aitken	Cllr David Pears
Cllr Gurdial Singh Atwal	
Cllr Shabrana Hussain	
Cllr Mohammed Idrees	
Cllr Mike Sharpe	

Councillor Akhlaq Ahmed as Chair

6. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY 2020**

(City Councillor appointments outside of proportionality requirements)

6 Members

Labour (2)	Conservative (2)	Liberal Democrat (2)
Cllr Julie Johnson Cllr Carl Rice	Cllr Deirdre Alden Cllr Peter Fowler	Cllr Neil Eustace Cllr Paul Tilsley

6 Independent lay members:

Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy
Peter Wiseman
Steven Jonas
Professor Stephen Shute

1 member representing the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council and
1 member representing the Sutton Coldfield Parish Council
(Parish member must be present when matters relating to the Parish Council
or its Members are being considered):

New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Councillor Cllr Ian Bruckshaw
Sutton Coldfield Parish Councillor Cllr Derrick Griffin

Peter Wiseman as Chairman (independent)

The quorum is 5 members, including at least one of the Independent Lay
Member and the Parish Councillor if it relates to a Parish Council matter.

7. **ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL IN MAY 2020**

(A) **Local Government Association – General Assembly**
(4 Councillors to exercise 17 votes in accordance with proportionality)

Labour Group Members	11 votes
Conservative Group Member	4 votes
Liberal Democrat Group Member	2 votes
Cllr Ian Ward	(Lab)
Cllr Brigid Jones	(Lab)
Cllr Robert Alden	(Con)
Cllr Roger Harmer	(Lib Dem)

- (B) **West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority**
(4 Councillors appointments must comply with proportionality requirements)

Labour (3) Conservative (1)

Cllr Zafar Iqbal Cllr David Barrie
Cllr Kerry Jenkins
Cllr Sybil Spence

Cllr Zafar Iqbal as Lead Member

- (C) **West Midlands Police and Crime Panel**

To appoint one Labour member and a named substitute to serve on West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.

Member		Substitute
Cllr Shafique Shah	(Lab)	Cllr Shabrana Hussain (Lab)

Birmingham to nominate to the Met Leaders 2 Labour representatives to serve on West Midlands Police and Crime Panel, along with named substitutes.

Member		Substitute
Cllr Narinder Kaur Kooner	(Lab)	Cllr Fred Grindrod (Lab)
Cllr Safia Akhtar	(Lab)	Cllr Julie Johnson (Lab)

- (D) **West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee**

Leader of the Council - Voting Member
Cllr Waseem Zaffar (Lab) and Cllr (Con) as observers to attend each year one of the scheduled meetings of the West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee:

- (E) **Departmental Consultative Committees**

Chairmen of Departmental Consultative Committees:

Inclusive Growth Directorate (previously Economy)	Cllr Carl Rice
Education and Skills Directorate (previously Children and Young People)	Cllr Diane Donaldson
Neighbourhoods Directorate (previously Place)	Cllr Penny Holbrook
Adults Social Care Directorate (previously Adults Social Care and Health)	Cllr Mick Brown

This will be reviewed during 2019/20.

(F) **Association of Councillors**

The appointment is for a 3 year period of office ie May 2017 to May 2020 and the person appointed must be a Member of the Council.

Councillor Diane Donaldson

(G) **Joint Scrutiny Committee for the Supervisory Board of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership**

Appoint one member of Authority and a substitute Member

Cllr Lucy Seymour-Smith (Lab) and Cllr Muhammad Afzal (Lab) (Substitute)

(H) **West Midlands Combined Authority**

The following appointments need to be made

WMCA Board

Member		Substitute
Cllr Ian Ward	(Lab)	Cllr Paulette Hamilton (Lab)
Cllr Brigid Jones	(Lab)	Cllr Tristan Chatfield (Lab)

WMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Member		Substitute
Cllr Lisa Trickett	(Lab)	Cllr Josh Jones, (Lab)
Cllr Lucy Seymour-Smith	(Lab)	Cllr Penny Holbrook (Lab)
Cllr Peter Fowler	(Con)	Cllr Ken Wood (Con)

Transport Delivery Committee

(7 Councillors appointments must comply with proportionality requirements)

Labour (5)	Conservative (2)
Cllr Mohammed Fazal	Cllr Robert Alden
Cllr Kath Hartley	Cllr Timothy Huxtable
Cllr Chaman Lal	
Cllr Keith Linnecor	
Cllr Mary Locke	

Cllr Kath Hartley as Lead Member

WMCA Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee

Member		Substitute	
Cllr Fred Grindrod	(Lab)	Cllr Marje Bridle	(Lab)

WMCA Housing & Land Delivery Board

Cllr Sharon Thompson (Lab)

WMCA Investment Board

Cllr Ian Ward (Lab)

WMCA Public Service Reform Board

Cllr Brigid Jones (Lab)

WMCA Wellbeing Board

Cllr Paulette Hamilton (Lab)

WMCA Environment Board

Cllr Waseem Zaffar (Lab)

Strategic Economic Delivery Board

Cllr Ian Ward (Lab)

WMCA HS2 Delivery Board

Cllr Ian Ward (Lab)

(I) WM Growth Company - Board of Directors

The Leader will be the Council's nomination.

(J) Annual Appointments to Other Bodies

(Historically, proportionality has been applied to positions requiring two or more members, although it does not need to be applied to such appointments).

Body

Representative

- (a) Interim Standing Advisory
Council on Religious
Education –
8 Representatives

(To comply with proportionality -
5 Lab; 2 Con; 1 Lib Dem)

Cllr Olly Armstrong	(Lab)
Cllr Gurdial Singh Atwal	(Lab)
Cllr John Cotton	(Lab)
Cllr Chauhdry Rashid	(Lab)
Cllr Sybil Spence	(Lab)
Cllr Debbie Clancy	(Con)
Mr Guy Hordern	(Con)
Mr Blair Kessler	(Lib Dem)

Cllr John Cotton as Chair

- (b) City Housing Liaison Board
**3 Councillors plus 1 Lab
alternate**
1 Lab; 1 Con; 1 Lib Dem

Cllr Sharon Thompson
Cllr Josh Jones

(Lab)
(Lab) alt

Cllr John Lines
Cllr Zaker Choudhry

(Con)
(Lib Dem)