



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM  
CITY COUNCIL  
13 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

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

**Councillors**

Uzma Ahmed	Des Flood	Majid Mahmood
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Jayne Francis	Karen McCarthy
Deirdre Alden	Matthew Gregson	James McKay
John Alden	Carole Griffiths	Gareth Moore
Robert Alden	Peter Griffiths	Brett O'Reilly
Nawaz Ali	Paulette Hamilton	John O'Shea
Tahir Ali	Roger Harmer	Eva Phillips
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Kath Hartley	Robert Pocock
David Barrie	Barry Henley	Victoria Quinn
Bob Beauchamp	Penny Holbrook	Hendrina Quinnen
Matt Bennett	Des Hughes	Chauhdry Rashid
Kate Booth	Jon Hunt	Habib Rehman
Sir Albert Bore	Mahmood Hussain	Fergus Robinson
Barry Bowles	Shabrana Hussain	Gary Sambrook
Randal Brew	Timothy Huxtable	Rob Sealey
Marje Bridle	Mohammed Idrees	Shafique Shah
Mick Brown	Ziaul Islam	Mike Sharpe
Sam Burden	Kerry Jenkins	Sybil Spence
Andy Cartwright	Meirion Jenkins	Claire Spencer
Tristan Chatfield	Julie Johnson	Stewart Stacey
Zaker Choudhry	Brigid Jones	Ron Storer
Debbie Clancy	Carol Jones	Martin Straker Welds
John Clancy	Nagina Kauser	Sharon Thompson
Lynda Clinton	Tony Kennedy	Paul Tilsley
Lyn Collin	Ansar Ali Khan	Karen Trench
John Cotton	Changeese Khan	Lisa Trickett
Ian Cruise	Mariam Khan	Anne Underwood
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal	Margaret Waddington
Diane Donaldson	Mike Leddy	Ian Ward
Peter Douglas Osborn	Bruce Lines	Mike Ward
Barbara Dring	John Lines	Fiona Williams

Neil Eustace  
Mohammed Fazal  
Mick Finnegan

Keith Linnecor  
Mary Locke  
Ewan Mackey

Alex Yip  
Waseem Zaffar

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### **NOTICE OF RECORDING**

18722 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.

The whole of the meeting would be filmed except where they were confidential or exempt items.

The Lord Mayor asked Members to note that, there would be break of 30 Minutes at approximately 1600 hours.

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### **MINUTES**

Referring to the preamble of Minute No. 18703 on page 2122 of the previous Minutes Councillor John Lines indicated that the name 'Richard' should be 'Freda'.

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

18723 **RESOLVED:-**

That, subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 12 July 2016, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

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### **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

18724 The Lord Mayor advised that he had no announcements but indicated that the Deputy Lord Mayor wished to say a few words.

The Deputy Lord Mayor advised the Members that it was the Lord Mayor's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday and called upon all those in the Chamber to wish him happy birthday.

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### **PETITIONS**

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

The following petition was presented before the meeting:-

(See document No 1)

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

18725 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer.

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

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No 2)

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

18726 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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### **Petitions Update**

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18727 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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### **QUESTION TIME**

18728 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9 (B).

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

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### **APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

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

(See document No 4)

18729 **RESOLVED:-**

That the following persons be appointed to serve on the bodies set out below until the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2017:-

<b><u>Body</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>
Council Business Management Committee	Councillor Gareth Moore (Con) to replace Councillor Anne Underwood (Con).
Corporate Resources And Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor David Barrie (Con) to replace Councillor Anne Underwood (Con)

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### **EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS**

It was moved by Councillor Sharon Thompson:-

“That, pursuant to a CBM discussion, Standing Orders be waived as follows:

- Allocate 5 Minutes for item 8 (Proposed Changes to the Constitution)”

It was-

18730 **RESOLVED:-**

That, pursuant to a CBM discussion, Standing Orders be waived as follows:

- Allocate 5 Minutes for item 8 (Proposed Changes to the Constitution)

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### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

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

(See document No 5)

Councillor John moved the motion which was seconded.

### **EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT**

It was moved by Councillor Gareth Moore and seconded –

“That the time limit for the item ‘Proposed Changes to the Constitution’ be extended by 10 minutes.”

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

It was accordingly –

18631 **RESOLVED:-**

That the time limit for the item ‘Proposed Changes to the Constitution’ be extended by 10 minutes.

A debate ensued.

Councillor John Clancy replied to the

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 -

18732 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18733 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1645 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1615 hours.

At 1647 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

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### **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(A).

**Councillors Brett O’Reilly and Brigid Jones have given notice of the following Motion:-**

(See document No 6)

Councillor Brett O'Reilly moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Brigid Jones.

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

(See document No 7)

Councillor Jon Hunt, in moving the amendment, indicated that he was prepared to delete the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> paragraphs. The amendment as amended was seconded by Councillor Karen Trench.

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

(See document No 8)

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

A debate ensued.

Councillor Brett O'Reilly replied to the debate during which he indicated that he was happy for the word 'swingeing' in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph to be deleted.

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

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

The Motion as amended by the amendment and with the deletion of the word 'Swingeing' as referred to above, 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 with some concern the current inconsistencies in the standard of independent careers advice and guidance for the young people of this city. In 2013, Ofsted reported that nationally only one in five schools were effective in ensuring that all pupils received an acceptable level of careers advice, and there is little evidence to suggest that this picture has improved in any significant way. Despite a statutory duty being placed on schools to deliver independent careers advice, much more needs to be done to ensure that every child and young person in this city receives high quality, independent careers advice, that will equip them for life and employment in modern Britain.

This Council welcomes progress being made with regards to careers advice in Birmingham, retaining an independent careers advice service despite cuts

to funding, and most recently with the development of the online application, COG, which provides a platform to put young people, employers and training providers in touch with each other, and has the potential to be single point of access for careers in Birmingham.

This Council believes, like Ofsted, that every young person has the right to high quality, independent careers advice and guidance, and calls on the government to match the aspirations of Birmingham, with a commitment to providing sufficient funding for careers advice and guidance through the next round of devolution to the West Midlands Combined Authority.

There is an acknowledgement of the harm that can be caused to a young person's future prospects through poor careers advice, and there is a clear commitment from this City Council to work with stakeholders and partners to ensure that every young person is given the tools to realise their aspirations.

Accordingly, this Council calls on the government to support this agenda with any future devolvement of funding.

This Council further recognises that good career choices involve learning to make choices, take opportunities and take responsibility for personal decisions.

It therefore supports wider and improved opportunities for direct experience of workplaces and careers.

It supports close working with the business sector through existing and future partnerships to create these opportunities for young people and to encourage exposure to a range of careers and educational routes.

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**B. Councillors Robert Alden and Randal Brew have given notice of the following Motion:-**

(See document No 9)

Councillor Robert Alden moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Randal Brew.

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

(See document No 10)

Councillor Ian Ward moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Mike Sharpe.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Robert Alden 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.

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

(See document No 11)

NB The documents have been amended to show that the Deputy Lord Mayor for the meeting (Councillor Shah) as being a Labour Member and not a Liberal Democrat Member

Councillor Roger Harmer indicated that he wished to be included as having voted for the amendment.

Therefore, the total results referred to in the interleave should read:-

Yes – 70 (For the Amendment);

No – 24 (Against the Amendment);

Abstain – 4 (Abstentions).

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 -

18735 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council supports the designation of conservation areas where there are 'areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'. In line with Section 69(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

The Council recognises that it has a duty to review conservation areas 'from time to time'. In line with Section 69(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

Council further recognises that Article 4 directions are a key tool, used across the country, to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of conservation areas. Article 4 directions are reviewed as part of any review of conservation areas in order to ensure that heritage assets are conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance.

This Council feels we should be protecting our heritage and culture, for future generations, using it as a selling point for the growth and regeneration of the City.

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The meeting ended at 1824 hours.



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

### **A1 Outcomes and Objectives recent trip to China**

#### **Question:**

**Could the Leader report on the outcomes and objectives of his recent trip to China?**

#### **Answer:**

I went on a week-long trade mission to China and Hong Kong as part of ongoing work to attract big-money investors to build houses and create jobs across the city. I also visited Singapore and from there went over to Malaysia.

There will be many outcomes, some immediate, some longer term, to come out of the visit, but one immediate result is that I signed a Joint Statement of Investment Commitment with Chinese property development company Country Garden worth up to £2 billion to the Birmingham economy.

The deal will initially see the Guangdong-based company explore large scale investment opportunities in the Birmingham city region with investment options related to the HS2 project. But most importantly the two parties will work jointly to find areas of collaboration with regard to delivering significant new housing stock.

Country Garden have a proven track record of building homes at pace and scale. They have played a major role over the last 20 years, as housebuilders have met the massive demands of China's rapidly expanding economy.

Bringing this level of investment and experience to Birmingham would be a massive economic boost to the region's businesses, skills base and families. This is about bringing new, big capital spend to the city, quickly. It's about building houses, jobs and futures for young people and families across the region.

Country Garden understand the demands in Birmingham and are clearly excited at the prospect of investing in our young, growing city.

I'm sure you will agree that this is in keeping with the recently-signed shared vision of cross-party ambitions to give the people of Birmingham neighbourhoods and a city to be proud of.

The landscape has inevitably changed post-Brexit and Birmingham is already looking to the global market for investment. The trip was brought forward in light of the vote to leave the European Union and work to bring in significant investment will continue.

In addition to signing the agreement with Country Garden, I spent the last few days of my trade and investment mission to present the massive opportunities for capital investment in the city and the region in a series of meetings with the region's leading investors, aided by the Department for International Trade and the various diplomatic services in the locations visited. The imminent arrival of HS2 added to projects like Smithfield, the Curzon Investment Plan and Arden Cross make our city an increasingly attractive place for major Chinese and East Asia investors to do business.

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

**A2     Cabinet Offices**

**Question:**

**How much did the Council spend on the removal company and the recent move of the Council Cabinet Offices?**

**Answer:**

Local company Harrow Green were used, at a total cost of £584.29 ex VAT.

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

**A3    Moving**

**Question:**

**How much did the Council spend on works to the new Cabinet offices to make them ready for the move?**

**Answer:**

Nothing. Cabinet Members and staff moved straight into existing offices, using furniture that was already there, and no decorating has taken place.

The works to the ceiling of M71 were already planned and scheduled in before the moves were planned - so these were not as a consequence of the Cabinet Office moves.

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

### **A4     Benefits for £10 million spend**

#### **Question:**

**Could the Leader set out what economic benefits will flow from the planned £10 million spending on Centenary Square?**

#### **Answer:**

Since the Highbury Initiative in the 1980s, the City Council has recognised the value of improving the quality of the public realm in order to uplift perceptions of visitors to the city and to provide an attractive setting for business investment, retail, leisure and cultural events. The continued successes of Brindleyplace and Bullring; the major pedestrianisation programmes of the 1990s through to Eastside City Park more recently, have demonstrated the links between investment in high-quality public realm and economic growth, that have also been recognised internationally.

The growing importance of the quality and safety of the pedestrian environment to connectivity and impressions of place quality, which in turn support labour market retention and investor confidence is well documented. Research conducted by many organisations including by CABE, ECOTEC, Gensler and Professor Michael Parkinson CBE have identified that improvements to the quality of connections and places plays a vital role in maintaining a competitive edge fundamental to the ability of urban areas to compete successfully with other major cities, often on an international level for inward investment and in the visitor economy.

The principle of improving Centenary Square was established in the Big City Plan in 2011 as an integral part of the City Council's wider strategy for the City Centre to improve the quality of connections for pedestrians, cyclists and access to public transport. Now over 25 years old, the materials of the square are beginning to fail and are no longer available for replacements, however it is the opportunity to extend the square across to the Arena Central development, and the need to integrate the Metro extension that has brought the project forward.

The redevelopment of Centenary Square is being funded through the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan which is a strategic initiative of The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP). The GBSLEP have identified the growing importance of the quality and safety of the pedestrian environment to connectivity and impressions of place quality, which in turn support labour market retention and investor confidence.

The overall Enterprise Zone programme is set to create an additional 40,000 new jobs, deliver of 1.3 million square metres of new floor space with uplift in GVA of £2.8bn per annum. Key to unlocking the growth is the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan, which the redevelopment of Centenary Square is a strategic part. The Square has strategic importance as the main connection and setting of key regeneration/Enterprise Zone sites of Paradise and Arena Central.

The Centenary Square project provides a key focal point to complement almost £1 billion of private sector investment in the Paradise and Arena Central developments. The decision of HSBC UK to locate its headquarters and over 1,000 jobs in Birmingham at Arena Central was greatly helped by them seeing their building integrated within the enlarged and transformed Centenary Square as the company values only the highest-quality environments for their employees and many business visitors. In creating investor and occupier confidence, this project will help to attract further inward investment opportunities and jobs to the city.

Existing visitor attractors such as the Library of Birmingham, ICC/Symphony Hall and Birmingham REP will also benefit from the improvements; in addition, the remodelled square will provide more useable and resilient space for the many key outdoor events throughout the year.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM  
COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

**A5    Reduce Number of Play Areas - Consultation and Outcome**

**Question:**

**In June the Leader said a consultation would be undertaken with local members "over the summer" about the decision in the Council budget and business plan to reduce the number of play areas. Could the Leader say how that consultation has gone, indicating its outcome?**

**Answer:**

From July this year, the Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling and Environment is responsible for Parks and the Play Areas within them.

The Cabinet Member is currently reviewing those sites that are coming or have come to the end of their economic life and will lead discussions on options with local members over the coming months to try and identify a pragmatic solution.

Therefore at this point the consultation is still to take place.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT LEADER  
(COUNCILLOR MARJE BRIDLE), FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE  
ALDEN**

**B1     Workload**

**Question:**

What meetings and all other work has the Assistant Leader done in connection with their role since they were appointed?

**Answer:**

All four Assistant Leaders are working together collaboratively, so I shall answer on behalf of us all collectively.

Since our appointment on 19 July 2016, we have consulted with a wide variety of individuals and organisations about how we can work more effectively at ward and neighbourhood level to achieve the measures of success we have identified. This has included meetings with the Leader and Cabinet Members, senior officers of the Council, the leaders of the two opposition groups (we are scheduled to meet with the Conservative Group on Monday 12 September), Locality, the District Chairs, the Community Governance team, the waste enforcement team, Digital Birmingham, Unite the union and Action Research. We have also visited many frontline services and talked with staff there, and attended events such as a meeting of all the BIDs, the LGA conference AGM, a meeting of Northfield Community Partnership and the Disability Resource Centre.

In addition, we have been gathering evidence from wards in a series of sessions we arranged with ward councillors, as we did with you and your fellow Edgbaston ward councillors on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, to hear first-hand about what's working, what isn't and what needs to be put in place.

We will shortly be publishing our emergent work programme, and will of course be certain to share it with members.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT LEADER  
(COUNCILLOR TONY KENNEDY), FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE  
ALDEN**

**B2    Workload**

**Question:**

What meetings and all other work has the Assistant Leader done in connection with their role since they were appointed?

**Answer:**

I refer you to the answer given to question B1.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT LEADER  
(COUNCILLOR ANSAR ALI KHAN), FROM COUNCILLOR  
DEIRDRE ALDEN**

**B3    Workload**

**Question:**

What meetings and all other work has the Assistant Leader done in connection with their role since they were appointed?

**Answer:**

I refer you to the answer given to question B1.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE ASSISTANT LEADER  
(COUNCILLOR NARINDER KAUR KOONER), FROM  
COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

**B4    Workload**

**Question:**

What meetings and all other work has the Assistant Leader done in connection with their role since they were appointed?

Answer:

I refer you to the answer given to question B1.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR  
CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR  
PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**C1    Child Grooming**

**Question:**

In the light of successful prosecutions in neighbouring authorities for Child Grooming, what are the outcomes of cases both latterly and historically which can be attributed to the report for Social Services by Dr. Jill Jesson entitled "Young Women In Care"?

**Answer:**

We have asked West Midlands Police for a briefing on this matter and I will share that with Councillor Douglas Osborn.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR  
CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR  
MATT BENNETT**

**C2    Home to Schools Transport**

**Question:**

**"In a briefing to elected members regarding changes to Home to School Transport arrangements, circulated on 5th July 2016 it states that:**

**"Independent financial modelling has identified that alongside the promotion and development of new independent travel options, the transformation of the service will only be possible by full adherence to policy and then policy change.**

**The approach to change outlined in this paper has been agreed with Councillor Jones, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools; Peter Hay Strategic, Director for People and Colin Diamond, Executive Director for Education"**

**Can the Cabinet Member confirm that the above statement, which suggests her approval of this financial modelling, is accurate?**

**Answer:**

Individual financial modelling did indicate that adherence to the policy, changes to the policy and development of independent travel training would be required to develop the service and achieve savings.

Given recent experiences over the summer, the service will be subject to a transformation programme which will necessitate a re-consideration of savings and timescales over the next year.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR  
CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR  
DEBBIE CLANCY**

**C3    Financial Modelling**

**Question:**

**"Financial modelling to inform the new approach to Home to School Transport was carried out for the Council by Impower. How much did this piece of work cost and who approved it?"**

**Answer:**

The cost incurred on iMPower to support the Home to School financial modelling was £27k, and expenditure was approved by the Future Council Programme Manager.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR  
CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR  
GARY SAMBROOK**

**C4    Education Health and Care Plans**

**Question:**

**"What percentage of Education Health & Care Plans were finalised to type - ie without naming a placement, each month since September 2016?"**

**Answer:**

In order to achieve the 20 week statutory deadline, some EHC plans are finalised by type of provision required (i.e. a special school that can cater for Autistic Spectrum Condition, for example), rather than naming a school place. Whilst finalising a plan to type is allowable under the SEN Code of Practice (see section 9.69), it is recognised that best practice would identify a named school.

Between September 2015 and August 2016 1012 EHC plans have been completed, and 239 of those finalised by type, which is an average of 24% a month. When a plan is finalised by type, work continues to find a placement as quickly as possible.

## **WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

### **C5    Code of Practice**

#### **Question:**

**"The DFE's SEND Code of Practice, published in September 2014 and updated in January 2015 states that:**

**"Local authorities must publish a transport policy statement each year setting out the travel arrangements they will make to support young people aged 16-19 and learners with learning difficulties and/or disabilities (LDD) aged up to 25, to access further education. This should include any arrangements for free or subsidised transport"**

**Why, two years after this Code of Practice was issued, do we not have any such policy statement applying to young people aged 19-25?**

#### **Answer:**

Service users who access Post 16 education provision are assessed for transport assistance in-line with the Council's Post 16 Transport Policy, which is published.

For those 'adults' who are neither children nor of sixth form age (therefore 19 or over), section 508F Education Act 1996 deals with the matter of provision of transport. Under that section, the Council is not obliged to make any arrangements for the provision of transport for adult learners except where it considers necessary. However, if the Council does make such provision, it must be free of charge.

Publication of the Council's position within a policy statement for learners who are over 19 is imminent. Officers recognise there has been an unacceptable delay in its publication.



## **WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

### **C6    School Leavers**

#### **Question:**

**"How many people have left school this July?"**

#### **Answer:**

In 2015/16 academic year, there were approx. 12,600 Year 11s in the cohort who have completed their statutory education and will be moving into Post 16 education or training.

From September 2015, all young people aged 16-18 are required to continue to participate in education, training or employment with training such as an Apprenticeship. It is the school's responsibility to support young people in Year 11 (aged 16) to plan progression by providing independent, impartial careers advice and guidance.

The role of Local Authorities is to track the 'offers' those young people have received to continue into academic Year 12 across a range of Post 16 providers including School Sixth Forms, Further Education, Sixth Form Colleges and Independent Training Providers. This process, called the September Guarantee, is currently in progress and we can report that to date 92.5% (11,725 young people) have received an offer for Post 16 education or training for this September. The Post 16 Tracking Service and Birmingham Careers Service are continuing to support the 800 young people who currently don't have an offer for a variety of reasons.

Post 16 providers will continue to enrol learners during September and we expect this figure to increase. Actual enrolment data for September 2016 will be received by the City Council's Education Service during October and will be reported in due course.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR  
CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR  
GARETH MOORE**

**C7    Universities**

**Question:**

**"How many how Birmingham school leavers will be starting University?"**

**Answer:**

The Education Service collects destination data, including Higher Education (HE) destinations for young people in academic years 13 and 14 who have completed their Key Stage Five programme, from all Birmingham schools with sixth forms, sixth form colleges and Further Education Colleges. This is collected in November of each year and therefore we will be able to report on HE destinations early in the new year.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN  
STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR  
ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

**D1 Flytipping**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet Member update the Council on progress in tackling the problem of flytipping in the city by giving the numbers of incidents and of reports of flytipping by month for the last two years?**

**Answer:**

Answer:

The table below shows the service enquiries recorded in the Council's waste management and regulatory teams' databases that reference involvement of or that were categorised at the initial reporting stage as relating to waste/rubbish, and the incidents reportable under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow 'fly-tipping' arrangements. [Data for July and August 2016 are not reported as they have yet to be collated].

The total number of service enquiries/reports does not equate to the number of reportable incidents, which is due to a number of reasons which includes, but that is not limited to: duplicate enquiries/incidents being reported more than once, by different reporters or on multiple dates or to different council teams; enquiries for which linked records are created in the electronic database for the purpose of assisting with job management; and enquiries where waste/rubbish may not subsequently be identified as the route cause or primary element of a multi-issue referral.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of enquiries into the Council referencing waste/rubbish and recorded on waste management or regulatory teams database</b>	<b>Number of Incidents of fly-tipping. [Reportable under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow arrangements]</b>
06/2014	3554	1456
07/2014	3671	1281
08/2014	2713	1561
09/2014	2650	1190
10/2014	1997	1065
11/2014	1836	865
12/2014	1880	1064
01/2015	2371	1159
02/2015	2277	1016
03/2015	4335	1002
04/2015	3729	1075
05/2015	3454	1059

06/2015	5439	1192
07/2015	6582	1202
08/2015	4011	916
09/2015	3941	834
10/2015	4061	919
11/2015	3981	973
12/2015	4377	867
01/2016	3944	1086
02/2016	3644	1028
03/2016	3623	1197
04/2016	4402	1152
05/2016	4174	1151
06/2016	4347	1209
07/2016	4561	
08/2016	4421	

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

**D2 Future Waste Strategy**

**Question:**

**The future waste strategy for the City Council is currently under development. Could the Cabinet Member set out the total cost of the exercise, including the cost of consultants, officer time and public consultation, setting out the source of the budgets for this exercise?**

**Answer:**

The development of the new Waste Strategy and the procurement of the new Waste Disposal Contract from January 2019 represent a significant future investment by the Council – estimated at £500m+ over the next 20 years.

The Cabinet (at the meeting in November 2015) approved an investment of £1.2m funded from reserves to ensure the successful completion of this project and programme.

This investment should be considered in the context of the total investment and has been phased over 3 years - £0.220m in 2015/16, £0.490m in 2016/17 and £0.490m in 2017/18. This will fund all the external specialist technical advice (£0.250m), legal advice (£0.240m), financial advice (£0.340m) and project management support (£0.370m).

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN  
STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR  
KAREN TRENCH**

**D3 Noise reported to Environmental Health**

**Question**

**Could the Cabinet Member report on how many complaints about noise (eg fireworks, noisy vehicles, outdoor music) have been reported to environmental health about the Tower Hill/Walsall Road neighbourhood of Perry Barr Ward in the months of July and August 2016?**

**Answer:**

Thank you for your question. This responsibility sits with the Chair of LPPC and has been redirected accordingly to Cllr Dring to answer (please see answer F2).

## **WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR RAY HASSALL**

### **E1 Traffic - Tailbacks**

#### **Question**

**Traffic using the Scott Arms junction at Great Barr has faced significant tailbacks while Highways England undertakes work on the Aston Expressway. Could the Cabinet Member say what has been done to improve flow of traffic through this junction while traffic diversions are in place?**

#### **Answer:**

The City Council has worked closely with colleagues at Highways England (HE) and other affected Local Authorities to identify and mitigate, as best as possible, the significant impact of the essential works being undertaken at M6 Junction 6.

The A34 corridor specifically has been reviewed to maximise the efficiency for all the traffic signalised junctions and the HE have funded engineers to be stationed on the ground to manually control the Scott Arms junction at peak periods.

The City Council has also supported the HE on a Communication strategy for these works. Information on the works has been disseminated to the public and key stakeholders through the following means:

- Local radio advertisements,
- Use of Birmingham Post & Mail's digital tool called Pinpoint which also allows for text messages to be sent to the public located in Erdington and Sutton Coldfield areas
- Letters issued via HE to stakeholders including local MPs together with a local media release
- HE's contractor Kier contacting impacted schools by email letter and by telephone.
- Alerts sent via Birmingham Connected stakeholder database and supported through BCC's social media channels

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

### **E2    Aston Expressway - Diversion Routes**

#### **Question:**

**Work on the Aston Expressway has led to significant diversions of traffic across the city and continues to require diversions. Could the Cabinet Member set out what has been done to relieve pressure on the diversion routes, such as the A34 Walsall Road, indicating whether he thinks it is acceptable for the slip road access to the Expressway at Aston to be closed for 26 weeks, apparently for use as a works depot?**

#### **Answer:**

The City Council has worked closely with colleagues at Highways England (HE) and other affected Local Authorities to identify and mitigate, as best as possible, the significant impact of the essential works being undertaken at M6 Junction 6.

The A34 corridor specifically has been reviewed to maximise the efficiency for all the traffic signalised junctions and the HE have funded engineers to be stationed on the ground to manually control the Scott Arms junction at peak periods.

The closure of the Park Circus northbound on-slip was also implemented to ease congestion on the A38M and so reduce the impact of traffic congestion at the key Dartmouth Circus junction. Had the Park Circus on-slip been maintained open merging traffic flows joining the A38M would have caused significant further congestion, resulting in even greater queue lengths along the A38 and Middleway routes.

Whilst the Park Circus slip road was closed for traffic management purposes it was utilised as storage for machinery and materials to reduce the work areas required on the A38M and to help expedite the works at Junction 6 by reducing the distance to transport matter before and after each shift.

Additional measures such as 'keep clear' road markings have been provided at Dartmouth Circus and Curzon Circus junctions in attempt to maintain the free flow of traffic around the roundabouts, along with suspension of all non-essential roadworks on key routes in the local area to keep local routes free flowing as best as possible.

However, the good news is that the contractors are due to finish on site this weekend and the slip road can then be reopened.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR  
TRANSPORT AND ROADS, FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

**E3    Car Parks**

**Question:**

"How much additional income has been gained from Sutton Coldfield central car parks (Anchorage Road, South Parade, Mill St, Reddicroft, Station Street and Victoria Road) by the most recent increase in parking charges?

**Answer:**

The comparison of year 15/16 income to period 5, with the year 16/17 income to period 5 for each car park is as follows;

	Cash Income 2015/16	Cash Income 2016/17	2015/16 To 2016/17 Variation @ P5	
Description	15/16 to P5	16/17 to P5		% Change
Anchorage Road	12,749.36	15,842.79	3,093.43	24%
South Parade	32,129.62	33,886.64	1,757.02	5%
Mill Street	13,071.65	14,728.47	1,656.82	13%
Reddicroft				
- Upper	25,902.50	26,528.70	626.20	2%
Reddicroft				
- Lower	19,862.81	23,766.83	3,904.02	20%
Station Street	36,932.54	37,601.11	668.57	2%
Victoria Road	59,140.11	60,502.95	1,362.84	2%
Totals	199,788.59	212,857.49	13,068.90	7%

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC  
PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR RAY HASSALL**

**F1    Complaints - Badshah Palace**

**Question**

**Could the Chair indicate how many complaints have been received about activities at the Badshah Palace, Walsall Road, during the months of July and August 2016?**

**Answer:**

I am unable to provide the information requested because to do so would be a breach of the Data Protection Act.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN  
STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM  
COUNCILLOR KAREN TRENCH**

**F2    Noise reported to Environmental Health**

**Question**

**Could the Cabinet Member report on how many complaints about noise (eg fireworks, noisy vehicles, outdoor music) have been reported to environmental health about the Tower Hill/Walsall Road neighbourhood of Perry Barr Ward in the months of July and August 2016?**

**Answer:**

The Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling and the Environment has forwarded your question to me for reply, as it is within the remit of the Public Protection and Licensing Committee.

Environmental Health has received 5 complaints about noise in and around Tower Hill neighbourhood, as follows:

- 1 complaint about neighbour noise
- 2 new complaints about a commercial property
- The same complaint twice from a resident disturbed by a shop.