MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL 28 FEBRUARY 2017



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

PRESENT: - Lord Mayor (Councillor Carl Rice) in the Chair.

Councillors

Muhammad Afzal Uzma Ahmed Mohammed Aikhlag Deirdre Alden Robert Alden John Alden Tahir Ali Sue Anderson Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Susan Barnett **David Barrie Bob Beauchamp** Matt Bennett Kate Booth Steve Booton Sir Albert Bore **Barry Bowles Randal Brew** Marie Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy John Clancy Lynda Clinton

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Lyn Collin	Nagina Kauser
Maureen Cornish	Tony Kennedy
John Cotton	Ansar Ali Khan
Ian Cruise	Changese Khan
Basharat Dad	Mariam Khan
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal
Diane Donaldson	Bruce Lines
Peter Douglas Osborn	John Lines
Barbara Dring	Keith Linnecor
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Anne Underwood Margaret Waddington Ian Ward Mike Ward Fiona Williams Ken Wood Alex Yip Waseem Zaffar

NOTICE OF RECORDING

18808 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where they were confidential or exempt items.

The Lord Mayor also advised that due to technical difficulties with the voting system at recent meetings, the old version would be used at the meeting which meant the font size of the list of names was smaller. It was also noted that the scrolling of the list of names was done manually.

The Lord Mayor indicated that he had been asked to remind all Members of their duty to uphold the level of debate the Chamber should command.

The Lord Mayor noted that unlike MPs the Chamber did not afford Members the benefit of parliamentary privilege and hence did not protect them against actions for slander and he hoped Members would all think very carefully about the words they choose to use today, and indeed before any allegations were made.

The Lord Mayor also asked that Members respected their fellow Members including the Officers of this Authority both past and present during the debates today.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18809 **RESOLVED**:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 7 February 2017, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death of Honorary Alderman Thomas Michael Williams

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent death of Honorary Alderman Thomas Michael Williams (known as Mike), who served as a Councillor for the former Borough of Sutton Coldfield and then the City Council representing Sutton Coldfield No. 1 Ward from 1973 to 1977, Sutton Coldfield No. 1 (Vesey) Ward from 1977 to 1982 and Vesey Ward from 1982 to 1988. The Lord Mayor noted that Mike became an honorary Alderman in May 1988.

After a number of tributes had been paid by Members, it was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and:-

18810 **RESOLVED**:-

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death of Honorary Alderman Thomas Michael Williams and its appreciation of his devoted service to the residents of Birmingham; it extends its deepest sympathy to members of Mike's family in their sad bereavement.

URGENT BUSINESS

Chief Executive

18811 The Lord Mayor indicated that following a petition from five Members for an extraordinary meeting to discuss the situation relating to the Chief Executive which he declined, it had been agreed that a short item be considered at the meeting under Urgent Business.

The Lord Mayor indicated that he had therefore concluded that the meeting should treat this item as Urgent Business.

EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT

It was moved by Councillor Matt Bennett and seconded -

"That the time limit for the Urgent Business item relating to the Chief Executive be extended to 1 hour."

The Motion was put to the vote and, by a show of hands, was declared to be lost.

Councillor John Clancy advised the meeting of the current situation relating to the Chief Executive and the future arrangements for interim and permanent appointments.

Councillors Robert Alden and Jon Hunt commented on the issue.

Councillor Randal Brew sought to raise a point of order in that the appointment of the Chief Executive was a decision for the City Council.

The Lord Mayor indicated that he had been advised that appointments and dismissals were a matter for the Council Business Management Committee and he wished to move on to the next item.

Councillor Sir Albert Bore clarified that paragraph 12.3 of Article 12 of the constitution refers and the Lord Mayor indicated that the City Solicitor would look in to that issue.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No 1)

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

18812 **RESOLVED**:-

That the petitions be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officers.

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No 2)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18813 **RESOLVED**:-

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

LENGTH OF MEETING

It was moved by Councillor John Clancy and seconded by Councillor Robert Alden that Standing Order 13 (Length of Council Meetings) be suspended and the meeting be extended by 15 minutes to 1930 hours.

The Motion was put to the vote and, by a show of hands, was declared to be carried and it was-

18814 **<u>RESOLVED</u>**:-

That Standing Order 13 (Length of Council Meetings) be suspended and the meeting be extended by 15 minutes to 1930 hours.

A. <u>City Council Appointments</u>

Councillor Mike Ward nominated Mr Blair Kesseler to replace Councillor Jon Hunt on the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) and it was-

18815 **RESOLVED**:-

That Mr Blair Kesseler to replace Councillor Jon Hunt to the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) as the Liberal Democats representative.

B. Appointment of the Acting Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service)

Councillor Sharon Thompson explained that the Council was required to appoint one of its Officers as Head of Paid Service and in accordance with the Council's constitution Full Council is required to 'confirm' that appointment.

Therefore Council Business Management Committee agreed on Friday 24 February 2017 to create an acting up arrangement pending the outcome of the interim/permanent selection and recruitment process to replace the outgoing Chief Executive.

The Councillor continued that Council Business Management Committee also approved the appointment of Strategic Director, Angela Probert as the Acting Chief Executive with effect from 1 March 2017.

She noted that there was a requirement for Full Council to 'confirm' the appointment of Angela Probert as the Head of Paid Service and she so moved.

Having been seconded it was-

18816 **RESOLVED**:-

That the appointment of Angela Probert, Acting Chief Executive, as the Head of Paid Service be confirmed.

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

It was moved by Councillor Sharon Thompson, seconded and:-

18817 **RESOLVED**:-

That, pursuant to CBM Committee discussions, Standing Orders be waived as follows:

Allocate 15 minutes for item 7 (Annual Pay Policy Statement).

ANNUAL PAY POLICY STATEMENT

The following report of the Deputy Leader was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

Councillor Ian Ward moved the motion, which was seconded.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore -

18818 **RESOLVED**:-

That the City Council:

- 1) Approves the Birmingham City Council Pay Policy Statement 2017-18
- 2) Approves the publishing of the Pay Policy Statement
- 3) Notes that as and if required any in year revisions to the Pay Policy Statement will be taken to Council Business Management Committee for approval.

COUNCIL FINANCIAL PLAN 2017+

The following report of the Report of the Chief Executive and Strategic Director – Finance and Legal was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

At this point in the meeting Councillor Sharon Thompson moved a procedural Motion which was seconded.

It was therefore –

18819 **RESOLVED**:-

That, pursuant to a Council Business Management discussion, Standing Orders be waived to allocate the remaining time of the meeting to 1930 hours for the whole debate on the Financial Plan 2017+ report, permit the Leader of the City Council to make a speech of up to 30 minutes, permit the other Group Leaders to make a speech of up to 30 minutes each, permit all other speakers in the debate to speak for up to 5 minutes, permit the Leader of the City Council to reply to the debate without time limit, and agree that amendments to the Motions should be taken in the order that the amendments were notified to the Lord Mayor.

The Leader Councillor John Clancy moved the motion which was seconded.

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

(See document No 5)

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

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

(See document No 6)

Councillor Robert Alden moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Randal Brew who reserved the right to speak.

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

(See document No 7)

Councillor Matt Bennett moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Mike Ward.

A debate ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18820 **RESOLVED**:-

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

The Council then adjourned at 1635 hours.

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

The debate continued during which Councillor John O'Shea declared an interest. During comments from Councillor Tony Kennedy, Councillor John Alden requested that the comments made relating to Lord Michael Whitby be withdrawn. The Lord Mayor reminded the meeting of the comments he made at the beginning of the meeting relating to the standard of debate.

Councillor John Clancy replied to the debate.

The first amendment to the Motions was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

For the First Amendment (28)

- Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Sue Anderson David Barrie Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Zaker Choudhry Lyn Collin Peter Douglas Osborn
- Neil Eustace Andrew Hardie Roger Harmer Jon Hunt Timothy Huxtable Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Carol Jones Ewan Mackey
- Gareth Moore Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Ron Storer Karen Trench Margaret Waddington Mike Ward Ken Wood Alex Yip

Mary Locke

Majid Mahmood

Karen McCarthy

James McKay Yvonne Mosquito

Brett O'Reilly

John O'Shea

Robert Pocock

Victoria Quinn

Hendrina Quinnen

Chauhdry Rashid

Habib Rehman

Shafique Shah

Mike Sharpe

Sybil Spence

Claire Spencer

Stewart Stacey

Lisa Trickett

Waseem Zaffar

Ian Ward

Martin Straker-Welds

Sharon Thompson

Eva Phillips

Against the First Amendment (71)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Kate Booth Steve Booton Sir Albert Bore **Barry Bowles** Marje Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Ian Cruise Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal Mick Finnegan

Jayne Francis Matthew Gregson **Carole Griffiths** Peter Griffiths Paulette Hamilton Kath Hartley Penny Holbrook Des Hughes Mahmood Hussain Shabrana Hussain Mohammed Idrees Zafar Igbal Ziaul Islam Kerry Jenkins Julie Johnson **Brigid Jones** Josh Jones Nagina Kauser Ansar Ali Khan Changese Khan Mariam Khan Narinder Kooner Chaman Lal Keith Linnecor

Abstentions (8)

Debbie Clancy Maureen Cornish Des Flood Bruce Lines John Lines David Pears Rob Sealey Anne Underwood

The second amendment to the Motions was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

For the Second Amendment (29)

- Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden David Barrie Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Maureen Cornish
- Peter Douglas Osborn Des Flood Andrew Hardie Timothy Huxtable Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Gareth Moore
- David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Rob Sealey Ron Storer Anne Underwood Margaret Waddington Ken Wood Alex Yip

Keith Linnecor

Against the Second Amendment (78)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Sue Anderson Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Kate Booth Steve Booton Sir Albert Bore **Barry Bowles** Marje Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright **Tristan Chatfield** John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Ian Cruise Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal Mick Finnegan Jayne Francis

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Abstentions (2)

Zaker Choudhry

Neil Eustace

The third amendment to the Motions was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

For the Third Amendment (37)

Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Sue Anderson David Barrie Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Maureen Cornish Peter Douglas Osborn Neil Eustace Des Flood Andrew Hardie Roger Harmer Jon Hunt Timothy Huxtable Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Carol Jones Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey

Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Rob Sealey Ron Storer Karen Trench Anne Underwood Margaret Waddington Mike Ward Ken Wood Alex Yip

Against the Third Amendment (71)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Kate Booth Steve Booton Sir Albert Bore **Barry Bowles** Marje Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal Mick Finnegan Jayne Francis

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Mary Locke Majid Mahmood Karen McCarthy James McKay **Yvonne Mosquito** Brett O'Reilly John O'Shea **Eva Phillips** Robert Pocock Victoria Quinn Hendrina Quinnen Chauhdry Rashid Habib Rehman Shafique Shah Mike Sharpe Sybil Spence **Claire Spencer** Stewart Stacey Martin Straker-Welds Sharon Thompson Lisa Trickett Ian Ward Waseem Zaffar

Abstention

Ian Cruise

Motion 1 was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For Motion 1 (69)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Kate Booth Steve Booton Sir Albert Bore **Barry Bowles** Marje Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal Mick Finnegan

Jayne Francis Matthew Gregson **Carole Griffiths** Peter Griffiths Paulette Hamilton Kath Hartley Penny Holbrook Des Hughes Mahmood Hussain Shabrana Hussain Mohammed Idrees Zafar lobal Ziaul Islam Kerry Jenkins Julie Johnson **Brigid Jones** Josh Jones Nagina Kauser Tony Kennedy Ansar Ali Khan Changese Khan Narinder Kooner Chaman Lal

Against Motion 1 (37)

Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Sue Anderson David Barrie Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Maureen Cornish Peter Douglas Osborn Neil Eustace Des Flood Andrew Hardie Roger Harmer Jon Hunt Timothy Huxtable Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Carol Jones Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Mary Locke Majid Mahmood Karen McCarthy Yvonne Mosquito Brett O'Reilly John O'Shea Eva Phillips Robert Pocock Victoria Quinn Hendrina Quinnen Chauhdry Rashid Habib Rehman Shafique Shah Mike Sharpe Sybil Spence Claire Spencer Stewart Stacey Martin Straker-Welds Sharon Thompson Lisa Trickett Ian Ward Waseem Zaffar

Keith Linnecor

Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Rob Sealey Ron Storer Karen Trench Anne Underwood Margaret Waddington Mike Ward Ken Wood Alex Yip

Abstentions (2)

Ian Cruise

James McKay

Motions 2-5 were put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, were declared to be carried.

For Motions 2-5 (79)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Kate Booth Steve Booton Sir Albert Bore **Barry Bowles** Marie Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield Zaker Choudhry John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Ian Cruise Basharat Dad Phil Davis **Diane Donaldson** Barbara Dring **Neil Eustace** Mohammed Fazal Mick Finnegan Jayne Francis

Matthew Gregson Carole Griffiths Peter Griffiths Paulette Hamilton **Roger Harmer** Kath Hartley Penny Holbrook Des Hughes Jon Hunt Mahmood Hussain Shabrana Hussain Mohammed Idrees Zafar lobal Ziaul Islam **Kerry Jenkins** Julie Johnson **Brigid Jones Carol Jones** Josh Jones Nagina Kauser Tony Kennedy Ansar Ali Khan Changese Khan Mariam Khan Narinder Kooner Chaman Lal

Keith Linnecor Mary Locke Majid Mahmood Karen McCarthy James McKay Yvonne Mosquito Brett O'Reilly John O'Shea **Eva Phillips** Robert Pocock Victoria Quinn Hendrina Quinnen Chauhdry Rashid Habib Rehman Shafique Shah Mike Sharpe Sybil Spence **Claire Spencer** Stewart Stacev Martin Straker-Welds Sharon Thompson Karen Trench Lisa Trickett Ian Ward Mike Ward Waseem Zaffar

Against Motions 2-5 (29)

Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden David Barrie Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Maureen Cornish Peter Douglas Osborn Des Flood Andrew Hardie Timothy Huxtable Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Rob Sealey Ron Storer Anne Underwood Margaret Waddington Ken Wood Alex Yip

Abstention

Sue Anderson

Motion 6 was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For Motion 6 (80)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Sue Anderson Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Kate Booth Steve Booton Sir Albert Bore **Barry Bowles** Marie Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield Zaker Choudhry John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Ian Cruise Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Neil Eustace Mohammed Fazal Mick Finnegan

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Against Motion 6 (29)

Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden David Barrie Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Maureen Cornish Peter Douglas Osborn Des Flood Andrew Hardie Timothy Huxtable Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Rob Sealey Ron Storer Anne Underwood Margaret Waddington Ken Wood Alex Yip Motion 7 was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For Motion 7 (70)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Kate Booth Steve Booton Sir Albert Bore **Barry Bowles** Marje Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal Mick Finnegan Jayne Francis

Matthew Gregson **Carole Griffiths** Peter Griffiths Paulette Hamilton Kath Hartley Penny Holbrook **Des Hughes** Mahmood Hussain Shabrana Hussain Mohammed Idrees Zafar lobal Ziaul Islam Kerry Jenkins Julie Johnson **Brigid Jones** Josh Jones Nagina Kauser Tony Kennedy Ansar Ali Khan Changese Khan Mariam Khan Narinder Kooner Chaman Lal

Against the Motion 7 (37)

Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Sue Anderson David Barrie Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Maureen Cornish Peter Douglas Osborn Neil Eustace Des Flood Andrew Hardie Roger Harmer Jon Hunt Timothy Huxtable Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Carol Jones Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Rob Sealey Ron Storer Karen Trench Anne Underwood Margaret Waddington Mike Ward Ken Wood Alex Yip

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Chauhdry Rashid

Habib Rehman

Shafique Shah

Mike Sharpe

Sybil Spence Claire Spencer

Lisa Trickett

Waseem Zaffar

Ian Ward

Stewart Stacey

Martin Straker-Welds

Sharon Thompson

Eva Phillips

Yvonne Mosquito

Mary Locke

Abstentions (2)

Ian Cruise

James McKay

18807 **RESOLVED**:-

1. Revenue Budget

That the revenue budget for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2017 of £821.803m, including the budget allocations to the various Directorates of the Council, as set out in Appendix 7 to the Financial Plan 2017+, be approved subject to any revision needed in the light of the ongoing and further planned consultations and equalities assessments on individual savings proposals.

2. Council Tax Requirement

That the following calculations be now made in accordance with Section 31A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2017:

		£
a.	aggregate of estimated City Council expenditure, contingencies, and contributions to financial reserves	3,041,568,935
b.	Parish Precepts	1,878,998
C.	aggregate of estimated income (including Top-Up Grant), and use of financial reserves	(2,338,292,094)
d.	net transfers to/(from) the Collection Fund in relation to Business Rates	(389,680,414)
e.	Transfer to/(from) the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax	(5,051,930)
f.	Council Tax Requirement, being the aggregate of (a) to (e) above	310,423,495

3. Council Tax - Basic Amount

That the Basic Amount of Council Tax for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2017 be set at £1,272.46, pursuant to the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, being the Council Tax Requirement of £310,423,495 divided by the Council Tax Base of 243,955 Band D properties.

4. Council Tax – City Council and Parish Precept

 That the basic amount of Council Tax for City Council services for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2017 be set at £1,264.76 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

	£	£
a. Basic Amount calculated ur Section 31B LESS	nder	1,272.46
 b. Parish precepts DIVIDED BY 	1,878,998	
City Council Tax base	243,955	7.70
		1,264.76

- (ii) That, pursuant to Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Basic Amount of Council Tax for City Council services is not excessive in relation to determining whether a referendum is required on the level of Council Tax.
- (iii) That the basic amount of Council Tax for the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2017 be set at £1,299.49 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

		£	£
a.	Basic Amount calculated under Section 34(2) PLUS		1,264.76
b.	The New Frankley in Birmingham Parish precept DIVIDED BY	46,016	
	The tax base for the New Frankley in	1,325	
	Birmingham Parish		34.73
		-	1,299.49

 (iv) That the basic amount of Council Tax for the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2017 be set at £1,314.72 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

		£	£
a.	Basic Amount calculated under Section 34(2) PLUS		1,264.76
b.	The Royal Sutton Coldfield Parish Council precept DIVIDED BY	1,832,982	
	The tax base for the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council	36,689	
			49.96
			1,314.72

5. Council Tax - Total

That, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the amounts of Council Tax set for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2017 for each category of dwelling listed within a particular valuation band, shall be calculated by adding:

- a. the amount given by multiplying the basic amount of Council Tax for the relevant area by the fraction whose numerator is the proportion applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band, and whose denominator is the proportion applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D; to
- b. the amounts which are stated in the final precepts issued by the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority and the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner; and shall be:

	Council Tax Areas without a Parish Council	Council Tax New Frankley in Birmingham Parish	Council Tax Royal Sutton Coldfield Town
Band	£	£	£
А	958.96	982.12	992.27
В	1,118.79	1,145.80	1,157.65
С	1,278.62	1,309.49	1,323.03
D	1,438.45	1,473.18	1,488.41
E	1,758.11	1,800.56	1,819.17
F	2,077.76	2,127.92	2,149.92
G	2,397.41	2,455.30	2,480.68
Н	2,876.90	2,946.36	2,976.82

6. Capital Strategy and Budget and Treasury Management

That the proposals for the Capital Programme, Prudential Indicators, Minimum Revenue Provision and Treasury Management, as set out in Chapters 5-7 and Appendices 9-16 of the Financial Plan 2017+, including the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy, as set out in Appendix 6 (incorporating the delegation to Cabinet set out therein), and the payment in advance to the West Midlands Pension Fund, as set out in Chapter 7, be approved.

7. Financial Plan 2017+

That the Financial Plan 2017+ be approved.

The meeting ended at 1934 hours.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

A1 <u>Meetings</u>

Question:

What specific meetings and telephone conferences/conversations has the Leader of the Council undertook in his role as Leader for the week 12-19th February 2017?

Answer:

As is the case every week I had meetings and telephone conversations with a wide range of people including councillors, lead officers and partners from across the city.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN

A2 <u>Communication</u>

Question:

When did the Leader last speak to the Improvement Panel?

Answer:

I last met with the Improvement Panel on Friday February 3.

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

A3 <u>Cabinet Members Assigned to Which Savings</u>

Question:

Could the Leader of the Council set out which Cabinet Members have been assigned to which savings proposals, as was agreed with the LGA review panel?

Answer:

Budget Ref Number	Directorate	Budget Savings Proposal	CLT Owner	Cabinet Member
EGJ10*	Economy	Self-financing of the Employment and Skills Service (ESS)	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Brett O'Reilly
JS3	Economy	Economy Future Operating Model	Waheed Nazir	Cllr John Clancy
JS4	Economy	Reduction in the West Midlands Combined Authority Levy	Waheed Nazir	Cllr John Clancy
JS6	Economy	City Centre Parking Tariff	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
PL33a*	Economy	Off Street Parking	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
PL33b*	Economy	On Street Parking	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
PL32*	Economy	Highways Maintenance	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
PL35*	Economy	Traffic Regulation	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
SN1*	Economy	Sharing of highways maintenance database with statutory undertakers	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
SN2*	Economy	The City Council will design and develop a modern transport network for the city in order to help develop attractive shopping areas, promote greener forms of transport and improve the environment.	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
SN9*	Economy	Introduce a GIS mapping system to enable more efficient reporting of street scene issues	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
SN35*	Economy	Expansion of City Centre on-street parking, concessions and restrictions	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
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A4 <u>Responsibility</u>

Question:

For each proposed saving in the Council Financial Plan, who is the designated officer and Member responsible for seeing that saving is delivered?

Answer:

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JS6	Economy	City Centre Parking Tariff	Waheed Nazir	Cllr Stewart Stacey
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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL COUNCILLOR FROM RANDAL BREW

A5 <u>Timetable</u>

Question:

What is proposed timetable for appointing the new Chief Executive?

Answer:

CBM will meet in mid-March to confirm arrangements (in line with current constitution and governance) for the interim and permanent Chief Executive role(s).

We expect an interim chief executive will be in post shortly and have begun the search process, with support from the Local Government Association.

The recruitment process for a permanent chief executive will also commence shortly, with the successful candidate to take office as soon as is practicably possible.

From 1 March, Angela Probert, Strategic Director for Change and Support Services, will act up

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK

A6 <u>Chief Executive</u>

Question:

Did the Leader of the Council ask the Chief Executive to stay in post?

Answer:

The only information I am at liberty to share with members has already been made public and, on legal advice, I am unable to add to that.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK

B1 <u>Consultants</u>

Question:

In 2015 to date, what is the value of all transactions to consultants the Council has paid from any of its accounts?

Answer:

The Council defines a consultant as an experienced professional who provides expert knowledge for a fee. The value of expenditure from 1st April 2015 to date is £7,384,529.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN

B2 <u>Costs</u>

Question:

How much is the departure of Mark Rogers costing Birmingham City Council?

Answer:

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR LYN COLLIN

C Children's Care Home

Question:

What reassurances can you give to me as a Corporate Parent and the residents in Vesey Ward that the Children's Care Home in Maney Hill Road is being run effectively by the provider commissioned by BCC after the recent Ofsted report states it 'Requires Improvement' in all three areas specifically:

- The overall experiences and progress of children and young people living in the home.
- How well children and young people are helped and protected.
- The impact and effectiveness of leaders and staff?

Answer:

Maney Hill Children's home is being run effectively. There are 4 young people currently residing in the home and they are all safe, well-cared for and making good progress. Ofsted's inspection of the home on 9th November 2016 was the first inspection since the home was opened and reflects the first 6 months of its operation. While the home was judged as "Requires Improvement", the leading HMI has confirmed that the rating was at the strong end of this judgement. Had the assessment been only for the latter 3 months, the inspection judgement would have been "Good". The HMI is confident that if the home continues with the improvements and the progress it is making, it could achieve "Good" at its next inspection.

Meadows Care has submitted an action plan in response to Ofsted's findings. The following improvements have been made:

The overall experiences and progress of children and young people living in the home.

Oftsed's concerns were around young people accessing their educational entitlement. All young people are in receipt of education with support tailored to their individual needs:

- One young person is receiving 2 days of home tuition and 3 days of work experience
- Two young people are in full time education
- One young person was excluded from school but is has now returned to full time education.

How well children and young people are helped and protected

The Ofsted report made reference to reducing risks while children are away from the home and reducing bullying.

Measures are in place for staff to keep in touch with young people when they are away from the home and when they return, e.g. phone calls, observational checks, and visiting the premises of where they are. This information is recorded and risk assessments updated to reflect any concerns. Decisions about contact arrangements with families are made in conjunction with the allocated Social Worker. The Residential Manager accompanies the social worker to visit premises where contact takes place and appropriate protocols agreed about how the contact arrangements will work. The Registered Manager has ensured antibullying training has been completed by some staff in the home, and is arranging further dissemination to the whole staff team. A form has been devised to record issues relating to all incidents of bullying and the information is evaluated by the Psychologist in conjunction with the Registered Manager to understand the issues, identify triggers and solutions to prevent further incidents arising.

The impact and effectiveness of leaders and staff

Ofsted's findings referred to the need to improve skills and experience of staff, improve record keeping, review safeguarding, bullying and behavioural incidents, disruptions and placement breakdowns.

Progress continues to be made to strengthen the skills and experience of the staff team. The majority of the staff have passed their probationary periods, and the remaining staff are nearing the end of this process. Staffing levels are now stable as the team is well established. The continuity of care has improved as a result. Staff who required a higher level residential care qualification were enrolled on courses on the 16th January 2017.

Staff are using the Meadows Care "ClearCare" IT system more effectively and the registered manager audits all reports produced by staff to check and challenge the quality of recording. Analysis is undertaken of Independent Reg 44 reports and feedback from Corporate Parenting visits made by Elected Members. The feedback is disseminated to the staff team and discussed in team meetings so there is shared learning, understanding of practice changes and how this will promote better outcomes for young people who reside in the home.

Alongside Ofsted's inspection of the home, an independent Reg 44 inspection visit was undertaken on 20th December 2016, and a Corporate Parenting Visit by Councillor Yip on 25th January 2017. There continues to be monthly contract monitoring meetings with Meadows Care to manage performance and resolve any issues.

The combination of this information, including the additional correspondence from Ofsted, shows an overall improving picture and that safe care is being delivered to young people in our care.

On visits to the home over a number of months, children have reported that they feel too afraid to talk at normal volume for fear of complaints from neighbours and being forced to move house. No child should be made to feel like this and I trust that all councillors are doing their duty as corporate parents to help this situation.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SUE ANDERSON

D <u>White Goods</u>

Question:

I understand there has been an increase in the dumping of white goods, could the Cabinet Member please set out the increase and the actions being undertaken to remove these pollutants.

Answer:

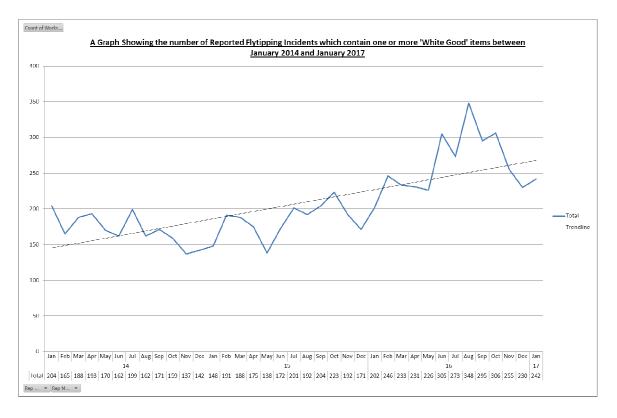
The increase in the number of reported fly-tipping incidents containing 'White Goods' since January 2014 it is perhaps due to the changes in 2013 to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations. Manufacturers, producers and larger retailers now have to pay cost of recycling & recovery <u>after</u> items have been received by an authorised waste facility and this is further compounded by changes to the Environment Agency's hazardous waste guidance in 2014. The resulting effect is that most of country's scrap metal dealers no longer accept fridges and fridge freezers and this has given rise, across the region, to the increase.

The Council is only responsible for removing fly-tipped waste from 'public land' any flytipped waste on private land is the responsibility of the land owner. The Council has well established arrangements in place across its waste management, highways and Amey operational teams to deal with incidents and to remove items to authorised disposal facilities for proper disposal, including white goods.

Additionally, the Council is urging residents not to place unwanted white goods on the street for unknown metal collectors to remove.

- <u>Households</u> have a wide range of options available:
 - HRC (free)
 - Council bulky waste collection (chargeable)
 - Donate (re-use schemes / charities or sell)
 - Use retailer 'take-back' schemes when you buy new item (expect to pay £10 to 15 for transport)
 - Use private waste collector (expect to pay min £50+vat, registered waste carrier, proper receipt essential & note of vehicle registration)

The graph below illustrates the rise in fly-tipped waste containing one or more white goods items.



WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR LYN COLLIN

E Bed Blocking

Question:

What actions are you, as Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care and the Chief Executive Mark Rogers as lead on the STP plan, taking to address the extremely high figure of 58% delayed discharges (bed blocking) attributable to Social Care in Birmingham?

Answer:

The attached graph shows information about delays, admission rates and activity into social care.

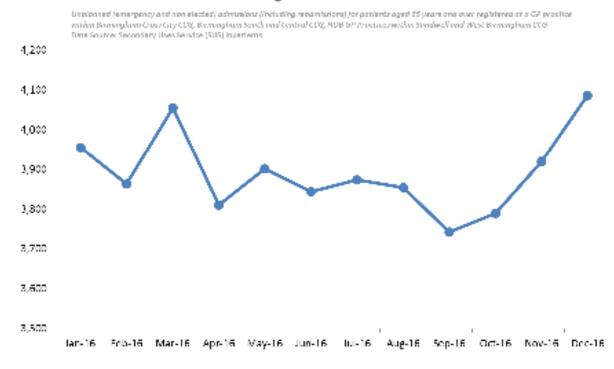
A considerable amount of work is being done in partnership with the Acute Hospitals and CCGs by the Strategic A&E Delivery Boards and Operations Partnership Sub-group of each of the A&E Delivery Boards.

Following are some of the actions taken to reduce the delays, both in Health and Social Care.

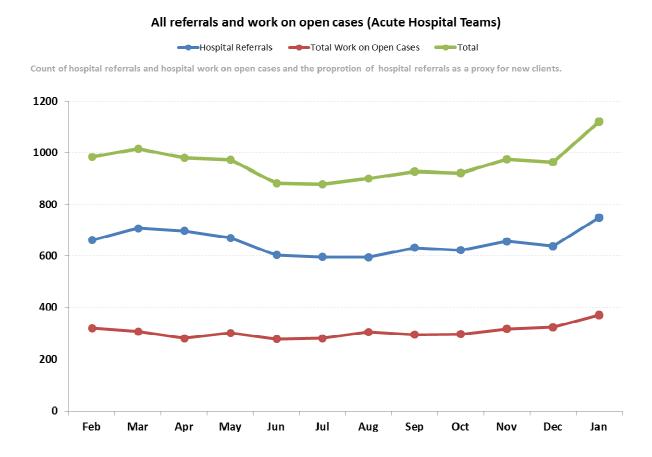
- 1. Quick discharge Home Care Service. This service is arranged within 2 hours of patient being fit for discharge.
- 2. In the last 16 months, multi-disciplinary discharge hubs have been set up in each of the Acute hospitals, where both Health and Social Care staff get together to identify patients as they are admitted, and follow them through to discharge to their own homes or in-bed based services.
- 3. BCC social workers work 7 days a week, this includes some evenings.
- 4. The emergency admissions this winter have increased in each of the acute trusts by an average of 27%, resulting in an increase in demand for social care. In order to deal with this increase, an extra 8 social work staff have been employed.
- 5. A large number of the delays attributed to social care are due to issues we have finding long term residential and nursing care.

Hospital Admissions – Total City Hospital, Good Hope, Heartlands, QE, Sandwell, Solihull

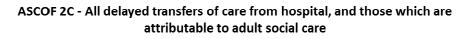
All emergency admissions for patients registered at Birmingham GP aged 65 and over

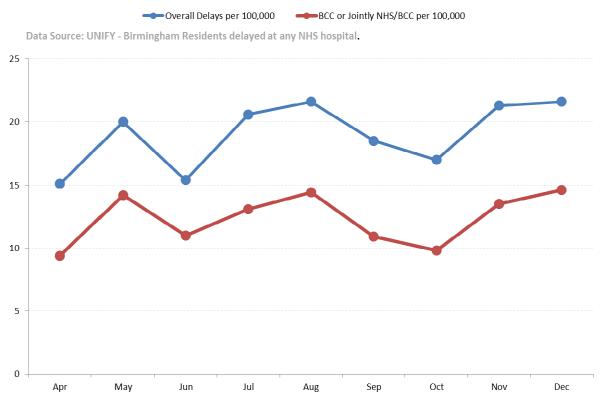


Referrals for Acute Hospital Teams



Delayed





WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPARENCY, OPENNESS AND EQUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER

F1 Freedom of Information Requests

Question:

When does the Council intend to begin publishing a disclosure log of all Freedom of Information Requests?

Answer:

Whilst the Council has no plans at the moment to begin publishing a disclosure log of all FOI requests, we are currently looking at how we can share information better as a local authority in our aspiration to be an open data council.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPARENCY, OPENNESS AND EQUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

F2 Freedom of Information

Question:

For each of the last 4 financial years, including current year to date, what has been the total number Freedom of Information Requests received and the number of these that have been responded to within the statutory 20 working days?

Answer:

The right to access information under the Freedom of Information Act came into effect on 1st January 2005 and as such, requests received and response rates are based on a calendar year, rather than financial year.

Details are as follows:

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Requests Received	1522	1777	2114	1955	1932
Within 20 days	1261	1487	1829	1725	1640
	84%	83%	87%	88%	85%

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VALUE FOR MONEY AND EFFICIENCY FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN

G Foreign Exchange

Question:

In answer to an oral question last month, the Cabinet Member stated that there had been no use of purchase cards for foreign exchange this year. This does not tally with open source data available about Birmingham City Council. Can the Cabinet Member now advise on how many occasions, including cost of each transaction, purchase cards have been used to purchase foreign exchange in each year since 2012?

Answer:

The answer to the oral question last month referred specifically to foreign currency **withdrawals** on a Council purchase card and the fees charged thereon. The definition used of a foreign currency withdrawal was a transaction where the cardholder had **withdrawn cash in a foreign currency, for example Euros,** from an ATM machine abroad using a purchase card. There were no such transactions in 2016.

The open source data about Birmingham City Council is from reports provided by the procurement card provider. There are 57 purchases in the UK, with a merchant identified as 'bureau de change' or similar (see below). In the time available, we have had to make the assumption that these purchases were foreign currency. The costs, if any, were not identified separately.

In addition, there were 4 purchases, referenced 'cash', totalling £1,200 which attracted fees of £36.88. The cardholder would need to confirm whether these were purchases of foreign currency and in the time available, this has not been possible. One of these transactions, for £50, took place in 2016. It was not included in the answer to the oral question last month because it was a purchase in pounds and did not fit the criteria of a cash withdrawal denominated in foreign currency.