



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 9 JULY, 2019 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Mohammed Azim) in the Chair.

Councillors

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

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 19235 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

The Lord Mayor reminded Members that they did not enjoy Parliamentary Privilege in relation to debates in the Chamber and Members should be careful in what they say during all debates that afternoon

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 19236 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

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 19237 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2019 having been circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. British Hallmarking Council Special Award

- 19238 The Lord Mayor asked Vir Ahluwalia, Mick Davies, Sajeela Naseer and Gary Singh from Trading Standards Department to step forward, along with Noel Hunter and Robert Grice from the British Hallmarking Council.

The Lord Mayor indicated that he was delighted to announce that this wonderful team had recently won a British Hallmarking Council Special award for their work on Operation Egyptian, which resulted in the prosecution of a substantial jewellery fraud. This was a very significant achievement and is of importance to the whole jewellery industry and the hallmarking regime in the UK.

The Lord Mayor asked all to join him in congratulating the Trading Standards Department on this tremendous achievement.

B. Municipal Journal Workforce Transformation Award

19239 The Lord Mayor asked Brian Cape, Derek Price, Cheryl Rudge and Dale Wild from Cityserve to step forward please.

The Lord Mayor indicated that he was delighted to announce that Midlands caterer Cityserve had added some more silverware to its trophy cabinet after scooping a national award in that Birmingham City Council's Education Catering Division had received the award for Workforce Transformation at the Municipal Journal Local Government Achievement Awards in June.

The Lord Mayor explained that the submission had demonstrated a unique and innovative approach to the workforce, building a productive workplace through employee engagement.

The Lord Mayor asked all to join him in congratulating them all on this marvelous achievement.

PETITIONS

Petition Relating to External Organisations Presented at the Meeting

The following petition was presented:-

(See document No. 1)

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

19240 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and referred to the relevant external organisation.

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 2)

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

19241 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

19242 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

19243 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 10.3.

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

The following schedule was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

19244 **RESOLVED:-**

That the appointments be made to serve on the Committees and other bodies set out below:-

Independent Remuneration Panel

Veronica Docherty 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2023

Sandra Cooper 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2023

Trust and Charities Committee

Councillor Nicky Brennan to replace Councillor Alex Aitken for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020.

WMCA Investment Board

Councillor Tristan Chatfield to replace Councillor Ian Ward for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of City Council in May 2020.

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

19245 **RESOLVED:-**

That, pursuant to discussions by Council Business Management Committee, Standing Orders be waived as follows:

- Allocate 60 Minutes for item 9 (Birmingham Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2019-2022)
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BIRMINGHAM YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2022

The following joint report from the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing and Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities was submitted:-

(See document No. 5)

Councillor Kate Booth moved the motion which was seconded.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Kate Booth replied to the debate.

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

It was therefore-

19246 **RESOLVED:-**

That Council adopts the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2019/22, taking into account the financial implications and the priority actions identified.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

19247 **RESOLVED:-**

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

The Council then adjourned at 1615 hours.

At 1645 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

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 Paul Tilsley and Mike Ward have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 6)

Councillor Paul Tilsley moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Mike Ward.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Carl Rice and Mike Leddy gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 7)

Councillor Carl Rice moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Mike Leddy.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Paul Tilsley replied to the debate.

The amendment 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-

19248

RESOLVED:-

This Council recognises that it is now over 25 years since the protocol regarding officers' responses and replies to members' enquiries was established.

Since then the communications world has radically changed, the majority of complaints and enquiries to Councillors are via email.

This Council therefore agrees to establish a task and finish working party through the Co-ordinating Overview and Scrutiny that would create a new protocol for responses to members' enquiries.

This protocol should guarantee:-

1. the prompt provision of acknowledgements to Councillors' enquiries by officers; and

2. the provision of a substantive response to the enquiry within a fixed and agreed timescale, based on the issue raised; and
 3. A system of chasing up Councillor enquiries that are not responded to within the target period.
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B. Councillor John Cotton and Nicky Brennan have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 8)

Councillor John Cotton moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Nicky Brennan.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Ewan Mackey and Gareth Moore gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 9)

Councillor Ewan Mackey moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Gareth Moore.

A debate ensued.

EXTENSION OF TIME

It was proposed by Councillor Robert Alden and seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt that the time for consideration of agenda item 10 (Motions for Debate from Individual Members) be extended to 1900 hours.

The Lord Mayor put the proposal to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

Councillor John Cotton replied to the debate.

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

The Motion 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)

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 58 (For the motion)
No – 0 (Against the motion)
Abstain – 0 (Abstentions)

It was therefore-

19249

RESOLVED:-

The Council notes that:

- In Birmingham there are 1,557 people seeking asylum in receipt of Section 95 support;
- Since 2002, people seeking asylum have only been able to apply for the right to work after they have been waiting for a decision on their asylum claim for over a year, and only if they can be employed into one of the narrow, highly-skilled professions included on the Government's Shortage Occupation List;
- People seeking asylum are left to live on just £5.39 per day, struggling to support themselves and their families, and leaving them vulnerable to destitution, isolation, and exploitation;
- Millions of pounds of economic gain for the UK economy via increased taxable income and reduced payments of accommodation/subsistence support is forgone as a result of the current policy. Across the country, the UK spends between £70 million and £100 million per year housing and supporting asylum seekers who could be working, earning, and fending for themselves;
- A significant proportion of asylum seekers are waiting for more than six months for an initial decision about their claim for asylum. At a national level there are currently 13,994 cases, 43% of all claims awaiting an initial decision, which is the largest backlog recorded in the UK;
- 71% of people polled agreed with the statement: "when people come to the UK seeking asylum it is important they integrate, learn English and get to know people. It would help integration if asylum-seekers were allowed to work if their claim takes more than six months to process";
- More than 150 organisations from across the UK have joined the Lift The Ban coalition, coming together to call on the Government to give people seeking asylum the right to work. This includes a number of other Local Authorities across the UK.

The Council recognises that:

- i. people seeking asylum want to be able to work so that they can use their skills and make the most of their potential, integrate into their communities, provide for themselves and their families, as well as make a positive contribution to the city's economy;
- ii. restrictions on right to work can lead to extremely poor mental health outcomes, and a waste of potentially invaluable talents and skills both for the economy of Birmingham and the UK;

- iii. allowing people seeking asylum the right to work would lead to positive outcomes for those seeking asylum in Birmingham and for the local and national economy;

The Council resolves to:

- Join the Lift the Ban Coalition, which is campaigning to restore the right to work for everyone waiting for more than 6 months for a decision on their asylum claim;
 - Call on the government to make changes to national policy and legislation to restore the right of asylum seekers to work;
 - And use its role in the city to promote education, training, volunteering and pathways into paid employment for asylum seekers and refugees.
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C. Councillor Deirdre Alden and Alex Yip have given notice of the following motion.

(See document No. 9)

As the finishing time for the meeting had been reached the Lord Mayor asked that the remaining motions and amendments be moved and seconded formally (without comment) and following which they would be put to the vote without discussion

Councillor Deirdre Alden formally moved the Motion which was formally seconded by Councillor Alex Yip.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors John O'Shea and Marje Bridle gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 10)

In formally moving the amendment Councillor John O'Shea indicated that the third paragraph should read 'The Council has never offered Council Tax compensation for service failure.'

On point of order Councillor Robert Alden sought clarification on which amendment was to be amended and noted that the amendment in the papers if amended would be factually incorrect as the Local Government Ombudsman website gave details when the Council had given compensation for service failure.

The Leader Councillor Ian Ward indicated that it would be acceptable to revert to the original wording.

On a further point of order Councillor Robert Alden suggested that the amendment now negated the original motion contrary to the constitution.

At 1830 hours the Lord Mayor adjourned the meeting.

At 1837 hours the Council reconvened and resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

At the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Councillor John O'Shea formally moved the amendment as circulated which was formally seconded by Councillor Marje Bridle.

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

(See document No. 11)

Councillor Jon Hunt formally moved the amendment, with the words 'of future providers' in the last paragraph deleted, which was formally seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer.

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

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

(See document No. 12)

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 48 (For the amendment)
No – 27 (Against the amendment)
Abstain – 0 (Abstentions)

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-

19250 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council notes and agrees with the statement of the Deputy Leader, Councillor Brigid Jones (Lab, Bournbrook and Selly Park) on 14 June 2019 that Birmingham "is the statutory waste collection authority and that there is no excuse for not sorting it."

The council does not shy away from its responsibilities towards the people of Birmingham and to the future of our planet.

It recognises that the council has been hit by unprecedented levels of government cuts since 2010 and that there are further cuts to come, but remains committed to delivering an improved service.

The council has never offered refunds of council tax for service failure, including during the strikes in the bin service in 2011, 2017 and 2019.

However, acknowledging the current problems in the service, the council has commissioned and will deliver an independent report into the future of the service.

To that end, the council will:

- invest in new vehicles to replace an ageing fleet, considering the use of alternative fuels.
- invest in the depots to provide a better, more productive working environment for staff, making the depots fit for the future.
- work closely with the workforce and the unions, utilising their knowledge to drive constant improvements and efficiencies in the system.
- develop a new waste strategy, taking into account the changing nature of recycling, minimising waste generation via public campaigns and extracting maximum value from household waste - e.g. energy, biofuels and waste re-use.
- enable residents to work together to do more to help keep their own communities clean and tidy.”
- provide more timely information to residents on any service failures and what residents should expect when collections are missed.

Council further notes the lack of clear and reliable data on service failures, noting that statistics are compiled based on resident reports and rounds that fail to leave depots, meaning that unfinished rounds are not chronicled accurately.

Council regrets that the promised introduction of IT monitoring in 2014 has proved unable to monitor exactly where waste is collected from.

Council therefore requests that the review of service be asked to advise on how robust data can be collected – and welcomes any measures that show the true extent of citizen discontent or satisfaction with the service.

Council believes this will enable effective monitoring of the service.

The meeting ended at 1845 hours.

APPENDIX

Questions and replies in accordance with Standing Order 10.2.

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

A1 Unauthorised Encampments

Question:

What are the 50 most breached sites for unauthorised encampments over the last 10 years?

Answer:

Please find attached the excel spreadsheet of the data requested. We do not hold league tables of most affected land.



Council Land Stats
2010-11.xls



Council Land Stats
2011-12.xls



Council Land Stats
2012-13.xls



Council Land Stats
2013-14.xls



Council Land Stats
2014-15.xls



Council Land Stats
2015-16.xls



Council Land Stats
2016-17.xls



Council Land Stats
2017-18.xls



Council Land Stats
2018-19.xls



Council Land Stats
2019-20.xls

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

A2 Zaffar v Khan

Question:

What costs has the Council incurred in total for any support provided in the High Court Case *Waseem Zaffar Vs Asaf Khan*, including officer time for any internal legal or other advice and evidence provided?

Answer:

The Court Case is not a matter handled or advised on by the Council. Therefore, there are no costs incurred by the Council and no officer time for internal legal or other advice.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
SIMON MORRALL**

A3 Head of Leader's Office

Question:

Has the role of 'Head of Leader's Office' now been filled?

Answer:

Yes

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
PETER FOWLER**

A4 Head of Leader's Office cost

Question:

What is the cost, including on costs, of the post of Head of Leader's Office?

Answer:

The post has been assessed as a Grade 7 which has a salary range of £56,154.06 to £72,883.08. With on costs including national insurance contributions this ranges from, £81,860.00 to £106,602.00

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

A5 Head of Leader's Office Political Restrictions

Question:

Is the post of 'Head of Leader's Office' politically restricted?

Answer:

Yes

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

A6 Changing Boundaries of Land - Perry Barr A34 Transport Project

Question:

What is the scope for changing the boundaries of the land assigned to the Perry Barr A34 Transport Project in response to the current consultation?

Answer:

The land assigned to the Perry Barr A34 project is a combination of existing public highway, land included in the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and part of the Gailey Park site that was acquired by the City Council for development.

The CPO has been made and the public inquiry opened on 2nd July 2019. The scheme is constrained by the CPO and public highway boundaries; there is no scope to extend beyond these boundaries.

The Gailey Park site has been acquired for the overall village development and was granted planning consent in December 2018. The preferred scheme as set out in the February 2019 Cabinet Report includes slithers of the site to facilitate widening of Harrier Way and Walsall Road, there is very little scope to extend the road widening further into the site without adverse impact on the consented development.

Within the boundaries set out above the City Council will consider any suggested changes submitted as part of the consultation process providing the overall scheme benefits are not compromised.

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

A7 Centenary Square Development - Anticipated Economic Benefits

Question:

Given that the Centenary Square development is part of an Enterprise Zone, financed by a tax incremental finance model (which pays for borrowing through future uplifts in business rates), could the Leader set out its anticipated economic benefits, in numbers not words?

Answer:

It is not possible to answer this question without words.

Business leaders in the city who pay business rates certainly believe that the investment in Centenary Square will provide an economic benefit and jobs for the city.

GBSLEP were partners in funding Centenary Square and Simon Marks, Director for optimising assets at the LEP, described Centenary Square as a 'shrewd investment' stating that 'people often underestimate the value you generate from public realm'.

He said the scheme had helped generate investment in surrounding developments such as Paradise, the HSBC and HMRC buildings as well as the forthcoming revamp of Symphony Hall and added: "The reality is everybody is entitled to their opinion, some people think why are you spending on that? Couldn't you spend it elsewhere?

"The LEP is really, really focused on making sure the investment we make in schemes, be they public realm, open space and some of the buildings we see, that actually we get a return on the investment.

"We get a return on that investment in a number of ways, through jobs, and more importantly the investment that it leverages in."

I agree with Simon Marks. Centenary Square is a public realm scheme that indirectly contributes to the economic outputs forecasted for the Enterprise Zone.

The Enterprise Zone is predicted to create an additional 40,000 new jobs, the delivery of 1.3 million square metres of new floor space with uplift in GVA of £2.8bn per annum. This project provides infrastructure to support that regeneration through the Business Rate uplift generated from developments which will be retained by the GBSLEP and used to invest in infrastructure supporting the wider economic priorities across the LEP geography.

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

A8 Key Performance Indicators - Targets

Question:

A recent Cabinet report revealed that just 13 out of 39 key performance indicators met their targets in the last year. What is being done to get Council performance back on track?

Answer:

The Council has made some important strides in its improvement journey over the last year. Successes have included; moving up the national rankings from 59th to 7th in Adult Social Care Related Quality of Life; getting young people into employment through the Youth Promise Plus Project and Children's Social Care moving from Inadequate to Requiring Improvement to be Good. Despite these successes, the Council still faces significant challenges in a number of areas, notably in Waste and Street Cleaning, Homelessness, in Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs and Delayed Transfers of Care.

We acknowledge that the Council is not out of the woods with regard to its performance and we are continuing to undertake a number of activities aimed at addressing the underlying, systemic issues that underpin areas of poor performance. These include commissioning an external review of our waste services, undertaking a system-wide transformation programme with the STP to establish a new approach to early intervention, and continuing to refine our performance framework to improve comparability of KPIs and align our finance and performance reporting.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING
FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

B1 SEN Out-of-City Places

Question:

For each year since 2012 how many children with special educational needs have been placed in settings outside of Birmingham?

Answer:

SENAR has provided data in the table below. However, please note:

- The information relates to children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) - previously statements of SEN.
- The data has been provided from the end of the academic year 2013/14 to correspond with the introduction of the SEND reforms which came into effect on 1 September 2014.
- SENAR is responsible for funding all children and young people with EHCPs placed in independent schools; specialist Post 16 institutions; and Other Local Authority (OLA) maintained settings where additional top-up funding is required. The placement numbers for these categories are set out in columns 2, 3 and 4 of the table below.
- SENAR has not (to date) recorded historical data for those placed in OLA maintained provision where additional funding is not required but have reported the current figure for this cohort in column 5.
- In summary, the number of children and young people currently placed in independent out of city provision is 161 (sum of columns 2 and 3) and the number placed in OLA maintained provision is 702 (sum of columns 4 and 5).

Placements	Independent	Post 16 SPI	Funded OLA Maintained (including FE Colleges)	No funding OLA Maintained (including FE Colleges)
Aug-14	144	34	258	
Aug-15	149	32	241	
Aug-16	167	42	316	
Aug-17	173	43	428	
Aug-18	162	34	437	
Current (June 19)	139	22	481	221

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING
FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

B2 SEND Capital Programme

Question:

For each year since 2015 please list all capital projects, including total cost of each, used for the creation of additional SEND places within the City.

1. Details of SEND places created at special schools (please note that re-provided places refer to replacement of temporary and/or unsuitable accommodation):

Academic Year Places available	<u>School Name</u>	<u>Number of additional SEN places</u>	<u>SEN places being re provided</u>	Funding (£)
2014/15	Wilson Stuart School	20	0	£604,967
2014/15	Victoria School	10	0	£325,142
2014/15	Uffculme - Russell Road	30	0	£1,974,730
2014/15	The Dame Ellen Pinsent School	10	12	£2,334,486
2014/15	The Bridge School	10	36	£1,937,834
2014/15	Springfield House	8	8	£399,896
2014/15	Selly Oak Trust School	10	10	£601,815
2014/15	Queensbury School	8	0	£570,669
2014/15	Langley School	6	6	£846,373
2014/15	James Brindley School	12	0	£200,417
2014/15	Hamilton School	10	8	£2,174,446
2014/15	Fox Hollies School	12	0	£596,883
2014/15	Cherry Oak School	27	8	£1,984,502
2014/15	Calthorpe Teaching Academy	23	56	£1,120,594
2014/15	Brays School	33	27	£218,452
2014/15	Baskerville School	9	7	£2,423,892
2015/16	Hallmoor School	10	0	£105,255
2016/17	The Pines Special School	95	95	£8,497,453
2016/17	Calthorpe Teaching Academy	10	0	£200,000
2017/18	Lindsworth School	27	0	£806,000
2017/18	Brays School	60	0	£598,627
2017/18	Beaufort School	0	48	£3,266,868
2018/19	Victoria School	0	60	£4,078,380

2. List of SEND places created in mainstream schools (resource bases):

Academic Year Places available	<u>School Name</u>	<u>Number of additional SEN places</u>	<u>SEN places being re provided</u>	Funding (£)
2014/15	Paget Primary School	12	0	£579,329
2014/15	Paganel Primary School	12	0	£13,361
2015/16	Allens Croft Primary School	12	0	£70,000
2016/17	Topcliffe Primary School	0	50	£418,049

2018/19	Boldmere Junior/Infant	24		£613,611
2018/19	Saltley Academy	40	0	TBC
2018/19	Cherry Orchard	12		£96,668

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER

C School Budgets

Question:

A calculation error by the Schools Financial Services meant that the budget allocation originally reported to Harborne Primary School for 19/20 was £79,000 short of what it should have been. Did this error affect any other schools?

Answer:

This was a one off issue which affected Harborne Primary School and did not affect any other schools.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES
FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

D Politically Restricted Posts

Question:

Where a post is politically restricted for how long before taking up a post should an employee not be an active member of a political party?

Answer:

There are no such restrictions.

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

E1 Empty Garages

Question:

How many empty council owned garages are there currently in Birmingham (please include, as a separate figure, any that have already been declared surplus but which have not yet been disposed of?

Answer:

There are currently 3688 (void) council owned garages in Birmingham.

There are currently no garages sites that have been declared surplus which have not been disposed of.

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

E2 Average Price of council property

Question:

What is the average value of council property by type? (flat\house and number of bedrooms etc.) – please include mean, medium and mode

Answer:

Property value information is at 31st March 2019

Flats (including maisonettes)

Number of bedrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Median (£)	40,398	0	12,082	32,253	33,311	32,017	
Mode (£)	40,398	36,861	0	32,017	33,311	32,017	
Mean (£)	34,832	27,867	17,479	34,273	33,576	32,017	
Number of properties	475	14,458	10,577	3,884	52	1	29,447

Houses (including bungalows)

Number of bedrooms	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	Total
Median (£)	48,659	48,659	54,429	55,061	61,005	61,005	61,005	61,005	
Mode (£)	48,659	48,414	55,061	55,061	87,425	87,425	43,625	61,005	
Mean (£)	48,666	47,797	53,053	55,206	62,547	69,344	57,638	61,005	
Number of properties	227	3,538	8,674	17,056	1,672	129	11	2	31,309

Notes

¹ The information is at 31st March 2019 and is provisional information as it is still subject to audit as part of the 2018/19 final accounts audit.

² The valuation was carried out by Birmingham Property Services in line with MHCLG Guidance on Stock Valuation for Resource Accounting published in November 2016. The basis of the valuation is in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors using the Existing Use Value - Social Housing basis, which takes open market value for the underlying dwellings and applies a discount factor to reflect the reduced value as a result of use for social housing for 2018/19 of 40%.

³ The valuation is based on a valuation of beacon properties which take account of specific archetypes and number of bedrooms for the HRA housing stock. Therefore the valuation is averaged across types and size of property in the portfolio rather than an individual valuation for each of the 60,756 properties.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
FROM COUNCILLOR SUZANNE WEBB**

E3 Modular Homes

Question:

What is the whole life cost of a modular home compared to a standard home, including average life expectancy?

Answer:

In order to establish a comprehensive whole life cost calculation we will need to monitor a range of outputs from our new modular home (that was only installed late June 2019) alongside our traditionally built BMHT homes for a period of time. We have this process set up and will report back in due course.

In terms of average life expectancy, our modular homes are guaranteed for a minimum life of 60 years, which is exactly the same as our traditionally built BMHT homes. We fully expect both types of construction to far exceed this minimum lifespan in the same way that most good quality homes built over the last 200 years have done so.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

E4 Modular Homes Carbon

Question:

What is the whole life carbon cost of a modular home compared to a standard home?

Answer:

At this very early stage we are still very much at a monitoring stage for assessing carbon costs for off-site manufacture, but I can report as follows.

The energy performance of the construction specification in the pre-fabricated homes is equivalent to the standard achieved in BMHT homes using traditional construction. The levels of insulation (for retaining heat), the air-tightness (for reducing drafts) and the ventilation system (for improving air quality efficiently) all meet the same standard as our previous BMHT properties.

Future phases of modular manufacturing will combine this with research into renewable energy strategies that will drive carbon emissions down further and we believe that the innovative services connection process trialled on Heaton Street will complement this.

Pre-fabrication in the construction sector can reduce carbon emissions during construction thanks to reductions in transport and waste emissions during manufacturing off-site and reduced site presence, thanks to the rapid assembly and hand over.

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

F1 Green Waste Reminders

Question:

How many reminders were sent by post for residents to renew their green waste subscription for 19/20, split between the number sent before the discount period expired and the number sent after?

Answer:

This year there was not a formal discounted period, instead charges remained at 2018 levels prior to an increase being implemented as part of the budget setting process. The 2019 cost was introduced on the 5 April and any correspondence sent between the 22 March and this date made reference to the increase in cost.

Where customers from 2018 had provided an email address and their consent under GDPR, emails were sent rather than a letter, in order to minimise waste and cost to the service. In total, email customers received up to six emails, whereas customers being sent letters have been sent up to three.

Exact sending dates have not been provided below as each batch were sent over a couple of days to reduce the impact on the contact centre. You will also note that the numbers of correspondence decreased at every mailing point, this is a result of any customers that had already subscribed being removed from the list.

- End of December 2018 – Letter (13 608 recipients) and email (51 208 recipients)
- End of January 2019 – Letter (13 608 recipients) and email (51 208 recipients)

Sales opened 1st February 2019

- Around 22nd March 2019 – Letter (3 304 recipients) and email (15 261 recipients)
- Around 29th March 2019 – email only (11 314 recipients)

Price increase 5th April 2019

- Start of May 2019 – email only (7 709 recipients)
- Start of June 2019 – email only (7 430 recipients)

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS
FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

F2 Green Waste Renewal Methods

Question:

For each year since the introduction of garden waste charges, how many people have signed up for the service via each different method (online, phone, post etc.)?

Answer:

The following is a breakdown of garden sales by channel (we don't accept requests by post). The data has been split into collection year, rather than calendar year so as to allow easy comparison. For example, some years sales have opened in December for the following year, therefore a resident subscribing in December 2015 for the 2016 season has been included in 2016 figure.

In addition, the data is based on individual transactions only and therefore represents the approximate number of residents subscribing in a year, rather than the exact total number. For example a resident may have decided part way through the year that they want an extra bin and as a result this would be counted as two separate transactions. There may also be a few residents who have requested a refund within the 14 day cooling off period and these are still included in the figures.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (up to 3 July)
Website	27788	36226	42557	48575	49138	48272
Telephone	21789	21417	19119	18093	16303	15423

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

F3 WRCO Interventions

Question:

In each month since the introduction of the new role, how many ‘interventions’ have been made by WRCOs to encourage recycling (broken down by whether direct face to face or via leaflet\nnotice drop)

Answer:

Find below the amount of direct resident engagement interventions made by the WRC Officers per month, broken down by type.

Month / Year	Total Direct Resident Engagement Interventions	Face to Face Contact		Leaflet Left	
		No	Yes	No	Yes
Sep 18	16	7	9	13	3
Oct 18	42	5	37	38	4
Nov 18	36	14	22	20	16
Dec 18	53	45	8	11	42
Jan 19	23	7	16	13	10
Feb 19	11	5	6	4	7
Mar 19	11	5	6	10	1
Apr 19	75	66	9	7	68
May 19	57	47	10	18	39
Jun 19	86	76	10	8	78

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS
FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

F4 Flytipping reports by waste collection crews

Question:

How many instances of fly tipping were reported by waste collections crews whilst out on rounds per month for the last 3 years?

Answer:

Below are the amounts of flytipping incidents found on public land and or the highway which were cleared by collection crews. These values are made up of incidences which were reported both by members of the public as well as those which were discovered on district by the crews.

This data is collated quarterly and forms part of our Waste Data Flow return which is submitted to DEFRA.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2016				1152	1151	1209	1365	1352	1342	1279	1229	1146
2017	1158	1039	1377	1269	1202	1224	1563	1533	1049	1049	1105	944
2018	1687	1395	1301	1631	1351	1473	1801	1619	1494	1371	1234	1170
2019	1520	1353	1558									

In specific relation to waste collection crews, we only hold separate data from September 2018 following the introduction of the Waste Reduction and Collection Officers.

	Total
Sep 18	89
Oct 18	197
Nov 18	323
Dec 18	186
Jan 19	260
Feb 19	167
Mar 19	123
Apr 19	337
May 19	365
Jun 19	190

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

F5 Question F6 from June 2019, overtime to waste collection crews

Question:

In June written questions, I asked how much had been paid out in overtime to waste collection crews (including both total paid and total number of hours worked.) I was told that there was insufficient time to compile this information before the meeting but that I would be sent it directly after. I have not yet had a response but in any event a written question should have a written published answer so can you please provide an answer to that question here?

Answer:

The total amount paid and the total amount worked in overtime to waste collection crews (including Bank Holidays) since the end of the industrial action (1st April 2019) is £290,326.56 paid from 22,195.81 hours worked.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS
FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

F6 Question F12 from June 2019, Agency use in Waste Collection

Question:

In June written questions, I asked how many agency staff were used in the waste collection service in each month since January 2017. I was told that there was insufficient time to compile this information before the meeting but that I would be sent it directly after. I have not yet had a response but in any event a written question should have a written published answer so can you please provide an answer to that question here?

Answer:

The following table shows the number of individual agency workers who have been employed each month since January 2017.

Please note: Individuals may have covered multiple vacancies, and multiple individuals may have covered the same vacancy in a month. In addition, the duration individuals are with the Department varies from being employed for part of a day to the whole month and beyond. As a result the values contained in the table do not reflect the actual number of vacancies they have covered.

To put these values into context the current number of individual agency workers stands at approximately 182 out of a total workforce of 615 in waste collection.

	2017	2018	2019
Jan	231	210	241
Feb	236	219	196
Mar	247	231	167
Apr	269	258	188
May	259	256	186
Jun	261	266	190
Jul	271	260	
Aug	261	219	
Sep	255	220	
Oct	246	215	
Nov	235	243	
Dec	229	231	

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS
FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

F7 Illegal encampments on Calder Drive and Rectory Park

Question:

What was the total cost to the council of removing the unauthorised encampments from Calder Drive and Rectory Park, including legal costs and the costs of clear ups?

Answer:

Total costs are very difficult to give accurately because the enforcement officers undertaking the recovery of land have other duties but prioritise this work. The best estimates are as follows:

Calder Drive: Incursion date 28 May to 31 May 2019.

3 visits by enforcement officers	£150	
Bailiff costs	£400 (estimated not received)	
Clean up costs	£315	
Total		£915

Rectory Park: Incursion date 13 June to 14 June

2 visits by enforcement officers	£100	
Bailiff costs	£0 (no bailiffs used)	
Clean up costs	£0 (No waste left on site requiring cleaning crews)	
Total		£100

Rectory Park: Incursion date 30 June to current (eviction due 4/7/19)

2 visits by enforcement officers so far	£100	
Bailiff costs	£0 (no bailiffs used)	
Clean up costs	£0 (No waste left on site requiring cleaning crews)	
Total		£100

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS
FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

F8 Cannon Hill Car Parking Revenue

Question:

How much of the parking revenue from Cannon Hill Car Park charges have been paid to the MAC in each month since the charges were introduced?

Answer:

The Car Parking scheme at Cannon Hill Car Park was introduced in October 2017. The agreement with the MAC set out that at the end of each financial year (not on a monthly basis) any net surplus that was generated on the operations of the Car Park would be split 50:50 between the City Council and The MAC.

The following amounts have been paid/committed to be paid to the MAC

2017/18: £45,877

2018/19: £70,670. This is an estimate as we are awaiting an invoice from The MAC

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

F9 New Bin Wagons

Question:

For each depot within the waste collection service, how many of the new wagons proposed in the fleet procurement strategy would each different depot be allocated?

Answer:

The vehicle report has been called in and will go through the necessary process over the next few weeks.

The vehicle report included vehicles for both refuse collection and street cleansing across all depots.

The breakdown for allocations is as follows for waste collection vehicles:

- Montague Street – 18
- Lifford Lane – 13
- Perry Barr – 13
- Redfern Road – 13

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

F10 Waste Collection Rounds missed in June 2019

Question:

How many waste collection rounds were missed in June 2019, by Ward?

Answer:

Waste Collection rounds are not specifically ward based, with rounds completing collections in multiple wards each day.

During June 2019, city wide 120 whole rounds were dropped out of 2686 whole rounds scheduled.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS
FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

F11 Recycling - 9 weeks wait

Question:

How does the Cabinet Member justify the fact that some residents are having their recycling collections every fortnight, whilst others have to wait 9 weeks?

Answer:

I cannot justify any missed collection. We have been working hard to resolve the ongoing issues and additional resources have been made available which I believe will make a difference.

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

F12 Number of Missed Roads - Stats erroneous

Question:

At the last Council meeting the Cabinet Member helpfully provided a number of spreadsheets setting out the number of missed collections by individual reports and by the number of missed roads. These were then added together to make totals – although not totals of the total number of households missed. Can the Cabinet Member confirm that previously reported statistics on the percentage of missed collections were erroneous, as they failed to include the impact of missing collections of whole roads?

Answer:

The percentage of missed collections statistic published as part of the Service Delivery Measures which is released quarterly on our website, are based on individual and whole road missed collections reported by residents.

Whole road reporting is accurate when it relates to short roads, which are covered by one collection crew / depot, and where the reporter can view / assess the whole road, but in many circumstances this is not the case. As a result each missed collection is currently collated as an individual missed collection and in the near future residents will only be able to report individual missed collections, so that we can improve the accuracy of data around those affected.

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

F13 How many catch-up collections in June 2019

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member indicate how many catch-up collections were organised in June 2019 when vehicles and crews missed all or substantial parts of collections rounds, setting out the answer by Ward?

Answer:

Due to the nature of how whole road and individual missed collections are dealt with we are unable to provide the amounts of how many individual catch-up collections by ward were organised in June.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

G1 Aston Expressway Closure

Question:

What is the total cost to the Council of closing the Aston Expressway for the day on 22 September to turn it into a 'paved park'?

Answer:

This event is a collaboration between Birmingham City Council and The Active Wellbeing Society, with most of funding coming from the ring-fenced Sport England funded Active Communities Local Delivery Pilot programme. In addition to 'in-kind' officer time, the only direct cost to the council would be that of the Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice for this event which would be in the region of £600.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

G2 Aston Expressway Closure – Environmental Impact

Question:

What impact assessment has been done on air quality and carbon emissions in other parts of the city and region as a result of the decision to close the Expressway for the day on 22 September?

Answer:

We have not carried out a detailed impact assessment for air quality and carbon emissions for this event and it is not normal practice to do so for changes of such short duration.

Regular air quality monitoring and modelling exercises shows that air pollution in Birmingham is a major issue, particularly in the city centre and mainly as a result of road traffic emissions. One of the worst hotspots is on the A38 Expressway between Lancaster Circus and Dartmouth Circus.

We need to change the way we move people around our city and reimagining public spaces by closing streets to cars has a part to play in this. We will aim to minimise any disruption from this, and clear diversionary routes will be in place.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

G3 Aston Expressway Closure – Economic Impact

Question:

What impact assessment has been done on the economic cost to retail businesses in the City Centre as a result of the decision to close the Aston Expressway for the day on 22 September?

Answer:

We have not undertaken a formal impact assessment on this event, and it is not normal practice to do so. Many previous events hosted in Birmingham City Centre have involved road closures, such as the Great Birmingham Run and Let's Ride. These attract thousands of visitors, participants and spectators and bring a major boost to the local economy.

We will work with stakeholders, including Retail BID and the Bull Ring, to identify how businesses can benefit from the opportunities presented by this event.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

G4 Aston Expressway Closure – consultation

Question:

Please list all businesses, organisations, sports and events organisers, and agencies consulted over the decision to close the Aston Expressway for the day on 22 September?

Answer:

The development of initial traffic management plans has involved consultation with Transport for West Midlands, National Express and Highways England, as well as reviewing the impact from any other events taking place in the region that weekend.

We have already been approached by a number of organisations who are interested in being involved with this event, and information has been promoted through the Birmingham Connected update sent to over 1,500 individuals and organisations as well as through social media and in local press coverage. A workshop is taking place in July with Culture Central to facilitate input from arts organisations.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

G5 City Centre Parking

Question:

Please list all the off-street parking locations, including the number of spaces and disabled spaces in each, serving the Broad Street entertainment area highlighted in the 2016 report that was referred to by the Leader at the call-in of the Brindley Drive Car Park sale.

Answer:

For absolute transparency and completeness a full copy of the report from the 2016 parking study referred to will be emailed to you. The parking locations and number of parking spaces are set out in that report.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

G6 City Centre Parking

Question:

Can you please provide a copy of the 2016 report that was referred to by the Leader at the call-in of the Brindley Drive Car Park sale which he said highlighted a surplus of parking spaces in the City Centre?

Answer:

For absolute transparency and completeness a full copy of the report from the 2016 parking study referred to will be emailed to you.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

G7 Trees

Question:

How many trees have been cut down on council owned land and the public highway since 2012?

Answer:

Responsibility for trees on council owned land falls to a number of different directorates. Place Directorate through the Parks Tree Service have the responsibility for managing public tree assets on Leisure land (Parks and Public Open Spaces, Housing land, Bereavement Services land, Schools (still with the LA) transportation land (non- HMPE) and any other minor land holdings under the wider BCC ownership.

Trees within the Highway Maintainable at Public Expense (HMPE) are managed under the Amey PFI contract.

Within the land holdings of the city, trees are removed for a number of reasons. Generally this is because the trees have reached the end of their safe retention period; however trees may be removed for any of the following reasons; to facilitate development of new infrastructure (housing, highways, Metro etc.), to abate damage caused through direct contact or subsidence, as good practice management of existing woodlands, as part of wider habitat restoration projects (such as the heathland works at Lickey Hills Country Park and Sutton Park NNR) or as part of Plant Health notifications issued by the Forestry Commission (*Phytophthora ramorum* outbreaks at Lickey Hills Country Park).

Where we hold data on trees, these are recorded in different ways - as individual trees, as tree groups (of same species) or as woodland areas. For the latter two we do not hold data on individual numbers only the hectares (Ha) covered.

The information on trees felled also makes no differentiation between small self-set trees and those through the various life stages through to maturity. Therefore a portion of the trees felled by parks may be accounted, for example, through clearance of neglected or overgrown housing gardens.

The following is a summary of tree felling data that it has been possible to calculate:

Managing section	Trees removed 2012 – July 2019
Parks - all non-HMPE owned land	49,087
Parks - woodland thinned	35Ha (
Parks - habitat restoration by tree removal	30.6Ha
Parks – Disease control	8.6Ha (approx.)
Amey – HMPE as part of PFI contract	10,832
Transportation Infrastructure Projects (approx. since 2014)	313

Total countable trees felled (excl. areas)	60,232
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NB. For trees on the HMPE the tree removals equate to approximately 14% of the tree stock. To ensure there is continuity of tree coverage and build resilience within any tree population it is essential that there are trees at all stages of development (young, early mature, mature etc.) so this figure is within accepted parameters.

However to paint the full picture we must also consider the numbers of trees that have been planted over the same period.

Managing section	Trees planted 2012 – July 2019
Parks In conjunction with partners	71,000
Landscape Practice Group – as part of projects	2,845
Amey – HMPE as part of PFI contract	10,112 (720 to be planted winter 2019)
Transportation Infrastructure Projects (approx. since 2014)	626
Total planted (including those pending)	84,583

Using numbers alone to monitor urban trees only gives a partial picture when we consider the expanse of the Urban Forest Canopy and how this will play a part in combating the predicted trends of climate change. It is for this reason that, as part of the 2017/18 tree policy review that a recommendation was made to additionally monitor the overall changes in percentage canopy cover and its distribution across the city.

Currently Birmingham has a canopy cover of around 18.6% (48.81Km² of our geographic area) with a target of 25% to work towards.

For any queries on this information contact Simon Needle, Principal Arboriculturist.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

G8 How many Vehicle Charging Points - Paradise Circus Carpark

Question:

How many electric vehicle charging points will there be in the new Paradise Circus car park?

Answer:

The outline planning consent at Paradise dates from 2012 and as such pre-dates the Council's current Birmingham Development Plan policies for car parking spaces within large scale developments to provide electric vehicle charging spaces.

While there will be no charging points provided as part of the Phase 1 development, the developers Argent have however committed to provide 20 in Phase 2 which is anticipated to be completed in the First Quarter of 2022.

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

G9 Perry Barr A34 Transport Project - boundaries of land

Question:

Can the Cabinet Member state whether the boundaries of the land assigned for the Perry Barr A34 Transport project were assigned to the Transportation Department by the Regeneration Department or were determined by discussion between the two Departments?

Answer:

The land assigned to the Perry Barr A34 project is a combination of existing public highway, land included in the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and part of the Gailey Park site that was acquired by the City Council for development.

The land assigned for the scheme has been determined jointly by officers within Transport & Connectivity and Regeneration.

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

G10 Perry Barr A34 Transport Project - scope for changing boundaries

Question:

What is the scope for changing the boundaries of the land assigned to the Perry Barr A34 Transport project in response to the current consultation?

Answer:

The land assigned to the Perry Barr A34 project is a combination of existing public highway, land included in the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and part of the Gailey Park site that was acquired by the City Council for development.

The CPO has been made and the public inquiry opened on 2nd July 2019. The scheme is constrained by the CPO and public highway boundaries; there is no scope to extend beyond these boundaries.

The Gailey Park site has been acquired for the overall village development and was granted planning consent in December 2018. The preferred scheme as set out in the February 2019 Cabinet Report includes slithers of the site to facilitate widening of Harrier Way and Walsall Road, there is very little scope to extend the road widening further into the site without adverse impact on the consented development.

Within the boundaries set out above the City Council will consider any suggested changes submitted as part of the consultation process providing the overall scheme benefits are not compromised.