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

“Centenary Square - paving”

Question:

What is the cost per slab of the paving in Centenary Square?

Answer:

Investment in Centenary Square will provide an economic benefit and jobs for the city.

The scheme has helped generate investment in surrounding developments such as Paradise, the HSBC and HMRC buildings as well as the forthcoming revamp of Symphony Hall.

The complete surface of Centenary Square is covered in granite, including the water feature, which is laid on a reinforced concrete slab.

Granite, as a natural product, was chosen for its longevity and durability – and laying it on a concrete slab ensures it can withstand the weight from any major event's infrastructure.

Several different colours/textures of granite were used, with varying costs, but the average cost for providing and laying the granite on Centenary Square is £50 per square meter.

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

“Centenary Square – Water Use”

Question:

How much water is used per month for the water feature at Centenary Square?

Answer:

Investment in Centenary Square will provide an economic benefit and jobs for the city.

The scheme has helped generate investment in surrounding developments such as Paradise, the HSBC and HMRC buildings as well as the forthcoming revamp of Symphony Hall.

The water feature is designed to operate using the minimum amount of water possible, which is fed from an underground water tank. The water circulates from the tank, through the water jets, drainage channel and is then treated before returning to the tank for recirculation.

There will be a loss of water due to splash or evaporation for example, but there is also a natural top up when it rains.

The water feature designers estimate water usage (top up from the main) should be no greater than 120 cubic metres per month.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

“Centenary Square – Energy Use”

Question:

What is the monthly energy use for centenary square, including the water feature and lighting columns (please use estimated usage based on energy efficiency ratings and planned usage)?

Answer:

Investment in Centenary Square will provide an economic benefit and jobs for the city.

The scheme has helped generate investment in surrounding developments such as Paradise, the HSBC and HMRC buildings as well as the forthcoming revamp of Symphony Hall.

To keep the water feature running constantly, the water feature designers estimate that it will use 74,635 kilowatt hours (kWhrs) in power every year. However this will be reduced if the water feature is turned off to accommodate major events.

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

“Centenary Square – Energy Efficiency”

Question;

What energy saving measures were installed in Centenary Square (e.g. solar pv)?

Answer:

Investment in Centenary Square will provide an economic benefit and jobs for the city.

The scheme has helped generate investment in surrounding developments such as Paradise, the HSBC and HMRC buildings as well as the forthcoming revamp of Symphony Hall.

A number of energy efficiencies have been built into this scheme, including the way in which the water feature uses minimum water, which is cleaned and recycled and of course topped up by rainwater. The lighting columns in Centenary Square are installed with LED lights, which are more efficient and longer lasting than those traditionally used for street lighting. These are also fitted with light sensors, which prevent them coming on unnecessarily during daylight hours.

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

“Edgbaston Cricket Hospitality”

Question:

How many tables\seats does the Council have at Edgbaston Cricket Ground?

Answer:

In 2019 the Council had one table of 12 at each of the following matches:

- Wednesday 19 June - New Zealand v South Africa
- Wednesday 26 June - New Zealand v Pakistan
- Tuesday 02 July -India V Bangladesh
- Thursday 01 August – England V Australia – Test Match

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

“Edgbaston Cricket Hospitality - Councillor Use”

Question:

Which Councillors have attended which cricket matches at Edgbaston Cricket Ground in each of the last four years, using the Council's allocated seats/tables?

Answer:

The information for 2019 is as follows:

19 June 2019 - New Zealand v South Africa
Councillor Ian Ward, Councillor Zafar Iqbal

Wednesday 26 June - New Zealand v Pakistan
Councillor Ian Ward, Councillor Waseem Zaffar.

Tuesday 02 July -India V Bangladesh
Councillor Ian Ward.

Thursday 01 August – England V Australia – Test
Councillor Ian Ward, Councillor Chaman Lal.

It has not been possible to provide information for previous year as the historical information has not been retained within the city council or with Edgbaston Cricket Club.

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

"Perry Barr Flyover Petitions - Delay October Cabinet Decision"

Question:

Given the decision of Council Business Management Committee to order a Council debate on the Perry Barr flyover petitions, will he be delaying the proposed October cabinet decision to hear the debate?

Answer:

It is not possible to delay this decision due to the need to deliver the changes on the A34 alongside the completion of the Perry Barr Residential Scheme, which will be used initially to house athletes and officials for the Commonwealth Games.

The Full Business Case for the A34 Perry Barr Highway Improvements is planned to be presented to Cabinet for decision on 15th October 2019.

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

"Any Representations Received - effect of no deal Brexit"

Question:

What, if any, representations has the council or combined authority received from representatives of industry and commerce about the effect of allowing a no deal Brexit on October 31st?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council has not received any specific representations from representatives of industry and commerce but we do have representatives from the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce on the Brexit Commission. At those meetings they have highlighted the risk to businesses of supply chain disruption, significant extra paperwork, inflation costs, tariff costs, employee recruitment and retention, difficulty obtaining export certificates, amongst other issues. Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce have been awarded money via West Midlands Combined Authority which manages money pooled by councils from their government grants, to develop and promote the Brexit Tool Kit for local businesses to help them prepare.

Despite guarantees given by government on unspent EU funds, in the event of 'No Deal', the region could lose up to £200m of uncommitted EU funds to a centrally controlled government 'reserve', a large amount of which is support to businesses to upskill and recruit employees.

The West Midlands Mayor chairs a Brexit Economic Contingency Group with representation from business and industry stakeholders. This includes representatives from the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce and Local Enterprise Partnerships. Further information should be requested from the West Midlands Combined Authority.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY

"Brexit - City and Regional Preparations for a no deal"

Question:

Could the Deputy Leader update Council on city and regional preparations for a no deal Brexit, setting out the latest assessment of the risks and impact of leaving the EU on October 31st without a deal?

Answer:

The City Council and West Midlands Combined Authority has undertaken and continues to undertake preparatory work with regards to Brexit. This includes:

- An **independently commissioned report** on the potential impacts in the West Midlands which was completed in November 2018 and presented to Cabinet on 14 December 2018.
- The introduction of an internal **Brexit Contingency Working Group**, chaired by the Assistant Chief Executive, which has cross-Council officer representation. This Working Group monitors Government guidance and assesses risks to Council Services.
- The development of a regional **Brexit Commission**, which I chair with representation from across the wider West Midlands Local Authorities and Combined Authority. The Commission covers the same topics and services as the BCC internal contingency group but seeks to pool knowledge, analysis and funding from across the wider West Midlands Local Authorities.
- These Groups are supporting the development of a more detailed register of risks and concerns and providing analysis of where available Government funding for Local Authority preparedness can be deployed. Due to formatting issues, a copy of the risk register will be emailed separately.
- The West Midlands Mayor chairs a **WM Brexit Economic Contingency Group** drawing representation from business, industry and academic stakeholders and seeks to develop a clearer understanding and provision of support to West Midlands businesses in terms of business support and preparedness. It also seeks to glean a broader understanding of the potential economic impacts to the West Midlands' economy and key industries.

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

“Library Repairs”

Question:

For the last 3 years, please provide a list of all repairs carried out on each of the council's libraries, including dates and nature of the work.

Answer:

It has not been possible to provide the detail requested in the timescale as to do so will involve a considerable amount of officer time across a number of teams, including private contractors. There are a variety of repairs undertaken, which include capital works (planned and reactive) and smaller works.

The key areas of expenditure are: statutory testing and repairs, heating (particularly boiler repairs), electrical works, fire equipment, alarms and shutters works, archive stores, air handling units, roof repairs and asbestos testing and works. Over the last 3 years at over 35 community library sites there have been over 10,000 individual items of expenditure and thousands more at the Library of Birmingham. We are happy to provide specific details of repairs and maintenance at individual libraries as requested.

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

"Schools - Government New Minimum Funding Proposals"

Question:

How many schools in Birmingham are expected to benefit from the government's new minimum funding proposals?

Answer:

The National Funding Formula only relates to Primary and Secondary schools/academies.

Assuming no change to individual school pupil numbers and pupil characteristics used in the 2019/20 funding allocations. We have calculated that 80 Primary schools/academies and 14 Secondary schools/academies would benefit from the proposal to increase the minimum funding per pupil to £4,000 in Primary and to £5,000 in Secondary.

NB This proposal will affect Secondary schools from 2020/21 and Primary schools from 2021/22.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

"Schools - Minimum Funding Levels - Existing Pupil Premium Arrangements"

Question:

How many schools in Birmingham are taken over the new minimum funding levels (£4,000 per primary school pupils and £5,000 per secondary school pupil) by the existing pupil premium arrangements?

Answer:

The two funding streams are separate DfE allocations and the pupil premium will not affect or change the funding schools will receive as a result of the new minimum funding per pupil proposals.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE

"Schools - New Minimum Funding Levels - reverse aspects pupil premium"

Question:

To what extent do the new Minimum funding levels reverse the redistributive aspects of the pupil premium?

Answer:

The proposed National Funding Formula increases in minimum funding per pupil level will ensure that all primary pupils and secondary pupils will receive a minimum of £4,000 and £5,000 respectively regardless of other factors in the formula i.e. deprivation.

The Pupil Premium grant is a separate funding stream and the distribution is based on deprivation. As a consequence, the minimum funding per pupil changes may result in a redistribution of overall schools funding.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH

“Advertising Sites”

Question:

Please provide a list of all Council owned advertising sites, including the rental value of each one, whether it is currently rented out and if not how long since it was last rented out?

Answer

The financial information related to this briefing is highly commercially sensitive. The publication of specific income or sharing details with competitors would impact on the Council's ability to procure on the open market and disadvantage the current contractors

The Council has several contractual arrangements for generating income from advertising on Council Land which have been procured competitively. All developments have planning consent and income goes directly to support council services..

1. Digital Advertising Portfolio – This is a profit share partnership contract with Ocean Outdoor. The portfolio is as follows:

A45 Road Bridge Banner
Bullring Moat Lane Banner
Fiveways/Broadstreet Digital 96
Dartmouth Circus Digital 96
Hyatt Bridge Digital Full motion
Bullring Smallbrook Queensway Digital Full Motion
Brunel Street Carpark Digital Full Motion
St Chads Digital 48
Broad Street Digital 96
Bristol Street Digital Full Motion
Paradise Circus Banner (out of commission because of roadworks)
20 City centre “loop” digital pavement advertising
Lancaster Towers Digital currently under development
120 Digital pavement advertising currently under development – separate spreadsheet attached

2. Roundabout and Boundary sign advertising for local businesses – This is a profit share partnership with Immediate Solutions.
3. Lamp post banner advertising for local businesses and the visitor economy. Banners are displayed for short periods of time as appropriate and according to individual campaign requirements. This is a profit share partnership with Bay Media.
4. City Dressing – this is sold and managed in house. The asset portfolio of flags and banners is used to dress the city for Birmingham events and sold commercially to the visitor economy when not required by the council
5. Hoarding and Digital Sites managed by Birmingham Property Services.

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

“InReach Embankment Development”

Question:

**How many plants or other green infrastructure were installed on the
Embankment Development on St Vincent Street?**

Answer:

Ref	Species	No.
TREES	Betula Perdula	5
	Acer saccharinum	1
	Betula Utilis	2
	Sorbus Torminalis	3
	Amelanchier Lamarckii	4
	Sorbus Aria	3
	Liquidambar Styraciflua	2
Total		20
HEDGE	Fagus sylvatica	656
	Ilex aquifolium	328
	Buxus sempervirens	84
	Ligustrum undullatum lemon & lime	294
Total		1,362
Specimen Shrub	Magnolia stellata	4
Total		4
SHRUBS	Acuba japonica	10
	Choisya ternata	12
	Cornus alba	10
	Euonymus fortunei	62
	Fatshedera lizei	12
	festuca ovina	18
	Hebe pingufolia	12
	Lavandula angustifolia	42
	Miscanthus sinensis	6
	Prunus laurocerasus	14
	Skimmia japonica	8
	Viburnum davidii	26
	Vinca major	62

Total	294
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BULBS	various	600
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Total	600
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GRAND TOTAL	2,280
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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER

“InReach Embankment Development – Trees”

Question:

**What was the net loss\gain in trees on the site of the Embankment
Development on St Vincent Street?**

Answer:

3 existing trees lost, with 20 added, giving a net gain of **17 trees**.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

“InReach Embankment Development – Trees”

Question:

What nature enhancement/protection measures were installed on the Embankment development on St Vincent Street? (e.g. bird boxes, brown roofs)?

Answer:

- Parking management strategy – allocation for small cars, electric charging points. Approximately 60% parking allocation for total number apartments, contributing towards air quality and traffic reduction in city centre.
- Residential travel plan – to actively promote the use of more sustainable transport choices for residents. Encourage the use of modes of travel other than cars. Policy TP39 – 41 reducing dependency on cars contributing towards better air quality. Allocation of bicycle and motorcycle storage spaces.
- Refuse storage facilities – three types of waste collection options. Blue bins (paper and cardboard), green bins (plastic metal and glass), black bins for general waste. Policy TP13 – working towards Sustainable Management of the City's waste
- Sustainable drainage solution to manage risk of flooding, improve and protect water quality, improve habitat and amenity
- 8 large trees retained, and 20 new trees planted. Planted over 1000 hedging plants and 300 shrubs in the communal areas of the development. (Policy TP7) supporting the expansion of trees for many purposes including carbon uptake, ecological and biodiversity enhancement and sustainable drainage.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY**

"How many Ombudsman Complaints-Waste Collection - upheld"

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member set out how many ombudsman complaints about waste collection have been upheld so far this year, at what cost, setting out the actions taken to prevent further errors?

Answer:

Since January 2019, the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman has upheld 23 complaints against the Council and the cost has been £4906. Actions will vary depending on the nature of the complaint.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

"Review Waste Service - How many members to contribute"

Question:

On July 3rd you promised to let me know how members could contribute to the review into the waste service. At the time of tabling this question, I am still waiting. Can the cabinet member respond?

Answer:

Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions have started their review by going through all of the Services data and practices. Throughout September they will be undertaking face to face sessions with Scrutiny members and residents so invites will be sent out shortly.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

"Verge Cutters slicing up abandoned litter"

Question:

What steps have been taken to prevent verge cutters slicing up abandoned litter?

Answer:

Now that grounds maintenance is an in house operation it has provided the opportunity to better align the programmes for litter collection and grass cutting on the highways and to ensure the verges are mown as soon as possible after the cleansing operation.

Mowing operatives have been asked to clear any litter before cutting any verges. We will continue to monitor the situation and ensure the quality of service improves.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE
AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

“Recycling Contamination”

Question:

For each week since 1 April, how many loads of recycling were rejected due to contamination?

Answer:

Under our current contracts and processes it is unusual for a whole load to be rejected and as such this hasn't happened this financial year. The material is normally sorted and processed as governed by the material stream's route. Contamination is normally rejected during/at the end of the process; this is managed and recorded accordingly.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE
AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

“Rounds missed”

Question:

**For each month in the last 5 years, how many whole rounds have been missed
(broken down by residual, recycling, green)?**

Answer:

**Missed collection data is currently held by residents individual property or whole road
reports and not on a whole round basis.**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE
AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

“Properties Per Round”

Question:

What is the average number of properties per round for each of the last 5 years? (broken down by residual, recycling, green)

Answer:

	Residual	Recycling	Garden
2015	-	-	482
2016	-	-	655
2017	-	-	654
2018	1251	1015	547
2019	779	750	581

As background, between 2015 and August 2018 rounds were designed to be completed within 9hr and 13 mins. Following changes in work patterns in September 2018 this reduced to 7hr 18 mins and is reflected in the 2019 values.

Due to the size of the data files when incremental amendments are made to rounds the previous data set is overwritten and as a result we are unable to provide an average value for each of the 5 years as requested. However the 2018 figures for residual and recycling were taken at the beginning of the year and are likely to be very similar to previous years since the introduction of wheelie bins in 2015, which is when the last wholesale redesign of routes took place.

For garden rounds, as sales occur over a number of months and as a result round sizes can change on a weekly basis. The average values above have therefore been calculated from the final count when sales have closed for each year.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE
AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

“WRCO Interventions”

Question:

In July and August 2019 how many ‘interventions’ have been made by WRCOs to encourage recycling (broken down by whether direct face to face or via leaflet/notice drop)?

Answer:

Find below the amount of direct resident engagement interventions made by the Waste Reduction and Collection Officers per month, broken down by type.

Month / Year	Total Direct Resident Engagement Interventions	Face to Face Contact		Leaflet Left	
		No	Yes	No	Yes
July 19	91	88	3	7	84
Aug 19	51	51	0	3	48

Please note that recycling “intervention” does not represent the full duties carried out by WRCOs.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE
AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

“WRCOs”

Question:

As of the first day of each month since the role was introduced, how many WRCOs were employed by the City Council?

Answer:

Month	No. WRCOs
Nov 2017	104.00
Dec 2017	105.00
Jan 2018	103.00
Feb 2018	103.00
March 2018	103.00
April 2018	101.00
May 2018	100.00
June 2018	99.00
July 2018	99.00
Aug 2018	99.00
Sept 2018	175.00
Oct 2018	175.00
Nov 2018	177.00
Dec 2018	184.00
Jan 2019	183.00
Feb 2019	184.00
March 2019	184.00
April 2019	183.00
May 2019	183.00
June 2019	183.00
July 2019	183.00
Aug 2019	183.00
Sept 2019	183.00

Information taken from People Solutions.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE
AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

“Missed Collections”

Question:

What is the cost to the Council of each reported missed collection?

Answer:

The answer varies depending on if we collect the whole road or a single bin. By moving existing resources around missed whole road collections can be achieved at no extra cost.

Individual bin collections would incur an additional cost which again would depend on travel, deviation and resources we do not hold a cost for individual missed bin collections.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

"Waste Management Timetable for Independent Review"

Question:

Could the cabinet member set out the timetable for the independent review into waste management reporting its findings?

Answer:

Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions have started their review by going through all of the Services data and practices. Throughout September they will be undertaking face to face sessions with Scrutiny members and residents

In October they will draw their initial findings together and it is intended to bring these to October Cabinet.

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

"Amirah Foundation"

Question:

When he wrote references for the Amirah Foundation was he aware of the underlying problems that led to the organisation's subsequent failure?

Answer:

No

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

"Counterflow Traffic"

Question:

Recent closures on the A34 between Newtown and Perry Barr have highlighted the volume of counterflow traffic at peak times ie outbound in the morning and inbound at night. Could the cabinet member set out the findings of the modelling on counterflow traffic were the A34 Transport scheme to be implemented, explaining what assumptions have been incorporated about the timings of the proposed new traffic lights linking the A34 and A435?

Answer:

The modelling undertaken for the A34 transport scheme is based upon observed traffic flows, which capture all vehicle movements including those in a counterflow direction. Traffic signal timings at the new A34/A435 junction are based upon future year iterations of the model that take account of new development, modal shift and route reassignment.

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

"How many representations - A34 Transport Project"

Question:

How many representations of all kinds, including signatures on petitions, were received about the A34 Transport project, ie the Perry Barr flyover removal and associated works, up to the end of the consultation period in August?

Answer:

During the consultation period the Council received 1,577 responses to the consultation via the online BeHeard portal. Outside of the portal 13 bespoke written responses were received from key stakeholders including Transport for West Midlands, adjoining local authorities and elected members.

The Council has received a total of 14,695 signatures on petitions relating to the removal of the A34 flyover and Sprint, with 11,192 signatures received between the Options Appraisal Report (12th February 2019) and the end of the consultation period (2nd August 2019).

