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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

“Economic Recovery Post Covid 19”

Question:

Cabinet, at its meeting on 16 March 2021, approved the Covid 19 Economic Recovery with support previously been given to the arts and culture sector during the pandemic. Could the Leader give details of what is proposed in these sectors and how the new strategy will adapt for implementation by the this sector?

Answer:

At the meeting on 9 February 2021 Cabinet agreed to continue with £2.429m revenue funding towards supporting the current funded portfolio of arts organisations in 2021-22. In addition, a further budget of £0.487m is available to commission cultural projects from small scale / independent arts organisations across Birmingham that meet Council Priorities. This budget also includes funding to support the city's Local Arts Forum Network, Local Arts initiatives in communities and, to deliver annual events such as Black History Month and the annual Heritage Week.

The Culture budget has also supported Birmingham's cultural membership organisation (Culture Central) with a small grant and staff resource to assist in delivering support for the city's cultural sector under its 'Culture Response Unit' initiative. This has included delivering key information to the sector via a dedicated website as well as organising on-line advice and guidance webinars and seminars to independent creatives and freelancers.

Despite closure of all the city's heritage premises, the Council has committed the full annual service contract fee to Birmingham Museums Trust (BMT) in 2020-21 and 2021-22 to support the Trust through the Pandemic. In addition, the council facilitated an additional £0.204m in Supplier Relief Funding to BMT in 2020-21 with possible further applications to be assessed in 2021-22.

In the meantime, The Museums Trust and several other cultural organisations across the city have been successful in applying to the council for Business Rates Relief.

In 2020-21 the council allocated some funding from the Major Events Budget to support the Van Gogh Exhibition at The Hippodrome Theatre in Southside – designed to support reopening of city centre spaces / attract visitor traffic. It is hoped that other funding streams such as the Government's recently announced 'Welcome Back Fund' would be able to support similar initiatives going forward in 2021-22.

Finally, the Council has appointed a new Tourism Officer who starts on 12th April. This post will lead on the development and implementation of a Visitor Destination Plan for Birmingham which will align with the existing regional Tourism Strategy. One of the main components of the plan will be focusing on attracting visitors to the city's cultural offer and to maximise opportunities presented by the hosting of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games.

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

“Staff – Regeneration”

Question:

Broken down by grade, how many staff worked in the Regeneration Department in March 2012?

Answer:

The breakdown of employees in the Development Planning & Regeneration Service in 2012 is as follows:-

Grade	Number of Employees
GR1	1
GR2	13
GR3	58
GR4	93
GR5	63
GR6	31
GR7	8
LO1	2
LO3	1
LO6	1

Total number of employees is 271.

LO1, LO3 and LO6 are JNC Officers.

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

“Staff – Regeneration 2”

Question:

Broken down by grade, how many staff worked in the Regeneration Department in March 2021?

Answer:-

There is no longer a specific regeneration division within Inclusive Growth.

If Councillor Bennett can provide more detail on the outcome he is hoping to achieve, I will ask officers to provide the appropriate information.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

“Electric Vehicles 1”

Question:

How many electric vehicles did the Council have in the 1920's?

Answer:

This is unknown. Fleet Management do not have records that go back to the 1920s.

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

“Electric Vehicles 2”

Question:

How many electric vehicles does the Council have as of 31st March 2021?

Answer:

The Council leases 13 electric small vans.

Birmingham City council is committed to reducing emissions and although electric vehicles will play a part, we are undertaking many initiatives to reduce CO2.

These include our new fleet of 76 cleaner and greener waste and recycling vehicles, our ongoing commitment to hydrogen buses, our commitment to cycling and our support of electric scooters across the city.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

“Former Mayor Joe Anderson”

Question:

Has the Council ever had any financial or other deals, agreements or work with former Liverpool Mayor Joe Anderson or members of his family?

Answer:

Our records show that no transactions have been concluded with the named individual or members his family.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

“Dealings”

Question:

Has the Council ever had any dealings with either Flanagan Group or Safety Support Consultants Limited? If so, please provide details including any financial or land transactions.

Answer:

Our records show that no dealings have been concluded with the named companies. Therefore, there have been no financial payments made to Flanagan Group or Safety Support Consultants Limited in any of the 6 years for which records are retained.

The Council received a highways bond from the Flanagan Group in connection with Woodcock Street relating to scaffolding adjacent to the highway.

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

“Pieces of Land”

Question:

How many pieces of land has Birmingham City Council sold for below its estimated value in last ten years?

Answer:

One site has been identified as being sold within the last ten years at below estimated value. Secretary of State consent was granted for this transaction.

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

“Investigations”

Question:

Has any officer or elected Member as yet, been involved in anyway with any of the investigations into Liverpool City Council,/Unite/Flanagan Group etc. or about the development they are doing in Birmingham. In the case of positive answer, also please provide details of the involvement and the names of those involved, e.g. dates interviewed as part of this)?

Answer:

The current Chief Finance Officer and s151 officer is a prosecution witness

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

“Sale of Land”

Question:

As part of their ongoing investigations, have MHCLG and/or Merseyside Police/West Midlands Police been made aware of the sale of land by BCC – on seemingly preferential terms and with no public declarations – to Unite for their new hotel and conference centre being built with involvement from Flanagan Group?

Answer:

Legal have no records to indicate that any communications have taken place with MHCLG, Merseyside Police or West Midlands Police.

For the avoidance of any doubt, it should be noted that the sale of the land to Unite was not on preferential terms. GBR Phoenix Beard had independently assessed value for money for the site as being £1.2 million and the Council received sale proceeds of £1.95m.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

“Call In”

Question:

Why did yourself and other Members of the Labour Administration including the now MP for Birmingham Yardley, vote on the call in regarding the Unite/Flanagan Development given you declared you had interests (admittedly in private not public as required)?

Answer:

I did **not** vote on the request for call in at the Governance, Resources and Customer Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4th April 2014, relating to a decision at Cabinet on 17 March 2014 regarding the Proposed Development at Jennens Road, Eastside, Birmingham.

Non pecuniary interests were declared on the advice of the then monitoring officer.

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

“Unite Development”

Question:

How much did the Council receive for the site sold to Unite?

Answer:

The Council received sale proceeds of £1.95m for the site sold to Unite. GBR Phoenix Beard had independently assessed value for money for the site as being £1.2 million.

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

“Assets Sold”

Question:

List all sites, including the value of the sale. The value actually received and the value the Council had for the asset on its books, of any asset sold to a Trade Union since 2012?

Answer:

The only site identified as being sold to a Trade Union since 2012 was 5,270 sqm at Jennens Road, Eastside, Birmingham.

The site was sold to Unite in 2015 for sale proceeds of £1.95m and at the time of disposal was held at a value, in existing use, of £0.92m.

GBR Phoenix Beard had independently assessed value for money for the site as being £1.2 million.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

“Social Services Funding”

Question:

Would the Leader give clear assurances he is willing to ringfence funding for Social Services following the latest council tax precept for social care?

Answer:

This year like other recent years we will receive funding for Adults and Children’s social care in the form of additional government social care grant (ring-fenced for both Adults and Children’s social care) and from raising 3% additional precept on our local taxpayers. The precept being ringfenced for Adult Social Care only.

I can assure Councillor Baz that we fully comply with the ringfencing rules around the Social Care Grant and the Social Care Precept. It is a legal requirement.

The Councils grant and precept is £24.1m for 2021/22. The additional budget provided for in Social Care in 2021/22 as approved as part of our Financial Plan 2021 – 2025 is £29m for Adult Social Care and £9.8m for Children’s Social Care. Therefore, the additional funding provided in Social Care as part of our 2021/22 budget is in excess of that required to comply with ring-fencing rules.

Table 3.6 in Chapter 3 of our Financial Plan sets out our costs and resources in more details.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

“Additional Restrictions Grant”

Question:

Councils have recently been given the flexibility to determine their own eligibility criteria for Additional Restrictions Grants with this funding used to help those businesses which, while not legally forced to close, have been severely impacted by Covid 19 restrictions. Could the cabinet member give details of the local criteria that has been determined for these awards and confirm how many businesses have successfully been awarded this payment and how many have been refused?

Answer:

We have carefully designed the eligibility criteria for all grant schemes funded through Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) funding to ensure that we can support the maximum number of businesses with the money available while also ensuring that grants go where they are most needed.

To date, ARG funding has been used to support 7,458 businesses with grant funding of £25,214,321 paid out according to the criteria below. 1,150 applications have not met eligibility criteria for schemes, and have therefore been declined.

Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme 1

This scheme operated between 25th November 2020 and 15th January 2021, according to the following eligibility criteria and payment schedule.

ARG 1 eligibility criteria

- Businesses with a trading address/premises which fall within the Birmingham City Council area
- Businesses employing less than 249 employees
- Existing businesses which were actively trading before 4 November 2020
- Businesses that may not be in the business rates system and are also not in one of the specific business sectors identified within the LRSC (Closed) and (Open) schemes, but have been severely impacted by the local restrictions
- Businesses which can demonstrate that they have suffered a significant fall in income due to the COVID-19 crisis and do not qualify for the LRSC (Closed) and (Open) schemes.
- All business sectors

ARG 1 payment schedule

The following grant payments were made if a business was open, but severely impacted due to government restrictions:

- Grants of up to £934 per 28-day period for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value of exactly £15,000 or under on the date of the commencement of the local restrictions.
- Grants of up to £1,400 per 28-day period for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value over £15,000 and less than £51,000 on the date of the commencement of the local restrictions.
- Grants of up to £2,100 per 28-day period for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value of exactly £51,000 or above on the date of the commencement of the local restrictions.

For those businesses where the Council were unable to attribute a rateable value to their trading premises of a business, a grant at the lower rate of £934 was awarded.

The following grant payments were made if a business was closed due to government restrictions:

- Grants of up to £1,334 per 28-day period for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value of exactly £15,000 or under on the date of the commencement of the local restrictions.
- Grants of up to £2,000 per 28-day period for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value over £15,000 and less than £51,000 on the date of the commencement of the local restrictions.
- Grants of up to £3,000 per 28-day period for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value of exactly £51,000 or above on the date of the commencement of the local restrictions.

For those businesses where the Council was unable to attribute a rateable value to the trading premises of a business, a grant at the lower rate of £1,334 was awarded.

Additional Restrictions Grant Scheme 2

This scheme was launched on 15th February 2021 and **is now closed for** applications.

ARG 2 is a one-off grant payment which means only one grant will be awarded per eligible company and not for each of the company's individual business premises. For self-employed/sole traders, only one Additional Restriction Grant will be awarded.

The following one-off grant payments will be made if a business is open, but severely impacted due to government restrictions:

- A grant of £3,000 for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value of exactly £15,000 or under
- A grant of £5,000 for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- A grant of £10,000 for businesses occupying hereditaments with a rateable value of over £51,000

For businesses where the Council are unable to attribute a rateable value to the trading premises of a business, a grant at the lower rate of £3,000 will be awarded.

Hospitality Survival Fund

This scheme, which is now closed, provided one-off grants of £10,000 to hospitality and leisure businesses in Birmingham that did not automatically qualify for previous support schemes due to their size.

In order to be eligible for this scheme, businesses had to meet the following criteria:

- In the hospitality and leisure sector
- Rateable value of over £51,000

421 potentially eligible businesses were identified through business rates records, with businesses being contacted directly by the Council and asked to confirm their details. The scheme was announced on 11th January 2021, with all businesses contacted and requested to provide information by 22nd January 2021.

Following a validation exercise, 288 businesses have now been paid this one-off grant.

Taxi Sector Grant Scheme

This scheme is aimed at supporting Birmingham's hackney carriage and private hire taxi drivers who have been significantly impacted as a result of national government lockdown restrictions.

The scheme went live on 15th February 2021, and is still open for applications.

One-off grants of £1000 to drivers are awarded who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Resident within Birmingham
- Hold a license registered with Birmingham City Council
- Have been significantly impacted by government restrictions

To date 3,300 drivers have now been paid this one-off £1k grant.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

“DPS”

Question:

At Cabinet on 16th March 2021, you stated that the DPS Contract had to be changed to add in the safeguarding elements, please provide a full list of changes made and the dates they came into effect?

Answer:

The Deed of Variation to the Terms and Conditions for P0504 Provision of Home to School Transport was issued on 17 December 2020 and all providers had returned a signed copy by mid January 2021.

A summary of the changes made are as follows:

- Introduction of a DBS Panel – where a provider employee has a positive mark on their DBS, the provider must complete an application with supporting evidence which is submitted to the Council, detailing why they feel the provider employee is suitable to work on the provision of home to school transport. An additional schedule and several forms have been created to assist this process which provides a detailed overview of the process.
- Standard Licence – All licences used on the provision of home to school transport should be a standard licence in accordance with Part II and Sections 12 – 14 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981.
- Introduction of a DBS Practitioner – a named person within the organisation who has appropriate training, skills and knowledge of DBS Policies and Procedures to make decisions relating to DBS.
- Introduction of three new policies – the providers are required to have a policy on safer recruitment, recruitment of ex-offenders and handling disclosure information.
- Compliance with the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 – The providers shall comply with Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 when making recruitment decisions.
- Consent to share – obtain provider employees consent to share disclosure information with Council.
- Introduction of the DBS Update Service – providers are required to use the DBS Update Service to undertake checks.

- Performance of services – Where a provider employee has a positive DBS the employee must not engage in any part of the services until a decision has been reached at the DBS Panel. Where a provider employee does not provide consent for disclosure information to be shared with the Council, the provider employee shall not be engaged in any part of the services.
- Associated costs – all costs associated with changes made shall be borne by the provider.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD

“Recruitment Process”

Question:

Please explain the recruitment process step by step for new staff in Home to School transport?

Answer:

Currently, agency staff are used to cover vacant posts whilst a service restructure within Travel Assist is being undertaken. Once the restructure is complete, the City Council's Recruitment and Selection procedure will be used to fill any vacant posts. For any new positions a business case is completed in line with the Corporate framework. These are presented to the Directorate Workforce Review Board, which monitors all workforce spend. The business case is considered by the board and either approved or rejected.

If the service needs to fill an existing position quickly in order to meet business needs, it would approach Hays, the council's Managed Service Provider, as follows:

- Obtain agreement to use agency from the Education and Skills Workforce Review Board, as set out above.
- Travel Assist contact Hays in line with the agency requisition process
- Candidates are identified and interviewed by Hays
- A further interview takes place with BCC transport supervisors to assess suitability for the role

For successful workers where required, Hays completes the recruitment process with the candidate including undertaking an enhanced DBS. Until the DBS is completed and returned as “clear”, the candidate is not able to commence in the role with the City Council.

- Any ‘positive’ disclosures are presented to the council's Safer Recruitment Panel for consideration
- Successful agency workers are required to undertake a City Council induction programme to familiarise themselves with the organisation. As part of this induction, workers are asked to complete the City Council's 10 mandatory training modules. Completion is monitored until all the modules have been completed.

Workers supplied by Hays are regularly monitored as part of 1-to-1 meetings to assess their ongoing suitability for the role. Any performance issues are managed by the City Council. Unsuitable workers are returned to the agency as they are the employer.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA**

“Data Breach”

Question:

What was the total number of children who had their data exposed in the recent serious data breach with details of families who qualify for free school bus passes?

Answer:

The data file saved to the individual parent accounts for parents who are on the temporary accommodation list did not contain child data, only the lead tenant data for the property.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

“Accessible Data”

Question:

For how long was the data that was mistakenly placed on the website accessible to other people, how long before it was removed? Please note we mean the total time it was exposed for, not how it was removed once discovered?

Answer:

CXM bus pass portal was created in June 2020. Staff within Travel Assist started to save this data onto CXM in January 2021 (for office use), not aware that this data was visible via individuals BRUM accounts. In total the data was saved in 143 individual files.

In order to access the data individuals had to log onto their BRUM account using log in details and passwords. This information was not available to the wider public, it was only accessible via link pages within the 143 accounts.

These link pages were all removed individually once the source of the data breach had been identified and confirmed on Friday 19 February 2021. An additional report was run to ensure that there were no files with the data attached following this exercise.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

“Individual Assessment”

Question:

What individual assessment was made of any specific risk factors for each child on the list of exposed data before deciding not to inform them or their families their data had been breached? Eg children escaping domestic abuse.

Answer:

The individuals identified were the lead tenant only. There wasn't any detail regarding children.

This information was about those in temporary accommodation applying for a bus pass for their child(ren) and was only accessible by those other people in temporary accommodation who were also asking for a bus pass for their child(ren).

In respect of informing the data subjects, it was agreed by the council's corporate information governance team that there was limited evidence of any adverse impact upon the rights and freedoms of the data subjects as a result of the breach. Additionally, as the individuals are already in a vulnerable position, notification of the breach is likely to add to their vulnerability, therefore, it was concluded that notification to the data subjects would not take place.

A discussion with the Information Commissioner's Office also took place.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**

“Assessment”

Question:

With what degree of certainty are you able to say that no one who was not entitled to view this information saw it in anyway before it was removed (not just physically downloaded, but also viewed on screen, photographed or screenshot etc)

Answer:

The information was held in a folder attached to the bus pass outcome for office use. The case was raised by a parent who was able to access the information and informed the Council as soon as they noticed this. The parent was asked to delete the evidence immediately which they agreed to do. This has not been raised by anyone else previously and whilst we can never be 100% certain it has not been viewed, it is likely any other affected citizens would have raised concerns with the Council had they have viewed it.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

“SEND Service”

Question:

You kindly responded to Question B2 on 23rd February but failed to provide details of the supplier of the SEND service you paid for. This failure cannot be justified as in Question A5 & A6 the Council clearly provided the details of the Company/Supplier as well as where they are based.

In line with this, can you as a matter of urgency update the table in Question B2, 23rd February 2021, with cumulative costs to end of March 2021 as well as clear supplier information as follows. Please add the following to the table in B2 (please do not delete any of the columns or rows but add to the same table. This will make it quicker and easier for you as well as provide us with the information we are seeking):

- Name of Company/Sole Trader
- Total spend up to March 2021
- Company/Sole Trader registered in Birmingham

Answer:

The attached table has been updated with the cumulative costs to the end of March 2021. Please note that not all of the agencies had provided the invoices for March 2021 at the time this response was drafted.

The table that is used to track and monitor this spend has had a sort applied to it since the February 23rd response and as such the new attached table may be slightly out of order to the one previously provided but all the information has been checked to ensure it is the same.

An extra column has been added providing the name of the agency that supplied the interim/consultant but due to the size restrictions of this please see below a list of those agencies, the total spend and if they are registered in Birmingham:

Agency	Spend	Confirmed Address
Baltimore	£745,240	PS21, 21 Princes Street, Bristol, BS1 4PH
Education Futures	£48,322	19 New Street, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4BH
Hays	£135,815	1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AJ
Lords	£570,650	Crown House, The Square, Alvechurch, Birmingham B48 7LA
Panoramic	£1,368,785	St Bartholomew's House, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2NH
Penna	£0	2 nd Floor, 10 Bishops Square, Spitalfields, London, E1 6EG
Smart Education	£95,333	1-3 The Courtyard, Calvin Street, Bolton, BL1 8PB
Spencer Clarke	£136,675	11 Bartle Court Business Centre, Rosemary Lane, Preston, PR4 0HF
Venn Group	£35,126	Waterloo House, 20 Waterloo Street, Birmingham, B2 5TB

Role	Area	Commissioned By	Approved by	Agency	Start Date	Contract end date (if assignment active)	Actual End Date	Is assignment still 'active' Yes or No	Cumulative costs from Sept 2018 to Mar 2022	A high-level list of activities they've been involved with	A summary of the improvements they've made (bullet points of what has improved since the consultants have been here).
Guide transformation lead	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Education Futures	27/01/2020		31/08/2020	No	£48,847	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business case to support the reduction of Agency Guides • 1st Draft Business Case in relation to SEND Transport Application process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to the service Saving Strategy and improved gatekeeping and application of policy conditions relating to transport eligibility
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		11/02/2021	No	£35,160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Reviewing and actioning 9,197 outstanding annual review paperwork * Reviewing and actioning newly received review paperwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5,271 outstanding reviews closed with all action completed • 2,873 outstanding reviews actioned and awaiting issue by Business Support • Reduction in the backlog of assessments from 500 to 200
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		22/05/2020	No	£8,775		

Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£37,260
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£40,780
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£10,660
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		31/07/2020	No	£13,910
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£11,700
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£7,410
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,480
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,350
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	19/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,220
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£18,280

Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£14,040
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	11/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,740
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020		31/10/2020	No	£17,420
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£11,700
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	09/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£12,220
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Baltimore	04/10/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£74,669
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	17/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£14,040
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	03/03/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£23,165
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	12/03/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£24,870
Interim Annual Review Officer / Plan Writers	Senar Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	16/03/2020		31/05/2020	No	£16,562

Interim Communication Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	01/03/2020		30/11/2020	No	£19,075	* Communication strategy * Communication plan * Communication material including newsletters for schools and parents, and briefings	* Improved communication and engagement with PCF
Interim Communication officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	30/12/2019		12/02/2020	No	£1,313		
Interim Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	26/10/2020	31/10/2021		Yes	£28,333	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Safeguarding and PATS training program to be delivered to 480 guides in the new year. Driver and Guide handbook to be issues to all guides and then drivers. Daily compliance reports Supplier check reports Investigation findings for safeguarding complaints 	As per Compliance Manager and Senior Compliance Officer
Interim Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion		Panoramic	28/10/2020		20/11/2020	No	£5,400		
Interim Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/12/2020	31/10/2021		Yes	£23,723		
Interim Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	06/10/2020	31/10/2021		Yes	£30,034		

Interim Compliance Performance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	23/09/2020	31/10/2021		Yes	£52,425	Generate information from the Compliance team and Assessment officer to develop and produce accurate information that can provide an overview of the service performance and suppliers, identify trends and areas of improvement. Provide additional support to the Compliance team to carry out site visits and depot audits as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directors and Heads of service are now understanding the performance of suppliers and identify social, mechanical or performance trends at source and in the coming weeks/ months note an increase in service delivery
Interim Contracts & Compliance Manager	Home To School Transport	Head of Service - Home to School Transport	Workforce Review Board	Penna	19/04/2021	31/10/2021		Yes	£0.00		
Interim Data Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	18/03/2020	27/08/2021	18/09/2020	No	£45,560	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * EHCP requests tracker and associated reports * EHCP review recovery project database and associated reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved workflow management
Interim Data Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	18/03/2020		18/12/2020	No	£63,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tracker for new EHCP reviews * Tracker for complaints * Tracker for mediations and appeals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Automated monitoring reports for managers

Interim Early Years SEND Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Venn group	01/09/2020		01/09/2021	No	£22,500	* Review of early years service	* Recommendations to improve early years service
Interim Educational Psychologist	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	06/07/2020		18/09/2020	No	£29,910	* Tracker of children awaiting a special school place	• Consolidated view of children awaiting special school place so placements could be managed
Interim Finance Project Support Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	01/11/2019		30/09/2020	No	£21,900	* Review formula funding for specialist provision	• Established mechanisms for financial reporting for specialist provision
Interim Head of SEND	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Penna	01/03/2021	29/04/2021		Yes	£0.00		• New criteria and allocation of top up funding for mainstream
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	28/02/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£0.00	* Responding to contact from parents and schools via email and telephone * Support families through the needs assessment process * Signposting families to relevant support	• Increasing support to families (24 new referrals in Jan 20 > 205 in Dec 20) New satisfaction survey launched in Dec 20 recorded a positive rating of 4.78 / 5
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	07/09/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£12,700		
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	24/07/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£13,685		
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	28/02/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£0.00		
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	02/12/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£7,643		

Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	05/03/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£0.00
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	13/03/2020		17/02/2021	No	£19,315
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	04/03/2020		27/11/2020	No	£15,180
Interim Link Officers	Link Service	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Smart Education	09/03/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£26,810

Interim Ops Manager (Transport)	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	24/08/2020	31/10/2021		Yes	£62,204	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone systems – Cirrus • Email system – Cirrus Omni • Bus Pass report • Invoice reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff 1-to-1 • Complaints • Restructure operations service • Performance Improvement - guides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify current telephone system failings resulting in Cirrus implementation. Daily / weekly reports regarding the Cirrus phone system. Calls answered / abandoned. Time taken to answer calls / calls being abandoned in compliance with the BCC KPI's of 90% answered – 10% abandoned. Ensuring the team meet these KPI's Bus Passes- Identifying hidden issues within the service; identifying the weakness in the service and ensuring new staff are training in the processing of these bus passes. Identifying improvements with the system to avoid the volume of future applications given the 80% rejection rate. Invoice reports – ensuring the overdue invoices are processed in a timely manner considering value and age of invoices and finding solutions to improve service Redesign of the variation form to provide transparency with the variation form process submitted by contractors asking for price increase/ decrease
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Interim Performance Lead	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	11/06/2020		31/03/2021	No	£72,202	* HST dashboard * HST immediate fixes plan * HST weekly sit rep report * HST contract performance reporting schedule * SEND dashboard * SEND Weekly sit rep report	• Visibility of data • Improved data reliability
Interim Performance Lead	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	11/03/2020		12/06/2020	No	£36,500		
Interim Performance Lead	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	17/02/2020		13/03/2020	No	£13,600		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Venn group	25/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£0.00	* Reviewing and actioning 9,197 outstanding annual review paperwork * Reviewing and actioning newly received review paperwork * Managing placements	• 5,271 outstanding reviews closed with all action completed • 2,873 outstanding reviews actioned and awaiting issue by Business Support • Reduction in the backlog of assessments from 500 to 200
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021		28/02/2021	No	£4,200		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	28/02/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£1,200		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£0.00		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021		03/02/2021	No	£3,450		
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£21,000		

Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£7,200
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021		31/03/2021	No	£8,700
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£16,500
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Hays	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£0.00
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	25/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£0.00
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Education Futures	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£17,700
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	NA		05/02/2021	No	£21,600
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	02/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£30,600
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Education Futures	11/01/2021		26/02/2021	No	£0.00
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Spencer Clarke	Not recorded		31/03/2021	No	£31,800

Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021		31/03/2021	No	£16,200
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/02/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£10,500
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£14,925
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£4,200
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£9,600
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Venn group	07/12/2020		12/03/2021	No	£5,400
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Venn group	25/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£0.00
Interim PO / SEND Case worker	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£21,300
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	Not recorded		30/10/2020	No	£28,250
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Hays	13/07/2020		20/10/2020	No	£63,817

Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/09/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£21,280
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	31/08/2020		18/12/2020	No	£40,360
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/10/2020		28/02/2021	No	£21,300
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	04/10/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£40,350
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	20/04/2020		13/11/2020	No	£55,650
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Panoramic	26/05/2020		31/08/2020	No	£4,200
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	02/10/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£15,900
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£24,054
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/10/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£39,850
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/09/2020		12/11/2020	No	£24,300

Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	04/10/2020		30/10/2020	No	£48,030
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	17/08/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£26,025
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/10/2020		28/02/2021	No	£26,100
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/10/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£39,370
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Panoramic	01/04/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£56,100
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	02/10/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£44,475
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Hays	29/04/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£13,873
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	Not recorded		Not recorded	No	£25,674
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Hays	13/07/2020		26/02/2021	No	£42,900

Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	02/10/2020		18/12/2020	No	£20,475
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£3,726
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	13/07/2020		22/08/2020	No	£9,920.00
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Lord	02/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£23,850
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	02/10/2020		28/02/2021	No	£44,633
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£62,688
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£66,969
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	04/10/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£42,900
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	Not recorded		Not recorded	No	£47,291
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	30/10/2020		31/03/2021	No	£6,000
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	30/10/2020		28/02/2021	No	£20,700

Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£44,903		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Not recorded	31/01/2020		31/07/2020	No	£72,127		
Interim PO / SEND Case workers	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	04/05/2020		31/08/2020	No	£21,000.00		
Interim Post 16 SEND Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	Not recorded		18/12/2020	No	£22,840		
Interim Programme mgr	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion		Lord	21/01/2020		01/04/2021	No	£79,905	* Developing & managing local provision project plan and associated governance	* DLP project launched
Interim Project Lead - Local Offer Website	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Education Futures	20/08/2020		31/10/2020	No	£21,038	Local offer website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New local offer website launched in Jan 2021 • Online booking system in final stages of development to be launched in the spring
Interim Project Manager	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	13/07/2020	30/06/2021		Yes	£64,250	* Developing & managing local provision project plan and associated governance	* DLP project launched
Interim Project Manager - 365	Home To School Transport	Head of Service - Home to School Transport	Workforce Review Board	Hays	06/04/2021	31/10/2021		Yes	£0.00	* Developing & managing local provision project plan and associated governance	* DLP project launched
Interim Project Support Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	11/03/2020	31/03/2021		Yes	£79,560	* School Planning meeting documentation * Local offer website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local offer website launched in Jan 2021 • Improved communication with

Interim Project Support Officer	Transformation & Project Support	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Hays	01/04/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£15,224
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* Weekly report and
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* Consolidation report

special school transport
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• Input to Home to school
transport improvement
programme

Interim Safeguarding & Compliance SEND Transport Manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	21/07/2020		27/02/2021	No	£49,716	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Weekly & monthly performance reports * Safeguarding process for complaints * data analysis from supplier returns (monthly) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust compliance team who apply safeguarding checks at schools and supplier premises to ensure vehicles and staff are compliant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle inspections carried out to ensure vehicles transporting clients are fully roadworthy and feedback given to supplier they additional checks to ensure compliance. • Supplier performance has improved as a result of the checks and visits made to schools and suppliers, once concerns are identified and improvement plans are agreed. • Depot Audits at supplier premises to ensure policies are being applied throughout the operation against their contract. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular supplier meetings to ensure performance issues are identified and actioned. • Safeguarding tracker to capture safeguarding complaints ensure escalated to LADO and managed appropriately in a timely way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier monthly reporting processes are accurate and identify DBS applications so they are
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											<p>processed as quickly as possible to ensure supplier has sufficient staff to delivery service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved communication and feed back to suppliers is carried out in a timely was to ensure failings identified are rectified.
Interim Safeguarding & QA Lead	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	18/11/2019		06/03/2020	No	£25,200	* initial safeguarding audit of suppliers * DPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contracts confirmed with suppliers• Baseline safeguarding reports

Interim SEMH Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Penna	08/03/2021	08/09/2021		Yes	£0.00
Interim SEMH Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Penna	01/03/2021	01/09/2021		Yes	£0.00
Interim SEN Coordinator - EHCP Reviews	SENAR Recovery - Annual Review	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	SEND Improvement Programme	Panoramic	05/03/2020		28/02/2021	No	£21,000
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	22/11/2019		14/01/2020	No	£4,463
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable		Yes	£0.00
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Education Futures	26/02/2020		26/02/2020	No	£0.00
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Education Futures	Feb-20		Feb-20	No	£9,585
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not recorded	Nov-19		Dec-19	No	£11,310
Interim SEND Transformation Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Panoramic	10/03/2020		25/09/2020	No	£30,575

* Review of SENAR administration services
* Draft review recovery project

• 5,271 outstanding reviews closed with all action completed
• 2,873 outstanding reviews actioned and awaiting issue by Business Support

Interim SEND Transport manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	20/07/2020		17/01/2021	No	£13,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * DfE bid for COVID funding * Deed variation for supply of guides * Deed variation for alteration of DBS process * Communication & Implementation plan * Org chart for restructure * Summer operations plan * Draft revised risk assessment process * Contribution to immediate fixes plan, weekly and daily sit rep, monthly covid plan, service dashboard and revised implementation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The service has had improved leadership and structure in order to achieve a number of significant improvement key tasks. This development has worked in partnership with the recommendations outlined in the Service Investigation Report. • The service is now able to ensure early identification of operational concern and introduce strategies in order to improve performance and administration across the service as a whole
Interim SEND Transport Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	09/11/2020	31/10/2021		Yes	£40,455		

Interim Senior Compliance Officer	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	17/09/2020	31/10/2021		Yes	£42,738	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier performance figures on a daily and weekly basis • Carry out record and report on Supplier Audit. • Daily engagement with suppliers to address any issues identified within compliance checks. • Recognize training needs for drivers and suppliers relating to compliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust and engaging compliance team in place. Robust procedures implemented to improve supplier /driver compliance • Implemented a revised parking plan at 2 schools to date (Calthorpe & Dame Ellen Pinsent) • Allocate work to the compliance team to ensure work is completed and prioritised. • Advise suppliers on compliance matters i.e. procedures and technique to improve performance. • Improved communication with suppliers, schools and internal teams to ensure concerns are addressed and recorded in a timely way • Support other service areas to address any safeguarding /compliance issues and resolve in a timely way.
Interim Special School Provision Lead	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Spencer Clarke	07/12/2020		24/02/2021	No	£8,750		

Interim Transport Manager Operations, Commissioning & Contracts	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	01/06/2020		01/04/2021	No	£92,240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed system requirements for the Home to school transport database Procurement Business case for the purchase of the new system (365 Response chosen) Implementation Plan for 365 Communications Plan for the implementation of 365 Mobile Phones for Guides requirements document CXM Bus Pass Administration requirements Also developed the daily route report which underpins the Daily SitRep reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taken the request for a new transport system from concept, through requirements definition and procurement to commencement of operational roll out and live testing. Defined additional costs to cover data requirements for BCC in the absence of a legacy database and revised the business case to justify new requirements. Revised business case includes the cost of project management.
Interim Transport Operations Manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	11/03/2020		31/07/2020	No	£82,660	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Mobility Assessment Risk Assessment Process. Review of Current Assessment Process and recommendations Provide guidance on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved Risk Assessments are being carried out. Engage with relevant service areas to obtain all relevant information to produce accurate
Interim Transport Operations Manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Baltimore	17/08/2020		01/04/2021	No	£0.00		

Interim Transport Operations Manager	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	04/11/2020		29/01/2021	No	£8,065
Interim Tribunal Officer	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Spencer Clarke	20/10/2020	27/08/2021		Yes	£42,925
Interim Tribunal Officer	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Baltimore	01/06/2020		31/08/2020	No	£6,450
Interim Tribunal Officer	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Panoramic	30/06/2020		30/09/2020	No	£19,200
Interim Tribunal Officer	Senar - Case Work	Head of SENAR	Head of SENAR	Baltimore	01/06/2020		14/08/2020	No	£30,500
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	10/02/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£3,550
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	07/12/2020		24/02/2021	No	£12,853
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	07/12/2020		11/03/2021	No	£9,500
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	11/01/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£24,620
Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	07/12/2020		24/12/2020	No	£5,000

improving safer accurate assessments.

information and assessments.

Managing the throughput of mediations, appeals and tribunals

- High level of compliance with statutory timelines.
- Robust mediation process to ensure resolution

* Reviewing and actioning 9,197 outstanding annual review paperwork
* Reviewing and actioning newly received review paperwork
* Managing placements

- 5,271 outstanding reviews closed with all action completed
- 2,873 outstanding reviews actioned and awaiting issue by Business Support
- Reduction in the backlog of assessments from 500 to 200

Operational Lead	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Venn group	07/12/2020		11/01/2021	No	£7,226	<div> <div>* Review of sensory resource bases</div> <div>* Review of FAMS</div> <div>* Supporting implementation of recommendations</div> </div> <div> <div>• Development of more inclusive provision for children with physical difficulties</div> <div>• Improved use of resources through use of sensory resource bases</div> </div>
Provision Manager	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£19,060	
Provision Manager	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£25,500	
Provision Manager	Senar - Case Work	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Panoramic	01/03/2021	27/08/2021		Yes	£35,100	
Sensory Consultant	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	01/09/2019	Not Applicable		Yes	£42,709	
Strategic lead for ASC	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Lord	29/10/2020	28/10/2021		Yes	£35,100	
Strategic Lead for SEND Commissioning	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Workforce Review Board	Penna	01/03/2021		01/04/2021	No	£0.00	
Strategic SEND Consultant	SEND Strategic Transformation	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	Sep-19		Dec-20	No	£15,836	<div>* Funding comparison for special schools to inform the special school funding review</div> <div>* Preparatory work for the DLP project</div> <div> <div>• DLP project launched</div> <div>• Special school funding review in progress</div> </div>

Transport Recovery Consultant	Home To School Transport	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Assistant Director SEND & Inclusion	Not Applicable	01/09/2019		01/10/2019	No	£0.00
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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN**

“Webinar Costs”

Question:

The Barrister Tom Cross, was engaged to do another Webinar on 15th March 2021. How much did this cost the Council? What date did the City Solicitor approve the spend on this Barrister and who commissioned his services and why?

Answer:

Barrister Tom Cross was invited by the Assistant Director SEND and Inclusion to provide a second webinar for schools entitled, ‘The Right of Inclusion in Mainstream Settings’. The webinar provided information on “the right to inclusion” in mainstream for the majority of SEN children in light of current legislation. In the webinar, Tom outlined what this meant in relation to the duties of schools and local authorities and the relationship with reasonable adjustments under equality law. Tom was able to share his experience in leading case law and provided examples in practice. Almost 150 attended the webinar and positive feedback was received from attendees.

The webinar is part of a series for schools to ensure they understand their duties within the SEND legislation.

Currently Birmingham has one of the lowest performance in the country for the number of children with an EHCP attending a mainstream school, with numbers continuing to rise year on year for those children with an EHCP attending a special school.

The use of the barrister for the webinar was approved on 4th February 2021 by the Head of Law (Education) on behalf of the City Solicitor.

Costs for the webinar were £1,800 + VAT.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR TIMOTHY HUXTABLE**

“Letter”

Question:

In response to Question B3, 23rd February 2021, you failed to include the letter you compiled for parents at the first lockdown last year (March 2020). Please provide a copy of the letter?

Answer:

As confirmed in the answer to B3 on 23rd February 2021, an individual letter to families was not sent out during the first lockdown.

[Information for parents was posted on the council's Local Offer website](#) which is the approach that local authorities across the region took.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS

“Phase Transfer”

Question:

Question B4, 23rd February indicates that there will be ongoing monitoring activity to ensure compliance with the law and requirements contained in the SEND Code of Practice as well as work underway to fully document the decision making process. Please provide evidence of how you have accomplished this with the Phase Transfer (Reception, Secondary) 15th February statutory requirement and Post 16, 31st March statutory requirement, including full details of compliance with the law, the decision making process with dates, and number of EHCPs involved for both.

Answer:

As stated above, all children and young people who are transitioning/changing school placements each September need to have their new placement named on their EHC Plan by 15th February for children starting Reception, Yr 2 (if in an infant school) and Yr 6 in September 2021. For those young people leaving school/college in Yr11, Yr13 & Yr 14, their placement needs to be secured by 31st March for September 2021.

In order for the LA to meet this target, all children/young people need to have a Transition Annual Review in the Summer Term prior to their transition year (Summer term in -1yr, Yr.1, Yr. 5, Yr.10, Yr.12 & Yr.13). This review should be person centred and should cover the aspirations for the future for the young person (particularly for those Yr.5 students moving into secondary education)

The school should then ensure that the paperwork is submitted to the SEN service within 2 weeks to ensure that the LA can complete its review of the paperwork and advise if the EHC plan needs to be updated.

Parent/Carers should be asked for their preference for a future school placement in readiness to start the consultation process early in the Autumn term.

Consultations should be sent to the Parental Preference school and the schools that are suitable and are nearest to the child's home address. Schools can take up to 15 days to respond to the consultation request and must submit a legal response which complies with the Code of Practice.

If the school response states they are unable to offer a place but does not contain a legal reason, the LA can challenge this decision. If on challenge it is felt that the decision to admit is still not compatible with the Code of Practice, the LA can direct a school to admit a child.

Where possible, the LA should look to name the Parental Preference for a school/college placement unless:

- It would be unsuitable for the age, ability, aptitude or SEN of the child or young person, or
- The attendance of the child or young person there would be incompatible with the efficient education of others, or the efficient use of resources.

Once a placement is confirmed then an amended final EHC plan should be issued naming the current placement and the proposed placement from September. These plans can be issued as soon as the decision has been made and do not have to wait until the deadline dates.

If parent/carers are unhappy with the decisions made, they have the right to request Mediation to try to resolve their concerns or can lodge a Tribunal to appeal against the decision made.

How did Birmingham apply the legal requirements for Phase Transfer in 2020/21?

Birmingham City Council maintains around 10,500 EHC plans and had around 650 children going through the Secondary Transfer process and around 1900 students who were going through the Post 16 Transfer process.

414 families received their phase transfer placement decision by the 15th February and all (around 1900) post 16 students received a letter of intent, proposing the placement that the LA was intending to name by the 31st March 2021. All remaining updated final EHC plans will be issued as soon as possible.

Where the LA did not receive a request for a future placement and where it was proposing to cease EHC plans, due to students moving into work rather than education (around 722) a letter was sent advising families of this and encouraged them to get in touch if they wanted to reconsider their decision.

Not all students needed a change of placement (i.e. if they were planning to stay in their current school and move to 6th form provision) however they did need to go through the transition process and have their future placement named in their EHC plan.

There were many challenges that faced the LA, and which meant that some children/young people did not receive their future placement by the deadline dates. These challenges are all being addressed to ensure that this process works well in future years.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

"Independent Places"

Question:

Please provide the following numbers for children and young people (CYP) with EHCPs in Independent placements:

- How many CYP, with EHCPs in September 2018 were in Independent Schools.
- How many CYP, with EHCPs in September 2019 were in Independent Schools.
- How many CYP, with EHCPs in September 2020 were in Independent Schools.

Answer:

The data below illustrates the number of pupils with an EHCP where Birmingham LA were funding a place at an Independent setting in September each year:

Type of Setting	SEPT 2020	SEPT 2019	SEPT 2018
Independent Mainstream	173	207	151
Independent Special	184	201	206
Non Maintained Special	6	6	8
TOTAL	363	414	365
Special Post 16 Independent	473	427	374
Grand Total	836	841	739

B12

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

“Question B6”

Question:

In Question B6, 23rd February 2021, you failed to answer the question. Please state the number of children with EHCPs who are accessing Home Based learning or attending school on a part time basis. Please answer yes or no to: is this lawful practice that fulfils statutory Section F and I requirements?

Answer:

Home based learning is not proposed as long-term alternative to a named school in Part I of an EHCP for a child who requires a school place. The child's EHCP will usually name the type of placement required in Part I and home tuition will then be arranged on an interim basis while an appropriate school in accordance with the type of placement specified is secured and agreed with families.

Home based learning will not meet all the requirements of Part F as that section may refer to specific class-based interventions, group sizes, school staffing and support arrangements etc. Nor will it meet the requirements of Part I where a school placement is specified. However, this does not mean that home-based learning is unlawful when used as a short-term arrangement while a school place is being secured, provided it is suitable full-time education.

Officers are in the process of updating and assuring the precise number of pupils who are accessing home-based learning or attending school on a part time basis. I will make this data available to elected members by Friday 23rd April 2021.

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

“SEND Decisions”

Question:

Please state the number of cases awaiting SEND Decisions by each of the 7 DMGs (along with a list of the people who sit on the DMG) specifying how many have been waiting for:

- Longer than 1 month
- Longer than 3 months
- Longer than 6 months
- 1 year or longer

Answer:

The number of awaiting decisions at the scheduled DMGs are detailed in the table below. We are holding regular weekly DMGs to ensure that the decisions are made timely:

Decision making group	Outstanding Decisions				
	Within 1 Month	Longer than 1 month	Longer than 3 months	Longer than 6 months	1 Year or Longer
Assessment	0	0	0	0	0
Issue	0	0	0	0	0
Funding	27	0	0	0	0
Provision Placements (4)	57	8	0	0	0

Decision Making Group members are as follows:

Advisory teams Heads of Service
Advisory teachers
Educational Psychologists
Health & Social care representatives
Special School Head Teachers
Case Officers
Finance officer
Assistant Director (Funding DMG)

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

“Developing Local Provision”

Question:

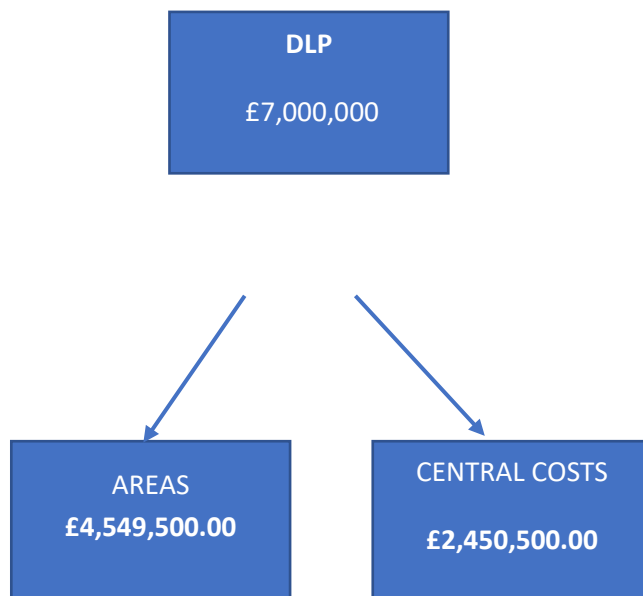
Please provide the project plans and spend details for the Developing Local Provision

Answer:

The project plan and spend details have been attached with this response.

		Allocated Funding
1	DLP	£7,000,000
2A	AREAS	£4,549,500.00
	<i>East Total</i>	<i>£970,087.31</i>
	East Proposal 1	£418,202.09
	East Proposal 2	
	Eastwards	£213,147.91
	Cole Heath A + B	£208,989.60
	FAYS*	£171,270.73
	Saltley Plus*	£125,084.61
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	<i>Central Total</i>	<i>£641,592.81</i>
	Central Proposal 1	£249,696.37
	Central Proposal 2	£120,096.37
	Cole Heath B	
	Sparklers	£225,288.81
	<i>South Total</i>	<i>£639,770.15</i>
	South Literacy	£322,301.46
	South SEMH	
	South SEND Transformation	
	Hall Green	£182,159.42
	Kings Norton	£135,309.27
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	<i>South West Total</i>	<i>£640,567.68</i>
	South West	£323,313.20
	South West 2	
	Senneleys Park	£84,363.12
	Quinbourne	£93,002.50
	Northfield	£139,888.86
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	<i>North Total</i>	<i>£793,258.77</i>
	North	£374,578.11
	North (Sutton)	
	Sutton Coldfield	£144,682.60
	Sutton Coldfield 2	
	Sutton Coldfield 3	
	Erdington	£135,721.51
	Erdington 2	
	Perry Barr	£138,276.55
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	<i>North West Total</i>	<i>£864,223.28</i>
	North West Proposal 1	£411,408.77
	North West Proposal 2	
	North West Proposal 3	
	Handsworth	£212,134.97
	Aston Nechells*	£142,183.25

	Ladywood Soho		£98,496.28
2B	CENTRAL COSTS		£2,450,500.00
	Central Costs & Contingency		£650,500.00
	PVI & Nursery		£250,000
	POST 16		£350,000
	Panel - EY		£700,000
	Panel - Secondary		£500,000



Red = Proposal in with SG
 Amber = Approved by Steering Group
 Green = Approved by Ref Grp

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH**

“DfE Data Return”

Question:

Please provide the DfE data return for the ‘SEN2 Return’ for 2019 and the data for the ‘SEN2 Return’ 2020.

Answer:

The 2019, 2020 and 2021 SEN2 returns have been provided with this response.

SEN2 data is published at the following link and 2021 data will be published in the summer 2021:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/education-health-and-care-plans>

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

“Company Sole Trader”

Question:

In Question B10 of 23rd February 2021, you failed to provide details of the Company/Sole Trader you have paid for services, using the High Needs Block money. As per question A5 & A6, 23rd February 2021, please provide details of the Company/sole trader; total spend; and if the supplier is based in Birmingham. Detail the spend since September 2019

Answer:

As per the answer provided in February 23rd and the further requirement for the company information please see below a table of the providers and the registered company address, along with the total spend:

Agency	Spend	Confirmed Address
Baltimore	£745,240	PS21, 21 Princes Street, Bristol, BS1 4PH
Education Futures	£48,322	19 New Street, Horsforth, Leeds, LS18 4BH
Hays	£135,815	1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6AJ
Lords	£570,650	Crown House, The Square, Alvechurch, Birmingham B48 7LA
Panoramic	£1,368,785	St Bartholomew's House, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2NH
Penna	£0	2 nd Floor, 10 Bishops Square, Spitalfields, London, E1 6EG
Smart Education	£95,333	1-3 The Courtyard, Calvin Street, Bolton, BL1 8PB
Spencer Clarke	£136,675	11 Bartle Court Business Centre, Rosemary Lane, Preston, PR4 0HF
Venn Group	£35,126	Waterloo House, 20 Waterloo Street, Birmingham, B2 5TB

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

“EHCP’S Reviews and Placements”

Question:

Please provide details of the EHCPs Reviews and Placements that have been undertaken for the students that were on the roll at Hunters Hill College as of September 2020. Include the current provision they are receiving.

Answer:

There were 85 students on roll at Hunters Hill College as at September 2020. This number has since reduced to 71. The 14 students that have come off roll in the intervening period have all had their EHCP reviews undertaken and moved to permanent placements elsewhere – either in local authority maintained provision (Lindsworth School), independent provision (VASE), or provision sourced by their home local authorities where they are not the responsibility of Birmingham.

The school carried out outstanding Annual Review meetings for the students currently on roll by a deadline of 31 March 2021. Paperwork is being submitted to the LA to enable all remaining Annual Review processes to be completed ready for the permanent change of placements required as a result of the decision to close the school at the end of this academic year.

Of the 71 students currently on roll, interim placements have been confirmed for 53 in response to the more recent temporary closure of the school site. These interim placements have been sourced via maintained, free school, independent and alternative providers. For the remaining 18 (two in Year 9, four in Year 10 and the remaining 12 in Year 11), appropriate interim provision is being discussed with students and families and they are currently being provided with remote education from Hunters Hill.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS**

“SEND Interim and Agency Workers”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the SEND interims and SEND agency workers who have been working on any SEND related activity, since 1st September 2019, specifying how many of these have had their DBS status vetted and how many have completed the City Council's Mandatory training, including GDPR training.

Answer:

All the interim staff and agency workers that are completing work related to SEND are undertaking non-regulated activity and are therefore not required to have an Enhanced DBS check. At any point should the work they do become regulated activity, they will be subject to Enhanced DBS checks through the DBS update service in line with BCC policy.

The interim and agency staff working on SEND activity are currently in the process of completing BCC's mandatory training.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP**

“DPS”

Question:

When the DPS was signed, what was added into the contract at that point before signing to address the concerns of the Audit report into home to school transport? The existence of which was already known within the Council.

Answer:

Documents on the DPS were uploaded at the start of October 2019 which included the Terms and Conditions of the DPS.

Recommendation 4 was included in the Deed of Variation referred to in the response to B1.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING
FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

“Self-Harm”

Question:

The rate of self-harm among young children in the UK has doubled over the last six years, according to a new analysis with the number of children aged nine to 12 admitted to hospital having hurt themselves intentionally rising from 221 in 2013/14 to 508 in 2019/20. Could the Cabinet Member give details of how this sensitive issue will be tackled by the City?

Answer:

Thank you for the question. This is indeed a sensitive issue.

The Children's Trust has not yet seen a rise in referrals for its services where self-harm is the key factor. But it is widely accepted that the last 12 months have put particular strain on the emotional health of many young people.

The online mental and emotional health tool, called Kooth, has been rolled out and has been accessed by over 5000 young people across the city. In addition, the Stick programme, providing emotional and mental health support to children and young people in our schools, is expanding. This is delivered by Forward Thinking Birmingham

Our Early Help offer is also increasing, wrapping support earlier around young people, and providing 'teams around schools' to support them to meet the needs of their young people.

All of these developments, plus the great work being done in our schools and across our services mean we are as well placed as we can be to respond to any rises we see in self-harm among our young people.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
WELLBEING FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

“Children in Care”

Question:

The Government has recently announced children in care under the age of 16 will not be placed in unregulated accommodation from September which could create a “two-tier” system, with over 16s left neglected and unprotected. Although the move to increase children’s home provision was a positive step, this funding would not be available immediately so could the Cabinet Member provide details of how this issue is going be addressed by the City?

Answer:

The term unregulated placement refers to those residential settings that are not inspected by OFSTED. These providers will in the main offer supported accommodation to young people over the age of 16. It is lawful for young people over 16 to live within these settings and many providers across the city are well known to the City Council and offer high quality provision. St Basils for example is a reputable provider in the city of supported accommodation.

There is a Regional Supported Accommodation framework in place. Providers have been through due diligence as part of the tender process and have to meet quality thresholds in order to join the framework and this provides assurance of all of the providers that are used.

It is therefore not the case that children over 16 will be left neglected and unprotected as the provision that is commissioned is quality assured. The main difference is the age at which the accommodation is suited. For children over 16 they require support, for those under 16 they require care. It is the providers of care that are currently regulated via Ofsted. The new law seeks to sanction against children under 16, requiring care, being placed in a supported living environment.

It is already an existing policy within the Children’s Trust not to place children under 16 in supported accommodation. In the rare, emergency situations where this has occurred the provision used has been robustly quality assured and then monitored, while an appropriate alternative placement is sourced.

In order to strengthen the Trust position, an analysis of sufficiency has been undertaken that describes the provision required across the city. This has driven a number of initiatives that are underway including –

- A market development exercise that will build and secure exclusive access to emergency regulated provision
- The development of a specialist facility to provide urgent residential care for young people with mental health issues
- A Trust-run, registered emergency care provision for children 11-16.

These developments were underway prior to the proposed changes in legislation.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS
& CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

“Learning Loss”

It has been recently reported in the Guardian that Year 1 pupils at primary schools in England have been the worst affected by learning loss due during the COVID-19 pandemic with over 1.5 million pupils nationally experiencing a steep drop in reading, writing and maths levels compared to expectations at the end of last summer. Could the Cabinet Member explain fully how this deficit will be addressed within City schools?

Answer:

Staff in schools across the city have shown tremendous commitment to their pupils and have worked hard to ensure that children were able to access education throughout the periods of lockdown.

However, I have huge concerns about the impact of the pandemic on children and young people, particularly the most vulnerable and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Studies are also showing that the youngest pupils were the slowest to catch up when schools fully reopened.

Schools are making use of government catch-up funding and are putting in place targeted support for pupils. Schools have been using the guide published by the Education Endowment Foundation for evidence-based approaches to catch up for all students and we have also been encouraging take up of the National Tutoring Programme by schools in Birmingham.

Approaches taken by schools in Birmingham include providing catch-up sessions and masterclasses for pupils, holding before and after school tuition session as well as specific interventions for pupils who need additional support.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, SKILLS & CULTURE FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

“Pupil Premium”

Question:

There has been a move by the Government to change the date of the school census, which is used to calculate the pupil premium. This will have an adverse effect on the number of children in families receiving the means-tested benefits, with the census being taken before the end of furlough scheme, so those families that see their major bread winner made unemployed and are forced to go onto benefits will not be taken into account, meaning their schools will lose out on Pupil Premium money for them, not just this year but for six further years. Could the Cabinet Member give full details of how much our schools and local communities will lose by this back door cut in schools funding?

Answer:

The Government has stated that it has changed the date of the school census used for calculating pupil premium from the January census count to the October census count.

This change brings pupil premium in line with how the rest of the core schools' budget is calculated.

It is true to say that this shift will miss those pupils in families that are subsequently made unemployed after the census date. However, it is incorrect to state that the October 2020 count occurred just before the end of the furlough scheme. The furlough scheme has been extended to September 2021.

It's also not currently possible to calculate by how much this shift in timing may detrimentally impact on funding levels - the DfE don't publish the details of the January school census as official statistics until the summer. However, if Pupil Premium had been calculated using January 2021 data rather than October 2020 data then we estimate that Birmingham schools would have received an additional £3.9 million in the 21/22 financial year.

Pupil premium funding is a much bigger factor in more disadvantaged areas, such as Birmingham (where 40% of pupils are eligible for some form of deprivation funding).

When the official statistics are published (in the summer) we can then provide a more rigorous analysis.

It is not correct to say that schools will miss out for a further six years. Pupils recorded as eligible for free school meals at the time of the October census, or at any point in the previous six years, will continue to attract Ever 6 funding.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

“Ernst And Young”

Question:

Listed by year, how much money in total on anything have the Council spent with Ernst and Young since 2015, broken down by Directorate?

Answer:

We have paid to date the following amounts per Directorate

Financial Year	Directorate	Spend to date incl VAT
2015-2016	Finance & Governance	£129,834
	Inclusive Growth	£348
2016-2017	Finance & Governance	£348
2017-2018	Finance & Governance	£232,800
2018-2019	Finance & Governance	£32,400
2019-2020		Nil Spend
2020-2021	Education & Skills	£204,000
	Total Spend	£599,730

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

“Vaccine Hesitancy”

Question:

Further to the success of the national vaccination campaign by the Government and NHS, could the Cabinet Member give an update of vaccine hesitancy in Birmingham, setting out if there have been any improvements among black and Asian communities in the city following recent national advertising and awareness campaigns?

Answer:

I am acutely aware of vaccine hesitancy within our BAME communities and I continue to promote wherever possible and I know that colleagues across the Chamber continue to support efforts to increase vaccination take up.

The Covid vaccination roll out is led by the NHS and the Council has supported this through engagement, communication and where needed facilities and staff. The Council has supported the CCG by collaborating on a series of community webinars and live Question and Answer sessions chaired by myself and with support from our Director of Public Health and local GP's.

The Council has also supported the CCG in dissemination of vaccination information and awareness, including promoting translated materials on the Council website and media channels.

The Council works with the two local NHS clinical commissioning groups to publish weekly data on uptake across the city by ward, deprivation, gender and ethnicity through the CMIS platform under our Local Outbreak Engagement Board.

The latest reports are available at:

<https://birmingham.cmis.uk.com/birmingham/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/11697/Committee/415/Default.aspx>

Uptake has in general improved although there is still some way to go in some ethnic groups, particularly those with smaller populations where a small number of people make a large difference in the % coverage.

	Over 80yr olds		Count of eligible people un-vaccinated
	23/02	06/04	06/04

Not recorded	68.17%	69.7%	1,575
African	60.15%	65.5%	136
Any other Asian background	74.25%	80.0%	97
Any other Black background	65.59%	74.6%	99
Any other ethnic group	68.38%	74.9%	112
Any other mixed background	80.21%	81.9%	17
Any other White background	89.72%	92.9%	231
Arab	77.78%	71.9%	9
Bangladeshi or British Bangladeshi	68.48%	79.4%	109
British, Mixed British	93.83%	96.1%	1,961
Caribbean	66.64%	74.0%	892
Chinese	80.77%	82.0%	38
Indian or British Indian	86.40%	89.8%	324
Irish	91.77%	93.9%	141
Pakistani or British Pakistani	68.21%	77.0%	813
Traveller	0.00%	0.0%	0
White and Asian	68.75%	75.0%	8
White and Black African	66.67%	69.2%	12
White and Black Caribbean	65.74%	72.3%	69

Both CCGs are working with the Council to deliver local vaccine inequalities plans to address the gaps and this includes initiatives to increase clinical time for clinician conversations with patients who are uncertain, increasing pop-up and mobile vaccination clinics working with community organisations including faith settings and community groups and increasing the span of translated materials on vaccine information available.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

“Supermarket Visits”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give an update on the work of officers visiting City Supermarkets to ensure they are Covid compliant, which was scheduled to start on 8 February 2021 and confirm if a report will be taken to the next Licensing and Public Protection Committee?

Answer:

A report on this initiative was presented to the Local Outbreak Engagement Board on the 24th March by Enforcement (item 9).

<https://birmingham.cmis.uk.com/birmingham/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/11697/Committee/415/Default.aspx>

The Covid enforcement Supermarket project was undertaken between Monday 8th and Friday 19th February 2021

- In total 208 supermarkets were visited by officers as part of the project.
- A risk based approach was taken in the first week whereby visits were prioritised towards 15 wards with the highest infection rate per 100,000 with the majority of major supermarkets and independent supermarkets being inspected.
- The second week of the project the majority of the supermarkets within the remaining wards were inspected plus any missed from the 1st week (as well as urgent revisits).
- Supermarkets were rated using traffic light system. Green most or all controls in place, amber – some controls in place, red – little or no controls in place.
- Most Primary Authorities and Area Managers have welcomed the feedback and are keen to rectify any issues/take on board our recommendations.
- Most common issue were incorrect cleaning chemicals being available that were effective against COVID and allowing multiple households to shop together (inappropriately).
- Officers are currently working with all premises risk rated Amber and Red (17) during the project to improve mitigations against COVID and bring these premises up to a Green standard.

A report on this area will be presented to Licensing and Public Protection Committee

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

“Cemeteries”

Questions:

Data shows that one in four local authorities around the UK have 10 years or less before their existing council-owned cemeteries are full to capacity, while almost one in six have five years or less. Could the Cabinet member give full details of the City plans to counteract this?

Answer:

The City Council has invested significantly in its cemeteries with the provision at Sutton New Hall. Further plans are being made with the proposed adoption of a service strategy which will outline the City Council's approach 2021-2036. This will include provision for providing cemetery capacity beyond 2036.

There is current capacity at Sutton New Hall Cemetery for approximately 11,000 graves, with the provision of a further 18 acres of cemetery land, which is currently farmland, that is part of the full planned development. The further development will require future capital funding in order to develop the drainage and road system to deem it suitable for burials in the future.

Kings Norton and Quinton Cemeteries also have land available to be developed in the future that will require capital funding for the development of their infrastructure.

The three cemeteries combined have enough land that, with ongoing development, is expected to provide burial space for the citizens of Birmingham for the next thirty to fifty years, dependent upon usage.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER

“Kitchen and Bathroom Modernisations”

Question:

How many kitchen and bathroom modernisations have been done on BCC owned homes each year for the past 10 years?

Answer:

Year	Kitchen	Bathroom
2010-11	109	44
2011-12	788	406
2012-13*	n/a	n/a
2013-14	609	544
2014-15	303	306
2015-16	360	378
2016-17	789	704
2017-18	407	355
2018-19	609	513
2019-20	1015	507
2020-21	802	385

*2012/13 Data is not available due to the change in contractual arrangements for Constructing West Midlands framework which resulted in a loss of data.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

“Cladding”

Question:

It has been estimated 30,000 people in Birmingham are still living in buildings with potentially dangerous cladding with the Government saying it will cover the cost of removing cladding for buildings taller than 18 metres, but those living in shorter buildings will have to pay up to £50 per month to have it removed. Could the Cabinet Member give details of how the City plans to resolve this issue?

Answer:

All BCC owned High-Rise Residential Blocks (HRRBs), regardless of height, have been assessed and where necessary remediation works have been completed or programmed with no additional funding provided from Central Government.

BCC has collated data on HRRBs over 18m in the private sector on behalf of MHCLG. The building owners have had the opportunity to apply for government funding to remediate dangerous cladding for buildings over 18m and to install alarms reducing the costs of waking watch. BCC has not been involved in identifying any residential buildings in the private sector under 18m.

The biggest issue for those residents lies at the hands of the government who we have consistently lobbied on behalf of leaseholders over the last year.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

“Prospect Housing”

Question:

It has been recently announced Prospect Housing, which currently provides accommodation for 1,600 people in Birmingham, is set to close down after the Regulator for Social Housing deemed it 'non-compliant'. Could the Cabinet Member provide a full update on progress and give assurances no vulnerable resident will be left homeless as a result of the closures?

Answer:

We have been working with Prospect and the Regulator of Social Housing prior to and since the announcement that they (Prospect) will be going through a managed closure up to July of this year. We continue to liaise regularly with Prospect on the progress they are making with the transition of properties to other Registered Providers and they have provided details of all tenants potentially at risk including their needs assessments. Officers have been involved in detailed discussions with Prospect to mitigate against any impact on homelessness services.

As part of our current work on Exempt Accommodation we are progressing well with getting providers signing up to Birmingham's Quality Standards and will be looking to engage accredited providers to ensure there is enough 'quality' accommodation to meet the needs of those individuals requiring supported accommodation. This will help ensure that we have enough quality provision in the City and so reduce any negative impact of something like the Prospect closure.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

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

“Litter Picking”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give details of how many street cleansing staff have been redeployed to refuse collection work, giving a full breakdown of the numbers by Depot, by month, since the start of the Pandemic?

Answer:

With the current Pandemic in place we have used Street Cleansing staff to back up the refuse collection service to ensure that the refuse is collected in line with schedules. The amount of staff used has varied across depots and has been governed by the amount of staff that have had to self-isolate due to having symptoms or contacting the virus. Thankfully this has been very few in number as health and safety steps put in place at depots has meant that staff shortages have been kept to a minimum. There is a high proportion of agency staff currently within Street Cleansing and it is those staff that have been utilised to support refuse collections. Street Cleansing have also been used to collect side waste in roads at certain times over the last 12 months as and when required.

We do not have the breakdown of agency staff redeployed within the service to fully respond to the specific question.

Street Cleansing have also seen staff shortages during the last 12 months and this has also impacted on the service's ability to cover all work.

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

“Public Rubbish Bins ”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give full details by ward of (a) all public waste bins that have been removed from city streets as well as (b) details of those public waste bins that have been installed in the City from 2019 onwards, explaining, if the information is not available, why?

Answer:

The service, from an operational perspective, does not have the need to maintain a record of the number of bins removed nor the location from where they have been installed / removed. However, since 2018 596 public rubbish bins have been purchased and installed giving rise to an approximate total of 6,500 bins across the city.

The service is constantly reassessing priorities and need and if there are locations where the local bin requirement does need reassessment a manager would be available for a site visit.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**“Litter Picking”****Question:**

The Cabinet member has stated volumes of litter picked from the City’s Parks, which has increased significantly. How much litter has been picked from the City’s streets by month since the start of 2020?

Answer:

We do not individually weigh waste specifically from litter picking on the city’s streets as a separate waste stream. Please see the tonnages for Street Cleansing activity as a whole below.

	Street Cleansing – Dry (tonnes)	Street Cleansing – Wet (Road Sweepings) (tonnes)
Jan	1461.17	504.04
Feb	1182.69	1137.82
March	1150.75	273.62
April	1295.32	860.18
May	1370.84	448.44
June	1653.64	642.22
July	1622.36	506.32
Aug	1505.3	299.62
Sept	1518.2	127.44
Oct	1434.03	705.88
Nov	1463.09	986.58
Dec	1570.29	691.92
Jan	1244.05	519.26
Feb	1209.92	371.88
Est March	11952.3	600

Financial year-to-date (April 2020 to February 2021) street cleansing dry waste tonnages are 4% higher than the same period last year.

Year-to-date (April 2020 to February 2021) street cleansing wet (road sweepings) waste tonnages 5% lower than the same period last year. This figure fluctuates month to month as the individual loads are not weighed as inputs, but the tonnage is taken from the outputs of the wet bays at each of the three transfer stations to allow for water to be drained away before accurate recordings of the weights are taken.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

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

“Bulky Collections”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide full details of the number of bulk collections that have been requested, by Ward, and also the income these generated for the financial year 2020/21?

Answer:

The quantity of bulky collections carried out between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 by ward is shown in the table below. Note that this is not totally representative of a typical year as there were periods with no collections and periods where there were a reduced number of collection slots offered.

Ward	Non-electrical collections	WEEE collections	Total collections
Acocks Green	522	120	642
Allens Cross	161	38	199
Alum Rock	258	43	301
Aston	218	41	259
Balsall Heath West	174	56	230
Bartley Green	452	116	568
Billesley	277	79	356
Birchfield	128	34	162
Bordesley & Highgate	115	36	151
Bordesley Green	127	33	160
Bournbrook & Selly Park	251	71	322
Bournville & Cotteridge	275	85	360
Brandwood & Kings Heath	325	108	433
Bromford & Hodge Hill	357	80	437
Castle Vale	152	38	190
Druids Heath & Monyhull	131	39	170
Edgbaston	192	73	265
Erdington	442	99	541
Frankley Great Park	134	30	164
Garretts Green	238	51	289
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	466	101	567
Gravelly Hill	198	47	245
Hall Green North	377	102	479
Hall Green South	123	36	159
Handsworth	129	30	159
Handsworth Wood	169	37	206

Harborne	338	108	446
Heartlands	173	34	207
Highters Heath	143	50	193
Holyhead	105	26	131
Kings Norton North	174	51	225
Kings Norton South	167	49	216
Kingstanding	423	95	518
Ladywood	187	37	224
Longbridge & West Heath	278	94	372
Lozells	105	20	125
Moseley	290	77	367
Nechells	136	33	169
Newtown	102	19	121
North Edgbaston	273	71	344
Northfield	148	51	199
Oscott	410	95	505
Perry Barr	318	73	391
Perry Common	271	45	316
Pype Hayes	310	70	380
Quinton	326	73	399
Rubery & Rednal	155	51	206
Shard End	279	67	346
Sheldon	410	106	516
Small Heath	183	55	238
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	288	64	352
South Yardley	198	54	252
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	255	52	307
Sparkhill	267	64	331
Stirchley	183	59	242
Stockland Green	345	70	415
Sutton Four Oaks	208	41	249
Sutton Mere Green	242	55	297
Sutton Reddicap	221	47	268
Sutton Roughley	263	58	321
Sutton Trinity	214	44	258
Sutton Vesey	408	99	507
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	296	96	392
Sutton Wylde Green	172	40	212
Tyseley & Hay Mills	242	73	315
Ward End	164	35	199
Weoley & Selly Oak	398	116	514
Yardley East	207	60	267
Yardley West & Stechford	156	35	191

The charge for a bulky waste is £33 if booked online and £35 if booked via the contact centre. This charge can be for either or both bulky collections. The total amount of income received for the collections that took place between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 was £588,791.

CITY COUNCIL – 13 APRIL 2021

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MIKE WARD**

“Public Rubbish Bins ”

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member give details of the number of public rubbish bins in the City by depot?

Answer:

Public rubbish bins are not attributed to depots. Since 2018 596 public rubbish bins have been purchased and installed giving rise to an approximate total of 6,500 bins across the city.

The service is constantly reassessing priorities and need and if there are locations where the local bin requirement does need reassessment a manager would be available for a site visit.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND
PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

“Litter Pick Central Reservations”

Question:

How many staff did the Council have certificated to litter pick central reservations as of the 1st Jan 2021, including what percentage that made up of the total street cleansing workforce?

Answer:

Waste Management

All Waste Management staff are trained to carry out operations including litter picks on central reservations.

Some roads require additional traffic management training to enable staff to close lanes or install other traffic measures to carry out work on the highway.

Due to Traffic Management qualification expiry in 2020 and the impact of Covid, there were 25 staff trained across the Waste Management Service as of the 1st January 2021. This represented 12.63% of the total Street Cleansing FTE workforce, although not all of the Street Cleansing roles are required to carry out this responsibility.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

“Litter Pick Central Reservations 2”

Question:

How many staff did the Council have certificated to litter pick central reservations as of the 1st April 2021, including what percentage that made up of the total street cleansing workforce?

Answer:

Waste Management

All Waste Management staff are trained to carry out operations including litter picks on central reservations.

Some roads require additional traffic management training to enable staff to close lanes or install other traffic measures to carry out work on the highway.

Due to traffic management qualification expiry in 2020 and the impact of Covid, there were 38 staff trained across the Waste Management Service as of the 1st April 2021. This represented 19.49% of the total Street Cleansing FTE workforce, although not all of the Street Cleansing roles are required to carry out this responsibility.

Further training sessions have been scheduled and the most recent was held on the 8th April 2021.

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

“Certification of Staff”

Question:

How many staff have been certificated to litter pick central reservations each year since 2012?

Answer:

All Waste Management staff are trained to carry out operations including litter picks on central reservations.

Some roads require additional traffic management training to enable staff to close lanes or install other traffic measures to carry out work in the highway.

The qualification prior to 2016 was: Signing, Lighting & Guarding with Scottish Qualification Authority (SQA) qualifications:

2012 43 trained (5 year expiration – expired in 2017)
2013 18 trained (reduced to 3 year expiration – expired in 2016)

NHSS Lantra Qualifications/Awards Training with Up to Speed Training commenced from 2016. This reflects all with T1/T2 qualification:

2016 35 trained (2 year expiration – expiring 2018)
2017 6 trained – in addition to the 35 in 2016 (2 year expiration – expiring 2019)
2018 43 trained (2 year expiration, some of these were requalification and new participants – expiring 2020)
2019 7 trained (requalification and 1 new. 2 year expiration, expires in 2021)
2020 16 trained (requalification – expire in 2022)
2021 15 trained so far up to 07/04/21 (6 to attend on 08/04) and currently arranging more to be trained May 2021 onwards.

Numbers fluctuate as people choose not to renew their qualification or leave the service.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR STREET SCENE AND PARKS FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

“Recycling Figures”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give a full breakdown of recycling levels in the City from 2010 to 2020?

Answer:

Please see the table below. Note that figures for 2020 have greatly been affected by the current pandemic.

Table 1: The total amount of waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting

Year	Total Waste Recycling (Weight in Tonnes)		
	Waste recycled or reused	Waste composting	Total household waste reused, recycled or composted
2010/11	67,634	63,367	131,001
2011/12	71,744	52,794	124,537
2012/13	66,195	63,840	130,035
2013/14	71,446	56,374	127,819
2014/15	69,233	42,359	111,593
2015/16	66,910	39,433	106,343
2016/17	68,438	42,592	111,030
2017/18	53,167	37,901	91,068
2018/19	58,286	41,405	99,692
2019/20	66,897	39,644	106,540
2020/21 (Estimated)	66,548	31,789	98,337

Table 2: The amount of recycling collected directly from households

Year	Kerbside Collected Recycling (Weight in Tonnes)				
	*Kerbside multi-material (bottles, cans & plastic)	Kerbside paper and card	Kerbside garden green waste	Total kerbside collected recycling	**Kerbside multi-material rejects (contamination)
2010/11	16,279	27,004	36,081	79,364	1,628
2011/12	16,297	25,202	31,718	73,217	1,630
2012/13	16,633	25,034	41,349	83,016	1,663
2013/14	17,690	22,577	35,937	76,204	1,919
2014/15	17,632	21,480	13,294	52,406	1,913
2015/16	23,358	23,440	15,493	62,291	2,534
2016/17	28,135	23,612	17,435	69,181	3,053
2017/18	21,466	16,995	16,156	54,618	1,680
2018/19	24,343	18,016	17,681	60,040	2,245
2019/20	28,190	17,837	17,967	63,995	2,646
2020/21 (Estimated)	33,962	17,094	18,954	70,010	6,167

* This is the amount collected and sent to the recycling facility.

**A proportion of the multi-material waste collected is unsuitable for recycling (contamination) and is rejected at the recycling plant

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

“Sickness rates”

Question:

What have the sickness rates been for (a) Waste Management staff and (b) Council staff as a whole, by month, since the start of 2019?

Answer:

The table below shows the average sickness days per full time equivalent (fte) in that month, from January 2019 onwards.

Year	Month	Waste Management average sickness days per fte	BCC average sickness days per fte
2019	January	2.1	0.9
	February	2	0.9
	March	1.7	0.8
	April	1.5	0.7
	May	1.3	0.7
	June	1.4	0.7
	July	1.2	0.7
	August	1.1	0.7
	September	1	0.8
	October	1.3	0.9
	November	1.5	0.9
	December	1.5	0.9
2020	January	1.4	0.9
	February	1.4	0.8
	March	1.2	0.9
	April	1	0.8
	May	0.8	0.6
	June	0.6	0.6
	July	0.8	0.6
	August	0.9	0.6
	September	0.9	0.6
	October	1	0.7
	November	1.1	0.7
	December	1	0.7
2021	January	1.2	0.8
	February	1.1	0.7
	March	0.9	0.7

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

“Potholes”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give details of what’s happening with Keir’s interim contract including an update as to whether the company is on top of repairing potholes that blight our City’s roads?

Answer:

Birmingham Highways Ltd (BHL) has given notice to extend the interim contract between BHL and Kier Highways Ltd to 31 December 2021.

This is a step towards a longer extension (preferred by the council) that will be necessary to cover the period until long term arrangements are expected to be in place. A full explanation of this is provided in the Exempt Appendix (C) to Cabinet’s decision of 16 March 2021.

With regard to Kier being “on top of repairing potholes”, I have consistently been clear that there is no quick fix to this issue and that sustained investment over a number of years will be required to bring the council’s roads to a stable and managed condition.

The council’s approach is therefore twofold:

- i. A programme of investment in larger schemes to begin the rehabilitation of the city’s roads; and
- ii. Smaller repairs, prioritised by risk, to ensure that roads are kept safe in the meantime.

A £50m programme is underway regarding the former and Kier is undertaking smaller repairs alongside this programme. This will continue to be the case until longer term arrangements are in place for maintenance and management.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

“Potholes”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide reassurances that the finance allocated by the Government to maintain the Cities roads is being ringfenced for highway repairs and not proportioned to other budgets?

Answer:

I can confirm that since June 2010 as part of its business case for its Highway Maintenance and Management PFI contract:

- i. The council has ringfenced its revenue budget for Highway Maintenance and Management; and
- ii. The PFI grant from Government is added to this to provide the resources for the council's Highway Maintenance and Management PFI contracts.

This continues to be the case.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**“2020/21 Highway Maintenance Works Programme”****Question:**

In June 2020, Highways issued Councillors with details of all the roads in their wards that would receive resurfacing work (2020/21 Highway Maintenance Works Programme). Could the Cabinet Member provide full details, by ward, of work that is outstanding from the original list as well as giving a estimation as to when this is likely to be completed?

Answer:

The attached spreadsheet below shows the update of the 2020/21 Highway Maintenance Works Programme which provides the full details by ward with indicative implementation dates and actual completion dates.

Over the programme period several changes have been made due to Covid constraints and clashes with utilities, Commonwealth Games, the SPRINT project etc. The status of completion or deferment on each scheme has been captured on the ‘Comments column’ on the attached spreadsheet.

In summary, to date we have delivered 161 schemes (102 carriageway and 59 footway schemes). A further 25 schemes are being delivered on site.

There are a further 146 outstanding schemes which are to be delivered by end of July 2021 in line with the works programme submitted in June 2020. The deferred schemes (186 No) will be prioritised for completion as soon as possible in the next works programme commencing July 2021.

Full details are provided in the attached spreadsheet and with a summary given in table below.

2021 Programme Scheme Status	No of schemes
1. Schemes Completed	161
2. Ongoing/Live	25
3. Outstanding schemes to be delivered before July 21 as part of the current programme	146
4. Deferred due to be completed on the 2021/22 Works Programme.	186
List of Sections in Programme	518

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

“Public Transport Issues”

Question:

Members have been receiving more complaints from concerned citizens regarding the lack of social distancing on public transport, especially buses, now schools have fully reopened to pupils. Can the Cabinet Member feed back on concerns that he took to the West Midlands Bus Alliance and confirm what measures have been agreed to reinforce health and safety which will give passengers confidence in public transport?

Answer:

Having taken concerns on social distancing on buses to the Bus Alliance, I am assured that there are sufficient controls in place to monitor and mitigate this issue with both operators and Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) as the Local Transport Authority.

The reports from bus operators through the West Midlands Alliance show that there is currently only a very small number of trips that are showing up as being at, or approaching, the revised capacity limits on buses.

The latest data shows that on Wednesday 7th April 2021 just 5 bus trips out of a total of over 13,000 had reached their capacity limit. However, it is recognised that the data isn't wholly reflective of the real world and isn't able to pick up local conditions such as fluctuations around busy local centres or major employers.

TfWM and bus operators, including National Express, are monitoring the data, undertaking local checks and monitoring passenger feedback to then take action where possible.

The options available include but are not limited to:

- Increasing the frequency of services to provide additional capacity.
- Introducing additional dedicated vehicles at peak times into identified hotspots.
- Deploying dynamic spare vehicles to provide immediate additional capacity where required.
- Providing passengers with accurate information to enable them to make the decision about the best time to travel when this is an option. This includes timetable information but also data on likely bus loadings at different times of day by route.

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

“Birmingham Transport Plan”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give full details of why the responses from the public consultation remain unpublished?

Answer:

The end of the formal consultation period on the Birmingham Transport Plan (BTP) was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; as such, certain elements of the consultation are to be concluded in 2021. The results of the consultation are planned to be published alongside the final version of the BTP during the summer.

The small team responsible for the BTP have been deployed on other priorities during the last year including the Emergency Transport Plan; Active Travel Fund bidding, delivery and review; Reopening High Streets Safely Fund public realm programme; and preparations to support the hospitality sector as the current lockdown restrictions are eased from 12 April.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY

“A457 Dudley Road Improvements”

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member comment on the increase in prudential borrowing attributed to this scheme and although there is a £16m gap in funding, include full details on how he sees both this sum and the increased prudential borrowing repaid?

Answer:

In March 2021, Cabinet approved the revised Dudley Road proposals, which included delivery of advanced works at the Western Road junction, which expands and aligns with developer led proposals and avoids future abortive costs.

Following detailed design, the developer's contribution to the Western Road junction has reduced by £0.200m resulting in a need to increase the overall amount of Prudential Borrowing (PB) required to deliver the entire scheme.

There is a requirement to complete delivery of the Western Road junction ahead of the Commonwealth Games so as to avoid major works on the highway during the event. In the absence of approved funding for the wider scheme, this has required PB to be brought forward in respect of an earlier expenditure profile, which is subsequently offset by a reduction in the amount of PB required in future years.

All PB required for the scheme will be repaid from Bus Lane Enforcement (BLE) net surplus income, which has been incorporated within the current BLE financial model and has been shown to be affordable.

It is planned to seek capital resources to deliver the wider scheme through the various relevant funding mechanisms for such projects announced by Government as part of the March budget.

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

“CAZ Support Measures”

Question:

As of the 1st April, listed by each category of grant/exemption etc of the CAZ support measures, how many applications for support have been received, how many approved, what is the value of them and what percentage of the available support for that category does that make up so far?

Answer:

All information is at 08 April 2021

LOCAL EXEMPTIONS (BY APPLICATION)

Scheme	No of accounts created*	No of applications approved
RESIDENT	1270	718
WORKER	2818	928
COMMERCIAL	221	54
RECOVERY	41	70
COMMUNITY USE	68	11
SHOWMANS' VEHICLES	N/A	12

* Accounts created has been used as a proxy for number of applications received as this is the start of the application process i.e. an applicant is required to create an 'account' on the exemption application system. It should also be noted that an applicant is able to create multiple accounts before submitting a final application with supporting evidence.

Scheme	No of applications received	No of applications approved	Grant value awarded	% of grant funding	Expected lifetime of scheme*
Hackney carriage and private hire vehicles	1,718	816	£1.13m	7.5%	Up to 3 years
Heavy Duty Vehicle Fund	28	5	£0.285m	2.85%	Up to 3 years

Vehicle scrappage and travel credits**	131	0	0	0	Up to 3 years
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* Indicative lifetime for the scheme. Actual duration will depend on how quickly the funds are exhausted.

** Indicates expressions of interest in the scheme as it is not open for full applications. Eligible applicants to this scheme would also be eligible for the temporary worker exemption

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

“Surface Replacing”

Question:

What would the cost to the Council be of replacing the average 300m road surface with new surface?

Answer:

There is no such thing as “the average 300m road surface”.

Highway maintenance costs vary greatly and depend on a number of factors (including, but not limited to):

- The condition of the road before treatment and type of treatment required (i.e. its depth and application method).
- The area of the road (i.e. length and width, including numbers of lanes).
- When the work can be carried out (due to the traffic classification of roads).
- Any specific requirements (e.g. other apparatus located in the section – powered apparatus, gullies, traffic control equipment, etc.).
- The physical layout of the road and the traffic management requirements (i.e. the number of junctions).
- The degree of risk that the contractor(s) are asked to take in respect of different elements of the works (e.g. design and delivery).

For this reason, tenders for works contain a number of different rates that apply to the particular circumstances involved

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

“Costs of Surface Replacing”

Question:

What would the cost be to the Council of replacing the road surface of the first 80m in a road then leaving 20m, then replacing the next 200m of a road?

Answer:

The response to question H8 (Cllr Deirdre Alden) applies here:

Highway maintenance costs vary greatly and depend on a number of factors (including, but not limited to):

- The condition of the road before treatment and type of treatment required (i.e. its depth and application method).
- The area of the road (i.e. length and width, including numbers of lanes).
- When the work can be carried out (due to the traffic classification of roads).
- Any specific requirements (e.g. other apparatus located in the section – powered apparatus, gullies, traffic control equipment, etc.).
- The physical layout of the road and the traffic management requirements (i.e. the number of junctions).
- The degree of risk that the contractor(s) are asked to take in respect of different elements of the works (e.g. design and delivery).

For this reason, tenders for works contain a number of different rates that apply to the particular circumstances involved.

Additionally, the availability of funding to undertake maintenance needs to be taken into account.

The cost to the council of replacing an 80m section and a 200m section with a 20m section in between would therefore depend upon the specific circumstances applicable to the section.

If this relates to specific works, then if further detail can be provided on the specific section then an explanation can be provided as to the specific circumstances.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MAUREEN CORNISH

“Road Resurface”

Question:

What percentage of a road would need resurfacing before it is cheaper to resurface the whole road?

Answer:

The response to question H8 (Cllr Deirdre Alden) applies here:

Highway maintenance costs vary greatly and depend on a number of factors (including, but not limited to):

- The condition of the road before treatment and type of treatment required (i.e. its depth and application method).
- The area of the road (i.e. length and width, including numbers of lanes).
- When the work can be carried out (due to the traffic classification of roads).
- Any specific requirements (e.g. other apparatus located in the section – powered apparatus, gullies, traffic control equipment, etc.).
- The physical layout of the road and the traffic management requirements (i.e. the number of junctions).
- The degree of risk that the contractor(s) are asked to take in respect of different elements of the works (e.g. design and delivery).

For this reason, tenders for works contain a number of different rates that apply to the particular circumstances involved.

Additionally, the percentage of a road that needs resurfacing before it becomes cheaper to resurface the whole road therefore depends upon the condition and area of the road that is and is not proposed to be resurfaced.

This is not an exact science and is an exercise of judgement on the part of the designer. This exercise of judgement will take into account a number of factors, including anticipated deterioration, likely costs of maintaining and the availability of funding.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP

“Vivacity Labs”

Question:

Has Birmingham City Council used any of its cameras including traffic analysis cameras from Vivacity Labs to monitor social distancing?

Answer:

No.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES

“CAZ Cameras”

Question:

What does the contract for the CAZ cameras allow for in terms of their conversion to alternative uses?

Answer:

The cameras can only be used for their intended and consulted upon use, which is the enforcement of the Clean Air Zone. Any change or conversion to alternative uses would require formal consultation and appropriate decision making via the Council's gateway and related financial approval framework. This would include policy decisions if required.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN

“Alternative Use”

Question:

What discussions have the Council had regarding alternative uses for the CAZ cameras?

Answer:

The Clean Air Zone programme is focused on ensuring the successful launch of the zone on 1 June 2021. As such, there are no current plans for possible alternative uses of the Clean Air Zone cameras beyond their immediate intended purpose i.e. the enforcement of the Clean Air Zone. As per the response to City Council question H12, any change or conversion to alternative uses would require formal consultation and appropriate decision making via the Council's gateway and related financial approval framework. This would include policy decisions if required.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS

“Future Use”

Question:

What plans have the council considered for future uses for the CAZ cameras?

Answer:

The Clean Air Zone programme is focused on ensuring the successful launch of the zone on 1 June 2021. As such, there are no current plans for possible alternative uses of the Clean Air Zone cameras beyond their immediate intended purpose i.e. the enforcement of the Clean Air Zone. As per the response to City Council question H12, any change or conversion to alternative uses would require formal consultation and appropriate decision making via the Council's gateway and related financial approval framework. This would include policy decisions if required.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

“Capital Works 1”

Question:

Please provide a list of capital works done in roads/pavements/street lights in 2020/21 including names of locations?

Answer:

Please see the following tabs in the attached spreadsheet:

- Carriageway: CW & FW 2020-21 marked as CW in column A
- Footway: CW & FW 2020-21 marked as FW in column A
- Street Lighting: SL 2020-21

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

“Capital Works 3”

Question:

Please provide a list of capital works done in roads/pavements/street lights in 2018/19 including names of locations?

Answer:

Please see the following tabs in the attached spreadsheet:

- Carriageway: CW 2018-19
- Footway: N/A
- Street Lighting: SL 2018-19

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

“Capital Spend”

Question:

Listed by year since 2009/10, what is the total capital spend per financial year on improvements to roads, pavements and street lights?

Answer:

Actual spend on capital improvements to roads, pavements and street lighting in 2009-10 and 1 April to 6 June 2010-11 was as follows:

- 2009-10: £8.778m
- 2010-11: £1.513m

It should be noted that:

- i. 2010-11 is a partial year from 1 April 2010 to 6 June 2010 because the council entered into its PFI contract on 7 June 2010.
- ii. As per the question, the above figures do not include all capital expenditure on highway infrastructure. Other assets such as drainage, Structures, Bridges and Tunnels and UTC / traffic signals have been excluded.

Since the Council entered into a PFI contract in June 2010 it has paid for highway maintenance and management services received under the contract via a single Unitary Charge payment. This payment covers the provision of all services under the contract, together with the cost to the Council's partner of managing and financing those services. It is not subdivided by service.

It is not therefore possible to separate the specific element that is capital from this Unitary Charge payment. A list of Unitary Charge payments by year since 2010-11 can be provided if requested.

Since June 2019 the Council has paid directly for capital expenditure by Birmingham Highways Ltd. For roads, pavements and street lighting this has been as follows:

- 2019-20 (partial year): Nil
- 2020-21: £15.540m

It should be noted that payment is for certified completed works and the 2020-21 figure includes works completed in 2019-20 that were paid for on certification in 2020-21.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE

“Capital Works 2”

Question:

Please provide a list of capital works done in roads/pavements/street lights in 2019/20 including names of locations?

Answer:

Please see the following tabs in the attached spreadsheet:

- Carriageway: CW & FW 2019-20 marked as CWP in column A
- Footway: CW & FW 2019-20 marked as FWP in column A
- Street Lighting: SL 2019-20

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

“Budgeted Capital Spend”

Question:

What is the current budgeted capital spend on roads, pavements and street lights for 2021/22

Answer:

Since the Council entered into a PFI contract in June 2010 it has paid for highways services received under the contract via a Unitary Charge payment. This payment covers the provision of all services under the contract, together with the cost to the Council's partner of managing and financing those services. The Council budgets for this Unitary Charge payment and it is not possible to separate the specific element that is capital from this.

The council budget for all services under the Unitary Charge for 2021-22 is £101.8m.

The 16 March 2021 decision by Cabinet acknowledged that investment in highway infrastructure must continue and was clear that proposals beyond June 2021 would need to be developed. Future proposals for capital expenditure on highway infrastructure will be brought forward to a future meeting of Cabinet for decision.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY

“CAZ Car Scrappage Scheme”

Question:

Did you consider greater choice and finalising on more than one company for the position of Clear Air Zone car scrappage scheme partner?

Answer:

The Clean Air Zone vehicle scrappage scheme partner was selected on its ability to provide applicants to the scheme with a wide choice of new and used vehicles (currently over 6,000 vehicles). All of these vehicles will meet the emission standards for the Clean Air Zone so would not be subject to the daily fee when the zone is launched on 1 June 2021.

The successful bidder was able to demonstrate a clear commitment to a high level of customer satisfaction and a robust scrappage process which will ensure that the most polluting vehicles are removed from the road.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD

“Criteria”

Question:

What criteria was used when choosing dealers for the position of the Clean Air Zone car scrappage scheme partner?

Answer:

The following criteria were used to assess tenders in relation to the scheme, as published through an open tender process advertised to any interested party through the Official Journal of the European Union:

- Economic and financial standing of the bidding organisation(s)
- Technical and professional ability of the bidding organisation including relevant experience.
- Levels of insurance held (or to be obtained) by the bidding organisation(s).
- Service delivery and capacity of the bidding organisation(s) including how they would achieve the service requirements detailed in the specification, provision of compliant vehicles, the process for the scrappage of non-compliant vehicles, and business continuity plans.
- Organisation and resources to be made available by the bidding organisation(s), in relation to the scheme, including the delivery team structure, summary profiles of those involved and their relevant experience, and how changes to the delivery team would be managed.
- How customer satisfaction would be achieved by the bidding organisation(s) including a detailed ‘customer journey’ with timescales and narrative.
- Post contract award mobilisation and implementation by the bidding organisation(s), including a mobilisation plan for the delivery of the scheme in accordance with the contract including risk management, key milestones, supply chain requirements, marketing, and staff training.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS

“Motor Dealers”

Question:

How many motor dealers were considered for the position of Clean Zone scrappage scheme partner?

Answer:

The opportunity to be considered for the scrappage scheme partner was advertised to any interested party through the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) as part of an open tender process. There were 10 expressions of interest in the opportunity and two bidders.

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

“Social Distancing”

Question:

Has Birmingham City Council used any of its cameras including traffic analysis cameras to monitor social distancing?

Answer:

No.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM
COUNCILLOR PETER FOWLER**

“Peer Review”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the Peer Review into Planning?

Answer:

The report of the LGA PAS peer review carried out in November 2019 is available on the BCC website:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/18735/birmingham_planning_peer_review_final_report

The latest report to committee on progress is available here:

<https://birmingham.cmis.uk.com/birmingham/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/11940/Committee/4/Default.aspx>