



# **CITY COUNCIL 27 JANUARY 2026**

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**NONE SUBMITTED**

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**NONE SUBMITTED**

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1. **Oracle**

From Councillor Jon Hunt

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

**Cost of Oracle**

**Question:**

**Given that the original capital cost for Oracle was £18million plus 10% for contingencies, how much of the additional costs of £150million have been revenue (depriving front line services) and how much capital? This is despite costs being 7 times the agreed costs, it is still not fit for purpose and will be at least 3 years late from "go live" in April 2023.**

**Additionally, how many Non-Disclosure Agreements have entered into with staff associated with programme to date.**

**Answer:**

The original capital allocation approved in 2019 was £19m which included the estimated cost and a 10% contingency allowance.

The total costs for all years through to 2025/26 include:

- o The costs of design, implementation, testing and deploying the initial solution which finally went live in April 2022
- o The costs fixing the problems with the initial solution and the additional resources required until the re-implemented solution is released
- o The costs of design, implementation, testing and deploying the new re-implemented solution
- o The design, implementation and running costs of the new Income Management System to replace the Bank Reconciliation System
- o 'Business As Usual' running costs for the live system, for example software licences, staffing and support costs.

The original budget for phase one was a capital budget of c£19m (which included £1m contingency). According to the current programme financial position, the total forecast cost of the programme to 2027/28 is £144.40 million.

With regard to the classification of these additional costs:

- Up to March 2023, programme expenditure was a mix of capital and revenue.
- From April 2023 onward, all programme expenditure has been treated as revenue, in line with accounting requirements. This includes business-as-usual system running costs, re-implementation work, licence costs, staffing, and support.

In summary, the majority of the additional costs to reimplement the system are revenue costs.

Importantly, the programme continues to operate within the financial envelope set out in the Cabinet Report of June 2025. The Report to January Audit Committee sets out the budget position and spend to date over the life of the programme.

BCC does not have an NDA policy so there are no non-disclosure agreements for staff associated with the programme.

CITY COUNCIL – 27 January 2026

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

**“Armed protests against visiting Israeli fans”**

**Question:**

**As Leader of the Council were you told – at any point before it was reported in the national media on 6 January – that the police had received intelligence that elements of the community in Birmingham were prepared to arm themselves ahead of the Maccabi Tel Aviv Game at Villa Park if visiting fans had been allowed to visit? If so, on what date were you first told, and what action did you take in response?**

**Answer:**

I refer you to the evidence I gave in person to the Home Affairs Select Committee on Tuesday 6 January.

CITY COUNCIL – 27 January 2026

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

**“SAG leaks”**

**Question:**

**Sir Andy Cooke’s report to the Home Secretary on the Maccabi Tel Aviv ban said he was especially concerned about the handling of sensitive information. stating that: ‘The recordings of discussions at the SAG meeting of 16 October 2025 clearly show that some SAG members believed that information about the SAG’s impending decision had been leaked to the media. The report was then leaked to the media.’**

**Is the Leader content that no council appointed member of SAG is responsible for this leak and what steps has he taken to establish this?**

**Answer:**

In offering these preliminary views, Sir Andy Cooke referenced the concerns he had about how WMP handled sensitive intelligence; this part of his initial report was not directed at any individual. We will of course consider the full report that Sir Andy Cooke is working on, in relation to the wider operation of Safety Advisory Groups, when that is published.

In the meantime, the council is commissioning an independent review of Birmingham's Safety Advisory Group process, and following my appearance at the Home Affairs Select Committee, I have asked the City Solicitor to include consideration of the role of councillors attending these meetings, the recording and sharing of information and partnership working, within the terms of reference of that review.

CITY COUNCIL – 27 January 2026

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

**“Election delays”**

**Question:**

**Delaying elections is clearly anti-democratic and I can see no justification for doing so. There has been a lot of media and resident speculation about which councils may try to cancel their elections. We believe Birmingham elections in 2026 must go ahead. The decision on elections for those councils facing reorganisation now sits with the government minister. Can the Leader confirm that he has not sought to delay elections in Birmingham?**

**Answer:**

**I have not sought to delay elections in Birmingham. The local elections will be taking place on Thursday 7 May 2026.**

**B**

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QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE DEPUTY  
LEADER**

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MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND  
FAMILIES

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

**Tower Hill Library**

**Question:**

**In September the Cabinet member told me, in a written response, that libraries not subject to refurbishment, would be opened on Saturdays for at least 12 months.**

**Tower Hill Library has been given an extra day of opening, which is welcome, but it is not Saturday. Saturday is significant as it allows working families to access libraries and, in our local case, facilitated the creation of a vibrant Friends group, which, when it had access to the library, organised literary activity, including, at one point, a conference call with Lee Child (who grew up using Tower Hill). The Friends had even volunteered to assist with extending opening hours.**

**Noting that this has been designated the “Year of Reading”, when will Tower Hill get Saturday opening?**

**Answer:**

**I can confirm that Tower Hill Library will be opening on Saturdays. The service area has been out to advert, and shortlisting is currently taking place for the Saturday Assistant roles across the community libraries. Officers will be happy to provide you with a further update once the recruitment process has been completed.**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND  
TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR COLIN GREEN**

**Public Toilets**

**Question:**

**Can you please provide a ward-by-ward breakdown detailing the toilet provision, including:**

- a) The total number of public toilet sites**
- b) Of these, the number located:**
  - i. within parks**
  - ii. within high street areas**
  - iii. in other locations (with the type of location specified)**
- c) The number of sites that require payment at the point of access**
- d) The number of sites that include disabled facilities**

**In addition, can you also set out:**

- e) What arrangements, if any, the Council has in place with local businesses to permit public use of their toilet facilities**
- f) What support the Council provides to businesses participating in such arrangements, whether financial or otherwise**
- g) How these arrangements are communicated and made known to the public.**

**Answer:**

Response to follow.

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

**Protection of Perry Park**

**Question:**

**What measures are being put in place to protect Perry Park from Travellers breaking in, the CWG trees that were planted were slaughtered by Travellers.**

**Will they be getting replaced and if so when, as well as the cost of their replacing and where the money will come from?**

**Answer:**

The total cost of the damage to the park's physical infrastructure is approximately £26,740. This includes damage to perimeter barriers, destruction of trees, and harm caused to other on-site assets. In addition, the eviction process and subsequent cleanup incurred a further cost of £1,550 total cost £28,290.

With regard to the trees that were destroyed, officers are actively exploring external funding opportunities to support their replacement. We anticipate being able to confirm the proposed funding source and replacement programme within the coming month.

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

**Provision of Large Waste Bins**

**Question:**

**We have been advised that if residents require a larger waste bin, that this is on hold, due to the strike, when will replacement bins be provided? Especially for the waste bins that are damaged.**

**Answer:**

Requests for larger bins are not on hold and will still be issued during the strike. However, we are only issuing replacement bins for residual waste, replacement for recycling bins are on hold due to collections being suspended as part of the response to industrial action.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR MUMTAZ HUSSAIN**

**Removal of Litter Bins in Perry Barr**

**Question:**

**Litter bins are being removed in Perry Barr, why is this?**

Answer:

In Perry Barr, as in other wards across the city, we have only removed litter bins that were damaged beyond safe repair. This includes bins with structural failures or defects that present safety risks, such as loose or unstable doors.

A new Litter Bin Strategy is currently being developed for approval, which will provide a clear framework and guidance for the future deployment and management of litter bins across the city.

Where bins have been removed and immediate replacement has not been possible, these locations will be reviewed and prioritised for replacement in line with the new strategy and subject to future funding approvals.

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

**Recent Damages to Perry Park**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet member state what was the cost of the recent incursion Perry Park when fences were damaged, large amounts of rubbish dumped, more than 20 Commonwealth Games legacy trees destroyed and the new playground damaged, setting out what steps are being taken to recover these costs and prevent any repeat of this regrettable event?**

**Answer:**

The total cost of the damage to the park's physical infrastructure is approximately £26,740. This includes damage to perimeter barriers, destruction of trees, and harm caused to other on-site assets. In addition, the eviction process and subsequent cleanup incurred a further cost of £1,550 total cost £28,290.

Regarding attempts to recover costs, officers have been in discussion with West Midlands Police. However, due to the lack of clear, attributable evidence, the likelihood of securing successful prosecutions or financial penalties is low.

We are pursuing external funding opportunities to replace the destroyed Commonwealth Games legacy trees. We anticipate being able to confirm progress on this within the coming months.

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

**Fly-Tipping Cases Reported**

**Question:**

**Can you please provide me with a full breakdown ward-by-ward of how many fly-tipping cases have been reported since 2024?**

**Answer:**

Please find the table below showing the data requested. Note that this shows every report made to Birmingham City Council which may include multiple reports about the same fly tipping incident.

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of reports of fly tipping received 1 Jan 24 - 31 Dec 25</b>
Acocks Green	959
Allens Cross	496
Alum Rock	2697
Aston	1798
Balsall Heath West	1288
Bartley Green	1363
Billesley	1028
Birchfield	1235
Bordesley & Highgate	1740
Bordesley Green	2548
Bournbrook & Selly Park	969
Bournville & Cotteridge	494

Brandwood & Kings Heath	917
Bromford & Hodge Hill	1556
Castle Vale	638
Druids Heath & Monyhull	554
Edgbaston	382
Erdington	951
Frankley Great Park	700
Garretts Green	400
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	1573
Gravelly Hill	733
Hall Green North	706
Hall Green South	267
Handsworth	1425
Handsworth Wood	1413
Harborne	756
Heartlands	809
Highters Heath	615
Holyhead	1826
Kings Norton North	183
Kings Norton South	478
Kingstanding	492
Ladywood	1084
Longbridge & West Heath	613
Lozells	783
Moseley	1066
Nechells	819
Newtown	732
North Edgbaston	1817
Northfield	369
Oscott	446
Perry Barr	708

Perry Common	381
Pype Hayes	332
Quinton	678
Rubery & Rednal	322
Shard End	444
Sheldon	433
Small Heath	1067
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	2820
South Yardley	225
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	4627
Sparkhill	1785
Stirchley	486
Stockland Green	1051
Sutton Four Oaks	18
Sutton Mere Green	80
Sutton Reddicap	200
Sutton Roughley	92
Sutton Trinity	60
Sutton Vesey	269
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	360
Sutton Wylde Green	172
Tyseley & Hay Mills	1131
Ward End	1261
Weoley & Selly Oak	1137
Yardley East	613
Yardley West & Stechford	399

# E7

**CITY COUNCIL – 27 JANUARY 2026**

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

**Glyphosate use**

**Question:**

**How much glyphosate-based weedkiller has the council, or its contractors,  
used in each month since June 2025?**

**Answer:**

The total amount of Glyphosate-based weedkiller used in 2025 is 1360 Litres. The Council uses a contractor to apply 3 applications of weed killer a year; therefore, it is difficult to give an accurate usage per month.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR PENNY WAGG**

**Phasing out of Glyphosate Weedkiller**

**Question:**

**Please provide an update on the progress of the steps being taken, in response to the petitions submitted in July 2022 from Bee Friendly Brum and in October 2023 from Birmingham Friends of the Earth, to ensure that glyphosate is phased out for the use in highways and parks.**

**Answer:**

On the Highways Maintained at Public Expense (HMPE) glyphosate use continues due in part to safety, accessibility and drainage considerations. Though reviews of alternatives are ongoing in partnership with Kier there are currently no viable or licenced alternatives.

In parks and open spaces, the Grounds Maintenance Service has taken steps by ceasing spraying around grass edges and obstacles from 2024, following a 50% reduction in 2023. This visible change, alongside the A to Bee Roads programme, represents a major reduction in herbicide use.

The City Council's 2024 budget included further 30% reduction in annual treatment, cutting glyphosate use by an estimated 2 million square metres — a 13% reduction compared to 2023. As a result, only 7% of the city's parks and open spaces were treated in 2024, down from 8%. Further reductions are in place for 2025 in designated parks.

While some promising alternatives for invasive species are emerging, glyphosate still remains the most viable option within current resource limits. Regular review of alternative methods and practices for general weed control continues but where this show potential these remain unviable in terms of cost, resource or environmental implications.

Nonetheless, the Council remains committed to ongoing review and further reduction over time.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND  
TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

**Supply and Purchasing of Glyphosate-Based Weedkiller**

**Question:**

**Please supply the total amount the council or its contractors spent purchasing a) glyphosate-based weedkiller and b) other weedkiller in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025**

**Answer:**

The council has a contract with a third party that carry out the weed killer applications on behalf of the council. The contract is to supply the weed killer and to carry out the applications on behalf of the council, the annual spend for this is circa £400,000 the price breakdown of the contract does not stipulate the price spent on weed killer and this cannot be shared due to it being commercially sensitive. The contractor only uses glyphosate-based weedkiller.

# E10

CITY COUNCIL – 27 JANUARY 2026

## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR PHILIP MILLS

### Missed Roadworks

#### Question:

**In December 2025 Edgbaston Road between Russell Road and Cannon Hill Park entrance was listed to be resurfaced as part of the Highways Investment Programme. It has this week had emergency repairs following multiple complaints of deep potholes.**

**Please explain why the resurfacing did not take place as expected in December and when we can expect it to be completed.**

#### Answer:

The December 2025 date for Edgbaston Road was an indicative date based on the pre-designed programme formed at the early stages of the 25/26 IIP Capital Works Programme (Highways Investment Programme).

The dates for all works being delivered under the IIP are subject to change to accommodate several factors including permitting restrictions and section 58 notices.

Following completion of the design and submission of permit applications in early December, the works on Edgbaston Road are scheduled to commence on 8<sup>th</sup> February (subject to weather).

Regular updates to the programme are published on the City Councils webpage: [Roadworks and transport improvements | Birmingham City Council](#)

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

**Disposal of Public Open Space**

**Question:**

**According to Table 15 of the Birmingham Open Space assessment of October 2022 Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath East ward has values of -5.13 for allotments, -4.62 for Informal Green Space, -6.77 for Parks and Recreation Grounds, -2.7 for Play space (child), -2.47 for Play Space (youth) and -25.64 for Accessible Natural Green Space, whilst fig 4 in the assessment indicating Environmental Justice Mapping shows Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath East as one of 14 wards with the lowest values in the city.**

**Given this why, therefore, is the council disposing of a considerable 1.8 hectares of public open space from this ward on Weston Lane, especially considering there has been no comment from sitting Councillors?**

**Answer:**

The public open space on Weston Lane has been withdrawn from auction. Whilst it was declared surplus in 2025, due diligence has since identified that the play area should not have been included.

As with all land, including public open space, Section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 (the Act) allows the Council to change how it holds or uses it only where it is no longer needed for its current purpose and where strict legal steps have been followed. Before land can be dealt with in a different way, the Council must formally declare it surplus to requirements, meaning it is no longer needed for the statutory purpose for which it is currently being used.

Where land includes open space, the Act provides additional protections requiring the Council to publicly advertise its intentions to appropriate the land for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper circulating in that area and to consider any objections from residents etc before making a decision.

These safeguards aim to ensure transparency, protect public interests, and mean that land cannot be disposed of or repurposed without appropriate legal process and resident and Member awareness.

If any element of the Council's land holding in this location (excluding public open space) is taken back to auction, we will of course brief ward members in advance of doing so.

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

**Enforcement Action on Fly-Tipping**

**Question:**

**Given that delayed or cosmetic clearances are actively encouraging repeat dumping at the same locations, and that the Council previously operated a 5-day fly-tipping clearance standard in the autumn, will the Cabinet Member now:**

- 1. State clearly whether the 5-day clearance standard has been abandoned, and if so, when members and residents were informed**
- 2. Define publicly what “in the process of being cleared” actually means, including maximum timescales for bulky and hazardous waste**
- 3. Commit to the immediate and sustained deployment of covert CCTV at the worst repeat hotspots, including Runcorn Road railway bridge, Brunswick Road, Oldfield Road car park, and Weston Lane / Battery Way**
- 4. Set out what real enforcement action will be taken, including prosecutions**
- 5. And finally, state who is accountable when reported fly-tipping on Council land is left untouched for months, despite repeated reports and formal complaints?**

**Answer:**

1. The 5-day clearance standard is still relevant unless the type of waste needs a separate contractor to remove.

2. In the process of being cleared means that we have received the job and for non-hazardous waste that we aim to clear the flytipping within the 5-day clearance.

There are several factors that contribute to an incident being recorded as “in process of being cleared”. These include:

*Access and Site Constraints*

- Vehicle access issues, such as obstructive parking, height restrictions, or narrow roads (e.g., Runcorn Road), can delay the deployment of cleansing vehicles.

#### *Requirement for Specialist Equipment*

- Some fly-tipping deposits require specialist equipment, such as a HIAB grab lorry, which may not always be immediately available.

#### *Separate Waste Streams*

- Certain items—such as white goods or waste containing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)—must be collected separately in line with legislation and safe-handling requirements. This may necessitate multiple collection visits.

#### *Private Land Considerations*

- If fly-tipping occurs on private land, Street Cleansing will first attempt to contact the landowner and request that they arrange removal.
- Where land ownership cannot be determined, the Report Fly-Tipping team is notified, with all findings and observations returned for further investigation. They are then responsible for identifying the landowner and progressing action.

#### *Hazardous Waste*

- Hazardous materials are collected by a third-party contractor, which requires additional scheduling and can extend clearance times.

#### *Timescales and Constraints*

As outlined above, timescales are influenced by a combination of factors, including:

- Finite funding and operational resources
- Availability of specialist equipment
- Dependency on external suppliers and contractors
- Demand levels, which fluctuate significantly throughout the year

These variables mean it is not always possible to set definitive maximum response time parameters, although services work to prioritise public safety, environmental impact, and statutory responsibilities.

3. Weston Lane / Battery Way currently has cameras deployed. Runcorn Road Railway Bridge is in line for CCTV cameras to be deployed subject to a public consultation and hopefully by the end of the month. Cameras have previously been installed at Oldfield Road Car Park. We are aware of Brunswick Road and

there has been work taking place at this location with the businesses in relation to the business waste and bins that appear on the road.

Regarding the time period that cameras are in place, we cannot leave cameras at any location indefinitely, we leave cameras in situ until such a time that they are no longer capturing incidences of fly tipping then are redeployed to another site.

4. It is not possible to say with absolute certainty what enforcement action will be taken as this is reliant on the evidence gathered and each individual situation. However, each incident of flytipping that is caught on our CCTV cameras is investigated with a view to enforcement, where we are able to trace the offender, that enforcement could be a £1000 fixed penalty notice/ prosecution in the magistrates court and / or seizure/forfeiture of the vehicle used in the commissioning of the offence. Since the 1st of April 2025 to the end of December 2025, we have issued 467 £1000 fixed penalty notices for fly tipping, submitted 67 prosecution files to legal services and had 33 prosecutions finalised in court. We have also seized 26 vehicles implicated in fly-tipping.

5. The accountable person is the Strategic Director for the Directorate that owns the land where the fly tipping has occurred. The land-owning department is available from the corporate GIS system.

# E13

CITY COUNCIL – 27 January 2026

## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT FROM COUNCILLOR CLIFTON WELCH

### “Resurfacing”

**Question:**

**How many metres of road have been resurfaced in each year since 2010?**

**Answer:**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Linear Resurfacing Treatment (m)</b>
2010-2011	59,159
2011-2012	85,159
2012-2013	50,356
2013-2014	39,220
2014-2015	65,511
2015-2016	68,517
2016-2017	23,600
2017-2018	13,700
2018-2019	1,289
2019-2020	16,447
2020-2021	7,300
2021-2022	15,065
2022-2023	36,987
2023-2024	2,860
2024-2025	1,400
	Total 486,570

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

**“Agency Rates”**

**Question:**

**What is the hourly rate for each grade of agency bin crews currently engaged by Birmingham City Council through the agency framework contract and what was it for crews from the Tom White waste management company?**

**Answer:**

The average hourly rate for Job and Talent:

- Grade 3 HGV2 Refuse Driver is in accordance with the Council’s Grade B’s hourly rates.
- Grade 2 Refuse Loader is in accordance with the Council’s Grade A’s hourly rates.

The City Council has sourced the mutual aid support from Tom White waste management on a fixed term contract and therefore does not have access to the hourly rate that is paid to the collection crews.

# E15

CITY COUNCIL – 27 January 2026

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

### “Agency additional payments”

#### Question:

**What additional money was paid to any agency crews working over Christmas and New Year on the bin service? Including any bonus payments for agreeing to work or enhanced rates of pay for work on any particular days? If this was different for agency staff employed through the regular framework contract, and those for example from Tom White Waste Management, please break this down by employer. Were non-striking permanent crew offered the same?**

#### Answer:

The council sources agency staff from Job & Talent, and mutual aid support from Tom White Waste Management.

An attendance allowance is paid by J&T as a matter of normal practice for those agency staff working extended days over particularly busy periods such as Xmas. The answer to Question 12 provides information on the regular rates paid to J&T drivers and loaders.

The City Council has sourced the mutual aid support from Tom White waste management on a fixed term contract. Whilst payments and bonuses made to employees of Tom Whites is a purely commercial decision for Tom White's the City Council is not aware of any bonus payments or enhanced rates being paid during this period.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE FROM  
COUNCILLOR CLIFTON WELCH**

**“MTFP costs of emissions trading scheme”**

**Question:**

**What costs have been included in the MTFP for the expansion of the emissions trading scheme to waste incineration from 2028?**

**Answer:**

The costs currently included in the draft MTFP as reported at the January Cabinet meeting are set out in the table below. The finalised MTFP will be taken to the February Cabinet meeting for approval.

	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
<b>Contingency Budget</b>	<b>£ '000s</b>	<b>£ '000s</b>	<b>£ '000s</b>
Emissions Carbon Trading Scheme	0	1,264	5,054

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE FROM  
COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**“Green Lane Mosque”**

**Question:**

**Including grants, how much money has been paid by the council to Green Lane Mosque since April 2022?**

**Answer:**

	<b>Green Lane Masjid &amp; Community Centre</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>£800</b>
Food Provision Grant Fund Scheme	£800
<b>2023</b>	<b>£9,000</b>
Food Provision Grant Fund Scheme	£9,000
<b>2024</b>	<b>£15,100</b>
Food Provision Grant Fund Scheme	£4,000
Funeral Services	£11,100
<b>2025</b>	<b>£23,700</b>
Food Provision Grant Fund Scheme	£9,000
Warm Welcome Grant Fund	£3,000
Capital works from Community Recovery Fund	£11,700
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£48,600</b>

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE FROM  
COUNCILLOR JULIEN PRITCHARD**

**“Waste Dispute Costs”**

**Question:**

**Please give a full breakdown of both indirect and direct costs of the waste dispute (actual and forecast until end of March 2026), in addition to what was in the recent cabinet report.**

**Please include and give a breakdown of:**

- **Lost income from suspension of bulky waste collections**
- **Lost income from suspension of garden waste collections**
- **Lost income from decrease in recycling**
- **Lost income from suspension of charging for rat pest control**
- **Use of agency staff**
- **Use of mutual aid from other councils**
- **Use of other waste companies**
- **Increased flytipping and dumping enforcement and clean up costs**
- **Increased opening hours of Household Recycling Centres**
- **Increased cost of Mobile Household Waste Centres**
- **Injunctions court and other legal costs**
- **Cost of increased use of incineration**
- **Cost of increase use landfill**
- **Unachieved savings**
- **Any other costs**

**Answer:**

The recent Cabinet report sets out costs of the waste dispute.

The provisional outturn report for 25/26 will provide a further update in the summer.

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

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

**“Children in B&B”**

**Question:**

**As of the final day of each month since April 2024, how many children had been in B&B temporary accommodation for longer than 6 weeks?**

**Answer:**

Please see the table below:

<b>End of Month</b>	<b>Number of Children B&amp;B Over 6 Weeks</b>
Apr-24	1019
May-24	1155
Jun-24	1268
Jul-24	1413
Aug-24	1556
Sep-24	1605
Oct-24	1561
Nov-24	1570
Dec-24	1602
Jan-25	1629
Feb-25	1558
Mar-25	1413
Apr-25	1368
May-25	1406
Jun-25	1354
Jul-25	1308
Aug-25	1243
Sep-25	1297
Oct-25	1250
Nov-25	1201
Dec-25	1203

# H2

**PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION H2 TO THE CABINET MEMBER OF HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS HAS NOW BEEN REDIRECTED TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES AT QUESTION I2**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ROB GRANT**

**“Negotiated Stopping Sites for Traveller Encampments”**

**Question:**

**Please provide an update on the plans on negotiated stopping sites for traveller encampments.**

**When will the draft list of sites be published for consultation? And please expand on the reasons for the delays.**

**Answer:**

An extensive search for sites which would be suitable for negotiated stopping has been undertaken by the Gypsy, Romany, Traveller [GRT] Strategy Delivery Group which is overseen by Housing Services. However, to date we have not been able to identify a sufficient number of sites with the capacity that would be required to operate negotiated stopping within the city. Consultation cannot be undertaken unless sites meeting sufficient capacity to operate negotiated stopping can be identified. More details are set out below:

Negotiated Stopping can help direct communities away from contentious public spaces to more appropriate council land for a temporary period. It is important to note that negotiated stopping sites fall outside of the remit of planning, as they are not a planning designation under the Planning Policy for Traveller Sites [PPTS]. Planning has a duty to identify sites that can be permanently allocated for transit or permanent residence, not temporary negotiated stopping sites. In addition, Planning Permission is not required for negotiated stopping sites as there is no permanent change in the use of land.

To date, a total of 5 sites out of a total of 23 currently within BCC’s ownership have been identified by Council Officers as possible sites to take forward for consultation on negotiated stopping sites. Sites within the Council’s ownership have been assessed by Council Officers in accordance with agreed criteria including site availability, amenity of nearby residents, adjoining operations, size and ability to accommodate a number of caravans, local designations.

However, the smaller size and limited number of sites identified is a concern and the Council will now need to consider whether they represent viable options as Negotiated Stopping Sites before proceeding to the Consultation Stage.

Housing Services is also undertaking further work to establish if any disused garage sites might also be appropriate for the purposes of negotiated stopping. Another option is the Sanctuary Stopping Scheme for churches to participate in negotiated stopping. Land owned and managed by the Parochial Church Council on behalf of a Church can be considered.

Once this work has been completed and further site availability is assessed then consultation can proceed if further suitable sites are identified.

It is notable that the Leeds Gate Scheme states that in order to be effective as negotiated stopping sites, they need to have a voluntary agreement in place which outlines that gypsies and travellers will be given an undisturbed period of time to stay, be offered services and support if they need them, be given toilets and rubbish disposal and be asked to sign an agreement about behaviour, rubbish and damage.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,  
COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY SAFETY, AND EQUALITIES FROM  
COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

**“Religious Groups”**

**Question:**

**What policies does the council have on respecting values such as not promoting domestic violence or extremism when funding or working with religious groups in the city?**

**Answer:**

Birmingham City Council requires all organisations it funds or partners with to uphold all aspects of the law, in particular around safeguarding, equality, and community safety standards. This includes not promoting, endorsing, or providing a platform for views that condone domestic violence, hate, discrimination, or extremism.

All funded or commissioned groups must comply with the council’s grant conditions, the Public Sector Equality Duty, and the Prevent Duty, which collectively require partners to ensure their activities, venues, and speakers do not promote harmful or extremist narratives.

Faith organisations that are registered charities are also regulated by the Charity Commission, which requires trustees to prevent their charity’s events, activities, or platforms from being used to disseminate harmful, unlawful, or extremist content, and to intervene promptly where concerns arise.

Together, these frameworks ensure that any organisation receiving public funding or working with the council demonstrates a clear commitment to safeguarding, domestic abuse prevention, equality, and community safety.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER SOCIAL JUSTICE,  
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**“Asylum Dispersal Pilot”**

**Question:**

**Did the council apply to take part in the Government’s Asylum Dispersal Pilot to convert accommodation to home asylum seekers?**

**Answer:**

In May 2025 the Council submitted Expressions of Interest to take part in the Asylum Accommodation Pilots. None of the Expressions of Interest was taken forward by the Home Office. Nationally, only one of the pilots is currently active, this is not within the West Midlands region.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSFORMATION,  
GOVERNANCE AND HR FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

Oracle

Question:

**In April 2023 the Council resolved that being a care leaver should become a protected characteristic.**

**Is it correct that Oracle is unable to record and identify this aspect of diversity?**

Answer:

While the live Oracle service does not currently include a dedicated “protected characteristic” field for care leavers, the Brindley system *does* include functionality that allows us to identify care leavers for the purposes of our Guaranteed Interview Scheme.

This means we can positively identify applicants who are care leavers where it is relevant to our employment commitments. The wording built into Brindley is:

### **Guaranteed Interview Scheme**

We offer a Guaranteed Interview Scheme for candidates who meet the essential criteria for the role that are either care leavers, veterans, or family members of veterans.

*Do you consider yourself eligible for the Guaranteed Interview Scheme based on the following?*

- You meet all the essential criteria for the role **AND**
- You are a care leaver, a UK Armed Forces veteran, or a spouse/partner of service members.

**YES / NO**

This approach has been shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the HR Resourcing Team.