



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL
13 JUNE 2017**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2017 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Anne Underwood) in the Chair.

Councillors

Muhammad Afzal	Neil Eustace	Bruce Lines
Uzma Ahmed	Mohammed Fazal	John Lines
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Mick Finnegan	Mary Locke
Deirdre Alden	Des Flood	Ewan Mackey
John Alden	Jayne Francis	Majid Mahmood
Robert Alden	Matthew Gregson	Karen McCarthy
Nawaz Ali	Carole Griffiths	James McKay
Tahir Ali	Peter Griffiths	Gareth Moore
Sue Anderson	Paulette Hamilton	Yvonne Mosquito
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Andrew Hardie	Brett O'Reilly
Mohammed Azim	Roger Harmer	John O'Shea
Susan Barnett	Kath Hartley	David Pears
David Barrie	Penny Holbrook	Robert Pocock
Bob Beauchamp	Des Hughes	Victoria Quinn
Matt Bennett	Jon Hunt	Hendrina Quinnen
Kate Booth	Mahmood Hussain	Chauhdry Rashid
Steve Booton	Shabrana Hussain	Habib Rehman
Sir Albert Bore	Timothy Huxtable	Carl Rice
Barry Bowles	Mohammed Idrees	Gary Sambrook
Randal Brew	Zafar Iqbal	Valerie Seabright
Marje Bridle	Ziaul Islam	Rob Sealey
Mick Brown	Morriam Jan	Shafique Shah
Alex Buchanan	Meirion Jenkins	Sybil Spence
Tristan Chatfield	Julie Johnson	Claire Spencer
Zaker Choudhry	Brigid Jones	Stewart Stacey
Debbie Clancy	Carol Jones	Ron Storer
John Clancy	Josh Jones	Martin Straker Welds
Liz Clements	Nagina Kauser	Paul Tilsley
Lynda Clinton	Tony Kennedy	Lisa Trickett
Lyn Collin	Ansar Ali Khan	Margaret Waddington
Maureen Cornish	Changeese Khan	Ian Ward
John Cotton	Mariam Khan	Mike Ward

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Ian Cruise	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Fiona Williams
Diane Donaldson	Chaman Lal	Alex Yip
Peter Douglas Osborn	Mike Leddy	Waseem Zaffar
Barbara Dring		

LONDON INCIDENT

- 18853 The Lord Mayor indicated that, before the meeting started, she would like those in the Chamber to pause to remember all those affected by terrible events in London, which killed 7 people and left 48 injured. She advised that Reverend Faith Claringbull would say a prayer, following which a minute's silence would be observed.

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 18854 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 they were confidential or exempt items.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 18855 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the City Council held on 23 May 2017, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Achievements

- 18856 The Lord Mayor indicated that she was delighted to announce some tremendous successes for the City:

Birmingham had won Gold at the Chelsea Flower Show for the sixth year running in the floral category with a display that celebrated the work of Birmingham artist, cartoonist and inventor Rowland Emmett OBE – famous for Chitty Chitty Bang Bang inventions.

Secondly, at the Insider Residential Property Awards the Council won two awards –

Social housing provider of the year for the Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust programme; and

Skills and training provider of the year for Building Birmingham Scholarship programme.

The Lord Mayor asked all in the Chamber to join her in congratulating all those involved in achieving these successes.

2 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Kings Norton

18857 The Lord Mayor indicated that in the public gallery today were staff and pupils of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Kings Norton.

The Lord Mayor asked all in the Chamber to join her in welcoming them all to the Council meeting.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were 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 -

18858 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petition Relating to External Organisations Presented at the Meeting

The following petition were presented:-

(See document No 2)

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

18859 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and referred to the relevant Organisation.

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18860 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

18861 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9 (B).

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

The following schedule was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

Following nominations it was -

18862 **RESOLVED:-**

That the following persons be appointed until the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2018 as set below:-

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Yvonne Mosquito (Lab) as Member and Councillor John O'Shea (Lab) as substitute Member. Councillor Peter Douglas Osborn (Con) as Member and Councillor Gareth Moore (Con) as substitute Member
Corporate Resources And Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Councillor Rob Pocock (Lab) to replace Councillor Claire Spencer (Lab)
Audit Committee	Councillor Claire Spencer (Lab) to replace Councillor Rob Pocock (Lab)
Standards Committee	Councillor Deirdre Alden (Con) to replace Councillor Robert Alden (Con)

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

- 18863 The Lord Mayor indicated that there was no need for an Exemption from Standing Orders as the next Agenda Item No. 8 (Report of the Council Business Management Committee relating to the Constitution) has been withdrawn and will be submitted to the July meeting.
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REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Rough Sleeping and Prevention

The following report of the Housing and Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee, together with a response from the Executive, was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

Councillor Victoria Quinn moved the motion which was seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer.

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

(See document No 6)

Councillor Gary Sambrook moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Gareth Moore.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Victoria Quinn replied to the debate.

The amendment 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 -

- 18864 **RESOLVED:-**

That the recommendations R01 to R11 be approved, and that the Executive be requested to pursue their implementation.

Add the following recommendation-

R12- That the City Council works with the West Midlands Combined Authority and the Elected Mayor's newly established homelessness taskforce to ensure that issues are picked up on a cross boundary basis.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18865 **RESOLVED:-**

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

The Council then adjourned at 1612 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(A).

Councillors Diane Donaldson and Rob Pocock have given notice of the following Motion:-

(See document No 7)

Councillor Diane Donaldson moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Rob Pocock.

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

(See document No 8)

Councillor Sue Anderson moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt.

A debate ensued.

During the debate clarification was sought from the City Solicitor if Members should be declaring an interest. Following advice from the City Solicitor Councillor John Clancy read out the following Motion which he duly moved:-

“That in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Section 33, this Council moves a dispensation to allow Members who have a discloseable pecuniary interest to be able to vote or debate on the motion in the interests of persons living in Birmingham.”

Councillor Matt Bennett seconded the Motion and it was, on a show of hands-

18866 **RESOLVED:-**

That in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Section 33, this Council moves a dispensation to allow Members who have a discloseable pecuniary interest to be able to vote or debate on the motion in the interests of persons living in Birmingham.

Councillor Diane Donaldson 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 -

18867 **RESOLVED:-**

The Council notes that:

- WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) have been campaigning for the government to make 'fair transitional state pension arrangements for women born in the 1950s and their e-petition recently gathered over 193,000 signatures in support.
- Hundreds of thousands of women nationally have had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little personal notification of the changes.
- Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women in Birmingham and across the country born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with a lack of appropriate notification.

Council further notes the huge progress in tackling pension inequality achieved by the Coalition government of 2010-2015;

this included the introduction of national insurance credits for raising children and for acting as carers, removing the disadvantages and discrimination experienced by thousands of women during their retirement years;

it also included the introduction of the hugely increased basic state pension that came into force last year for people achieving the age of retirement, benefitting 400,000 additional retirees every year.

Council further calls for WASPI and the Government to agree an arbitration process in order to establish fair compensation for women disadvantaged by the failure of successive governments to notify them of the pension age changes.

B. Councillors Randal Brew and Gary Sambrook have given notice of the following Motion:-

(See document No 9)

Councillor Randal Brew moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Gary Sambrook.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Majid Mahmood and Tristan Chatfield gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No 10)

Councillor Majid Mahmood moved the amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Tristan Chatfield.

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

(See document No 11)

In moving the amendment Councillor Jon Hunt indicated that he was willing to remove the words “Establish a cabinet committee for procurement to enable all-party oversight of large or sensitive contract awards”. Councillor Paul Tilsley seconded the amended amendment.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Randal Brew 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.

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

(See document No 12)

NB The documents have been amended to show that Councillor Narinder Kaur Kooner had voted for and not against the amendment, Councillor Zafar Iqbal had voted for the amendment rather than not voting and Councillors Valerie Seabright and Julie Johnson had voted for the amendment but were not recorded on the voting printout.

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

Yes – 61 (For the amendment);

No – 32 (Against the amendment);

Abstain – 1 (Abstentions).

The second amendment as amended when it was moved 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 –

18868 **RESOLVED:-**

This Council agrees with the LGA Councillors' Guide to Procurement that "Member involvement is key to ensuring that the right goods and services are procured, thus delivering more of their Council's priorities at prices that reduce the needs for cuts elsewhere."

The Council reaffirms that the following changes made by Cabinet to Officer delegations for procurement decisions are Value for Money and provide sufficient oversight by elected members, and:

- Requires a quarterly report to Cabinet of all awards made under Chief Officer Delegations.
- Define clear tolerances outside of which the delegations were not permitted and an executive approval is required.
- Ensures that decisions involving TUPE of Council staff cannot be delegated.
- Allow for Cabinet, Cabinet Members or Chairs of O&S to require if desired that reports be brought for Executive Decision.

The Council recognises that the extension of the increased delegations to £10m in 2016 was very much a response to the Kerslake Principle of ensuring adequate Officer - Member space and of de-cluttering Council processes.

The City Council notes that Single Contract Negotiations are cleared by Legal, Finance, Procurement and signed by a Chief Officer once either the the Director of Commissioning and Procurement, Monitoring Officer or Chief Finance Officer has signed, and:

- Instructs the City Solicitor to investigate if a register of professional interests of all officers with delegated decision making powers can be

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published annually online after consideration of the Data Protection Act, and a decision on the scope of officers involved.

Discuss procurement procedures with the West Midlands Combined Authority so that the city council and combined authority processes are aligned so far as practically possible.

The meeting ended at 1830 hours.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RANDAL BREW

A Overspend

Question:

Paragraphs 12 and 13 of the document “Openness and accountability in local pay: Guidance under section 40 of the Localism Act 2011 - Supplementary Guidance” states that -

“Authorities are already required to publish their policies on severance for chief officers and their policy on discretionary compensation for relevant staff in the event of redundancy. In addition, other regulations provide for disclosure of remuneration of senior employees including details of severance payments within authorities’ annual statement of accounts.”

“Taken together, these measures enable greater scrutiny of the money spent by authorities on severance. However, given continuing public concern about the level and frequency of such payments, there is a case for going further to ensure that decisions to spend local taxpayers’ money on large pay-offs are subject to appropriate levels of accountability. Authorities should, therefore, offer full council (or a meeting of members in the case of fire authorities) the opportunity to vote before large severance packages beyond a particular threshold are approved for staff leaving the organisation. As with salaries on appointment, the Secretary of State considers that £100,000 is the right level for that threshold to be set.”

Furthermore Paragraph 3 of this document states that:

“If a relevant authority has concluded that a particular section(s) of the Guidance is not applicable to their local circumstances, the relevant authority should set out clearly in their pay policy statements why they consider this to be the case.”

Under Section 40 of the Act, Councils must have regard to this guidance.

As the Council’s Pay policy statement does not set out why the Council believes the paragraphs 12 and 13 of the guidance should not apply locally, how does the Leader believe that the Council have complied with both the spirit and letter of the guidance in refusing to allow Full Council to vote on the severance package for the former Chief Executive and other senior officer departures exceeding the recommended threshold have now been published in the draft statement of accounts?

Answer:

On 24th February 2017, CBM Sub Committee for Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers Appointments, Dismissals and Service Conditions considered and approved the retirement arrangements for the then Chief Executive, Mark Rogers. In arriving at their decision, the Committee considered the Council’s Pay Policy and Guidance on

Openness and Accountability in Local Pay Guidance under section 40 of the Localism Act 2011 (published February 2012) and specifically the guidance that Local Authorities should 'offer' Full Council the opportunity to vote on large severances and that the threshold for doing this is £100,000, as set out in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Supplementary Guidance (February 2013).

At paragraph 3.4 of the Council's Pay Policy (16/17) approved at Full Council on 28th February 2016, payments made to senior individuals are ' subject to a formal decision made by the full Council or relevant elected members, committee or panel of elected members or officer with delegated authority to approve such payments'.

At Volume A – Article 8.2 (h) of the Councils constitution (January 2017), Full Council delegated employment matters relating to Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officers to the CBM Sub Committee for Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers Appointments, Dismissals and Service Conditions. That committee is comprised of the Leaders of the three main political parties (or their nominees), and two other members subject to the proportionality rules

Full Council approved the delegation to that committee in 2015 with agreed terms of reference, as set below.

1. To consider and determine the form of the employment contracts and other Terms and Conditions (including related structural issues) for the Chief and Deputy Chief Officer Posts as defined in the Constitution of the City Council.
2. To be responsible for making appointments to all posts falling within 1 above and to recommend to the Council the appointment of the Chief Executive.
3. To deal with all termination and disciplinary arrangements relating to Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer posts (including early retirement and the award of added years).

For the municipal year 16/17, during which recent senior officer terminations as referred to in this question, Council Business Management Committee on 27 May 2016 ratified these terms of reference.

At the meeting of 24th February 2017, and subsequent meetings of CBM Sub Committee Chief Officers and Deputy Chief Officers Appointments, Dismissals and Service Conditions, the City Solicitor advised that the Council needs to review its Pay Policy in the light of the DCLG Guidance under section 40 of the Localism Act 2011. A revised Pay Policy to reflect these changes will be presented to CBM and subsequently at Full Council either in July 2017 or September 2017. It is not known when the regulations called The Public Sector Exit Payment Regulations 2016 (which are contained in The Enterprise and Bill 2015/2016) also known as the 'Exit Cap' are to be implemented. The Council's Pay Policy may need further revision, if this implementation date is post September 2017.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

B Commonwealth Games Bid

Question:

Could the Deputy Leader set out where the Council's bid to host the Commonwealth Games is, explaining what resources are required?

Answer:

Following the completion of a feasibility study at the end of April into hosting the Commonwealth Games, the Commonwealth Games Delivery Unit (CGDU) within the Department of Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) required interested cities to submit a bid registering their interest by 12th May 2012. Owing to the very tight and strict timescales the Council has done this.

The Council has now been asked to respond to a preliminary questionnaire from CGDU by 16th June, and this will be followed by site visits early in July. Subject to a successful outcome at this preliminary stage, the Council will be asked to respond to a formal secondary questionnaire from the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) in August, and present to the CGF in early September.

A Cabinet meeting has been arranged for 14th June to consider a report on funding the costs of bidding.

The Council will need to make a formal decision to bid for Birmingham to be host city for the Games and a full report seeking this approval will be submitted to Cabinet and Council July 2017.

It is anticipated that a final decision on the host city will be announced by the CGF towards the end of the year.

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

C1 Contingency Plans

Question:

What contingency plans does the Administration have to mitigate any impact on residents of any disruption to the waste collection service in the event that proposed industrial action by Unions goes ahead this summer?

Answer:

Only refuse collection staff in the Unite Trade Union are being balloted for industrial action. The ballot closes on 14 June.

There are a number of contingency plans in development and these will be refined in response to the type and extent of any industrial action should it occur.

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

C2 Contingency Plans – Green Waste

Question:

What plans does the Administration have to compensate green waste subscribers for any loss of service in the event that proposed industrial action by Unions goes ahead this summer?

Answer:

Only refuse collection staff in the Unite Trade Union are being balloted for industrial action. The ballot closes on 14 June.

Plans to mitigate against any loss of service are in development and these will be refined in response to the type and extent of any industrial action should it occur.

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

C3 Overspend

Question:

In a press release relating to the proposed industrial action for refuse workers, Unite's regional officer said that "To date, despite repeated requests, we have not been given any information as to how and why such a huge sum (£9.7m) was overspent in a year. Instead bosses are ploughing on with their cuts, leaving workers to pick up the pieces for their financial mismanagement and taxpayers out of pocket." Could the portfolio holder provide the explanation for that overspend now?

Answer:

The financial details of the Waste Management Services Outturn for 2016/17 were reported to Cabinet on the 16 May as part of the overall City Council Outturn and considerable time has been devoted to explaining the financial situation to the Trade Unions (including a specific regular consultation meeting on the 7 April). It is important to note that this is not a reflection of mismanagement of the past as has been suggested but more a reflection that the service of 2011 is not meeting the increasing demands of the citizens of today or tomorrow. To reiterate the actual overspend for 2016/17 was £11.9m and the key components are summarised below:

- Employment of additional temporary staff to deliver the operational services for waste collection and street cleansing compared to the assumptions that were made in the Business Case to Cabinet in September 2013. These costs totalled £8.4m
- Operational costs including hire and maintenance of vehicles of £1.6m
- Additional landfill tax of £1.3m
- expenditure on IT and premises of £0.6m

Additional resources have been allocated to the service in 2017/18 and this together with a new operational model will help in mitigating these pressures.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

C4 Street Cleaning Plans - Feedback

Question:

It is about a year since wards were asked to produce street cleaning plans. Could the Cabinet Member list the wards that have received formal feedback on their proposals?

Answer:

No wards have received formal feedback on Cleaner Streets Plans and not all plans contained proposals. However, all ward plans received to date have been reviewed and actioned during local operational group meetings that have been held monthly and been included in the most recent 'Great British Spring clean'. These are also being factored in to the ongoing Waste Management Restructure.

As the Street Cleansing restructure is drawing to a conclusion we are now in a position to formally respond to those who have submitted a plan with an update on the points they have raised and future cleansing models.

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

C5 Street Cleaning Staff - how many employed?

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member set out the number of staff employed in street cleaning in each of the past 5 years, including this year, by per ward?

Answer:

The average numbers of FTE staff employed on Street Cleansing are as follows:

	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14
Montague Street Depot: Aston, Ladywood, Nechells and Soho	48.6	49.7	56.3	60.3
Redfern Road Depot: Acocks Green, Bordesley Green, Hall Green, Hodge Hill, Moseley and Kings Heath, Shard End, Sheldon, South Yardley, Sparkbrook, Springfield, Stechford and Yardley North and Washwood Heath	46.5	47.8	60.6	66.2
Perry Barr Depot: Erdington, Handsworth Wood, Kingstanding, Lozells and East Handsworth, Oscott, Perry Barr, Stockland Green, Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton New Hall, Sutton Trinity, Sutton Vesey and Tyburn	44.3	45.7	49.4	59.2
Lifford Lane Depot: Bartley Green, Billesley, Bournville,	63.3	65.2	66.0	69.0

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Brandwood, Edgbaston, Harborne, Kings Norton, Longbridge, Northfield, Quinton, Selly Oak and Weoley				
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It is not possible to provide this information on a Ward basis as resources are deployed on service need. The information provided is on a depot basis and the wards covered by that depot are listed. Information for 2012/13 is only available for the service as a whole and the average number of FTE staff employed on street cleaning in that year was 165.2.

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

C6 Travellers Clearance Costs

Question:

Can you advise how much it has cost in the last three years and in the current financial year to clear up sites after an incursion from travellers. Can you identify the individual cost to clear Perry Park last month within that cost.

Answer:

2014/15 = £18,449 (FOI 16673 response excluded bailiff fees of £11,500)

2015/16 = £45,997

2016/17 = £130,258

2017/18 = £32,000 *to date of which £10,148 relates to Perry Park

* Very few of the costs associated with this year's incursions have been confirmed, so this figure is an estimate.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPARENCY,
OPENNESS AND EQUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR DES FLOOD**

D Prevent” Funding for each Ward

Question:

What is the total amount of funding allocated to each Ward in the City as part of the “Prevent” agenda for 2015/16 and 2016/17?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council does not allocate funding for Prevent on a ward by ward basis.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND
ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

E Grass Verge Protection Measures

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member explain how the £1m he announced earlier this year for grass verge protection measures is to be allocated?

Answer:

Each ward will get an equal share of the £1m allocated by Cabinet on 16th May 2017 in the UPDATED TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS FUNDING STRATEGY 2017/18 TO 2022/23 PROGRAMME DEFINITION DOCUMENT for the Grass Verge Protection Pilot as set out in paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 and Appendix A (including Annex C). For 2017/18 the allocation will be based on current Wards, with the following 2 years' allocations based on whether the new Wards have one or two Elected Members. Whether resources are made available for subsequent years will be for the Council to decide taking into account the results of the Pilot.