

# **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2018 AT 14:00 HOURS**  
**IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,**  
**BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

## **A G E N D A**

### **1 NOTICE OF RECORDING**

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

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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

### **3 MINUTES**

To confirm and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 12 June 2018.

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

**(1400-1410)**

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

### **5 PETITIONS**

**(15 minutes allocated) (1410-1425)**

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

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

**5 - 86**

6 **QUESTION TIME**

**(90 minutes allocated) (1425-1555)**

To deal with oral questions in accordance with Standing Order 10.3

- A. Questions from Members of the Public to any Cabinet Member or Ward Forum Chairman (20 minutes)
- B. Questions from any Councillor to a Committee Chairman, Lead Member of a Joint Board or Ward Forum Chairman (20 minutes)
- C. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Members to a Cabinet Member (25 minutes)
- D. Questions from Councillors other than Cabinet Member to the Leader or Deputy Leader (25 minutes)

7 **APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

**(5 minutes allocated) (1555-1600)**

To make appointments to, or removals from committees, outside bodies or other offices which fall to be determined by the Council.

8 **EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS**

Councillor Martin Straker Welds to move an exemption from Standing Orders.

9 **BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL PLAN 2018 -2022**

**87 - 90**

**(25 minutes allocated) (1600-1625)**

The Leader will present the Council Plan 2018 - 2022.

**The Leader Councillor Ian Ward to move the following Motion:**

"That the Council Plan 2018 - 2022 be noted."

10 **AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME**

**91 - 94**

**(10 minutes allocated) (1625-1635)**

To consider a report of the Council Business Management Committee

**The Leader Councillor Ian Ward to move the following Motion:**

"That the Members' Allowance Scheme is amended as set out in Appendix

1 to allow parental leave for councillors, following recommendations by the Independent Remuneration Panel agreed by City Council on 13 March 2018."

(break 1635-1650)

## **REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**(60 minutes allocated (maybe reduced to 50 minutes)) (1650-1740)**

**95 - 116**

### **11 SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

To consider a report of the Chair of Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**117 - 118**

### **12 MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

**(90 minutes allocated (maybe reduced to 80 minutes)) (1740-1900)**

To consider the attached Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4 (i).





**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      |                      |

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**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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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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 -

19048 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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### **Petitions Update**

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document no. 3)

It was moved by the 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.

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### **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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS**

19053 No proposals for exemption from Standing Orders were submitted.

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**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.

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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(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.

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**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.

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**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.

- 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.

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**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.

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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?

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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.

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 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.



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 5<sup>th</sup> 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:**

|                                  | <b>Ward</b>               | <b>Date</b>      |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>4 – 5<br/>Day<br/>Working</b> | 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              |                  |

|                      | <b>Ward</b>               | <b>Date</b>   |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>WRCO<br/>Role</b> | 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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|                           |                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Advancing<br/>Bins</b> | <b>Ward</b>               | <b>Date</b>   |
|                           | 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 |

|                         |                           |               |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Pod / No<br/>Pod</b> | <b>Ward</b>               | <b>Date</b>   |
|                         | Sutton Walmley & Minworth | 26 April 2018 |
|                         | Kingstanding              | 26 April 2018 |
|                         | Hall Green North          | 26 April 2018 |
|                         | Acocks Green              | 26 April 2018 |

|  |                              |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Street<br/>Cleansing<br/>Proof of<br/>Concept</b> | <b>Ward (Old boundaries)</b> | <b>Date</b>                                    |
|  | Bartley Green                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

| <b>Block Name</b> | <b>Address</b>  | <b>District</b> |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| 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     | Kineton 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 |
|----------------|--|----------|

**APPENDIX 2**

**Single Staircase**

| <b>Block Name</b> | <b>Address</b>   | <b>District</b> |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| 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**

| <b>Block Name</b> | <b>Address</b>   | <b>District</b> |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| 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 | Summertime 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.
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.

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**

**J3 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 NO<sub>2</sub> Annual Mean Concentrations**

| <b>Receptor</b>                   | <b>Change<br/>(µg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b> | <b>Relative<br/>Change</b> | <b>Impact<br/>Descriptor</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>A (Centenary Square)</b>       | 0.4                                  | Small Increase             | Slight<br>Adverse            |
| <b>B (Proposed Hotel)</b>         | -5.0                                 | Large<br>Decrease          | Substantial<br>Beneficial    |
| <b>C (Chamberlain<br/>Square)</b> | -1.5                                 | Small<br>Decrease          | Slight<br>Beneficial         |
| <b>D (Latham House)</b>           | -4.5                                 | Large<br>Decrease          | Substantial<br>Beneficial    |
| <b>E (Cambrian House)</b>         | 0.0                                  | No Change                  | Negligible                   |
| <b>F (College of Food)</b>        | -3.7                                 | Medium<br>Decrease         | Moderate<br>Beneficial       |
| <b>G (John Smith House)</b>       | -0.2                                 | Imperceptible<br>Decrease  | Negligible                   |
| <b>H (Summer Hill Street)</b>     | 0.1                                  | Imperceptible<br>Increase  | Negligible                   |

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

- 1.6. The magnitude of forecast change in NO<sub>2</sub> as a result of the proposed development in 2017 equates to a small increase (0.4-2.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at one of the receptors, an imperceptible increase (<0.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at one of the receptors, no change at one of the receptors, an imperceptible decrease (<0.4 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at one of the receptors, a small decrease (0.4-2.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at one of the receptors, a medium decrease (2.0-4.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) at one of the receptors and a large decrease (> 4.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) 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 NO<sub>2</sub> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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:**

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

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF RESOURCES OVERVIEW  
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF SUSTAINABILITY AND  
TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM  
COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

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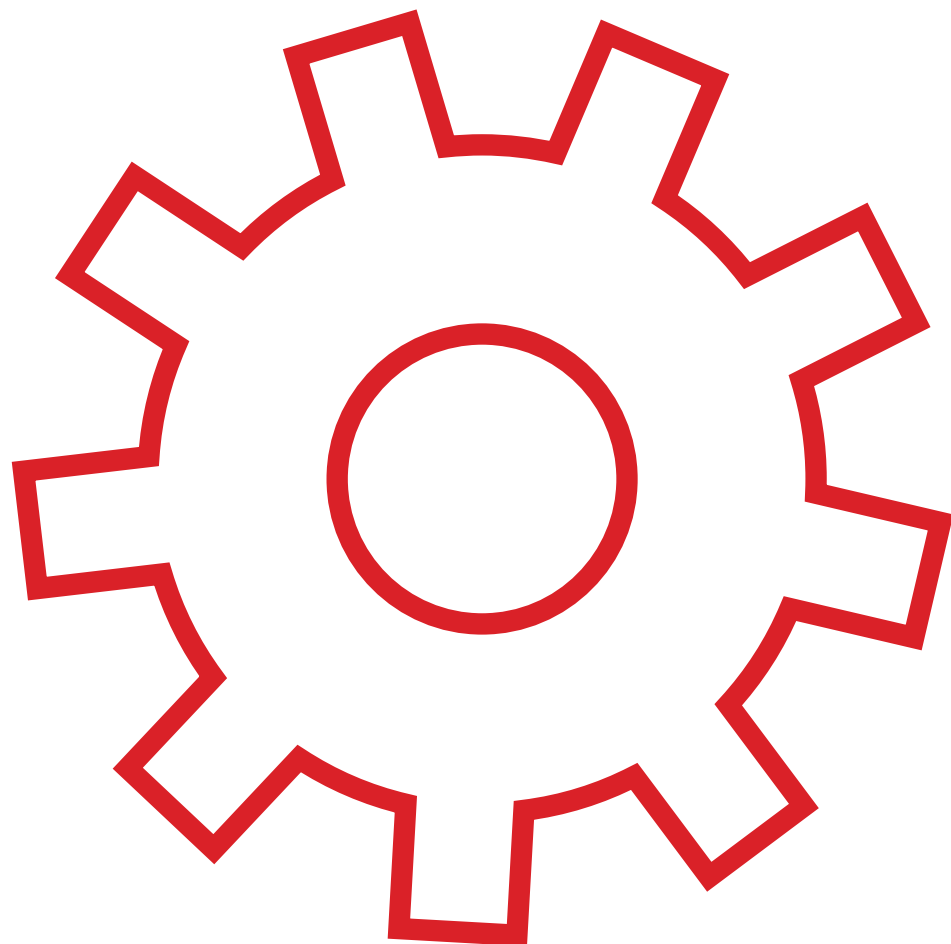
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# Birmingham City Council Plan: 2018-2022

## Birmingham – a city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters

What do we want to achieve?



| Outcome  | Why is this important?  |
|--|---|
| <b>Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in</b>                | We want a city that invests in its people so that everyone can have opportunities to realise their potential through lifelong learning, skills and good jobs. We want to invest in the buildings and transport connections of our city to provide better places to live and work and enable businesses to prosper. HS2 will be a key milestone in the city's development and we must make the most of this opportunity to boost our economy and key growth sectors, and enable citizens to access employment. |
| <b>Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in</b>                                  | We want to respond to our unique profile as one of the youngest cities in Europe to give all children from every background and community the best start in life with a clear pathway to achieve success and realise their full potential.  |
| <b>Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in</b>                                    | We want citizens to live more active, longer, healthier and independent lives. We want to reduce social isolation so that people can make positive choices and take control of their wellbeing.   |
| <b>Birmingham is a great city to live in</b>   | We want Birmingham to be a sustainable city of vibrant culture, flourishing neighbourhoods with good quality housing. A city with clean air, safe and clean streets and green spaces. We want to be a city where our citizens have pride in where they live, have a strong sense of belonging and a voice in how Birmingham is run.   |
| <b>Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games</b> | Hosting the Commonwealth Games gives us a global stage to use the transformational power of sport and culture to project a positive image of our city, promote growth and provide a long-lasting legacy to the citizens of our city.  |

# Birmingham City Council Plan: 2018-2022

## Challenges and opportunities

**BIRMINGHAM HAS**  
**1,141,000**  
**CITIZENS**  
**46%**  
**UNDER 30**



Our population is expected to rise to 1.31million by 2039 (15% rise from now) and 24% predicted rise in adults aged 85+ by 2028.

**90**  
**A**  
**DIFFERENT**  
**LANGUAGES**  
**ARE SPOKEN**

Birmingham has a young and richly diverse population with 25% of the population under-18 and 42% from Black and Minority Ethnic communities.

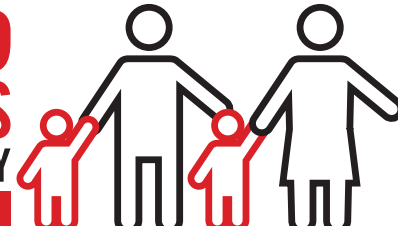
**OUTSIDE OF LONDON**  
**OUR CITY IS THE**  
**MOST**  
**ETHNICALLY &**  
**CULTURALLY**  
**DIVERSE**



**1,789**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN CARE**  
**(UNDER 18)**

1 in 3 children live in poverty and there is a gap in life expectancy between the wealthiest and poorest wards. English is not the first language for 42% of school children.

**1,836**  
**FAMILIES**  
**SUPPORTED BY**  
**FAMILY SERVICES\***



(\*THINK FAMILY)

**Unemployment** is higher than the UK average – 6.4% in Birmingham compared to 2.6% in the UK.  
**Unequal employment** rates across Birmingham – e.g. Hodge Hill at 46% compared to 78% in Sutton Coldfield.  
**Air pollution** causes up to 900 premature deaths (deaths before the age of 75) per year.

**61,818**  
**COUNCIL HOUSES**

89,000 new homes are needed by 2023: street homelessness is on the rise and 1 in 88 people (12,785) are homeless.



**MOST RAPIDLY IMPROVING CITY**

to live and work in with exciting new developments in Birmingham city centre, delivering almost 13,000 new homes, over 40,000 jobs and adding £2billion to the local economy.

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES**

will reposition Birmingham globally,

**GENERATING**  
**£526m**

for the regional economy and creating 1,000 new homes.




Wide ranging lively cultural offer, including world class theatres, Town Hall and Symphony Hall and a rich tapestry of festivals.

**CITIZENS' TOP PRIORITIES**


- #1** Clean Streets (57%)
- #2** Refuse Collection (55%)
- #3** Child Protection and Safeguarding (37%)
- #4** Road and Pavement Repairs (37%)
- #5** Care and Support for Older and Disabled People (36%)

**HOME TO OVER**  
**20**  
**MUSEUMS**



**571**  
**PARKS**

More than any other European city.



**4 MILLION VISITORS TO**  
**CITY'S 37**  
**LIBRARIES**  
**ANNUALLY**



**12,373**  
**ADULTS (18+)**  
**RECEIVING**  
**LONG-TERM SUPPORT**



**35 MILES**  
**OF WATERWAYS**  
**MORE CANALS**  
**THAN VENICE**



**HOME TO**  
**5**  
**UNIVERSITIES**

with 87,400 students (aged 16-64).



**IN 2017, MORE THAN**  
**12,000**  
**NEW COMPANIES**  
**OPENED THEIR DOORS**  
**FOR NEW BUSINESS**  
**IN BIRMINGHAM**





# Birmingham City Council Plan: 2018-2022

## What are we going to do?

### OUTCOME 1:

#### Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.

##### Priority 1:

We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.

##### How will we measure success?

- The number of jobs created.
- The number of Birmingham citizens supported into education, training and employment through employment support activity.
- The number of apprenticeship starts per 1,000.
- The percentage of adults with an NVQ qualification, verses national average.

##### Priority 2:

We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.

##### How will we measure success?

- Birmingham's unemployment rate verses the national average.
- Narrowing the pay gap for citizens across the city.

##### Priority 3:

We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.

##### How will we measure success?

- Small and Medium Enterprises starts and closures.

##### Priority 4:

We will develop our transport infrastructure, keep the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.

##### How will we measure success?

- The percentage of carriageways which should be considered for structural maintenance based on condition surveys.
- Increased percentage of trips taken by bicycles.

### OUTCOME 2:

#### Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.

##### Priority 1:

We will improve protection of vulnerable children and young people (including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability).

##### How will we measure success?

- Percentage of new Education Health Care (EHC) plans issued within 20 weeks, excluding exceptions.
- Percentage of pupils with a statement or EHC Plan.
- The Children's Trust meeting or exceeding its performance targets.
- Average length of time from a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family (in days).
- Percentage of care leavers who are in Education, Employment or Training (EET).
- First time entrants into the youth justice system (per 100,000 population aged 10 to 17).

##### Priority 2:

We will work with early years services and all schools to improve educational attainment and standards.

##### How will we measure success?

- The percentage of children making at least expected progress across each stage of their education – Early Years Foundation Stage (good level of development).
- Key Stage Attainment (KS2 and KS4 proportion reaching expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths.)
- The average progress 8 score of Birmingham pupils compared to National pupils – average progress between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 across eight key subjects.

##### Priority 3:

We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential.

##### How will we measure success?

- The proportion of years 12 to 13 not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET).
- Proportion of the population aged 16 to 24 qualified to at least level 3.
- Proportion of the population aged 16 to 24 qualified to at least level 4.
- Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) – Progress 8 – Average progress between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 for pupils with SEN Support across eight key subjects.
- Children in Care – Progress 8 – Average progress between Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 across eight key subjects.

##### Priority 4:

We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.

##### How will we measure success?

- Percentage of children overweight or obese at reception and year 6.
- Number of 2 year old children accessing

flexible free entitlement to early education (EEE).

### OUTCOME 3:

#### Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.

##### Priority 1:

We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.

##### How will we measure success?

- The proportion of people who use services who reported that they had as much social contact as they would like.
- The proportion of carers who reported that they had as much social contact as they would like.

##### Priority 2:

We will improve care for older people.

##### How will we measure success?

- Reduced number of long term admissions to residential care and nursing care (per 100,000 – 65+).
- Reduced delayed transfers of care.
- Proportion of older people (65 and over) who are still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into re-enablement/rehabilitation services.

##### Priority 3:

Citizens and communities will have choice and control over their care and improved resilience and independence.

##### How will we measure success?

- More people will exercise independence, choice and control over their care.
- Proportion of adults with a learning disability in paid employment.

### OUTCOME 4:

#### Birmingham is a great city to live in.

##### Priority 1:

We will work with our residents and businesses to improve the cleanliness of our city.

##### How will we measure success?

- Improved cleanliness – streets and green spaces.
- Increase Recycling, Reuse, and Green waste.
- Residual household waste per household (kg/household).

##### Priority 2:

We will have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens.

##### How will we measure success?

- Number of new homes completed in the city across a range of tenures.
- Number of properties improved in the Private Rented Sector as a result of Local Authority intervention.
- Number (and percentage) of homes built that are affordable.
- Minimising the number (and percentage) of households living in temporary accommodation.

##### Priority 3:

We will work with partners to tackle rough sleeping and homelessness.

##### How will we measure success?

- Reducing the number of rough sleepers across the city.
- The number (and percentage) of households where homelessness is prevented or relieved.

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## What are we going to do?

### Priority 4:

We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution.

#### How will we measure success?

- Reduce Nitrogen Oxide emissions (CAZ) levels in the city's air quality management areas (Ug/M3).
- Reduce Particulate Matter levels in the city's air quality management areas.

### Priority 5:

We will work with partners to ensure everyone feels safe in their daily lives.

#### How will we measure success?

- Citizens' perception – feeling of safety outside in local area during the day.
- Citizens' perception – feeling of safety outside in local area after dark.
- Number (and percentage) of completed safeguarding enquiries which involved concerns about domestic abuse.

### Priority 6:

We will foster local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run.

#### How will we measure success?

- Citizens' perception – able to influence decisions that affect the local area.
- Citizens' perception – able to influence decisions about public services that affect the local area.

### Priority 7:

We will work with our partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.

#### How will we measure success?

- Reduce inequalities between wards e.g. health, unemployment, educational achievement.

- Percentage of gap reduction of people living in the city and working in the city.
- A new residents' survey measure about citizens' pride in the city.

### Priority 8:

We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.

#### How will we measure success?

- Increased number of international, sporting, cultural and major events in our landmark venues, shared spaces, communities and libraries.

### OUTCOME 5:

**Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.**

### Priority 1:

We will seek to maximise the opportunities for Birmingham businesses and the Birmingham economy as a result of the Games to stimulate economic and employment growth.

#### How will we measure success?

- Volume of Games contracts awarded to Birmingham/West Midlands companies.
- Volume of development of sustainable business on the back of the Games.

### Priority 2:

We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing.

#### How will we measure success?

- Creation and use of health and well-being initiatives.
- Percentage rise in young people and adults engaged in physical activity.

### Priority 3:

We will deliver high quality housing, sporting facilities and transport infrastructure for the benefit of our citizens.

#### How will we measure success?

- Delivery of the transport and sporting infrastructure on time and on budget.
- Community use of sporting infrastructure – making the master plans a reality.

### Priority 4:

We will use the Games as a catalyst for the development and promotion of apprenticeships, volunteering and leadership opportunities to enhance the skills of our workforce.

#### How will we measure success?

- Apprenticeships/skills courses/entry level employment offered to unemployed Birmingham citizens across core Games related industries – security, catering, cleaning, technology etc.
- Internships and skills development as a result offered and delivered by Games partners and/or supporting businesses.

### Priority 5:

We will work with our diverse communities to ensure that we deliver a Games for Birmingham that connects our citizens and fosters civic pride.

#### How will we measure success?

- Community volunteer projects delivered as a result of the Games (e.g. 'spring clean' of streets).
- Use the Games to create/foster active citizenship projects and ensure those volunteers play a role in the Games.
- Citizen engagement with the cultural programme.
- New residents' survey measure to link

active life-styles, culture and wellbeing with cohesion impact.

### HOW WILL WE WORK?

**We want to proactively strengthen our partnerships with key institutions and businesses to create a strong civic family to lead the city. As part of this family, we will endorse a 'Made in Birmingham' approach with the city council playing a stronger role in directly delivering services, enabling partners and leading the community.**

We want everyone to benefit from the city's success and have therefore set out a long-term approach to achieve our priorities. This includes improving our services by promoting innovation, learning from good practice and collaborating with our partners across all sectors and all communities.

#### Improving the way we work:

- Greater Efficiency – we are committed to a culture of continuous improvement.
- More Transparency – we will work openly and publish information on decisions and spending.
- Greater Equality – we will promote the needs of all of our citizens; tackle disparities between neighbourhoods; and ensure our workforce reflects the diversity of our city.

Achieving the outcomes set out in this plan requires a wide range of resources and funding, which extends beyond the council's net revenue budget. However, by having a clear set of priorities we are able to work effectively in partnership to

maximise the city's resources for the citizens of Birmingham.

### The Council's budget:

#### NET BUDGET FOR 2018/19

**£855.2m**

#### ANNUAL BUDGET REDUCTIONS OF

**£642m**  
OVER 7 YEARS TO 2017/18



#### FURTHER ANNUAL CUTS OF

**£123m**  
BY 2021/22 ARE ANTICIPATED

#### THIS MEANS

**TOTAL ANNUAL SAVINGS OF £765m**  
OVER 11 YEAR PERIOD

It is important to note that a significant proportion of this budget is not within the Council's control. For example, the educational funding goes directly to schools.

We are changing the way we work to ensure we are making best use of our resources whilst continuing to deliver improved outcomes for citizens:

- We will develop a sustainable financial plan which does not rely on the use of reserves.
- We will focus on priority-based budgeting to ensure our resources are used where they are most needed.
- We will seek to use innovative models to deliver better outcomes at lower cost.
- We will make better use of our assets.

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE****AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME****1. Purpose of report:**

- 1.1 Full Council are asked to approve amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme to allow parental leave for councillors, following recommendations by the Independent Remuneration Panel agreed by City Council on 13 March 2018.

**2. Background:**

- 2.1 A Councillor who is absent from all meetings of the Council and any committees of which they are a member for a period of six months automatically ceases to be a Member of the Council unless they have been given leave of absence by the Council before the expiry of that six month period (s.85 Local Government Act 1972). The responsibility for compliance with these requirements lies with the individual councillor.
- 2.2 In Birmingham, questions were raised by members as to what provision could or should be made for those members who wished to take maternity, paternity or adoption leave.
- 2.3 The Independent Remuneration Panel considered the issue, and in March 2018 made the following recommendations:

*The City Council brings in a policy for maternity, paternity and adoption leave for elected members, covering both the Basic Allowance and the Special Responsibility Allowance.*

*• The Panel recommends that Members shall continue to receive their Basic Allowance in full during parental leave for six months subject to review and possible six month extension. If, however, an election is held during Members' parental leave and they are not re-elected, or decide not to stand for re-election, the basic allowance will cease from the date when they are no longer a Member.*

*• The Panel recommends that Members entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance continue to receive this allowance during parental leave in line with the City Council employee policy (i.e. for weeks 1 to 6, 90% of the SRA, and weeks 7 to 18, 50% of the SRA). If, however, an election is held during Members' parental leave and they are not re-elected, or decide not to stand for re-election, or are removed from the post which attracts the SRA, the SRA will cease from the date when they are no longer a Member or no longer hold the post.*

- 2.4 These recommendations were accepted by City Council on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018. This report brings forward the consequent amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme.
- 2.5 Committee considered the amendments and are recommending that City Council revise the Members' Allowance Scheme as set out in the appendix attached.

**MOTION**

That the Members' Allowance Scheme is amended as set out in Appendix 1 to allow parental leave for councillors, following recommendations by the Independent Remuneration Panel agreed by City Council on 13 March 2018.



## **Amendments to the Members' Allowance Scheme**

Insertion: new section 4 on page 5

### **4. MATERNITY, PATERNITY AND ADOPTION PAY**

#### ***4.1 Basic Allowance***

All Members shall continue to receive their Basic Allowance in full in the case of maternity, paternity and adoption leave for six months subject to review, with a presumption that this will be extended for another six months if requested in accordance with the statutory provisions on basic allowance. Each case must be brought to CBM for the necessary dispensation.

If, however, an election is held during Members' parental leave and they are not re-elected, or decide not to stand for re-election, the basic allowance will cease from the date when they are no longer a Member.

#### ***4.2 Special Responsibility Allowance***

Members entitled to a Special Responsibility Allowance shall continue to receive their allowance in the case of maternity, paternity and adoption leave in the same way that the Council's employees enjoy such benefits; i.e.:

##### ***Maternity Leave:***

Members on maternity leave would be entitled to 90% of the SRA for weeks 1 to 6 of the maternity leave; 50% of the SRA for weeks 7 to 18 and £145.18 (April 2018 rate) per week (or 90% of full earnings if this is less) for weeks 19 to 39.

##### ***Paternity Leave:***

A Member is entitled to take two weeks ordinary paternity leave if they are the biological father or nominated carer of their partner following the birth or adoption of their child(ren), are married to or are the partner or civil partner of the mother or co-adopter; and they have the main responsibility for the child's upbringing during the period of leave. During ordinary paternity leave the Member will continue to receive a full basic allowance and any relevant SRA.

##### ***Adoptive Parents Leave:***

Members who are newly matched with a child by an adoption agency are entitled to leave. The nominated adopter is entitled to adoptive parents' pay: 90% of the SRA for weeks 1 to 6 of the maternity leave; 50% of the SRA for weeks 7 to 18 and £145.18 (April 2018 rate) per week (or 90% of full earnings if this is less) for weeks 19 to 39.

### *Shared Parental Leave:*

Shared Parental Leave (SPL) enables eligible parents (including same sex) to choose how to share the care of their child during the first year following birth or placement for adoption. It applies to parents of babies due to be born/children placed for adoption via an adoption agency, on or after 5 April 2015.

SPL can only be used by up to two people in relation to each child:

- The mother/adopter of the child **and**
- One of the following:
  - the biological father of the child or
  - the person who, at the time of the birth, is married to, or the civil partner or partner (including a same sex partner) of the mother. A partner is defined as a person who lives with the mother and the child in an enduring family relationship but is not the mother's child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew.

BCC does not provide an occupational shared parental pay scheme for employees; any statutory pay due during shared parental leave will be paid at a rate set by the Government for the relevant tax year. Therefore, members who are eligible for shared parental leave and are in receipt of an SRA will receive the statutory amount (which as of April 2018 is £145.18 per week for statutory maternity and paternity pay), or at 90% of the SRA, if this figure is lower than the Government's set weekly rate, for the 39 weeks statutory maternity leave available. The remaining 13 weeks of shared parental leave are unpaid.

### *Summary*

Each case must be brought to a private session of CBM for the necessary dispensation. Prior to this, eligibility for parental leave and/or allowances will be verified with Member Services. The scheme shall be updated in line with any changes to the employee scheme.

If a replacement to cover the period of absence is appointed by Council or the Leader of the Executive (or in the case of a party group position, the party group) the replacement will be entitled to receive an SRA. In order to comply with the Local Government Act 2000 restrictions on the number of members of the Executive, if a replacement is taking those Executive responsibilities, then the member on maternity/adoption leave will not be a member of the Executive for that period and will not be able to take executive decisions.

If, however, an election is held during Members' parental leave and they are not re-elected, or decide not to stand for re-election, or are removed from the post which attracts the SRA, the SRA will cease from the date when they are no longer a Member or no longer hold the post.



# Scrutiny Annual Report

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## Introduction

By Cllr John Cotton, Chair, Co-ordinating O&S Committee

Overview and Scrutiny makes a unique contribution to decision-making and policy development, because it is led by elected Councillors who bring a rich blend of skills, experience and local knowledge to the table. It is a powerful forum - for questioning, for holding power to account on behalf of the citizen and for exploring new ideas and innovations.

That is why our Overview and Scrutiny Committees are crucial to helping this Council and our partners to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities that Birmingham faces in the years ahead.

The 2017-18 Overview and Scrutiny work programme demonstrates how scrutiny committees have provided Councillors with the means to make a difference and drive improvement in council services across the city. This report summarises some of the work undertaken in the last municipal year, demonstrating how scrutiny can represent the views and needs of Birmingham's citizens, businesses and community organisations. The work, although sometimes critical, has assisted the Executive and demonstrated the key role Overview & Scrutiny plays in breaking down silos between departments and making connections across organisations.

It was also a year where we took a step back and re-examined the role Overview and Scrutiny plays in the governance of the city, and how that can be strengthened. Welcome changes were made to scrutiny arrangements in May 2018 as a result of that review – most notably, the increase in the number of scrutiny committees to enable members to properly cover the full extent of the work required of them and give key issues the required focus.

It is now my job, alongside the other Scrutiny Committee Chairs and members to implement a work programme that is challenging, productive and makes a real contribution to improving the lives of Birmingham citizens. To ensure we do this, I have agreed with the Scrutiny Chairs and the members of the Co-ordinating O&S Committee that there are four key areas we need to prioritise:

Firstly, Overview and Scrutiny needs to focus on the big strategic issues facing the City Council and the city as a whole. From tackling inequality to addressing the financial pressures, Scrutiny can play a key role in taking forward the policy debate and ensuring we focus on the long-term challenges for Birmingham.

Secondly, Scrutiny should be consistent in holding the Council to account for the performance of its services. The Executive is already taking welcome steps to strengthen performance measurement and Scrutiny will support this work by providing constructive challenge to performance data and ensuring that it is used to drive the improvement of services.





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Thirdly, Scrutiny needs to be more closely involved in policy development. By involving Scrutiny at an earlier stage of the policy process, we can make full use of the skills, experiences and insights of individual Members. We will work with Executive colleagues to develop a new approach to policy development over the course of this year.

Finally, Scrutiny should be the voice of the citizen, championing issues that are of concern to the people of Birmingham and asking questions on their behalf. Therefore, we will be exploring how all Scrutiny Committees can properly and appropriately respond to issues of public concern.

Scrutiny is not an optional extra for this Council. It isn't something that is just "nice to have". A strong scrutiny function, providing robust, but constructive challenge and feedback to the Executive, is an essential part of good governance. I look forward to working with all Councillors to deliver this important agenda over the coming year.





# 1 Scrutiny Arrangements in 2017/18

- 1.1 There were five O&S Committees, one sub-committee and one task and finish group in 2017/18:
- Corporate Resources and Governance (chaired by Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq with Cllr Randal Brew as Deputy Chair);
  - Economy, Skills and Transport (chaired by Councillor Zafar Iqbal with Cllr John O'Shea as Deputy Chair);
  - Health and Social Care (chaired by Councillor John Cotton with Cllr Andrew Hardie as Deputy Chair);
  - Housing and Homes (chaired by Councillor Victoria Quinn with Cllr Penny Holbrook as Deputy Chair);
  - Schools, Children and Families (chaired by Councillor Susan Barnett with Cllr Barry Bowles as Deputy Chair);
  - Finance O&S Sub-Committee (chaired by Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq);
  - Trees Policy Task and Finish Group (chaired by Councillor Fiona Williams).
- 1.2 The remits of each of the committees was set out in the Constitution and covered the breadth and depth of City Council policy and service delivery. Three of the Committees had additional statutory responsibilities. The Health and Social Care O&S Committee was responsible for discharging the council's statutory responsibility to review and scrutinise matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services as provided for by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (the 2012 Act). The Housing and Homes O&S Committee had statutory responsibilities in relation to crime and disorder, and the Economy, Skills and Transport O&S Committee for the scrutiny of flood risk management.
- 1.3 In addition, Birmingham members were involved in regional scrutiny:
- Birmingham and Sandwell Joint Health Scrutiny Committee;
  - Birmingham and Solihull Joint Health Scrutiny Committee;
  - West Midlands Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee;
  - Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership Scrutiny Committee;
  - West Midlands Police and Crime Panel.

## Who Sat on the Scrutiny Committees?

- 1.3.1 Scrutiny is carried out by independent minded members who lead and own the scrutiny process.
- 1.3.2 Each committee has a Chair and a Deputy Chair and in total 55 Birmingham Councillors (or 46%) sat on a scrutiny committee in 2017/18 (several sat on more than one committee). The Schools,



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Children and Families O&S Committee also had four co-opted members (two church and two parent governor representatives).

- 1.3.3 For members who do not sit on a scrutiny committee, there are many ways to be involved, including contributing evidence to inquiries and participating in debates at City Council. This report, and the discussion that will follow at City Council, is one way in which members of the City Council can support that member-led process.

## 2 What We Did

### Scrutiny in Numbers – Key Observations

- 2.1.1 The infographic opposite gives some indication of the quantity of work undertaken by scrutiny last year. Whilst a full work programme was completed throughout the year, the impact of two elections being held within the year saw the number of meetings decrease (from 116 to 86). The number of inquiries completed also decreased, as more of the work focused on overview of policy and performance.
- 2.1.2 Cabinet Members are asked to report to the relevant scrutiny committee in public at least once (usually twice or more) a year. These are fruitful sessions that not only allow members to question the decision-makers but also feed into on-going work. This, along with the call-in function, brings an accountability to decision-making and encourages the Executive and senior officers to consider a wider range of views before finalising policy. Six requests for call-in were heard this year, and one decision was referred back to Cabinet as a result.
- 2.1.3 One petition was referred to Scrutiny by Council Business Management Committee: "Birmingham City Council to refund residents for missed collections". This was discussed by the Corporate Resources and Governance O&S Committee in December 2017.
- 2.1.4 O&S Committees also monitored the progress against the implementation of previous scrutiny inquiries: of the recommendations tracked, 23% were achieved, 53% not achieved and 24% were still in progress.

### Adding Value

- 2.1.5 Appendix 1 sets out a summary of the significant pieces of work undertaken by scrutiny over the last 12 months, identifying where scrutiny has added value linked to the council's priorities.



# Scrutiny in numbers

## 5 Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

Corporate  
Resources and  
Governance

Economy, Skills  
and Transport

Health and Social  
Care

Housing and  
Homes

Schools, Children  
and Families



# 86 meetings

## 55



Public  
Committee  
Meetings

- With 70% member attendance

## 3



Visits

## 28



Sub groups,  
member  
briefings and  
workshops

## 4



Inquiries/task and  
finish groups

- With 4 reports to City Council

## 34



Recommendations from  
earlier inquiries were  
tracked

## 6



Call-Ins

- 1 sent back to Cabinet

# 136

 items on committee meetings agendas including:

## 31



Attendances by  
Cabinet Members

## 15%



Involving members of the  
public or customer views

## 28%



Involving partners and  
external organisations



## 3 Preparing for the New Municipal Year

- 3.1 In late 2017, the Council Business Management Committee established a cross-party sub-group to undertake a review of Overview and Scrutiny. Three years on since the number of committees was reduced, it was considered timely to review the role of scrutiny in light of changes to council governance and in anticipation of further changes taking effect from May 2018.
- 3.2 The key lines of enquiry were:
- To review the role of scrutiny: what role does the City Council want scrutiny to play in the governance of the City Council?
  - To review the relationship with the Executive – how can scrutiny's role be better facilitated through the scrutiny / executive relationship?
  - To review the structure of scrutiny – what structure (i.e. numbers and remits of committees, balance of standing committees and task and finish) will best deliver scrutiny's role?
  - To review the resourcing of scrutiny in light of any proposed changes, bearing in mind the current financial context.
- 3.3 The members took evidence, including from the Group Leaders, and presented a [report to City Council](#) in March 2018.
- 3.4 Just before the group started this process, the Communities and Local Government (CLG) Select Committee published its report on the [Effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees](#) on 11 December 2017. The themes in this report reflected a number of findings in the Review of Scrutiny undertaken in Birmingham.
- 3.5 The role of scrutiny was explored, underpinned by the acceptance that scrutiny is an integral part of the governance of the city and should be systematically engaged at the earliest possible stage. The key findings were:
- **Parity of Esteem:** the CLG Select Committee report was concerned with the overall relationship between local authority scrutiny and executive members, and notes that "there is no parity of esteem between the scrutiny and executive functions". This was also a concern of members in Birmingham, particularly around transparency of decision-making and policy development to facilitate early scrutiny involvement; information sharing and attendance at committee meetings;
  - **The number of Scrutiny Committees should be increased** from five to eight. Members agreed that the reduction in the number of scrutiny committees in 2015 had not worked as Committees have struggled to cover the full extent of the work required of them and as a consequence have had a reduced focus on some key issues. These changes were implemented in May 2018;
  - Scrutiny can add most value by **active involvement in policy development**. The CLG Select Committee also noted the benefits of what is sometimes called "pre-decision scrutiny":



"By commenting on and contributing to a decision before it has been made, scrutiny committees are able to offer executives the benefit of their ability to focus on an issue in greater depth over a longer period of time.";

- Scrutiny members do not always have **access to the information** they need to scrutinise areas properly. This can be about timeliness of information (there is often a reluctance to share early information with scrutiny members); or about reduced resources to provide the information; or a lack of understanding of what information members are entitled to. The Select Committee is clear that "councillors working on scrutiny committees should have access to financial and performance data held by an authority, and that this access should not be restricted for reasons of commercial sensitivity". Committees must be able to "*follow the council pound*" and have the power to oversee all taxpayer-funded services.";
- **Reporting to City Council** is a key line of accountability and one area where Birmingham is ahead in terms of good practice; however members of the review group were clear that producing reports for City Council was not scrutiny's only role. These concerns are reflected in Birmingham, where scrutiny members do not always feel that scrutiny is given sufficient weight or access to enable them to carry out the role effectively
- It is crucial that scrutiny can demonstrate a **positive impact**. Consideration also needs to be given to the "feedback loop" of scrutiny work back to the Executive. Recommendations are routinely "tracked" for implementation but there's little consideration of impact or outcomes. There is a need for a more outcome-focused approach;
- The Executive should consider allocating **Scrutiny Chairs** on a proportionate basis; however it was noted that this is a political decision, and since scrutiny's inception Birmingham has allocated these posts to members of the controlling group(s), with the exception of the 2003-4 municipal year;
- The four-year election cycle is also an opportunity to have more **stability of membership** on scrutiny committees. There is a need to balance those members who are "experts" in that area and those who would bring a fresh perspective.

3.6 Throughout the range of issues covered in the review, the underpinning theme is that of the culture of the City Council and its openness to challenge. The Select Committee came to the same conclusion, stating:

"We have found that the most significant factor in determining whether or not scrutiny committees are effective is the organisational culture of a particular council. Having a positive culture where it is universally recognised that scrutiny can play a productive part in the decision-making process is vital and such an approach is common in all of the examples of effective scrutiny that we identified. Senior councillors from both the administration and the opposition, and senior council officers, have a responsibility to set the tone and create an environment that welcomes constructive challenge and democratic



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accountability. When this does not happen and individuals seek to marginalise scrutiny, there is a risk of damaging the council's reputation, and missing opportunities to use scrutiny to improve service outcomes. In extreme cases, ineffective scrutiny can contribute to severe service failures."

- 3.7 The Leader of the Council will report back to Co-ordinating O&S Committee on the progress with taking forward these proposals in July.

## 4 Scrutiny in 2018/19

- 4.1 The Review of Scrutiny also made recommendations with regard to the structure and composition of the Scrutiny Committees. These were implemented in the changes to the Constitution agreed by City Council on 22 May 2018:

- The number of Scrutiny Committees was increased to eight;
- A lead scrutiny committee to be created, responsible for oversight of the work programme and overseeing the scrutiny function alongside its substantive remit. The membership of this Committee includes all the Scrutiny Chairs and the Chair of the Committee would be the Lead Scrutiny Member. This gives a clear cross-party steer to the scrutiny work programme as a whole and facilitates transparent prioritisation of scrutiny work;
- An O&S Committee with a clear remit for finance now forms part of the new arrangements;
- The health and social care responsibilities and statutory duties are onerous and sufficient for one committee and therefore, the Health and Social Care O&S Committee should have no other areas of responsibility.

- 4.2 The new committees are:

- Co-ordinating O&S Committee (chaired by Cllr John Cotton); including governance, performance and customer services;
- Resources O&S Committee (chaired by Cllr Sir Albert Bore); to cover finance, HR and contracting/commissioning;
- Health and Social Care O&S Committee (chaired by Cllr Rob Pocock); including health, adult safeguarding and statutory health functions;
- Children's Social Care O&S Committee (chaired by Cllr Mohammed Aikhlaq); including the Children's Trust, child safeguarding and corporate parenting;
- Sustainability & Transport O&S Committee (chaired by Cllr Liz Clements); including air quality, transport strategy and highways;
- Economy & Skills O&S Committee (chaired by Cllr Tahir Ali); including economy, skills and investment;



- Housing & Neighbourhoods O&S Committee (chaired by Cllr Penny Holbrook); including housing, social cohesion and waste management;
- Learning, Culture & Physical Activity O&S Committee (chaired by Cllr Mariam Khan); including education, arts and culture and parks.


4.3 Appointments have also been made to the regional scrutiny bodies.

4.4 Appendix 2 sets out some of the emerging areas for scrutiny to consider in 2018/19.

## Appendix 1

### CHILDREN

#### A great City to grow up in

|  | Scrutiny themes                   | Scrutiny – Added Value/Impact   |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
|   | <b><i>Corporate Parenting</i></b> | Followed up an in-depth inquiry into the important role Councillors play with regards to corporate parenting. Councillors have been supported in their role to enable them to be better advocates for children in care; for instance, targeted support and training has been given to members following the completion of a 'menu of involvement'. The Schools, Children and Families O&S Committee continued to monitor this through the year.   |
|   | <b><i>Safeguarding</i></b>        | <p>Identified where progress was still needed with regards to safeguarding through scrutiny of the Birmingham Safeguarding Children's Board (BSCB) Annual report.</p> <p>Followed up on earlier inquiries into children missing from home and care and child sexual exploitation by evaluating progress made in implementing the recommendations. As part of this, the committee continued to examine Ofsted's comments regarding problems identified with the missing from education service.</p> <p>Has been part of the transfer of children's social care to a Trust. This has included investigating ways of strengthening governance arrangements and ways in which the committee can assist with making a positive difference for children, young people and families in the city.</p> <p>Updated on the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016-17 and deliberated with West Midlands Police and Council Officers on how the issues with gangs are being addressed.</p> <p>Supported officers by examining how the council is using the Prevent Duty in schools and to help families earlier.</p> |




## Appendix 1

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|  | <b><i>Education &amp; School Improvement</i></b>            | <p>Continued focus on school improvement through engagement with the Birmingham Education Partnership and through analysis of the school attainment statistics for Birmingham children who attend schools in Birmingham.</p> <p>Part of the consultation for the Fair Access Protocol, which each local authority must have, to ensure that outside the normal admissions round unplaced children, especially the most vulnerable, are offered a place at a suitable school as quickly as possible. A number of issues to improve this were raised and a further report is expected.</p> |
|  | <b><i>Childcare Sufficiency</i></b>                         | Members contributed to the Childcare Sufficiency report. This report gives an update on the Council's ability to meet the statutory duty regarding sufficiency of childcare for children 0-14 (and 17 for children with SEND). This includes free entitlements for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and wider parental childcare requirements.   |
|  | <b><i>Child Poverty</i></b>                                 | Members deliberated and contributed to the work of the cross party group who have been overseeing the implementation of the recommendations made by the Birmingham Child Poverty Commission to reduce levels of child poverty.   |
|  | <b><i>Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities</i></b> | Contributed to the Inclusion Strategy and highlighted to the Cabinet Member and Officers the concerns of the committee. The committee will continue to be involved as a crucial element of the development of the strategy.  |

## Appendix 1

### HOUSING

#### A great city to live in

|  | Scrutiny themes                       | Scrutiny – Added Value/Impact  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
|   | <b>Reducing Homelessness</b>          | <p>Considered in detail the progress made with implementing the recommendations in the scrutiny report on Rough Sleeping &amp; Prevention, identifying where further steps could be taken to help address the level of rough sleeping within the city.</p> <p>Contributed to the development of the Homelessness Prevention Strategy through regular scrutiny at committee and member participation in the positive pathway task and finish groups set up to help shape the strategy.</p> <p>Scrutinised the implementation plan developed to deliver the required changes stemming from the Homelessness Reduction Act (which came into force in April) and undertook to continue to monitor the impact of the Act as part of their future work programme. The Act places numerous additional duties on Local Authorities with an increased focus on identifying those at risk of homelessness as early as possible and maximising the opportunities for preventing their homelessness.</p> |
|   | <b>New Housing Allocations Scheme</b> | <p>Continued focus on issues arising from the introduction of the new allocations scheme, with members providing robust challenge with regard to the number of people who had not re-registered and the action being taken to identify the reasons why.</p>  |


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|  | <b>The city's repairs contract</b>          | Followed up on previous monitoring of the new repairs and maintenance contracts, meeting representatives from the three contractors, who attended committee to answer members' questions around service delivery and performance. This was a really useful session, giving the contractors the opportunity to share with members their efforts to drive up performance and how they invest in social value, and giving members the chance to directly question the contractors about their performance against key targets.  |
|  | <b>Private Rented Sector (PRS)</b>          | Commenced evidence gathering on how the City Council should work with HMOs to get the best outcomes for landlords, tenants and local residents. This was in response to a Motion for Debate brought to City Council raising concerns about an increasing reliance on HMOs to address homelessness, the impact of HMOs on local communities and the need for decent, high quality accommodation.  |
|  | <b>Investment in existing council homes</b> | Considered a request for call-in of the Birmingham Council Housing Investment Programme 2017/18 to 2019/20. The focus of the call-in was the decision to amend the programme to include fire suppression measures (ie sprinklers) at a total cost of £31m. Whilst Members expressed clear support for the retro-fitting of sprinklers, the decision was "called in" with the request that Cabinet reconsider all the information and evidence available to assure itself that the expenditure was wholly justified and to consider an alternative approach whereby each case was looked at individually to ensure each tower block had its own particular needs met in terms of safety and saving lives. |
|  | <b>Neighbourhoods</b>                       | Kept a watchful brief on operational issues within the Waste Management Service, implementation of the new operating model and governance around service improvement.  |

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### JOBS AND SKILLS

#### A great city to succeed in

|  | Scrutiny themes                                     | Scrutiny – Added Value/Impact   |
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|   | <b>Inclusive and Sustainable Growth</b>             | <p>Contributed to the development of the Birmingham Design Guide by participating in the consultation exercise and discussion following the launch of the Vision document in September 2017. As Birmingham continues to experience strong growth and investment it is important for this growth to be sustainable and to adapt to changing environments and respond to the requirements of businesses and citizens. The intention is that the Birmingham Design Guide will replace all the current area based policies and documents and will provide clear guidance to aid decision making and pre-application discussions and will promote and ensure that the highest standards of design are achieved.</p> <p>Considered the Flood Risk Management Annual Report which highlighted progress in addressing the statutory responsibilities of Birmingham City Council as a Lead Local Flood Authority and the publishing of the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Birmingham in October 2017. The Strategy has the overarching aim of ensuring that local flood risk is understood and managed in a coordinated way in the city.</p> |
|   | <b>Improving our local highways and streetscene</b> | <p>Maintained a watching brief over the Highway Maintenance and Management PFI Contract with Amey. Ensured that members were appropriately briefed about quality and commercial issues in relation to improving local roads and pavements, maintaining and improving street scene appearance, response to urgent defects and customer service, to facilitate the members to take an overview of actions being taken.</p>  |

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|  | <b>Developing a modern sustainable transport system that promotes and prioritises sustainable journeys</b> | <p>Reviewed progress made by Transport for West Midlands with the development and delivery of integrated ticketing on public transport. This included the increasing numbers of journeys taken using Swift ticket types across the West Midlands and plans for further developments to facilitate easier, better value and contactless options for travel across the region.</p> <p>Took an overview of the pilot of Bus Stop Rationalisation in South Birmingham which is part of a wider strategy by Transport for West Midlands aimed at ameliorating the recent increases in congestion for buses as traffic in the West Midlands reaches record levels of peak hour congestion. Without action the effectiveness of buses in supporting the city's inclusive economic growth agenda will reduce and urban mobility and social inclusion for those people most reliant on public transport will reduce.</p> <p>Scrutinised the improvements to be delivered through the new West Midlands Rail Franchise during a session with Transport for West Midlands, West Midlands Trains and West Midlands Rail. Members had an opportunity to hear about and raise questions relating to planned improvements to existing stations, plans for new stations, increased capacity, new fleet, planned improvements to the operation of trains and timetabling of services and the introduction of 'Smart' ticketing, following the start of the new rail franchise in December 2017.</p> |
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|  | <b>Maximising employment through improved access to jobs and raising skills levels</b> | <p>Continued to contribute to and review progress with the on-going development of the East Birmingham &amp; North Solihull Regeneration Strategy. This is aimed at addressing the long-term complex issues in greater depth than has happened previously with a view to improving the high levels of unemployment and low skills levels of its residents in an area with deprivation levels amongst the highest in the country.</p> <p>Maintained focus on the performance and delivery of the Birmingham Youth Promise Plus Programme across Birmingham and Solihull in working with a range of partner organisations to support young people into employment, education and training. This is driven by the Birmingham Skills Investment Plan which is our 10-year plan to help close the local skills gap by taking an integrated approach to employment and skills support.</p> <p>Monitored the City Council Step Forward initiative aimed at closing the skills gap and increasing productivity by supporting low skilled or unqualified workers who are in employment to make skills and career progression, progress in Birmingham in reducing NEET and Not Known figures for young people and the development of Local Employment and Skills Boards in four quadrants of the city.</p> |
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### HEALTH

#### A great city to grow old in

|  | Scrutiny themes   | Scrutiny – Added Value/Impact  |
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|   | <b><i>Creating a healthier environment for Birmingham</i></b> | <p>Followed up from previous inquiry 'The Impact of Poor Air Quality on Health' into the evidential link between poor air quality and health and what can be done to improve air quality to minimise adverse impact on health outcomes in Birmingham.</p> <p>Informed about the implementation of a vehicle emissions policy for taxi and private hire vehicles which was adopted by the Licensing &amp; Public Protection Committee (LPPC) in October 2017 and which is currently being implemented requiring them to meet the emissions standards for a Clean Air Zone (Euro 4 for petrol and Euro 6 for diesel) by December 2019. The work was already in progress but members were told that the scrutiny report provided written evidence to link poor health outcomes to air pollution and provided LPPC members and officers with a corporate policy framework within which to work.</p> <p>Provided with an overview of a comprehensive research project being carried out by Birmingham University and Network Rail. They are collaborating in carrying out air quality data analysis of results from monitoring of air quality at various locations in and around New Street Station. The information obtained has been used to better understand the air quality environment in and around the station and has informed an ongoing action plan by Network Rail to optimise and improve the systems in place at New Street. The information will also enable future discussion with train operators and other stakeholders to be based on measured evidence to facilitate a multi-faceted approach to improving air quality.</p> |

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|  | <p><b><i>Improving the quality of care/ performance</i></b></p> | <p>Identified specific under-performing measures as areas for further ongoing examination through scrutiny of the Local Performance Account, which provides a summary of progress against a set of measures for adults who receive social care support.</p> <p>Monitored quality of adult social care provided in the city on an ongoing basis throughout the year through regular examination of the performance of adult social care via the Adults Service Scorecard and through feedback from the Carers Survey.</p> <p>Reviewed the partnership working being done with health partners through the Delayed Transfers of Care Dashboard. This reflected intensive partnership work being done focussed on reducing delayed transfers of care. The aim is to reduce delays in hospital by improving how people are discharged and making sure the right care is available when needed to facilitate timely discharge of patients.</p> <p>Actively engaged with NHS England, Sandwell &amp; West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust around the potential adverse impact on service delivery of a cancer review and proposed changes to the way oncology services are delivered across Sandwell and Birmingham. Raised concerns and emphasised the need to find a safe and sustainable long- term solution for patients needing these services. Reviewed ongoing communication and engagement with patients, the public, staff and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Regularly engaged with SWBH trust chief executive in relation to implications of delay in completion of Midlands Metropolitan Hospital in the wake of the collapse of the main contractor Carillion. Maintained regular briefings about efforts to ensure completion and implications of Sandwell and City Hospitals and the risk to the quality of service the longer the completion and opening of the new hospital is delayed.</p> |
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|  | <b><i>Improving mental wellbeing</i></b> | Continued to evaluate and monitor the mobilisation and implementation of the new service model and delivery of the contract by Forward Thinking Birmingham which provides mental health care for 0-25 year olds in order to monitor progress made and challenges faced by the service since the beginning of the new contract.  |
|  | <b><i>Joining up services</i></b>        | Actively scrutinised the various challenges presented by and progress towards the merger of University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust and Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust which merged to form a single trust on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018. The single trust has approximately 50,000 Foundation Trust members and employs around 20,000 members of staff and is one of the largest trusts in England treating c2.2million patients in a year, with 2,700 beds and a turnover estimated to be in the region of £1.6billion. This is a cross-boundary issue that will have an impact on services for populations across both local authority areas and the committee wanted to ensure that the interests of particular service users were not disadvantaged. |

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|  | <b><i>Joined up commissioning of services</i></b> | <p>Maintained a regular and active focus on plans for and progress with the merger of the Birmingham CrossCity, Birmingham South Central and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and their transition to form a single Birmingham and Solihull CCG, which is the largest CCG in England, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. This merged organisation is responsible for exercising the joint commissioning functions for planning and commissioning health services for people living in Birmingham and Solihull and for ensuring that a single commissioning plan for West Birmingham is developed and ensuring that the two CCGs which now operate across Birmingham, Solihull and Sandwell, are working collaboratively for the benefit of the population.</p> <p>Regularly evaluated and monitored the City Council contracts with Umbrella who provide sexual health services and advice in Birmingham and Solihull and with Reach Out Recovery, who provide drug and alcohol advice in Birmingham. Further examination of services has been conducted through visits allowing committee members to see services at first hand and to speak with staff and service users directly.</p> |
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### ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH

As well as the four priorities above, the Vision and Priorities document agreed by Cabinet also set out a set of indicators developed to take into account organisational health. These fall into three key areas:

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| <b>GOVERNANCE</b> | <p>Provided robust challenge to Cabinet members with a series of public sessions to hold them to account for decisions and policy. Overall Cabinet members attended scrutiny meetings 31 times.</p> <p>Undertook robust challenge to the council's budget proposals via a session in each of the committees where the portfolio budgets were analysed. Members sought reassurances that the voice of the citizen would be taken on board when implementing any savings plans. In addition, the Finance Sub-committee met with the Leader and Director of Finance throughout the year to monitor financial matters.</p> <p>Held six request for call-in meetings; one decision was sent back to the Cabinet for re-consideration.</p> <p>Completed an inquiry into relationships with our parish and town councils; to explore 1) What have we learned from the experiences of setting up Birmingham's parish councils that will assist both the City Council and communities in the development of any future parish councils or other localised or devolved governance models? 2) How the relationship between City Council and the parish/town councils is working currently.</p> <p>Completed review of scrutiny, to strengthen scrutiny arrangements – some of the recommendations were implemented at the City Council meeting on 22 May 2018</p> |
| <b>CITIZEN</b>    | <p>Continued to scrutinise the development of customer services in the City by visiting the council's Contact centre.</p> <p>Continued to monitor the council's customer satisfaction data and further developments with regards to the website and BRUM account.</p>  |
| <b>WORKFORCE</b>  | <p>Analysed and interrogated data relating to workforce and HR issues within the organisation including figures on areas such as sickness rates, workforce demographics, relationship between management and employees, data on HR policies, employee satisfaction, use of agency workers and work experience.</p>   |

## Scrutiny Priorities 2018/19

### Co-ordinating

Key Strategic Issues  
 -  
 Performance – how we measure it and how we use it  
 -  
 Scrutiny engagement in robust policy development  
 -  
 Championing citizen's priorities  
 -  
 Role and format of the Full City Council Meeting  
 -  
 Customer Services  
 -  
 Planning and co-ordinating scrutiny work programmes

### Health and Social Care

Birmingham and Solihull Sustainability and Transformation Partnership  
 -  
 Impact of Review / Re-design of Adult Social Care Services  
 -  
 Adult social care performance monitoring including CQC Local System Review Action Plan  
 -  
 Forward view of public health and health inequalities strategy  
 -  
 NHS consultations  
 -  
 Public Health / Commissioning

### Resources

Working with Executive to examine areas of concern in the budget  
 -  
 Improving long term financial planning

### Learning, Culture & Physical Activity

Commonwealth Games  
 -  
 Young People & Mental Health  
 -  
 School improvement

### Housing & Neighbourhoods

Private Rented Sector  
 -  
 Community Safety  
 -  
 Waste and Street Cleansing

### Economy & Skills

Impact of Skills Programmes  
 -  
 Future Skills Agenda

### Sustainability & Transport

Highways PFI Contract  
 -  
 CWG transport package  
 -  
 Flooding  
 -  
 Air Quality

### Children's Social Care

Children's Trust  
 -  
 Safeguarding  
 -  
 SEND  
 -  
 Early Years

**MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

To consider the following Motions of which notice has been given in accordance with Standing Order 4 (i)

**A. Councillors Tristan Chatfield and Saddak Miah have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-**

"This council applauds the magnificent efforts of the Birmingham Post and Mail and the response of the people of this city to the BrumFeeds foodbank campaign.

Council further acknowledges the ongoing efforts of faith groups, charities and other third sector organisations to feed and clothe those in desperate need.

However, in the fifth richest country in the world, it is wrong that charitable donations and the compassion of individuals are seen as an acceptable alternative to an adequately funded welfare state.

The impact of continued austerity and welfare reforms mean that Birmingham's foodbanks have reached crisis point and it is unacceptable that, with record numbers of people needing help, they are struggling cope with the overwhelming demand.

Foodbanks and those who make donations perform a vital role in making sure everyone has somewhere to turn in times of need.

But we must not accept a society where foodbanks are necessary.

Council resolves to help food banks across the city highlight the growing concerns and calls on the Government to recognise that it has a moral and practical duty to protect people from poverty and to provide a safety net. Government must not stand idly by while charity shoulders the responsibilities of the state and the council calls upon the Government to provide local government with the resources to deal with this crisis."

**B. Councillors Robert Alden and Debbie Clancy have given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-**

"The Conservative Group strongly believes and has consistently argued for improved maternity/paternity pay and believes that the Council as a major employer in the City should lead by example and set industry leading levels of support.

Given that in light of the introduction of a new parental leave policy for Councillors and comments previously raised by the Conservative Group on the inadequacy of the council's maternity pay compared to other public and private sector organisations, the Council reviews its staff parental leave policy.

This review should aim to bring maternity pay (including shared parental leave) at least into line with the 6 months full pay now offered to non-SRA councillors and be completed in time for the 2018/19 budget process.”