



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL, TUESDAY,
12 JUNE, 2018**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 12 JUNE, 2018 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

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

Councillors

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 19041 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 there are confidential or exempt items.

The 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

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 19042 The 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

Councillor Simon Morrall stated that he was present at the Extraordinary and Annual meetings but not included in the attendance lists. It was agreed that his name be added to the minutes for both meetings. Subject to this amendment

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 19043 **RESOLVED:-**

- i) That the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 22 May 2018 having been printed and copies circulate to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed; and
 - ii) That the Minutes of the annual meeting held on 22 May 2018 having been printed and copies circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.
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LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Death of former Lady Mayoress Sandra Brew

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent death of former Lady Mayoress Sandra Brew who served alongside her husband Honorary Alderman Randal Brew who served as Lord Mayor from 2007-2008 and as Deputy Lord Mayoress from 2008-2009.

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

19044 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death of former Lady Mayoress Sandra Brew and its appreciation of her devoted service to the residents of Birmingham; it extends its deepest sympathy to members of her family in their sad bereavement.

2. Achievements

The Lord Mayor made the following announcements:-

A. Chelsea Flower Show

Birmingham has scooped Gold at the Chelsea Flower Show for the seventh year running in the floral category with a display recognising and celebrating the legacy of the Windrush Generation.

B. 2018 UK Housing Awards

Birmingham City Council and Wates Living Space won '*Outstanding Approach to Repairs and Maintenance*', recognising the success of their long-term partnership in its approach to delivering part of the largest social housing maintenance contract in Europe that covers more than 62,000 properties.

19045 **RESOLVED:-**

That the City Council join the Lord Mayor in congratulating all those involved in achieving these successes.

C. Queen's Birthday Honours

Awarded an DBE was:

Professor Susan Lesley Hill

A CBE:

Ms Patricia Mary Smart

An OBE:

- Professor Julian Fleetwood Bion
- Professor Alison Jean Davenport
- Mrs Veronica Donovan
- Miss Ruth Louise Lester
- Mrs Shahana Khan
- Ashok Roy
- Amarjit Kaur Samra

An MBE:

- Mrs Katharine Bird
- Mr Michael Herbert Brown
- Dr John Dixon Craggs DL
- Mr Satvir Paul Bungar
- Dr Rabindra Vishanka Ratnasuriya
- Mrs Jane Teresa Raca
- Ms Suzanne Redfern
- Mr Michael Richard Rogers
- Mr Victor Paul Silvester
- Oswald Lloyd Latray

And the British Empire Medal:

- Mrs Jennifer Anne Harrison
- Miss Jennifer Mary Holloway
- Mr Trevor Alfred Workman
- Mr David John Pearce

It was also noted that Birmingham City Council's former Interim Chief Executive Stella Manzie had been awarded a DBE for services to Local Government.

19046 **RESOLVED:-**

That the City Council join the Lord Mayor in congratulating all those involved in achieving these successes.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to External Organisations Presented at the Meeting

The following petition was 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 –

19047 **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 Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19048 **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 Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19049 **RESOLVED:-**

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

APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Lord Mayor moved an appropriate Motion to formally appoint Councillor Ian Ward as the Leader of Birmingham City Council which was seconded.

Councillor Matt Bennett raised a point of order.

Councillor Matt Bennett expressed concerns that the appointment should have been made at the last meeting and questioned the validity of any decisions that may have been made by the Leader since that time. In response to his query Kate Charlton, City Solicitor confirmed that no decisions had been made by the Leader since the Annual meeting on 22 May, 2018.

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

19050 **RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Ian Ward be formally appointed as the Leader of Birmingham City Council, pursuant to Part B Appendix 1 paragraph 1.3 of the City Council's Constitution up to the end of his term of office as a Member or up to the end of his term of office as Leader of the Council in accordance with the provisions of Part B Appendix 1 paragraph 1.3(i) to 1.3(iv), whichever is shorter.

QUESTION TIME

- 19051 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

Following further nominations it was:-

- 19052 **RESOLVED:-**

That appointments be made by the City Council for Members to serve on the Committees and other bodies set out below:-

Planning Committee

Councillor Saddak Miah (Lab) to replace Councillor Ziaul Islam for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Saddak Miah to replace Councillor Kath Scott for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

Licensing and Public Protection Committee

Councillor Mary Locke to replace Councillor Saddak Miah for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

WMCA Housing & Land Delivery Board

Appoint Councillor Sharon Thompson for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

WMCA Investment Board

Appoint Councillor Ian Ward for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

WMCA Public Service Reform Board

Appoint Councillor Brigid Jones for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

WMCA Wellbeing Board

Appoint Councillor Paulette Hamilton for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2019.

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

19053 No proposals for exemption from Standing Orders were submitted.

DISSOLUTION OF WEST MIDLANDS JOINT COMMITTEE

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

(See document no. 4)

The Leader of the Council Councillor Ian Ward moved the motion during which he indicated himself as voting member and Councillor Waseem Zaffar as Observer on the organisation which was seconded.

Councillor Gareth Moore proposed that Councillor Robert Alden be appointed as the second observer member

There being no 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

19054 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council agrees to dissolve the West Midlands Joint Committee (the "Committee"). On the dissolution, the powers and functions of the Committee will be determined in a manner agreed by each constituent local authority (as set out in Appendix 1 to this report).

That the Council agrees to the establishment of a new Joint Executive Committee with the other six Councils within the West Midlands for the purpose of airport decisions, known as the West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

That the Council agrees the following appointments:

- The appointment of Cllr Ian Ward (Lab) as voting member on West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee
- The appointment of Cllr Waseem Zaffar (Lab) and Cllr Rob Alden (Con) as observers to attend each year one of the scheduled meetings of the West Midlands Shareholders Airport Committee

Authorises the City Solicitor to negotiate, execute and complete all legal documents necessary to support and deliver this Motion.

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 Deirdre Alden and Gary Sambrook have given notice of the following motion.

(See document no. 5)

Councillor Deirdre Alden moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Gary Sambrook.

Councillor Robert Alden made a non-pecuniary declaration of interest as a City appointed Governor to King Edwards Foundation Board.

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

(See document no. 6)

Councillor Jon Hunt moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Mike Ward.

EXTENSION OF TIME

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward proposed the following Motion which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden

“That the time for consideration of agenda item 11 Motions for Debate from individual Members be extended to 1835 hours.”

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

19055

RESOLVED:-

That the time for consideration of agenda item 11 Motions for Debate from individual Members be extended to 1835 hours.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Jayne Francis and Alex Aitken gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document no. 7)

Councillor Jayne Francis moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Alex Aitken.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Deirdre 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 lost.

The second 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. 8)

N.B. The documents have been amended to show that the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Carl Rice was from the Labour Group.

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 62 (For the amendment)

No – 20 (Against the amendment)

Abstain – 0 (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.

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

(See document no. 9)

NB: The documents have been amended to show that the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Carl Rice was from the Labour Group and that Councillor Mary Locke had intended to vote - Yes (For the Motion).

The total results referred to in the interleave (as amended) read:-

Yes – 63 (For the Motion)

No – 0 (Against the Motion)

Abstain – 0 (Abstentions)

It was therefore –

19056 **RESOLVED:-**

If the Government is looking to fund additional school places, the DfE should allow councils to invest to meet local need, giving councils the powers and funding to open new council-maintained schools where there is a need for additional places.

This Council would support any School in Birmingham including Sutton Coldfield that wishes to expand where it meets the requirement for additional places.

Furthermore, this council recognises that there is a growing need in our schools for emotional support, mental health support and support for pupils with special educational needs and calls on the Government to redirect scarce funding to the children who need it most.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

19057 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1655 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1625 hours.

At 1655 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

B. Councillor Roger Harmer and Jon Hunt have given notice of the following motion.

(See document no. 10)

Councillor Roger Harmer moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt. Councillor Roger Harmer indicated that he would accept both amendments with minor amendments.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Karen McCarthy and Lou Robson gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document no. 11)

Councillor Karen McCarthy moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Lou Robson. Councillor Karen McCarthy indicated that she would no longer seek to delete point 2 of the Motion.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Timothy Huxtable and Adam Higgins gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document no. 12)

Councillor Timothy Huxtable moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Adam Higgins. Councillor Timothy Huxtable indicated that “and improve” should be deleted.

A debate ensued.

THAT THE QUESTION BE NOW PUT

Councillor Martin Straker Welds proposed and it was:-

19058 **RESOLVED:-**

That the question be now put.

Councillor Roger Harmer replied to the debate.

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, as amended, 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

19059 **RESOLVED:-**

Birmingham City Council:

- 1) Expresses its sympathy for all those affected by the recent floods in Birmingham.
- 2) Notes that Birmingham is faced with a rising long term risk of surface water flooding. The causes of this include:
 - a) Rising global temperatures; with even modest increases in air temperature allowing it to contain significantly more moisture, and
 - b) The ongoing intensification of land use in the City, leading to greater areas of impermeable surfaces, which increases the speed of water run-off.
- 3) Recognises that the heavy rainfall caused different problems in different areas and that it will take time to analyse data from partners and evidence from residents.
- 4) Notes that an investigation into the flooding will be carried out under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.
- 5) Calls for Overview and Scrutiny to carry out a complementary investigation into the flood of May 2018, to be carried out promptly and
 - a) Include strong resident input, with opportunities to contribute being widely publicised.

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- b) Be debated as a main agenda item at a future Full Council meeting.
- c) Consider how planning guidance and enforcement can be strengthened. In particular, to encourage all developers who require planning permission in at risk areas to use sustainable drainage to minimise the impact of their work on flood risk, for instance, by encouraging schemes of planting and design to reduce run-off.
- d) Examine how the executive can strengthen the role of all arms of the Council in flood prevention, specifically including street cleaning, road gulley clearing, installation of drop kerbs and the design of pavements and verges.
- e) Considers what funding the government needs to make available for flood prevention schemes, particularly in relation to rivers, and what national regulations need to be amended, and for the council to put these findings clear to government.
- f) Considers the impact of climate change on flooding and what may need to change locally and nationally to respond to the increased risk.
- g) To work with relevant groups to ensure residents have appropriate advice and support.
- h) Examine how the Council can work more effectively with external partners both to strengthen long term flood prevention measures and better respond to flooding events, including communication with residents.
- i) Examine the approach to protecting properties during and immediately after flood events such as the provision of sandbags.
- j) Consider how the protection and promotion of green infrastructure can help prevent and alleviate flooding.

C. Councillor Liz Clements and Olly Armstrong have given notice of the following motion.

(See document no. 13)

Councillor Liz Clements moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Olly Armstrong.

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Councillor Peter Fowler made a non-pecuniary declaration of interest as a member of Equity.

Councillor Olly Armstrong made a non-pecuniary declaration of interest as he previously worked in Education and Arts.

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

(See document no. 14)

Councillor Jon Hunt moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Zaker Choudhry.

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

(See document no. 15)

Councillor Debbie Clancy moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Suzanne Webb.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Liz Clements 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 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 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. 16)

N.B. The documents have been amended to show that the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Carl Rice was from the Labour Group.

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 66 (For the Motion)

No – 19 (Against the Motion)

Abstain – 0 (Abstentions)

It was therefore

19060 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council believes that the EBacc, which excludes every single arts and creative subject, is having a profoundly harmful impact on creative subjects in schools and risks closing down opportunities for children in state schools in Birmingham.

Furthermore, the EBacc endangers the future of the creative industries which play such a major role in Birmingham's success as a global city and which will be the centrepiece of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

This Council calls on the government to amend the EBacc to include at least one arts and creative subject. A blinkered and unfair narrowing of the curriculum must be halted before a whole generation of our children are deprived of access to creative subjects: arts education must be for the many, not the few.

This Council further is concerned about continuing gender disparities in EBacc performance and asks the Learning, Culture and Physical Activity Overview and Scrutiny Committee to investigate the potential contribution of technical and vocational education at this stage of learning.

The meeting ended at 1839 hours.

APPENDIX

Questions and replies in accordance with Standing Order 12(A).

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN

A1 @BrumLeader

Question:

Do any council officers have access to the @Brumleader twitter account or the leader's blog that is linked from that twitter account?

Answer:

Yes but not exclusively.

Political tweets are posted by the Labour Party.

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

A2 @BrumLeader 2

Question:

Have any council officers produced or been involved in any videos or material for use on the @Brumleader twitter feed or Leader's blog site?

Answer:

Yes but not exclusively.

Political content is posted by the Labour Party.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY

A3 CPO Use

Question:

How many (out of how many) sites acquired under a Compulsory Purchase Order in the last 10 years have subsequently not been used for the original purpose intended at acquisition due to being substantially modified or scrapped? For each one please state the total number of acres of the site acquired, the date of acquisition and the date of change of intended use.

Answer:

It has not been possible to collate this information in the time allowed. I will therefore write to you separately once the information has been gathered.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

A4 Impact of Brexit - release report

Question:

According to media reports the Council is refusing to release the report it compiled prior to the EU referendum on the impact of Brexit. Aren't the public entitled to have the full facts?

Answer:

I agree that the public deserve the full facts on Brexit, and would caution that this unfinished draft background report from before the referendum does not supply that.

The position has now significantly moved on. The result of the referendum was to leave the EU and we are now working with the Combined Authority, businesses, academics and other partners to assess the implications of Brexit.

Once the full implications become known we will no doubt require further analysis on what it will mean for Birmingham and the wider region.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP

A5 Energy Company

Question:

On what date do you intend to establish the proposed Energy Company?

Answer:

We will be undertaking analysis of the City's energy assets, energy capacity, storage and future demand. This will be followed by options studies for the Energy Company during 2018/19 to inform our final proposals. As such, no specific date has yet been agreed.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SUZANNE WEBB

A6 Water Company

Question:

On what date do you intend to establish the Water Company you committed to in your 2018 local election Manifesto?

Answer:

We will be undertaking options studies for the proposed Water Company during 2018/19 to inform our final proposals. As such, no specific date has yet been agreed.

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

B1 Section 36 Exemption

Question:

How many times in each of the last 10 years has the section 36 exemption for the Freedom of Information Act (effective conduct of public affairs) been applied to requests for information?

Answer:

Section 36(2)(c) of the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would prejudice, or would be likely to prejudice, the effective conduct of public affairs.

Where the local authority is satisfied that the release of the requested information would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs, it can refuse to provide the information if it is satisfied that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

S36 can only be used with the agreement of the 'qualified person', i.e. the Monitoring Officer, who has to give their 'reasonable opinion' that disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the conduct of public affairs. A record of the qualified person's opinion is not a document that is disclosed to the requestor unless determined otherwise by the Information Commissioner or higher authority.

Such a decision needs to be made on a case by case basis.

There is no legal requirement for local authorities to record situations where the exemption has been used. Nevertheless since January 2017 (when the current City Solicitor was formally appointed) the S36(2) Exemption has been used on 10 occasions.

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

B2 Section 36 Public Interest

Question:

Of all the occasions that the section 36 exemption for the Freedom of Information Act has been applied to requests for information in the last 10 years how many times has the public interest test found in favour of disclosure of the information?

Answer:

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

B3 FOI Public Interest

Question:

During 2017/18, what proportion of public interest tests applied to all requests under the Freedom of Information Act for which a qualified exemption applied, found in favour of disclosure of that information?

Answer:

Section 36(2)(c) of the Freedom Of Information Act 2000 provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would prejudice, or would be likely to prejudice, the effective conduct of public affairs.

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Such a decision needs to be made on a case by case basis.

There is no legal requirement for local authorities to record situations where the exemption has been used. Nevertheless since January 2017 (when the current City Solicitor was formally appointed) the S36(2) Exemption has been used been used on 10 occasions.

It should be noted that this represents a tiny proportion of the total number of requests that are received by the Council. In the past 3 calendar years, the number of requests received is as follows:

2015	2016	2017
1955	1932	2051

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

B4 Flood defence

Question:

For each of the Flood Defence Schemes in Selly Park North, Selly Park South, and Perry Barr & Witton, what was the initial projected completion date for each phase, the current status and if applicable the revised completion date?

Answer:

The flood defence schemes listed are being delivered by the Environment Agency as the responsible body.

They have stated that as with every engineering/construction project, provisional completion dates becomes more reliable as the project moves through each stage of scheme development. The projected dates that the EA provide are indicative until contractors have commenced on site. In addition, because of the nature of the work, poor weather can have a particularly acute impact on timescales for completion.

The EA have advised of the current scheme completion dates:

Selly Park North - December 2018

Selly Park South - Completed December 2017

Perry Barr & Witton - August 2020

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

B5 Flood defence Environment Agency

Question:

What information was received and when from the Environment Agency concerning delays to the flood defence schemes Selly Park North, Selly Park South, and Perry Barr & Witton?

Answer:

Regular communication was maintained on all aspects of flood alleviation projects every six weeks through a Project Board where Birmingham City Council was represented by a Senior Drainage Engineer.

I understand that general updates on scheme progress were also provided every 6 months at the Strategic Flood Risk Board.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS**

B6 Flood S19 investigation report

Question:

For each of the ‘future actions’ identified in the Section 19 Investigation Report into the flooding of June 2016, how many are complete, on track, overdue or cancelled?

Answer:

80 actions were identified from the Section 19 investigations from the flooding incidents in June 2016.

Of those actions 41 have been completed, 36 are on track to be completed, 2 are over due for completion and 1 action (a reporting error) has been cancelled.

The 2 schemes that are overdue are;

Harborne Queens Park - To be delivered by BCC. Scheme delayed due to bad weather conditions. However the works were substantially completed by May 2018 and as a result previously affected properties were not flooded on this occasion.

Selly Park North - To be delivered by the Environment Agency. Scheme delayed due to Severn Trent Water mains requiring additional support to existing mains and changing construction method.

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

C1 In-house

Question:

**Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house
in next 4 years?**

Answer:

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

C2 Pupil Referral Unit - unable to access a place

Question:

Please can you advise how many times, for each month in the past 2 years, excluded children who would ideally be referred to the Pupil Referral Unit, have been unable to access a place there due to it being full. How many children in total have experienced this in each of the past two years?"

Answer:

The City of Birmingham School (COBS), are commissioned for 440 places (4 – 16 year olds), with an additional 50 places for the Spring and Summer Term of the academic year 2017.18, There has been limited capacity at our Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) for the past two years due to a legacy of pupils who have been permanently excluded from their schools.

The grid below shows the number of children awaiting a school place at the PRU, each month of the year.

	Sept 16	Oct 16	Nov 16	Dec 16	Jan 17	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	May 17	Jun 17	July 17
Pri	0	0	2	6	8	24	24	31	48	48	8
Sec	0	0	0	0	8	36	42	36	45	49	12
	Sept 17	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	N/A	N/A
Pri	0	0	19	28	32	30	49	62	57		
Sec	0	0	4	4	20	39	32	44	34		

In total, for the primary phase the number of children unable to access a place at the PRU for the past two years, due to it being full is:

110

(48 in 2016/17 and 62 in 2017/18) as per highlighted areas

In total, for the secondary phase the number of children unable to access a place at the PRU for the past two years, due to it being full is:

93

(49 in 2016/17 and 44 in 2017/18) as per highlighted areas

For the Primary and Secondary phase combined, the total is: 203 over two years.

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Whilst a pupil is awaiting a school place, a personalised programme has been initiated and developed to support the pupils at this time. This includes:

- Direct enrolment to Alternative Provision (Key Stage Four Pupils Only)
- Personal Tuition
- On-Line Tuition via Birmingham On-Line School
- Transition programme (Year 6 Pupils only)

The Sustaining Inclusion work has enabled a 25% reduction of Permanent exclusions in Secondary Schools this academic year. This work continues in this phase and has recently commenced in Primary Schools.

A collaborative approach across Education, Health and Social Care has started to have a positive impact in target schools, with 'Attachment Aware' staff training, making a significant contribution in creating more inclusive schools.

Furthermore, in 2017/2018 – 90 (84 sec, 5 pri, 1 spec) permanent exclusions were revoked, compared to 77 (62 sec, 12 pri, 3 spec) during same period 2016/2017.

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

D1 Garden Waste

Question:

How many people have subscribed for the garden waste collection for 2018/19, broken down by the number who received a free service, those who got a £12 discount and those who paid the full charge? For context please also include the total number who subscribed to the service in 16/17 and 17/18.

Answer:

2018

Up until the 5th May 2018 we have 68 040 subscriptions of which 2526 were free, 53 684 were purchased during January's discounted period, 14 356 subscriptions have been purchased at full price.

16/17

For the full year 68 410 subscriptions were serviced in 2017, of which 37 769 were purchased during the December 2016 'Early Bird Offer', leaving 30 641 subscriptions which were purchased at full price.

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

D2 Trade Waste 1

Question:

How many organisations have not renewed their trade waste contract with the Council for 2018/19?

Answer:

The Council currently has 5,900 trade waste customers. Between 1 March and 6 June 2018, 166 customers have chosen not to continue their contract with BCC into 2018/19 and during the same period 412 new contracts have been signed.

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

D3 Trade Waste 2

Question:

How much income was generated by the trade waste service in 16/17 and 17/18 and what is the most recent forecast figure for 18/19?

Answer:

The amount of income that was generated by the Trade Waste Service is as follows;

Financial Year	£m
2016/17	10.9
2017/18	10.3
2018/19 Estimate	10.9

This covers the expenditure on the collection of waste, disposal of waste and costs associated with providing the service e.g. IT

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

D4 Overtime Waste

Question:

How much has been paid in overtime to employees in the waste management service since 1 April 2018, compared to the same period in each of the previous 3 years?

Answer:

The amount of overtime that has been paid to employees in the Waste Management Service between April-May 2018 and the corresponding period of time for the previous financial years are as follows;

Financial Year	£'000
2018/19	326
2017/18	217
2016/15	223
2015/16	166

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

D5 Waste Pilot in North Edgbaston

Question:

What pilots were taking place within the waste management service, including street cleansing, in North Edgbaston Ward during any of the dates between 21 March and 3 May 2018?

Answer:

There has been a Sack Crew Pilot running during this period in this ward. This was testing the number of dedicated teams to collect from flats above shops and properties without a wheelie bin.

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

D6 In-house

Question:

**Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house
in next 4 years?**

Answer:

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.

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

Q7 Waste pilots

Question:

What pilots have taken place in the waste management service in the last 12 months, including which wards the pilots took place in and what dates they ran from and to?

Answer:

	Ward	Date
4 – 5 Day Working	Weoley & Selly Oak	12-16 March 2018
	Sutton Vesey	
	Sutton Wylde Green	
	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	
	Kingstanding	
	Holyhead	
	Bromford & Hodge Hill	
	Small Heath	
	Hall Green North	
	Acocks Green	

	Ward	Date
WRCO Role	Weoley & Selly Oak	22 April 2018
	Sutton Vesey	24 April 2018
	Sutton Wylde Green	24 April 2018
	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	25 April 2018
	Kingstanding	26 April 2018
	Holyhead	27 April 2018
	Bromford & Hodge Hill	16 April 2018
	Small Heath	18 April 2018
	Hall Green North	26 April 2018
	Acocks Green	26 April 2018

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Advancing Bins	Ward	Date
	Weoley & Selly Oak	22 April 2018
	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	25 April 2018
	Holyhead	27 April 2018
	Hall Green North	26 April 2018
	Acocks Green	26 April 2018

Pod / No Pod	Ward	Date
	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	26 April 2018
	Kingstanding	26 April 2018
	Hall Green North	26 April 2018
	Acocks Green	26 April 2018

Street Cleansing Proof of Concept	Ward (Old boundaries)	Date
	Bartley Green	2 nd March – 13 th April
	Billesley	
	Bournville	
	Brandwood	
	Edgbaston	
	Harborne	
	Kings Norton	
	Longbridge	
	Northfield	
	Quinton	
	Selly Oak	
	Weoley	

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

D8 Impact on Street Cleaning Quality

Question:

According to the budget and business plan, some £500,000 was due to be removed from street cleaning budgets in the current financial year. What has been the impact on the quality of street cleaning?

Answer:

A new street cleansing model has been agreed. The ward plans have been developed from Cleaner Street Plans and shared with elected members. We are planning to implement these fully. A service redesign is underway to look at ways we can achieve the savings without affecting the quality of Street Cleansing.

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

D9 New Waste Collection Arrangements

Question:

Does the Cabinet Member intend to implement the new waste collection arrangements agreed with the trade unions in the Autumn?

Answer:

This matter is set to be considered by Cabinet on 24 July and it would be inappropriate to respond beforehand.

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

Q10 Refuse Crews - Five Day Week

Question:

Are refuse collection crews working a five-day week yet as was agreed in the settlement last Autumn?

Answer:

No, collection crews are still operating a compressed working week. To fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) there are a number of actions that still need to be put in place. Discussions are ongoing with the Trade Unions and a Cabinet report is due to be presented concerning the full implementation of the MoU in July.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION,
SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

E In-house

Question:

Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?

Answer:

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

F1 Equal Pay - How much did it cost

Question:

What was the total cost of resolving the whole issue of Equal Pay to Birmingham Council?

Answer:

The Council Plan and Budget 2018+, states (page 29) that the Council estimates that total Equal Pay settlement liabilities will be around £1.2bn.

In order to finance this, the Council has incurred costs in relation to financing of borrowing, repayments of temporary borrowing to earmarked reserves, administration, loss of income for assets sold and other costs in relation to disposal of assets, etc.

The net impact on General Fund revenue costs are expected to be £111.7m in 2018/19, rising to £117.0m by 2021/22.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

F2 Impact on Budget - delays new refuse collection arrangements

Question:

What is the impact on the Council budget of delays in implementing the new refuse collection arrangements agreed with the trade unions in the autumn?

Answer:

The impact on the Waste Services Budget in 2018/19 is estimated at £0.3m per month (relating to the continued employment of the temporary agency workforce to cover the 5th day working).

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

G In-house

Question:

Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?

Answer:

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

H1 “Sprinklers”

Question:

**Listed by name and year, which tower blocks will have sprinklers
installed in the years 2018, 2019, and 2020?**

Answer:

Sprinkler Installation Priority Criteria

We are proposing the following selection criteria to prioritise sprinkler
installation over a 3 year programme.

Year 1 (Appendix 1)

- All sheltered high rise blocks (37 blocks - 1700 units)
- Tallest residential – 20 stories (13 blocks – 1440 units)
- Most flats per floor – Inkerman House (118 units)

Year 2 (Appendix 2)

- Single staircase (111 blocks, 4693 units)

Year 3 (Appendix 3)

- Double staircase (51 blocks, 2634 units)

The number of units completed may vary based on contractor performance
and budget e.g. if a contractor completes a programme ahead of schedule
we will accelerate the following years allocation.

Birmingham City Council has for many months been approaching
Government for a contribution of £19.4m to the cost of this programme of
works.

APPENDIX 1

Sheltered Blocks

Block Name	Address	District
ADELAIDE TOWER	Adelaide Tower, 90 Packington Avenue, Shard End, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
WYRLEY HOUSE	Wyrley House, 2 Scafell Drive, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
WILLOW HOUSE	Willow House, 140 Vauxhall Road, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
WHEELDON HOUSE	Wheeldon House, Longley Crescent, South Yardley, Birmingham	YARDLEY
WARD END HOUSE	Ward End House, 496 Washwood Heath Road, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
THISTLE HOUSE	Thistle House, 259 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
TENNYSON HOUSE	Tennyson House, 140 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
SORREL HOUSE	Sorrel House, 1073 Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
SALISBURY TOWER	Salisbury Tower, 55 Middleway View, Winson Green, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SAFFRON HOUSE	Saffron House, 250 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BAKEMAN HOUSE	Bakeman House, The Tivoli, Coventry Road, Yardley, Birmingham	YARDLEY
RAYLEIGH HOUSE	Rayleigh House, 23 Woodcock Lane, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
PERRY GREEN HOUSE	Perry Green House, 30 Elcock Drive, Perry Barr, Birmingham	PERRY_BARR
PARK COURT	Park Court, 119 Boldmere Road, Boldmere, Birmingham	SUTTON
NEEDWOOD HOUSE	Needwood House, 9 Woodcock Lane, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
MOAT HOUSE	Moat House, 31 Munslow Grove, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BARROW HOUSE	Barrow House, Meyrick Walk, Ladywood, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
METCHLEY HOUSE	Metchley House, 12 Bantock Way, Harborne, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
MANTON HOUSE	Manton House, 9 Newbury Road, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
LITTLE HILL HOUSE	Little Hill House, 20 Hayes Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
KINETON HOUSE	Kinton House, 101 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
BOUNDARY HOUSE	Boundary House, 19 Hollies Croft, Birmingham, West Midlands	EDGBASTON
HOMEMEADOW HOUSE	Homemeadow House, 43 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
HOLLYPIECE HOUSE	Hollypiece House, 53 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
HOBBIS HOUSE	Hobbis House, 603 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
HERON COURT	Heron Court, Emscote Drive, Wylde Green, Birmingham	SUTTON
BRANDWOOD HOUSE	Brandwood House, 15 Grove Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HARRISON HOUSE	Harrison House, 7 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
GOWER HOUSE	Gower House, Lockington Croft, Halesowen, West Midlands	EDGBASTON

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BRIDGEMEADOW HOUSE	Bridgemeanow House, 2 Folkestone Croft, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
BRIDPORT HOUSE	Bridport House, 1 Hillwood Road, Northfield, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
ESSINGTON HOUSE	Essington House, 112 Sladefield Road, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
COPPICE HOUSE	Coppice House, 63 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	YARDLEY
COCKSMOOR HOUSE	Cocksmoor House, 31 Grove Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
CAMROSE TOWER	Camrose Tower, 1 Rocky Lane, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CAMPION HOUSE	Campion House, 260 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CALIFORNIA HOUSE	California House, 2 Millmead Road, Bartley Green, Birmingham	EDGBASTON

20 Storey Blocks

WILMCOTE TOWER	Wilmcote Tower, 140 Upper Highgate Street, Highgate, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
WICKETS TOWER	Wickets Tower, 2 Wyatt Close, Birmingham, West Midlands	EDGBASTON
WARSTONE TOWER	Warstone Tower, 160 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
VICTOR TOWER	Victor Tower, 1 Bloomsbury Street, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
STUDLEY TOWER	Studley Tower, 2 Canford Close, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
PRITCHETT TOWER	Pritchett Tower, Arthur Street, Small Heath, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
HOLBROOK TOWER	Holbrook Tower, Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
HODGSON TOWER	Hodgson Tower, Guildford Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
DURHAM TOWER	Durham Tower, 48 Acorn Grove, Ladywood, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
CENTURY TOWER	Century Tower, 1 Dollery Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
CANTERBURY TOWER	Canterbury Tower, 1 St Marks Street, City Centre, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRINKLOW TOWER	Brinklow Tower, 91 Highgate Street, Highgate, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BARRY JACKSON TOWER	Barry Jackson Tower, Estone Walk, Aston, Birmingham	LADYWOOD

Inkerman House

INKERMAN HOUSE	Inkerman House, 105 Newtown Shopping Centre, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
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Single Staircase

Block Name	Address	District
WOODSTOCK HOUSE	Woodstock House, 181 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
ALBANY HOUSE	Albany House, 15 Shopton Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	HODGE_HILL
ALNWICK HOUSE	Alnwick House, 55 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
ARUNDEL HOUSE	Arundel House, 45 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
ASCOT COURT	Ascot Court, Abdon Avenue, Weoley Castle, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
ASCOT COURT	Epsom Court, Abdon Avenue, Weoley Castle, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
WINDSOR HOUSE	Windsor House, 35 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
WINDERMERE HOUSE	Windermere House, 10 Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
WHITBOURNE HOUSE	Whitbourne House, 39 Clover Lea Square, Washwood Heath, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
AVERY HOUSE	Avery House, Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
WESTON HOUSE	Weston House, 40 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BALDWIN HOUSE	Baldwin House, 14 Milton Street, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BANBURY HOUSE	Banbury House, 65 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
BARBERRY HOUSE	Barberry House, 15 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BARN HOUSE	Barn House, 34 Cottsmeadow Drive, Birmingham, West Midlands	HODGE_HILL
BARRATTS HOUSE	Barratts House, 1 Kimpton Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
WENDOVER HOUSE	Wendover House, 2 Shifnal Walk, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
TRENT TOWER	Trent Tower, 165 Duddeston Manor Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
BEECH HILL HOUSE	Beech Hill House, 14 Field Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
BELLFIELD HOUSE	Bellfield House, 2 Thornham Way, Kings Norton, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
BERKELEY HOUSE	Berkeley House, Jarvis Road, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
TOPFIELD HOUSE	Topfield House, 212 Druids Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
BOWATER HOUSE	Bowater House, 47 Aldgate Grove, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRADBEER HOUSE	Bradbeer House, 68 Francis Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRADFIELD HOUSE	Bradfield House, 37 Greenvale Avenue, Sheldon, Birmingham	YARDLEY
TINTERN HOUSE	Tintern House, 4 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
THORNTON HOUSE	Thornton House, 2 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
THIRLMERE HOUSE	Thirlmere House, 2 Roman Way, Edgbaston, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
STONELEIGH HOUSE	Stoneleigh House, 11 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
STOKESAY HOUSE	Stokesay House, 15 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON

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STAFFORD HOUSE	Stafford House, 250 Tile Cross Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
ST ALBANS HOUSE	St Albans House, 16 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
BROADHEATH HOUSE	49 Over Pool Road, Ward End, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
BROOKPIECE HOUSE	Brookpiece House, 1 Milston Close, Kings Norton, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
SPEEDWELL HOUSE	Speedwell House, 115 Hillmeads Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BRUNSWICK HOUSE	Brunswick House, 5 Shopton Road, Shard End, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
BURDOCK HOUSE	Burdock House, 35 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CADBURY HOUSE	Cadbury House, Great Hampton Row, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SOUTHAM HOUSE	Southam House, 141 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
CAMBRIDGE TOWER	Cambridge Tower, 17 Brindley Drive, City Centre, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SAXELBY HOUSE	Saxelby House, Kimpton Close, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
SADLER HOUSE	Sadler House, 6 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
RYLAND HOUSE	Ryland House, 53 Great Hampton Row, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CANTLOW HOUSE	Cantlow House, 3 Ketley Croft, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
RUSHMORE HOUSE	Rushmore House, 61 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
RISBOROUGH HOUSE	Risborough House, 16 Shifnal Walk, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CHADWICK HOUSE	Chadwick House, 15 Over Pool Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	HODGE_HILL
CHAMBERLAIN HOUSE	Chamberlain House, Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CHARLBURY TOWER	Charlbury Tower, 33 Charlbury Tower, Southacre Ave, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CLAVERDON HOUSE	Claverdon House, 161 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
REYNOLDS HOUSE	Reynolds House, 1 Newbury Road, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
COLLINGS HOUSE	Collings House, 6 Huntley Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CONEY GREEN HOUSE	Coney Green House, 200 Central Avenue, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CONISTON HOUSE	Coniston House, 32 Bantock Way, Harborne, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
REPTON HOUSE	Repton House, 52 Baldmoor Lake Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
COPSEHILL COURT	Copsehill Court, Mount View, Falcon Lodge, Birmingham	SUTTON
REDWORTH HOUSE	Redworth House, 25 Deelands Road, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
CRABTREE HOUSE	Crabtree House, 53 Giles Close, Stechford, Birmingham	YARDLEY
CRANLEIGH HOUSE	Cranleigh House, 54 Baldmoor Lake Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
CRESCENT TOWER	Crescent Tower, 19 Brindley Drive, City Centre, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
DANESMOOR HOUSE	Danesmoor House, 569 Hob Moor Road, Yardley, Birmingham	YARDLEY

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DERWENT HOUSE	Derwent House, 22 Bantock Way, Harborne, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
DIXON HOUSE	Dixon House, 10 Huntley Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
DOVEY TOWER	Dovey Tower, 175 Duddeston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
DOWRY HOUSE	Dowry House, 389 Rubery Lane South, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
DREWS HOUSE	Drews House, 1 Netheravon Close, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
REDWAY COURT	Redway Court, Mount View, Falcon Lodge, Birmingham	SUTTON
REDDITCH HOUSE	Redditch House, 93 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
QUARRY HOUSE	Quarry House, 153 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
PLECK HOUSE	Pleck House, 2 Winterbourne Croft, Kings Norton, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
FALLOWS HOUSE	Fallows House, 20 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
FROGMOOR HOUSE	Frogmoor House, 571 Hob Moor Road, Yardley, Birmingham	YARDLEY
GALTON TOWER	Galton Tower, 32 Civic Close, West Midlands, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
PITMEADOW HOUSE	Pitmeadow House, 24 Pound Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
GILES CLOSE HOUSE	Giles Close House, 120 Giles Close, Stechford, Birmingham	YARDLEY
PENNYCROFT HOUSE	Pennycroft House, 30 Rattle Croft, Stechford, Birmingham	YARDLEY
GOSMOOR HOUSE	Gosmoor House, 127 Yew Tree Lane, Sheldon, Birmingham	YARDLEY
PARKER HOUSE	Parker House, 10 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
GREENFIELD HOUSE	Greenfield House, 39 Greenvale Avenue, Sheldon, Birmingham	YARDLEY
GREENFORD HOUSE	Greenford House, 74 Faulkners Farm Drive, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
OAST HOUSE	Oast House, 40 Gumbleberrys Close, Ward End, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
NORTON TOWER	Norton Tower, 43 Civic Close, City Centre, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
HEATH HOUSE	Heath House, 1 Baverstock Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HEATHER HOUSE	Heather House, 55 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
NETLEY HOUSE	Netley House, 10 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
MUNTZ HOUSE	Muntz House, 7 Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
MOOR HOUSE	Moor House, 612 Druids Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HILLCROFT HOUSE	Hillcroft House, 862 Alcester Road South, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HILLSIDE HOUSE	Hillside House, 173 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
MONMOUTH HOUSE	Monmouth House, 79 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
MILL HOUSE	Mill House, 19 Cottsmeadow Drive, Washwood Heath, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
MIDDLEFIELD HOUSE	Middlefield House, 1 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HOLLAND HOUSE	Holland House, 73 Great Hampton Row, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
HOLLOW MEADOW	Hollow Meadow House, 247 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL

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HOUSE		
MANDERVILLE HOUSE	Manderville House, 12 Walnut Way, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
LYNTON HOUSE	Lynton House, 64 Faulkners Farm Drive, Stockland Green	ERDINGTON
LUDLOW HOUSE	Ludlow House, 81 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
HUMBER TOWER	Humber Tower, 22 Francis Street, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
HUNTINGDON HOUSE	Huntingdon House, 44 Faulkners Farm Drive, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
JAMES HOUSE	James House, 7 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
JORDAN HOUSE	Jordan House, 37 Blossom Grove, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
KEMPSEY HOUSE	Kempsey House, 2 Kitwell Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
LLOYD HOUSE	Lloyd House, 1 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
KENILWORTH HOUSE	Kenilworth House, 121 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
KENRICK HOUSE	Kenrick House, 32 Beaufort Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
LEOMINSTER HOUSE	Leominster House, 230 Tile Cross Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
LEDBURY HOUSE	Ledbury House, 51 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
KINGSBRIDGE HOUSE	Kingsbridge House, 54 Faulkners Farm Drive, Stockland Green, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
KINGSPIECE HOUSE	Kingspiece House, 27 Blossom Grove, Bromford, Birmingham	HODGE_HILL
KINGSWOOD HOUSE	Kingswood House, Kimpton Close, Druids Heath, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
LAVENDER HOUSE	Lavender House, 75 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD

APPENDIX 3

Double Staircase

Block Name	Address	District
WORDSWORTH HOUSE	Wordsworth House, 120 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
WINSLOW HOUSE	Winslow House, 37 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
WELLS TOWER	Wells Tower, 52 Rodney Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
WELLINGTON TOWER	Wellington Tower, 72 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
WELLINGTON HOUSE	Wellington House, 33 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
WAREHAM HOUSE	Wareham House, 32 Brompton Pool Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
ASHFIELD HOUSE	Ashfield House, 34 Brompton Pool Road, Hall Green, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
ASHFORD TOWER	Ashford Tower, 27 Salop Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
AUCKLAND HOUSE	Auckland House, 43 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
WALTHAM HOUSE	Waltham House, 1 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
TRURO TOWER	Truro Tower, 2 Ledbury Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
THAMES TOWER	Thames Tower, 31 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
TEVIOT TOWER	Teviot Tower, 34 Mosborough Crescent, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
TENBY TOWER	Tenby Tower, 68 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
SUMMERCOURT HOUSE	Summernote House, 35 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
STANDLEYS TOWER	Standleys Tower, 2 Rogerfield Road, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
ST MICHAEL HOUSE	St Michael House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
ST LAWRENCE HOUSE	St Lawrence House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
ST HELIER HOUSE	St Helier House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
ST DENNIS HOUSE	St Dennis House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
SOUTH TOWER	South Tower, 6/8 Little Hall Road, Nechells, Birmingham, West Midlands	LADYWOOD
SHELLEY TOWER	Shelley Tower, 124 Overbury Road, Northfield, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
SHAKESPEARE HOUSE	Shakespeare House, 160 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
SEVERN TOWER	Severn Tower, 74 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
SCHOLFIELD TOWER	Scholfield Tower, 45 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRAMBER HOUSE	Bramber House, 12 Stokesay Grove, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
SANDOWN TOWER	Sandown Tower, 70 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
BRANSFORD TOWER	Bransford Tower, 157 Vaughton Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
BRECON TOWER	Brecon Tower, 5 Guild Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD

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SANDHURST HOUSE	Sandhurst House, 21 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
REA TOWER	Rea Tower, 44 Mosborough Crescent, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
RADCLIFFE TOWER	Radcliffe Tower, 52 Shawbury Grove, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
QUEENS TOWER	Queens Tower, 17/19 Duddeston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
NORMANTON TOWER	Normanton Tower, 35 Portfield Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
BROWNING TOWER	Browning Tower, 116 Overbury Road, Northfield, Birmingham	SELLY_OAK
MEDWAY TOWER	Medway Tower, 52 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
MARTINEAU TOWER	Martineau Tower, 25 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
LOWESWATER HOUSE	Loweswater House, 41 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
LINCOLN TOWER	Lincoln Tower, 139 Gilby Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
KENTMERE TOWER	Kentmere Tower, 10 Beechmount Drive, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
KENDAL TOWER	Kendal Tower, 4 Malins Road, Harborne, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
HOME TOWER	Home Tower, 5/7 Duddeston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
HIGHGATE HOUSE	Highgate House, 106 Southacre Avenue, City Centre, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
HIGH TOWER	High Tower, 27-29 Duddeston Manor Road, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
CARISBROOKE HOUSE	Carisbrooke House, 59 Culmington Road, Northfield, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD
GRESHAM TOWER	Gresham Tower, 26 Shawbury Grove, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
GLENDALE TOWER	Glendale Tower, 20 Beechmount Drive, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
GEACH TOWER	Geach Tower, 65 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	LADYWOOD
FAIRBOURNE TOWER	Fairbourne Tower, 2 Portfield Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	ERDINGTON
DUNEDIN HOUSE	Dunedin House, 23 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	EDGBASTON
COURTWAY HOUSE	Courtway House, 33 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	NORTHFIELD

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

H2 Hackitt Report

Question:

What extra work, in addition to that listed in the published Housing Investment Programme is the council carrying out following the publication of the Hackitt review?

Answer:

The Council will be aware of the work undertaken by the Housing Service following the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The Dame Judith Hackitt review is an independent review of the Building Regulations and Fire Safety and the final report was published on 17th May 2018. The report sets out some 53 recommendations around a new regulation framework which should apply in the first instance to residential properties which are ten or more storeys high.

The key themes are as follows:

- Parameters and principles of a new regulatory framework
- Design, construction and refurbishment
- Occupation and maintenance
- Residents' voice
- Competence
- Guidance and monitoring to support building safety
- Products
- Golden thread of building information
- Procurement and supply
- International examples

The wide ranging recommendations will have implications for Planning, Building Control, Procurement and Place Directorate, and officers are working on the implementations which will be subject to acceptance by the Government.

Civil servants will translate the recommendations into the new Building Regulations or other legislation as appropriate.

Since the Grenfell Tower incident, Birmingham City Council has put in place a detailed project plan in relation to fire safety of our high rise blocks. You will be aware that we are carrying out the following actions:

- annual fire safety inspections
- the installation of sprinkler systems
- review of all high rise blocks in conjunction with a fire structural/risk engineer from West Midlands Fire Service as to the suitability of building design and type implementing any recommendations to further improve our high rise blocks with regard to fire safety.
- option appraisal currently being undertaken to establish the need for additional means of escape in tower blocks with single staircases.
- review of all estate based and caretaking functions with regard to daily high rise checks.
- review of our emergency and disaster planning process.

We are now working with our colleagues in building control to evaluate our current actions against the requirements of the Hackitt report and its recommendations and will be providing a detailed briefing in due course.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES &
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

H3 In-house

Question:

Which services from your portfolio are you planning to bring in-house in next 4 years?

Answer:

The in-house preferred option will be included, assessed and evaluated for all commissioning activity and I am prepared to consider bringing in-house any services where delivery to the public could be improved as a result.

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

I Motion on Policing - Work done

Question:

What work has the Cabinet Member undertaken to progress the four resolutions in the Motion on Policing agreed by Council in December 2017?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council continues to fully support the campaign led by Birmingham MPs and the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to lobby the Government for better police funding.

We have conveyed our concerns to the PCC and I have requested a meeting with the West Midlands Mayor Andy Street, to talk about a number of community safety issues. I am awaiting a response.

One of my key priorities is to work in partnership with West Midlands Police to ensure safer neighbourhoods and I will do so to ensure that the good work already delivered in partnership through our dedicated Community Safety Team continues to make a difference to the lives of citizens in our neighbourhoods.

The Community Safety Team plays an important role in making sure community concerns about crime and ASB are reflected in the policing priorities for the city.

The team lead the implementation of a partnership plan for each part of the City designed to reduce crime and ASB. This plan aligns to the priorities set by West Midlands Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and is in part a response to rising or newly emerging crime types and threats but also takes account of local concerns about crime and ASB.

I have met with representatives of West Midlands Police, the Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner and local community representatives to learn more about local operations and plans going forward to address the increased in gun and knife crime in the certain parts of the city.

The Council is currently supporting the police to respond to a recent increase in gun and knife-related crime by using Trading Standards Officers to organise underage test purchases of knives, assist in multi-agency roadside vehicle stop-checks and support the police in reviewing licences of premises linked to crime or ASB.

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The council has engaged with the police at a neighbourhood level to link with our list of relationship managers / contacts at a ward level.

We continue to engage with the police to see if we can provide local facilities for police officers to provide touch down points or mess facilities etc. in local areas subsequent to any closures of police stations.

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

J1 Air Quality around Experimental TROs 1

Question:

For each of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders put in place in 2017/18, can you provide a copy of the assessment carried out on the impact on air quality prior to them being agreed?

Answer:

The following Experimental Orders were sealed in 2017/18.

1. Bromsgrove Street, Nechells – sealed 30th May 2017, to facilitate installation of a parklet.
2. Russell Road, etc Moseley & Kings Heath - sealed 6th April 2017. Complemented introduction of parking charges at Cannon Hill Park to prevent parking displacement
3. Margaret Street (Traffic Regulation Order), Ladywood – sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.
4. Margaret Street (Movement Order), Ladywood - sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.
5. Great Charles Street Queensway etc, Birmingham - sealed 20th March 2018. Part of Great Charles Street Queensway Bus Lane scheme.

Formal Air Quality Impact Assessments were not carried out for Experimental Orders 1 and 2 above. The Project Managers however undertook a subjective assessment based on their experience of delivering Traffic Regulation Order works and came to the view that the Orders would not have a detrimental effect on air quality.

Experimental Orders 3, 4 & 5 above were subject to a 'Scoping Assessment' against the criteria laid out in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges Advice Note 207/07 Air Quality. The criteria was not triggered therefore a Detailed Assessment was not required to be carried out.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT
AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

J2 Air Quality around Experimental TROs 2

Question:

For each of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders put in place in 2017/18, what assessment has been made of changes in air quality since they have been in place?

Answer:

The following five Experimental Orders were sealed in 2017/18.

1. Bromsgrove Street, Nechells – sealed 30th May 2017, to facilitate installation of a building for seating.
2. Russell Road, etc, Moseley & Kings Heath - sealed 6th April 2017. Complemented the introduction of parking charges at Cannon Hill Park to prevent parking displacement.
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As either the criteria for undertaking a Detailed Air Quality Assessment was not triggered, or the Project Managers assessment concluded there would be no detriment to air quality, there are no plans to carry out air quality assessment post implementation.

It should be noted that at least 12 months of monitoring data would be required to make any informed assessment of changes to air quality.

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

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Air Quality on inner ring road

Question:

For the road works currently taking place on the inner ring road what was the air quality level before and during this work and what is the projected level after the work has been completed?

Answer:

In the vicinity of Paradise Circus the quality of the air was monitored for nitrogen dioxide at two sites in 2016, these being to the north of Paradise Circus on Great Charles Street Queensway (south side traffic flow towards Paradise Circus) on lamppost 11 outside 36 GCS Building, and to the south of Paradise Circus on Suffolk Street Queensway (traffic flow southeast towards Pagoda Island) near Brunel Street. The site to the north measured concentrations of 49µgm-3, whilst the site to the south measured concentrations of 55µgm-3, both as annual mean averages.

The two sites are part of the A38 route through the city centre and links on this route are predicted by Government to be in exceedance of the legal limit (over 40µgm-3) beyond 2020, necessitating action to reduce the concentration in the shortest possible time. The route is therefore under consideration as part of the on-going modelling work for the Clean Air Zone.

The air quality monitoring by the City Council at this location commenced 2016, after the start of the Paradise Circus highway works.

As part of the Paradise Circus development works an air quality impact assessment was carried out. A summary of the change in nitrogen dioxide levels at key receptors as a result of the highway changes is given below:

Table 1-3 Impact Significance of Change in NO₂ Annual Mean Concentrations

Receptor	Change (µg/m³)	Relative Change	Impact Descriptor
A (Centenary Square)	0.4	Small Increase	Slight Adverse
B (Proposed Hotel)	-5.0	Large Decrease	Substantial Beneficial
C (Chamberlain Square)	-1.5	Small Decrease	Slight Beneficial
D (Latham House)	-4.5	Large Decrease	Substantial Beneficial
E (Cambrian House)	0.0	No Change	Negligible
F (College of Food)	-3.7	Medium Decrease	Moderate Beneficial
G (John Smith House)	-0.2	Imperceptible Decrease	Negligible
H (Summer Hill Street)	0.1	Imperceptible Increase	Negligible

The summary statement given in the air quality impact assessment is as follows:

- 1.6. The magnitude of forecast change in NO₂ as a result of the proposed development in 2017 equates to a small increase (0.4-2.0 µg/m³) at one of the receptors, an imperceptible increase (<0.4 µg/m³) at one of the receptors, no change at one of the receptors, an imperceptible decrease (<0.4 µg/m³) at one of the receptors, a small decrease (0.4-2.0 µg/m³) at one of the receptors, a medium decrease (2.0-4.0 µg/m³) at one of the receptors and a large decrease (> 4.0 µg/m³) at two of the receptors.
- 1.7. These magnitudes can then be used to assess the impact descriptors of the effect in relation to the absolute concentration forecast from the assessment. With regard to NO₂ annual mean objective, the impact descriptors range from substantial beneficial to slight adverse in the year 2017.

The road works currently taking place on the inner ring road at Paradise Circus, together with Metro and works at Centenary Square are designed to encourage a shift from car to public transport modes, therefore being a positive measure to reduce nitrogen dioxide concentration.

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

J4 Air Quality and Cycle Revolution

Question:

For the road works currently taking place on the Bristol Road for the Cycle Revolution what was the air quality level before and during this work and what is the projected level after the work has been completed?

Answer:

A full Air Quality Assessment was undertaken on the A38 Bristol Road Cycle Revolution Scheme. The full details of the Air Quality report were included in the Birmingham Cycle Revolution (BCR) A38 Bristol Road (Selly Oak to City Centre) TROs Update Report that approved the scheme on the 5th February 2018. Details of the results can be found on line at <https://birmingham.cmis.uk.com/birmingham/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/10156/Committee/10/Default.aspx>

The Report concluded that the Proposed Scheme was not predicted to result in significant air quality effects, nor require impact mitigation to be implemented. Consequently, it was concluded that residual effects were also not likely to be significant as a result of the scheme.

No assessment was undertaken to evaluate the impact on Air Quality during the BCR works as any traffic management required to construct the scheme is temporary and transient in nature and is deemed necessary in order to safely deliver the works.

The measures being delivered through the Birmingham Cycle Revolution support the Council's transport strategy, Birmingham Connected, to encourage a shift towards more sustainable forms of travel, which in turn will help to improve air quality.

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

J5 Air Quality and Road Works

Question:

Of all the major road works that have taken place in the last 5 years how many (out of how many) had an air quality impact assessment done prior to them commencing?

Answer:

The major projects delivered over the last five years are; Pinch Point Projects at Haden Circus, Bordesley Circus and Holloway Circus; Local Growth Fund Projects at Ashted Circus, Minworth Island and Longbridge Connectivity; Birmingham Cycle Revolution Projects on the A38 and A34; Chester Road Improvements and Paradise Circus.

Air quality impact assessments, in accordance with Advice Note HA 207/07 Air Quality, were completed prior to commencement on following four projects.

- Ashted Circus
- Birmingham Cycle Revolution A38
- Birmingham Cycle Revolution A34
- Paradise Circus.

An Environmental Impact Assessment, including an Air Quality assessment, was carried out on the following two projects.

- Minworth Island
- Longbridge Connectivity

Chester Road Improvements - Chester Road was one of the continuing NO2 exceedance locations in 2020, identified in the Government's 2017 Air Quality Plan. Local modelling, approved by the Joint Air Quality Unit, now suggests that this location will not be in exceedance in 2020.

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

J6 AMEY contract

Question:

How many times – and on what dates - has the AMEY Highways contract been amended since it was first signed?

Answer:

There have been three deeds of variation that amended the Highways Maintenance and Management PFI contract on:

- 15 May 2014;
- 18 December 2015; and
- 15 September 2017.

Each of these deeds of variation effected a number of changes to the contract, affecting service requirements and payments under the contract.

In addition, there have been two change instructions under the contract (not made by deed) implemented on:

- 24 November 2011; and
- 21 May 2013.

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

J8 Rules of the Road - Enforcement

Question:

Does the Cabinet Member consider there is current adequate enforcement of the rules of the road, such as speed limits?

Answer:

The Council currently enforces parking and bus lane contraventions in accordance with its powers. Other moving traffic offences, including speed limits, are enforced by the Police, in accordance with their powers. Levels of enforcement are determined by available resources.

The Council should be able to enforce certain other moving traffic offences (such as yellow box junctions, banned turns and one way streets), but this requires additional powers that need approval from Government, under Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004. The Council and the West Midlands Combined Authority continue to lobby Government for such powers, which would have significant benefits in respect of road safety and reducing congestion.

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

J9 Road Maintenance Standard - 5 years ago

Question:

What progress has there been in reaching an agreement with Amey to ensure that road maintenance is restored to the standard of five years ago?

Answer:

The council's objectives regarding the Highways Maintenance and Management PFI contract are broader than to 'restore the standard of road maintenance to that of five years ago'. They are to ensure that the council:

- Obtains the investment required under the contract;
- Only pays for the services it has received;
- Retains financial support from central government for the contract; and
- Develops a way forward that we are confident can be delivered.

Despite a conclusive Court of Appeal judgment making Amey's obligations to invest and perform maintenance clear, the council has been unable to reach an agreement so far with Amey regarding a way forward. Amey has submitted programmes that fail to include the necessary capital investment on roads and footways. Unfortunately, despite considerable effort from the council, Amey continues to delay matters and appears only to seek to reduce or avoid making the investment to which the council is entitled, on behalf of the people of Birmingham.

Clearly, this position is not acceptable and the council will continue to explore options to ensure that its objectives above are met as fully as possible in the future.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH

K1 Taxi 1

Question:

Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions, how many had references from a local Birmingham Councillor, a Councillor from another local authority or a local MP? (split between the three categories)

Answer:

The Licensing Service has responded to multiple Freedom of Information Act enquiries on this subject.

References do not form part of the application process. Should an applicant have to attend a subcommittee they may choose to provide a character reference, but this is not a requirement, and copies are not kept. Even if references were brought to a meeting, it would be up to the Committee how much (if any) weight they gave to them. The Licensing Service does not keep records of references.

Having reviewed the spreadsheet provided as part of the Freedom of Information Act enquiry which led to the recent news article in the Times and other publications, the number of drivers and applicants reported to Committee during the relevant period was 263. Of those 263 cases, there were in fact 129 drivers or applicants who retained or were granted a licence. 144 of the cases reported to Committee were refused or revoked.

The information provided in response to the Freedom of Information Act request only showed the previous convictions data. Every case must be considered on its own merits. This convictions data is not considered in isolation. Drivers or applicants are invited to the Committee where they are asked to account for themselves and where Members will have the opportunity to ask questions.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY

K2 Taxi 2

Question:

Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions, how long ago was their latest conviction (split between the total number less than 5 years, 5-10 years or more than 10 years)?

Answer:

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Year of most recent conviction	Number of Drivers/applicants
-2007	30
2008-2012	30
2013+	69

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA

K3 Taxi 3

Question:

Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions how many had received custodial sentences?

Answer:

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18 of the 129 drivers received custodial sentences. Many of these were suspended or served in young offenders institutes.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE**

K4 Taxi 4

Question:

Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions how many received convictions for sexual and/or violent offences?

Answer:

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Of the 129 cases where licences were granted or retained, 16 of the drivers/applicants had previous convictions for violent offences. None related to sexual offences.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER

K5 Taxi 5

Question:

Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions how many received convictions for motoring offences?

Answer:

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Of the 129 cases where licences were granted or retained, 83 of the drivers/applicants had previous convictions for motoring offences. This includes offences of illegally plying for hire.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LICENSING AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

K6 Taxi 6

Question:

Of the 114 Birmingham licensed taxi drivers to reportedly have criminal convictions how many appeared before elected members on a licensing sub-committee for approval and how many received officer level approval?

Answer:

All of the matters referred to in the Freedom of Information Act submission were dealt with by sub-committees. Officers do not have delegated powers to approve licences in these circumstances.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE
FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

L Non-determination

Question:

How many planning applications have been registered with the planning inspectorate for non-determination since 2015?

Answer:

There have been 6 planning application appeals lodged with the Planning Inspectorate for non-determination since 1/1/2015.

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

M Scrutiny Chairs

Question:

Do you agree with the following statement from Cllr Josh Jones made during the full council debate on the Review of Scrutiny report on 13 March 2018

“to have only the scrutiny chairs from the party that is in power I think really flies in the face of scrutiny.”

Answer:

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Birmingham's scrutiny committees have a strong tradition of cross party working and given this, it is disappointing that Conservative and Liberal Democrat members have reversed the practice of recent years and declined to take up any of the Deputy Chair positions for the 2018/19 municipal year. Despite this decision, all Scrutiny Chairs are committed to maintaining an overview and scrutiny system that is robust, independent and draws upon the talents of all members, whatever their party.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB
BEAUCHAMP**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF ECONOMY AND SKILLS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB
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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF LEARNING, CULTURE AND
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