



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL, TUESDAY,
9 JULY 2024**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2024 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Ken Wood) in the Chair.

Councillors

Akhlaq Ahmed	Deirdre Alden	Robert Alden
Raqeeb Aziz	David Barker	Baber Baz
Matt Bennett	Jilly Bermingham	Marcus Bernasconi
Bushra Bi	Sir Albert Bore	Nicky Brennan
Kerry Brewer	Marje Bridle	Martin Brooks
Zaker Choudhry	Debbie Clancy	Carmel Corrigan
John Cotton	Phil Davis	Jack Deakin
Adrian Delaney	Diane Donaldson	Barbara Dring
Jayne Francis	Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin
Rob Grant	Colin Green	Fred Grindrod
Roger Harmer	Deborah Harries	Kath Hartley
Adam Higgs	Des Hughes	Jon Hunt
Mumtaz Hussain	Mahmood Hussain	Shabrana Hussain
Timothy Huxtable	Mohammed Idrees	Zafar Iqbal
Katherine Iroh	Ziaul Islam	Morriam Jan
Kerry Jenkins	Meirion Jenkins	Jane Jones
Amar Khan	Saqib Khan	Izzy Knowles
Narinder Kaur Kooner	Chaman Lal	Mary Locke
Basharat Mahmood	Majid Mahmood	Rashad Mahmood
Lee Marsham	Karen McCarthy	Saddak Miah
Gareth Moore	Simon Morrall	Yvonne Mosquito
Richard Parkin	David Pears	Miranda Perks
Rob Pocock	Julien Pritchard	Hendrina Quinnen
Esther Rai	Darius Sandhu	Jamie Scott
Kath Scott	Shafique Shah	Rinkal Shergill
Sybil Spence	Saima Suleman	Jamie Tennant
Sharon Thompson	Paul Tilsley	Penny Wagg
Ian Ward	Clifton Welch	Waseem Zaffar

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 21 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council’s Public-I website and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.
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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 22 The Lord Mayor reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

MINUTES

- 23 It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2024 be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1 Death of Former Councillor Christine Ransome-Wallis

- 24 The Lord Mayor indicated his only announcement related to the death of former Councillor Christine Ransome-Wallis.

Christine served as a Councillor for Duddeston Ward from 1973 to 1980, and for Hall Green Ward from 1994 to 1998. During her time on the Council, she served on numerous Committees, Sub-Committees and outside bodies.

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

RESOLVED:-

That the Council placed on record its sorrow at the death of former Councillor Christine Ransome-Wallis and its appreciation of her devoted service to the residents of Birmingham. The Council extended its deepest sympathy to Christine’s family in their sad

bereavement.

Members and officers stood for a minute's silence, following which tributes were made by Councillors Jon Hunt, John Cotton and Timothy Huxtable.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

25 The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 1, 'Additional Meeting Documents')

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

RESOLVED:-

That the petitions were received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer(s).

Petitions Update

26 A Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 2, 'Additional Meeting Documents')

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

RESOLVED:-

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

QUESTION TIME

27 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 F of the Constitution).

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

KINGS NORTON NORTH AND NORTHFIELD BY ELECTION 4 JULY 2024 - RESULTS

28 A report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(See document No. 3, agenda item 7)

Councillor John Cotton moved the recommendations as outlined within the report.

It was therefore-

RESOLVED:-

1. That City Council noted that Carmel Corrigan (LAB) had been confirmed as the elected member for the Kings Norton North ward following the completion of the by election held on 4 July 2024.

2. That City Council noted that Esther Rai (LAB) had been confirmed as the elected member for the Northfield ward following the completion of the by election held on 4 July 2024.

UPDATE ON PROPORTIONALITY CALCULATIONS

29 A report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(See document No. 4, agenda item 7a)

Councillor John Cotton moved the recommendations as outlined within the report.

It was therefore-

RESOLVED:-

1. That the updated proportionality calculations, including changes to aggregate entitlement, set out in Appendix 1 were noted by City Council.

2. That the appointments made to committees on 21 May 2024, updated by Full Council on 18 June 2024, set out in Appendix 2, were noted.

3. That, in view of the changes to aggregate entitlement, the following amendment to committee appointments was made: the Liberal Democrats to give up a seat to Labour.

INDEPENDENT MEMBER (INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL) APPOINTMENT

30 A report of the Interim City Solicitor and Monitoring Officer was submitted:-

(See document No. 5, agenda item 7b)

Councillor John Cotton moved the recommendations as outlined within the report.

It was therefore-

RESOLVED:-

1. That City Council approved the following appointments to the Independent Remuneration Panel:
2. Independent Remuneration Panel, Dr Declan Hall - 1 September 2024 - 31 August 2028.
3. Independent Remuneration Panel - Co-Opted Member (re-appointment), Former Councillor Peter Fowler (1 September 2024 - 14 September 2026).

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

31 The Lord Mayor invited Groups to address the Council to advise of any changes to appointments.

Councillors Baber Baz and Kathrine Iroh addressed the Council to request changes to appointments.

RESOLVED:-

1. That City Council noted that the Liberal Democrat Group would give up a seat on the Licensing and Public Protection Committee to the Labour Group. Councillor Izzy Knowles would no longer serve on this Committee.
2. That City Council noted that Councillor Carmel Corrigan be appointed to the Licensing and Public Protection Committee.
3. That City Council noted that Councillor Carmel Corrigan be appointed to the Trusts and Charities Committee.
4. That City Council noted that Councillor Esther Rai be appointed to the Economy, Skills and Culture OSC.

SCRUTINY INQUIRY ON ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEMES: HOW CAN BIRMINGHAM DELIVER ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEMES QUICKER AND MAKE CITY ROADS SAFER FOR ALL USERS?

32 A report of the Overview and Scrutiny Manager was submitted:-

(See document No. 6, agenda item 8)

Councillor Lee Marsham moved the recommendations which

were seconded by Councillor Timothy Huxtable.

The Lord Mayor advised Council that there was one amendment to be debated with this report.

Council Jon Hunt moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Izzy Knowles.

The amendment was as follows:

“In R03 delete words “(Excluding ward schemes)”:

A debate ensued.

Councillors Ziaul Islam, Waseem Zaffar, Julien Pritchard, Lisa Trickett, Martin Brooks, Colin Green, Majid Mahmood and David Barker spoke during the debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Lee Marsham to sum up.

Council then voted on the amendment proposed by Councillor Jon Hunt and seconded by Councillor Izzy Knowles.

Following a show of hands, the amendment was declared to be carried.

Council then voted on the report as amended.

Following a show of hands, the recommendations were carried.

RESOLVED:-

1. That City Council approved recommendations R01 to R13, set out in Appendix A (with recommendation R03 amended as per the carried amendment), and requested that the Executive pursued their implementation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED:-

That the Council be adjourned until 1700 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1625 hours.

34 At 1700 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 Council Rules of Procedure (B4.4 G of the Constitution).

A. Councillors Deirdre Alden and Robert Alden had given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

(See document No. 7, agenda item 9)

Councillor Deirdre Alden moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Karen McCarthy and Miranda Perks gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 8, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Karen McCarthy moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Miranda Perks.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Roger Harmer and Morriam Jan gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 9, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Roger Harmer moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Morriam Jan.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Julien Pritchard and Rob Grant gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 10, 'Amendments – City Council')

Councillor Julien Pritchard moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Rob Grant.

A debate ensued.

Councillors John Cotton, Meirion Jenkins, Sir Albert Bore, Fred Grindrod, Marje Bridle, Matt Bennett, Karen McCarthy and Lisa Trickett spoke during the debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Deirdre Alden to sum up.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Karen McCarthy and Miranda Perks having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Roger Harmer and Morriam Jan having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Julien Pritchard and Rob Grant having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

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

RESOLVED:-

“The commissioners recently told the Executive “Commissioners have made the point previously that the path to financial stability is very tight, with no room for missteps and delay. Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) is financed by capital receipts and potentially borrowing. It is certainly not a solution to the critical financial position the Council is in.”

Going on to add “Commissioners are very concerned that within the four months after Cabinet approved the budget, only £7m of new savings have been identified to address the residual gap in 2025/26 of £67m, and none to address what will be a significant gap in 2026/27”. Since this response was published, work has continued at pace to identify new savings to address the budget gap.

There is scope to transform services and make significant efficiencies, but only if work is undertaken now. The Council will use the time over the summer to identify credible savings.

This Council agrees that the path to financial stability is very tight, with no room for missteps and delays. That is why directorates are required to put forward savings proposals for 2025/2026 onwards by the end of July 2024 for consideration by the Cabinet and the Corporate Leadership Team.

These savings proposals will cover a wide range of areas, including:

- Commissioning and Procurement
- Energy and Heat – use and generation
- Agile Workforce
- Shared Services
- Use of Consultants
- Use of Agency

Council further calls on the Executive to review the way in which the contracts register is published on the City Observatory to ensure that it covers the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023 which comes into force in October 2024, that it covers all contracts in place across the

council, and in addition to ensuring this meets the minimum standards set out in the Local Government Transparency Code, also adds a field specifying the lead in time for contract reviews and renewals and a named cabinet member responsible for overseeing the officers who will lead this process.

These efficiency savings need to be delivered quickly to protect basic services from further unnecessary cuts

It was moved by Councillor John Cotton that the meeting be extended by approximately 20 minutes so that sufficient time could be given to consider the second Motion. This was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden

Council agreed to extend the meeting by 20 minutes.

B. Councillors Paul Tilsley and Gareth Mumtaz Hussain had given notice of the following Notice of Motion:-

(See document No. 11, agenda item 9)

Councillor Paul Tilsley moved the Motion which was seconded by Councillor Mumtaz Hussain.

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure, Councillors Gareth Moore and Adam Higgs gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 12, 'Amendments – City Council').

Councillor Gareth Moore declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was trustee of Birmingham LGBT and Citizens Advice Birmingham who had contracts with the NHS.

Councillor Gareth Moore moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Adam Higgs.

A debate ensued.

Councillors Rob Pocock and Clifton Welch spoke during the debate.

The Lord Mayor invited Councillor Paul Tilsley to sum up.

The amendment to the Motion in the names of Councillors Gareth Moore and Adam Higgs 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.

RESOLVED:-

“This Council calls upon University Hospitals Birmingham to prioritise the upgrading of the A&E (Emergency Unit) at Heartlands Hospital, which serves the communities of East Birmingham and Solihull.

The Council recognises that it requires joint action by the UHB Foundation Trust Board, the Integrated Care Board and the City Council to press the Department of Health and Treasury to provide the capital allocation for investment in much needed provision which currently is not "fit for purpose", where staff work in antiquated conditions and provide dedicated medical support.

As well as investment in Heartlands Hospital, A&E provision needs to be maintained and improved across all UHB Trust sites in Birmingham (Queen Elizabeth and Good Hope) This should also include reopening Solihull Hospital A&E to help reduce pressure at Heartlands.

Council further believes that Urgent Treatment Centres provide much-valued and needed healthcare that reduces pressure on A&E departments. Therefore, they should remain fully open and located near to current locations at Warren Farm, Erdington High St, Katie Road, Summerfield, and Washwood Heath as well as looking at additional locations in the City as part of the upcoming review.

Council further believes that Community Diagnostics Centre, such as the one proposed at the Maypole can play an important role in improving health outcomes and reducing pressure on urgent care.

Council therefore calls on the NHS and Government to adequately fund and support improved A&E facilities, Urgent Treatment Centres, and Community Diagnostic Centres to ensure the most appropriate care can be provided at the most local level possible. Council asks the Executive to write to the Government and Integrated Care Board on these terms, including as part of the upcoming review of Urgent Treatment Centres.”

The meeting ended at 1915 hours.



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WRITTEN QUESTIONS TO CABINET MEMBERS

OFFICIAL

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WRITTEN QUESTIONS

A To the Leader of the Council

1. Lendlease

From Councillor Robert Alden

2. St Joseph Homes Ltd

From Councillor Ewan Mackey

B To the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills

NONE SUBMITTED

C To the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families

1. EHCP with no Named Placement

From Councillor Clifton Welch

2. Personal Transport Budgets

From Councillor Debbie Clancy

3. Transport Appeals

From Councillor Adrian Delaney

D To the Cabinet Member for Digital, Culture, Heritage and Tourism

1. Missing Answers

From Councillor Ewan Mackey

2. CCTV Control Centre

From Councillor Ron Storer

3. CCTV Control Centre 2

From Councillor Robert Alden

E To the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

1. Agency use in Waste Collection

From Councillor Robert Alden

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2. **Waste Collection Fleet**

From Councillor Richard Parkin

3. **Dropped Kerb Reports**

From Councillor Darius Sandhu

4. **Dropped Kerb Investigations**

From Councillor David Pears

5. **Missed Collections**

From Councillor Ewan Mackey

6. **Glyphosate use**

From Councillor Jon Hunt

7. **Glyphosate use**

From Councillor Izzy Knowles

F To the Cabinet Member for Finance

1. **MOVED TO D2**

2. **MOVED TO D3**

3. **Perry Barr Village Costs**

From Councillor Darius Sandhu

G To the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

NONE SUBMITTED

H To the Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness

1. **Housing Applications Change of Circumstance**

From Councillor Adrian Delaney

2. **Housing Applications Change of Circumstance 2**

From Councillor Gareth Moore

3. **Housing Applications Closed**

From Councillor Ewan Mackey

4. **CCTV in Tower Blocks**

From Councillor Robert Alden

I **To the Cabinet Member for Social Justice, Community Safety and Equalities**

NONE SUBMITTED

J **To the Cabinet Member for Transformation, Governance and HR**

NONE SUBMITTED

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

“Lendlease”

Question:

Please list all meetings that have taken place between Lendlease and the Council in the last 2 years, including which officers and Cabinet Member attended?

Answer:

SMITHFIELD BIRMINGHAM PROJECT MEETINGS

Note: Due to the deadline for responding to this enquiry, the information provided is not a full reflection of all the meetings held between Council Officers and Members and Lendlease, particularly with the meetings with officers that no longer work for the Council i.e. Ian MacLeod, Deborah Cadman and Paul Kitson.

Council Officers have met with Lendlease at least twice a week Since 4 July 2022. The frequent key officer meetings and Ad hoc meetings with officers and members and Lendlease are detailed in the table below. In addition, task and finish meetings with Council Officers relating to design and planning; arts, culture and leisure offer, bullring markets and EZ Outline Business Case Funding Application have also taken place. Dates of these meetings can be provided if required.

PERRY BARR REGENERATION PROJECT MEETINGS

The frequent key officer meetings and Ad hoc meetings with Council officers and members and Lendlease are detailed in the table below.

FREQUENT COUNCIL OFFICER MEETINGS WITH LENDLEASE		
Meeting Name	Officer Attendance	Frequency
Smithfield Project Team	Simon Garrad , Head of Project Delivery Marlene Slater , Project Delivery Manager Ashley Innis , Development Manager Rebecca Farr , Development Planning Manager	Weekly
Smithfield Catch-up	Simon Garrad , Head of Project Delivery Marlene Slater , Project Delivery Manager	Weekly
Smithfield Land Assembly Team Meeting	Ashley Innis , Planning Development Manager Rebecca Farr , Development Planning Manager Simon Garrad , Head of Project Delivery Ashley Byrne , Senior Solicitor, Finance and Governance	Fortnightly

FREQUENT COUNCIL OFFICER MEETINGS WITH LENDLEASE		
Meeting Name	Officer Attendance	Frequency
	Azmat Mir , Head Of Service BPS Saffia Anderson , Graduate Development Officer Gareth Blake , Senior Project Delivery Officer Maria Labrenz , Solicitor, Finance and Governance Doug Lee , Development Planning Manager James Hoskinson , Senior Planning Officer Allyson Marke Wilson , Valuations & Acquisitions Manager	
Smithfield Stakeholder Engagement and Communications	Simon Garrad , Head of Project Delivery Marlene Slater , Project Delivery Manager Gary Woodward , Development Planning Manager Rebecca Farr , Development Planning Manager Donna Bensley , Operations Manager Markets Service Emma Brady , Press & PR Officer Andrew Taylor , Markets Operations Team Leader	3 Weekly
Smithfield Meanwhile Uses	Simon Garrad , Head of Project Delivery Marlene Slater , Project Delivery Manager Gary Peal , Events Commissioning Manager Mahendra Khan , City Centre Operations Manager Philip Andrews , Head of Service	3 Weekly
Smithfield Joint Venture Board	Ian MacLeod , Director Inclusive Growth/Prosperity, Place and Sustainability. Philip Edwards – Assistant Director, Transportation and Connectivity Simon Delahunty- Forrest - Assistant Director Development (BCC) Alison Jarrett – AD Development and Commercial Finance Sushil Thobhani - Head of Law (BCC – Property, Planning and Regeneration) Ian Harris – Finance Manager – Development & Commercial Team Simon Garrad , Head of Project Delivery Marlene Slater , Project Delivery Manager Rebecca Farr , Development Planning Manager	Bi-Monthly
Perry Barr Project Board	Ian Macleod – Director of Planning, Transport & Sustainability Guy Olivant – Finance Business Partner Mumtaz Mohammed – Programme Manager Rebecca Farr , Planning Development Manager	Monthly
Perry Barr Project Team	Mumtaz Mohammed – Programme Manager	Weekly

AD HOC COUNCIL SENIOR OFFICER AND MEMBER MEETINGS		
Meeting Name	Attendees	Date
Smithfield Revised Planning Addendum	Cllr Yvonne Mosquito <i>LENDLEASE: Colin Murphy, Project Lead.</i>	11 Jun 24
Philip Nell/ Lendlease Introduction	Philip Nell	7 Jun 24
BCC Developer's Sounding Board	Philip Nell, Simon Delahunty-Forrest, Cllr Cotton, Cllr Thompson, <i>LENDLEASE: Colin Murphy, Project Lead and representatives of other developers</i>	9 May 24
Birmingham Indoor Market - Follow-up Discussion	Philip Nell, Sajeela Naseer	10 May 24
JV/PN/SD-F for CMO Visit	Justin Varney, Philip Nell, Simon Delahunty-Forrest	25 Apr 24
Smithfield Planning Application Informal Cabinet Briefing	Ian McLeod, Director Inclusive Growth, Cllr Ian Ward, Cllr Majid Mahmood, Cllr Jayne Francis, Cllr Liz Clements, Cllr John Cotton, Cllr Yvonne Mosquito, Cllr Brigid Jones, Cllr Mariam Khan, <i>LENDLEASE: Bek Seeley, Managing Director; Selina Mason, Director of Master Planning; Colin Murphy, Project Lead.</i>	12 Sep 23
Smithfield Catch-Up	Paul Kitson, Strategic Director Place, Prosperity & Sustainability <i>LENDLEASE: Bek Seeley, Managing Director</i>	6 Sep 23
Smithfield	Paul Kitson, Strategic Director Place, Prosperity & Sustainability <i>LENDLEASE: Bek Seeley, Managing Director</i>	9 Feb 23
Smithfield Site Visit	Deborah Cadman, CEO <i>LENDLEASE: Andrea Ruckstuhl, Europe CEO</i>	8 Jul 22

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

“St Joseph Homes Ltd”

Question:

Please list all meetings that have taken place between St Joseph Homes Ltd and the Council in the last 2 years, including which officers and Cabinet Member attended?

Answer:

Officers have collated a spreadsheet of all the meetings taken place between St Joseph and the council. Due to the timeframe available for responding to City Council Questions officers have focused on senior leaders and members.

Please see spreadsheet for details of the meetings.



Ladywood Meetings
- Aug 22 to Jan 24.xls

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**PLEASE NOTE NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AND CABINET MEMBER FOR
ECONOMY AND SKILLS**

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR CLIFTON WELCH

“EHCP with no named placement”

Question:

For a) secondary transfers and b) post-16 transfers, what was the total number and percentage of EHCP reviews completed by type (i.e. with no placement named) before the deadline and how many of these have since been updated to name a placement?

Answer:

- a) Secondary Transfer: The total number of EHCP phase transfers completed by type was 71 out of 704 decisions (10.1%) as at the 15 February 2024 deadline for this cohort. As at 3 July 2024, placements have been named for 46 of these.

- b) Post 16 Transfer: The total number of EHCP phase transfers completed by type was 241 out of 808 decisions (29.8%) as at the 31 March 2024 deadline for this cohort. As at 3 July 2024, placements have been named for 82 of these.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY

“Personal Transport Budgets”

Question:

How many children and young people, who were provided with special vehicle transport to school for the 23/24 academic year, have been told they will instead receive a personal transport budget for the 24/25 academic year?

Answer:

As at 3 July 2024, 54 children and young people who are receiving specialised transport for the 2023/24 academic year have been offered a personal transport budget for 2024/25.

Families unhappy with the decision made have the right of appeal.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY

“Transport Appeals”

Question:

How many appeals have been received so far against Home to School Transport decisions for the 24/25 academic year, and how many were received by the same point in each of the previous 3 years?

Answer:

As at 3 July 2024 132 appeals have been received.

As at 3 July 2023 52 appeals had been received.

Information for the same date in 2022 and 2021 is not available.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TOURISM FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

“Missing answers”

Question:

At the June council meeting, in response to written questions D1 and D2, you promised to come back to members with a response to both questions, having failed to answer them in time for that meeting. For both questions, can you please provide a substantive response here so that they form part of the written record for council meetings?

Answer:

Response to D1 from Cllr Matt Bennett

“Oracle rFBC”

On 16 March 2021, Cabinet approved a revised full business case for the future delivery of the Council's ERP system. The report put before Cabinet did not include an actual copy of that revised full business case, just an overview of the cost changes. Despite the full information not forming part of the cabinet papers, Cabinet decided to approve the increase in spend, and authorise the future development and rollout of the system. Please provide a copy of the full business case, as revised, at the point Cabinet approved it without seeing it.

Answer:

Please find attached the revised version of the business case at the point of the Cabinet Meeting in March 2021 (commercially sensitive data has been redacted).



BCC ERP - Revised
Full Business Case v1.

Response to D2 from Councillor Bruce Lines



D2 - Digital 2 from
Cllr Lines.docx

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TOURISM FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER

“CCTV control centre 2”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the tender specification for the new CCTV control centre.

Answer:

Control Centre Relocation	25 July 2023 Cabinet Forecast	Latest Forecast Costs	Variance	Comments
CCTV systems integration and relocation of a variety of systems	£475,000	£475,000	£0	Infrastructure changes to commission one system to intergrade a variety of systems into one platform: alarms, radios communication, airwaves, telephony, Disaster Recovery lines, Fire alarms etc and the cost of integration were higher than originally estimated.
BCC Network and IT equipment including provision of 2 Virgin Network connections for resilience etc	£235,993	£256,000	£20,007	Infrastructure changes needed for new network set up at new location
CCTV - Front end system - Synergy system and all the associated hardware and software	£583,035	£583,035	£0	No Change
CCTV Monitor Wall - hardware to create one Monitor Wall in Control Room	£229,829	£229,829	£0	No Change
CCTV Cabling	£88,698	£96,000	£7,302	Infrastructure changes for network cabling with more extensive works than planned to build extra resilience
Hardware equipment including access control to new location to keep the site secure and hardware for other smaller Monitor Walls	£0	£301,722	£301,722	Infrastructure changes to provide access control to create a secure area
CCTV car parking cameras – current system obsolete - new system required and integration at 6 sites	£0	£153,420	£153,420	Infrastructure changes for new CCTV car parking cameras and system integration
Integration of CCTV and UTC cameras located on roof of Lancaster Circus, plus all traffic cameras – new system installation required	£0	£257,965	£257,965	Infrastructure changes to integrate into the main operational system – cameras will no longer be stand alone.
Decommission of all live kit and systems CCTV, UTC etc from all Comms rooms and equipment from old location	£0	£100,000	£100,000	Infrastructure decommission works - decommission all live system from old location.
Parking solution – system outdated intercom system upgrade required	£0	£134,249	£134,249	Infrastructure -the intercom system is obsolete, needs new systems installed and integrated into the main operational system
Gamma telephony, alarm and disaster recovery lines, etc	£0	£62,000	£62,000	Late infrastructure changes required to telephone, alarm systems.

BT - Fibre relocation of circuits and their migration	£432,321	£412,000	-£20,321	Infrastructure – undertaken statement of works refinements and costs savings post site survey and the scope of worked defined and agreed
Virgin Media Fibre relocation and fibre migration	£157,708	£126,000	-£31,708	Infrastructure - undertaken statement of works refinements and costs savings post site survey and the scope of worked defined and agreed
Total	£2,202,584	£3,187,220	£984,636	Infrastructure cost went up by 18% compared with £5.4m approved budget - high levels of variance due to larger infrastructure changes required, system integration or replacement of obsolete systems.
Refurbishment and construction office fit out at new location	£1,838,717	£2,172,000	£333,283	Construction fit out is now completed - several variations were required during the fit-out construction including H&S works, extra mechanical and electrical works, accelerated programme to coordinate with BT and Virgin fibre installation works and a platform roof with a small extension of time, etc
Office Furniture generic	£158,589	£96,000	-£62,589	Recycled and reused a lot of office furniture items from old location to reduce costs
Office Furniture for the control room operator and supervisors – that meets industry requirements for operating 24/7/365.	£93,635	£222,829	£129,194	Bespoke specialised furniture for Control Room operators
Systems Decommissioning from all other live systems from the old location BT, Virgin, etc	£188,000	£100,000	-£88,000	Revised costs for systems decommission of all comms rooms and active equipment once the service is relocated
Total construction costs	£2,279,232	£2,590,829	£311,888	Construction cost went up by 6.5% compared with £5.41m approved budget - expected levels of variance and in line with inflation levels in the construction industry
Total	£4,481,816	£5,778,049	£1,296,524	
Contingency	£927,960	£65,000	-£862,960	Contingency reduction from 20% to 2% as the projects is reaching the end of the relocation programme. If this is not be required, it will not be spent and returned to corporate fund
Total	£5,409,776	£5,843,049	-£433,273	

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE,
HERITAGE AND TOURISM FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

“CCTV control centre”

Question:

Please provide a full breakdown of the installation and maintenance costs of the new CCTV control centre.

Answer:

The total cost for the new Operations Centre including the fit out & the technical integration which includes all the CCTV, UTC and the Emergency Planning migration of the operational systems. was £5.843m

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

“Agency use in waste collection”

Question:

How many agency staff were employed in the waste collection in each month since April 2022?

Answer:

I can confirm that between April – June 2024 on average 191 agency employees were employed on waste collection.

I am happy to provide a more detailed response which would look back over the last 26 months, however it will take a little longer to provide these details.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD PARKIN

“Waste collection fleet”

Question:

How many vehicles did the waste collection service have in each month since April 2022 (split between owned, leased and hired)?

Answer:

Month/Year	Owned	Hired	Lease	Total
Apr-22	181	65	0	246
May-22	181	66	0	247
Jun-22	180	66	0	246
Jul-22	180	66	0	246
Aug-22	180	69	0	249
Sep-22	180	69	0	249
Oct-22	180	75	0	255
Nov-22	180	74	0	254
Dec-22	180	75	0	255
Jan-23	180	74	0	254
Feb-23	178	73	0	251
Mar-23	176	76	0	252
Apr-23	174	78	0	252
May-23	174	77	0	251
Jun-23	174	79	0	253
Jul-23	174	79	0	253
Aug-23	174	77	0	251
Sep-23	174	79	0	253
Oct-23	174	79	0	253
Nov-23	174	81	0	255
Dec-23	174	80	0	254
Jan-24	173	79	0	252
Feb-24	173	60	0	233
Mar-24	173	60	0	233
Apr-24	172	60	0	232
May-24	171	59	0	230
Jun-24	170	63	0	233

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU**

“Dropped kerb reports”

Question:

In each of the last 4 years, how many reports of illegal dropped kerbs were received in each year?

Answer:

Year	Illegal dropped kerbs Reported
2021	<i>Figure unavailable</i>
2022	105
2023	206
2024 (Jan-June)	356

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

“Dropped kerb investigations”

Question:

In each of the last 4 years, how many investigations have been carried out into illegal dropped kerbs in each year?

Answer:

Year	Illegal dropped kerb Investigations
2021	<i>Figure unavailable</i>
2022	105
2023	206
2024 (Jan-June)	356

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

“Missed Collections”

Question:

At Cabinet in June, you said that residents now have confidence that if their collection is missed, it will be collected the very next day. In each month since April 2022, how many, and what percentage of reported missed collections were collected within 24 hours?

Answer:

The SLA for completing a reported missed collection is 2 working days e.g. a missed collection reported at 23:30 hours on a Monday evening should be resolved by close of business on Wednesday afternoon.

When business support teams close the missed collection worksheets, they record an outcome which determines whether the missed collection was resolved and whether it was completed within the SLA. Please see the table below that shows those completed within the SLA.

*Note the figure for June 2024 is provisional as of 3 July 2024. There may be a short delay in Business Support Teams closing worksheets, hence some missed collections in the final week of June 2024 may have been resolved within the SLA but are yet to be closed with the appropriate code. For this reason, we are unable to provide the percentage of reported missed collections collected in 24 hours too.

Month	Number of reported missed residual/recycling collections	Number closed by depot as "completed within SLA"	Percentage closed within SLA
04/2022	5880	695	12%
05/2022	4151	663	16%
06/2022	5965	851	14%
07/2022	7400	1223	17%
08/2022	8944	233	3%
09/2022	5325	18	0%
10/2022	3767	67	2%
11/2022	3928	555	14%
12/2022	3991	419	10%
01/2023	5301	431	8%
02/2023	2769	356	13%
03/2023	7425	254	3%
04/2023	2875	468	16%
05/2023	3298	751	23%
06/2023	3671	1104	30%

07/2023	2716	1081	40%
08/2023	3486	1861	53%
09/2023	4630	1568	34%
10/2023	4101	1255	31%
11/2023	5836	3153	54%
12/2023	4162	2472	59%
01/2024	7370	5113	69%
02/2024	2405	1574	65%
03/2024	3872	1106	29%
04/2024	5448	1844	34%
05/2024	4477	1292	29%
06/2024	12209	*2220	*18%

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

“Glyphosate use”

Question:

Please provide an update on the progress of steps being taken, as outlined in September 2023, to ensure that glyphosate is phased out for use in highways and parks.

Answer:

Further to the response provided in September 2023, in relation to Highways only, an update on the current position is:

We are seeking to reduce use of pesticides wherever possible. Alternatives to glyphosate-based chemicals will be investigated as and when these products are available. There have to date been no successful trials. The current alternatives, while having some plus points, also have a range of negative points in terms of effectiveness (more treatments required), other environmental impacts such as larger carbon footprint, higher water use, collateral damage (particularly with hot water/ foam-based products), and cost.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR IZZY KNOWLES

“Glyphosate use”

Question:

How much glyphosate-based weed killer has the council used each month since April 2023?

Answer:

Through services delivered under the Interim Services Contract the volume of glyphosate used monthly since April 2023 were:

Date (Month/Year)	Volume Used (L)
April 2023	560L
May 2023	885L
June 2023	475L
July 2023	655L
August 2023	740L
September 2023	465L
	Total 3,780L
April 2024	425L
May 2024	585L
June 2024	590L
July 2024	60L up to 03.07.24
	Total 1,660L

F1

PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION F1 - HAS NOW BEEN REDIRECTED TO D2 – CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TOURISM

F2

PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION F2 - HAS NOW BEEN REDIRECTED TO D3 – CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TOURISM

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE FROM
COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU**

“Perry Barr Village costs”

Question:

The business case for the Perry Barr Village forecast sales proceeds of £317.1m to repay the borrowing for the scheme. If it is the case that the sale of the site, or some of the site, will now be going towards the £750m target to repay the Exceptional Financial Support, does that mean that this borrowing will have to be repaid through revenue instead, and if so what is the total cost of this over the terms of the loan? If not, please provide an explanation of how the scheme is being funded and any borrowing costs are being repaid.

Answer:

If the borrowing is not paid from the capital receipt it will need to be paid by annual financing costs from the revenue budget.

The Council does not borrow specific loans for specific projects.

The Council keeps records of borrowing funded projects and sets aside revenue provision based on Statutory Guidance.

Based on forecast prudential borrowing of £311.6m on the Perry Barr Residential Scheme, the annual financing costs will be £17.2m for 40 years. This comprises both debt repayment and interest costs.

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**PLEASE NOTE NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE
CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY

“Housing applications Change of Circumstance”

Question:

In each month since January 2022 what was the average time to assess a change of circumstance for a housing application?

Answer:

The average time to assess a change of circumstances differs month on month depending on how many are outstanding each month.

The calculations below show the average number of days for each month taking into account of how many change of circumstances were outstanding for each of those months.

2022

Month and Year	Average waiting time to assess a change in circumstances
Jan-22	321
Feb-22	323
Mar-22	322
Apr-22	333
May-22	326
Jun-22	323
Jul-22	320
Aug-22	282
Sep-22	287
Oct-22	246
Nov-22	215
Dec-22	228

2023

Month and Year	Average waiting time to assess a change in circumstances
Jan-23	252
Feb-23	273

Mar-23	295
Apr-23	319
May-23	344
Jun-23	369
Jul-23	399
Aug-23	412
Sep-23	417
Oct-23	432
Nov-23	461
Dec-23	484

2024

Month and Year	Average waiting time to assess a change in circumstances
Jan-24	512
Feb-24	529
Mar-24	555
Apr-24	572
May-24	586
Jun-24	581

Housing applicants can actively bid for properties during the time a change of circumstances submission is pending. For successful applicants shortlisted, changes of circumstances are assessed as part of this process to ensure any letting meets the current circumstances of the household.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE

“Housing Applications Change of Circumstance 2”

Question:

As of the first of each month, in each month since January 2022, how many people were currently waiting for a change of circumstance to a housing application to be assessed, and so unable to bid on a property?

Answer:

Housing applicants who have been accepted onto the housing register are not restricted from bidding whilst waiting for a change of circumstances to be assessed.

Having placed bids and if successfully shortlisted, changes of circumstances are assessed at that time.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

“Housing Applications closed”

Question:

In each month since January 2022 how many housing applications were closed as 'incomplete'?

Answer:

There are a range of reasons for closure of housing applications. This includes instances where housing applicants have submitted housing applications and not provided a copy of all documents requested.

Other reasons include the following:

1. Applicant(s) requested closure.
2. Re-housed.
3. Found own accommodation.
4. No longer requires housing.
5. Not eligible/no longer eligible.
6. Does not qualify/no longer qualifies.
7. Change of Circumstances.
8. Gone away/failed to respond.

The specific reasons for the closure of applications are not possible to report and therefore the overall number of closures per month are provided below:

2022

Month and Year	Closed Housing Applications
Jan-22	1826
Feb-22	2224
Mar-22	2210
Apr-22	1708
May-22	1557
Jun-22	1553
Jul-22	1595
Aug-22	1661
Sep-22	1765
Oct-22	1274
Nov-22	2743

Dec-22	4092
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2023

Month and Year	Closed Housing Applications
Jan-23	1213
Feb-23	967
Mar-23	1047
Apr-23	842
May-23	1060
Jun-23	1049
Jul-23	947
Aug-23	949
Sep-23	1001
Oct-23	1079
Nov-23	1097
Dec-23	724

2024

Month and Year	Closed Housing Applications
Jan-24	768
Feb-24	966
Mar-24	2005
Apr-24	2205
May-24	2620
Jun-24	2216

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN

“CCTV in tower blocks”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the full dataset used to assess which tower blocks were selected to be part of the pilot for the new CCTV, including the number of ASB and crime reports for every tower block in the city?

Answer:

Housing officers selected the blocks based on feedback from tenants, and leaseholders as well as insight from key performance indicators and stakeholder information such as police data, which showed spikes in calls from the public.

The data was collated and used to identify the blocks at a point in time. Recently, refurbished blocks have also been chosen in order to protect investment.

During the course of the pilot programme, if further blocks are identified as meeting the criteria for consideration, these will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The data set to inform the CCTV pilot is appended.



CCTV Dataset.xlsx



PLEASE NOTE NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES