



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

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

**Councillors**

Uzma Ahmed	Neil Eustace	Keith Linnecor
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Mohammed Fazal	Mary Locke
Deirdre Alden	Mick Finnegan	Ewan Mackey
John Alden	Des Flood	Majid Mahmood
Robert Alden	Carole Griffiths	Karen McCarthy
Sue Anderson	Peter Griffiths	James McKay
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Paulette Hamilton	Yvonne Mosquito
Mohammed Azim	Andrew Hardie	Brett O'Reilly
Susan Barnett	Roger Harmer	John O'Shea
David Barrie	Kath Hartley	David Pears
Bob Beauchamp	Barry Henley	Eva Phillips
Matt Bennett	Penny Holbrook	Robert Pocock
Kate Booth	Des Hughes	Chauhdry Rashid
Sir Albert Bore	Mahmood Hussain	Habib Rehman
Barry Bowles	Shabrana Hussain	Carl Rice
Randal Brew	Timothy Huxtable	Fergus Robinson
Marje Bridle	Mohammed Idrees	Gary Sambrook
Mick Brown	Ziaul Islam	Rob Sealey
Alex Buchanan	Morriam Jan	Shafique Shah
Andy Cartwright	Kerry Jenkins	Mike Sharpe
Tristan Chatfield	Meirion Jenkins	Sybil Spence
Zaker Choudhry	Simon Jevon	Claire Spencer
Debbie Clancy	Julie Johnson	Stewart Stacey
Liz Clements	Brigid Jones	Ron Storer
Lynda Clinton	Carol Jones	Martin Straker Welds
Lyn Collin	Nagina Kauser	Paul Tilsley
Maureen Cornish	Tony Kennedy	Karen Trench
John Cotton	Changeese Khan	Lisa Trickett
Ian Cruise	Mariam Khan	Ian Ward
Basharat Dad	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Mike Ward
Phil Davis	Chaman Lal	Fiona Williams
Diane Donaldson	Mike Leddy	Ken Wood
Peter Douglas Osborn	Bruce Lines	Alex Yip
Barbara Dring	John Lines	Waseem Zaffar

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**NOTICE OF RECORDING**

- 18904 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

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

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**MINUTES**

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 18905 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 12 September 2017, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

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**LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A. Death of former Councillor Jane Elizabeth Slowey**

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent death of former Councillor Jane Elizabeth Slowey, who served as a Councillor for Brandwood Ward from 1988 to 1992 and for Longbridge Ward from 1994 to 1998.

After a number of tributes had been paid by Members, it was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and:-

- 18906 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death of former Councillor Jane Elizabeth Slowey and its appreciation of her devoted service to the residents of Birmingham; it extends its deepest sympathy to members of Jane's family in their sad bereavement.

**B. Death of former Councillor Philip William Lawrence**

The Lord Mayor referred to the recent death of former Councillor Philip William Lawrence, known as Phil, who served as a Councillor for Quinton Ward from 1990 to 1994.

After a number of tributes had been paid by Members, it was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and:-

18907 **RESOLVED:-**

That this Council places on record its sorrow at the death of former Councillor Philip William Lawrence and its appreciation of his devoted service to the residents of Birmingham; it extends its deepest sympathy to members of Philip's family in their sad bereavement.

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**PETITIONS**

**Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented before the Meeting**

The following petition was presented:-

(See document No 1)

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

18908 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer.

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**Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting**

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No 2)

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

18909 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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**Petitions Update**

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18910 **RESOLVED:-**

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

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**EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS**

It was moved by Councillor Diane Donaldson, seconded and

18911 **RESOLVED:-**

That, pursuant to CBM Committee discussions, Standing Orders be waived to vary the order of business to allow items 6 (Appointment of the Leader of the Council), 7 (Leader's Announcement of Cabinet Members) and 8 (Constitutional Changes) to be considered before item 9 (Question Time).

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**APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Lord Mayor called upon Councillor Stewart Stacey to move an appropriate Motion which was seconded by Councillor Brigid Jones.

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

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

(See document No 4)

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 64 (For the Motion);

No – 27 (Against the Motion);

Abstain – 4 (Abstentions).

It was therefore –

18912 **RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Ian Ward be appointed as the Leader of the City Council, pursuant to Appendix 1 of the City Council's Constitution, until the Annual Meeting 2018 (or for up to the end of his term of office as a Member whichever is the shorter).

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**LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF CABINET MEMBERS**

18913 At the invitation of the Lord Mayor, Councillor Ian Ward, Leader of the Council, confirmed the Cabinet Members as follows:

Deputy Leader	Councillor Brigid Jones
Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Schools	Councillor Carl Rice

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Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling and Environment	Councillor Lisa Trickett
Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care	Councillor Paulette Hamilton
Cabinet Member for Housing and Homes	Councillor Peter Griffiths
Cabinet Member for Jobs and Skills	Councillor Brett O'Reilly
Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Equalities	Councillor Tristan Chatfield
Cabinet Member for Transport and Roads	Councillor Stewart Stacey
Cabinet Member for Commercialism, Commissioning and Contract Management	Councillor Majid Mahmood

The Leader indicated that Councillor Carl Rice's appointment to the Cabinet had created the need to appoint a Deputy Lord Mayor (see below) and the Labour Group were proposing Councillor Shafique Shah.

NB the above Cabinet Member titles are the ones agreed later in the meeting and used here for clarity.

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### **APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**

The Lord Mayor indicated that the Council now needed to appoint another Deputy Lord Mayor for the remainder of the Municipal Year and that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Labour Group had nominated Councillor Shafique Shah.

The Lord Mayor moved the appropriate Motion which was seconded and it was-

18914

#### **RESOLVED:-**

That Councillor Shafique Shah be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor of this City for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.

The Lord Mayor asked Councillor Shafique Shah to join her on the rostrum who signed the declaration accepting office.

The Lord Mayor thanked Councillor Carl Rice who had loyally and ably supported her as Lord Mayor's Deputy.

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**EXTENSION OF TIME**

It was moved by Councillor Maureen Cornish and seconded:-

"That the time allocated for agenda item 8 Constitutional Changes be extended to 20 minutes."

The Motion was put to the vote and, by a show of hands, was declared to be carried.

It was accordingly –

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**RESOLVED:-**

That the time allocated for agenda item 8 Constitutional Changes be extended to 20 minutes.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

The following report of the Leader was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

The Leader moved the motion which was seconded.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Robert Alden and Randal Brew gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No 6)

Councillor Robert Alden moved the amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Randal Brew.

A debate ensued.

The Leader replied to the debate.

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

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

(See document No 7)

NB The documents have been amended to show that it had been Councillor Carl Rice and not Councillor John Clancy, who had not been present, who had voted against the amendment.

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 34 (For the amendment);

No – 62 (Against the amendment);

Abstain – 0 (Abstentions).

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

It was therefore -

18916 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council agrees and adopts the revised Cabinet Portfolios and Authorises the City Solicitor to implement the changes to the Constitution set out in the Appendix with immediate effect.

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### **QUESTION TIME**

18917 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9

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

At the conclusion of questions from members of the public it was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18918 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1538 hours on this day to allow members of the public to leave.

The Council then adjourned at 1535 hours.

At 1538 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

Question time continued.

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**APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

Following nominations it was -

18919

**RESOLVED:-**

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

<b><u>Body</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>
<b><u>Council Business Management Committee</u></b>	Councillor Brigid Jones to replace Councillor John Clancy for the remainder of the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.  Councillor Ian Ward to replace Councillor John Clancy as Chair for the remainder of the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.
<b><u>Local Government Association</u></b>	Councillor Brigid Jones to replace Councillor John Clancy for the remainder of the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.
<b><u>WMCA Board</u></b>	Councillor Brigid Jones to replace Councillor John Clancy for the remainder of the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

18920

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned until 1710 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1640 hours.

At 1710 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

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**MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS**

The Council proceeded to consider the Motions of which notice had been given in accordance with Standing Order 4(1).

**A. Councillors Lisa Trickett and Ian Ward have given notice of the following Motion:-**

(See document No 8)

Councillor Lisa Trickett moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Ian Ward.

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

(See document No 9)

Councillor Roger Harmer moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Zaker Choudhry.

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

(See document No 10)

Councillor Merion Jenkins moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Gary Sambrook.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Lisa Trickett replied to the debate.

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

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

Following a discussion relating to the need for Members to declare interests and following advice from the Assistant City Solicitor it was agreed that Members should declare interests if they were a member of a union or worked in a school or local government. It was noted that Members who had declared an interest at the last meeting need not do so again and those members are set out below:-

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Union</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Carl Rice	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Ian Ward	Unite	Pecuniary-in a number of trade unions
Mohammed Idrees	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Chaman Lal	Unite	Non-Pecuniary

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Rob Pocock	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Lisa Trickett	GBM	Possible Pecuniary-partner is a Director of firm taking trade union legal action
Brigid Jones	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Mary Locke	Unison	Pecuniary-Election campaign funding
Tony Kennedy	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Andy Cartwright	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Waseem Zaffar	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Claire Spencer	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Kath Hartley	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
John O'Shea	Unite	Pecuniary-2012 election campaign
Barbara Dring	GMB	Non-Pecuniary
Mike Leddy	Unite	Pecuniary-Part funded election campaign
Diane Donaldson	Unite/Unison	Non-Pecuniary
Majid Mahmood	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Stewart Stacey	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Karen McCarthy	Unison	Pecuniary-2012 election campaign
Mick Brown	Unite	Non-Pecuniary
Tristan Chatfield	Unite	Pecuniary-2012 election campaign
Carole Griffiths	GMB	Non-Pecuniary
Peter Griffiths	GMB	Non-Pecuniary
Marje Bridle	Unison	Non-Pecuniary
Ziaul Islam	Unison	Non-Pecuniary
Mick Finnegan	Unison	Non-Pecuniary
Liz Clements	Unison	Non-Pecuniary

The following Members made declarations as follows:-

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Penny Holbrook	Member of Unite
James McKay	Member of ATL and employee at a non-Birmingham school
Mary Locke	Member of Unison works in the NHS
Kate Booth	Member of NUT and has a teachers pension
Des Hughes	Member of Unite
Kerry Jenkins	Employed by Unite
Sue Anderson	Has a teachers pension
Mahmood Hussain	Member of Unite
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Member of Unite
Narinder Kaur Kooner	Member of Unite
Andy Cartwright	Receives Teachers salary Member of UCU
Lynda Clinton	Member of Unison
Kieth Linnecor	Member of GMB
Shafique Shah	Member on Unite

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

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

(See document No 11)

NB The documents have been amended to show that it had been Councillor Carl Rice and not Councillor John Clancy, who had not been present, who had voted against the amendment.

The total results referred to in the interleave read:-

Yes – 69 (For the Motion);

No – 0 (Against the Motion);

Abstain – 5 (Abstentions).

It was therefore -

18921

**RESOLVED:-**

Birmingham City Council notes that:

- For most workers in local government and schools, pay and other terms and conditions are determined by the National Joint Council (NJC) for local government services
- On average, across the country, NJC basic pay has fallen by 21% in real terms since 2010
- NJC workers had a three-year pay freeze from 2010-2012 and have received only 1% pay increase annually since then
- NJC pay is the lowest in the public sector
- Differentials in pay grades are being squeezed and distorted by bottom-loaded NJC pay settlements needed to reflect the increased Statutory National Living Wage
- The likelihood of rising inflation following the vote to leave the European Union will worsen the current public sector pay inequality.

The council therefore supports the NJC pay claim for 2018, submitted by UNISON, GMB and Unite on behalf of council and school workers and, noting the drastic ongoing cuts to local government funding, calls on the Government to provide all additional resources to ensure local authorities can fund a decent pay rise for NJC employees. NJC pay cannot be allowed to fall further behind other parts of the public sector

The council also welcomes the joint review of the NJC pay spine to remedy the turbulence caused by bottom-loaded pay settlements.

The council resolves to:

- Write to the LGA asking it to make urgent representations to Government to fund the NJC claim and the pay spine review
  - Write to the Prime Minister and Chancellor supporting the NJC pay claim and seeking the additional resources needed to fund a decent pay rise and the pay spine review
  - Write to local NJC union representatives to convey support for the pay claim and the pay spine review.
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### **EXTENSION OF TIME**

Councillor Mike Ward proposed the following Motion which was seconded:-

‘That the time for consideration of agenda item 11 Motions for Debate from individual Members be extended by 30 minutes.’

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

It was-

18922

### **RESOLVED:-**

That the time for consideration of agenda item 11 Motions for Debate from individual Members be extended by 30 minutes.

### **B. Councillors Ewan Mackey and Matt Bennett have given notice of the following Motion:-**

(See document No 12)

Councillor Ewan Mackey moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Matt Bennett.

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

(See document No 13)

Councillor Barry Henley moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Tristan Chatfield.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Ewan Mackey replied to the debate.

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

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

It was therefore –

18923

**RESOLVED:-**

This Council expresses alarm at the rise in anti-Semitism in recent years across the UK including incidents when criticism of Israel has been expressed using anti-Semitic tropes. Criticism of Israel can be legitimate, but not if it employs the tropes and imagery of anti-Semitism.

This Council therefore:

- Welcomes the UK Government's announcement on December 11th 2016 that it will sign up to the internationally recognised International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) guidelines;
- Commits to cross-party support within the Council for combating anti-Semitism in all its manifestations, especially within relation to those effected in our communities in Birmingham; and
- As is already planned, adopts the below definition of anti-Semitism as set out by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, adding the definition to the council's Equality Objectives.

“Anti-Semitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

The guidelines highlight manifestations of anti-Semitism which may serve as illustrations.

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.

- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavour.
- Applying double standards by requiring of it behaviour not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

However the Council defends free-speech and criticism of Israel similar to that levelled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic.

As stated by the House of Commons Home Affairs Select Committee:

- it is not anti-Semitic to criticise the Government of Israel without additional evidence to suggest anti-Semitic intent.
- it is not anti-Semitic to hold the Israeli Government to the same standards as other liberal democracies, or to take a particular interest in the Israeli Government's policies or actions, without additional evidence to suggest anti-Semitic intent.

The Council also condemns all forms of racism and other discrimination and we commit to fighting against them.

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**C. Councillors Neil Eustace and Paul Tilsley have given notice of the following Motion:-**

(See document No 14)

Councillor Neil Eustace moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Paul Tilsley.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Robert Alden and Deirdre Alden gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No 15)

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

A debate ensued.

Councillor Neil Eustace replied to the debate.

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

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

It was therefore –

18924

**RESOLVED:-**

Council regrets that the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has again failed to come up with cohesive constituency boundaries for the city.

Council notes the refusal of the BCE to use the new ward boundaries that come into force next year. This would have helped avoid such anomalies as:

- Much of historic Yardley being placed outside Yardley constituency;
- The new Perry Barr ward being linked to the rest of the Erdington constituency solely by a portion of the new Aston ward, creating a “rabbit-eared” constituency;
- Oscott ward being linked to Walsall town centre and parts of northern Walsall;
- Handsworth Wood being placed in West Bromwich.
- No ward from Birmingham should be placed in a constituency outside of Birmingham on their own. This creates what is known as an “orphan ward”. The Commission should amend proposals to ensure any constituencies including wards from Birmingham have at least 2 wards from Birmingham in them.

Using the new ward boundaries would ensure that the proposed constituency boundaries are more closely aligned to future projections of population.

Council agrees to lobby the government and the BCE for a more sensible approach, noting that BCE has attempted a wholesale revision of its earlier proposals for the city and noting that it would have been possible for the BCE to have used the new ward boundaries for the latest round of proposals, as the new ward boundaries were approved by Parliament on 23 November 2016.

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The meeting ended at 1855 hours.

## **APPENDIX**

Questions and replies in accordance with Standing Order 9(A).

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

#### **A1     Arrangements to finance Commonwealth Games**

##### **Question:**

**Could the Leader update Council on arrangements to finance the Commonwealth Games?**

##### **Answer:**

In the Cabinet report of the 15 August 2017, it recommended that the financing of the cost of the Games would be from revenue sources separate from the Council's main budget and from a range of capital options. In addition it recommended that the council work in partnership with regional public and private organisations to seek contributions in addition to Birmingham City Council resources to meet the expected 25% of the total cost, with Government meeting the other 75%.

To date, positive discussions on funding contributions have been progressed with West Midlands Combined Authority, two of the three regional Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Midlands Engine. Further discussions are also taking place with the Higher Education sector and the private sector.

The Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport within Government and Commonwealth Games England, have been fully appraised of progress and are aware that further work and time is required to meet the city's expected financial contribution. We will therefore continue to work to secure further financial commitments, whilst in parallel, subject to being awarded the Games, use the expertise and acquired learning on offer within Commonwealth Games Federation, to ensure the Games are as cost effective and economical as possible.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**A2     Changes**

**Question:**

**Did you make any attempt to change the written answers submitted by the Former Leader to Full Council on 12 September 2012 before the meeting and before you were appointed Acting Leader of the Council at that meeting?**

**Answer:**

**No.**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN**

**A3     STILL LOOKING FOR ANSWERS**

**Question:**

**What is the full response to all inaccurate or incomplete answers to written questions to Full Council on 12 September 2012?**

**Answer:**

I presume you mean 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and not 2012.

At the Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017, all members were invited to contact the City Solicitor if they had concerns regarding any of the answers.

No comments or queries have been received.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

**A4     Deferred report**

**Question:**

**The response to written question A16 at Full Council on 12 September 2017 claimed that the reason that the Cabinet report on waste collection on 24 August was deferred was due to the need to ‘properly reflect on the advice given’ at a meeting with counsel two hours before Cabinet. Why was this reason not given at Cabinet (where it was stated there were mistakes in the report due to its ‘rushed’ state)**

**Answer:**

The reason given at Cabinet was accurate as the report did need some correction and checking. The need to reflect further on advice was an additional reason.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRIE**

**A5     Acas Feedback**

**Question:**

**In response to written question A23, the former Leader claimed that the feedback he gave you and other Cabinet Members was simply a copy of the agreed Acas statement. Did he give you any more feedback than this and if so what?**

**Answer:**

Feedback from the former Leader following his meeting with Unite on the 16<sup>th</sup> August took place at more than one meeting and over a number of occasions.

At no point did I agree to the position as stated in the reply the former Leader gave in response to question A23 at the September Council meeting.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BOB  
BEAUCHAMP**

**A6     External Advise 1**

**Question:**

**Did the Council procure David Lock QC to provide legal advice in relation to the industrial dispute and/or equal pay claims?**

**Answer:**

**No.**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**A7     External Advise 2**

**Question:**

**Has the Council made any payments to David Lock QC?**

**Answer:**

**No.**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR LYN COLLIN**

**A8     External Advise 2**

**Question:**

**Has any invoice from David Lock QC been given to the Council for payment?**

**Answer:**

**Yes**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR  
MAUREEN CORNISH**

**A9     External Advise 3**

**Question:**

**Has the Council procured David Lock QC for any legal advice on any matter?**

**Answer:**

As far as I am aware, David Lock QC has only provided advice to the former Leader in relation to the current waste dispute.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DES FLOOD**

**A10    External Advise 3**

**Question:**

**Has the former Leader handed any invoices to the Council for payment to any provider (excluding expenses allowable under the Member Allowance scheme)?**

**Answer:**

**No.**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR  
MARGARET WADDINGTON**

**A11     Bond**

**Question:**

**What figure were the Council given by the PWLB at that time the ‘Brummie Bond’ deal was secured and on what time and date was this quote given?**

**Answer:**

The PWLB updates its lending rates to local authorities every morning and again every afternoon. The three loans from Phoenix Life were priced on the morning of 11 April when the PWLB’s morning interest rates were in force (as supplied by PWLB on Interest Rate Circular 141/17). The interest rates on the Phoenix loans and the comparable PWLB Certainty new loan rates in Circular 141/17 are as follows:

tranche	maturity	rate	PWLB	saving
£15m	18 years bullet repayment	2.292%	2.460%	0.168%
£15m	20 years bullet repayment	2.347%	2.520%	0.173%
£15m	24 years bullet repayment	2.443%	2.580%	0.137%
<u>£45m</u>	ave	2.36%		0.16%

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RANDAL  
BREW**

**A12    Another) last chance saloon**

**Question:**

**Were you given a deadline by the Improvement Panel to turn things around?**

**Answer:**

**No.**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREW  
HARDIE**

**A13     Blame game**

**Question:**

**Did the Council's Communication department sign off the former Leader's  
resignation statement?**

**Answer:**

The corporate communications department did not formally sign-off, or have any requirement to sign-off, the Leader's statement as it was issued by him personally and not on behalf of the council.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**A14    Claims**

**Question:**

**How many equal pay claims have been brought against the Council by Simpson Millar Solicitors LLP?**

**Answer:**

This is sensitive and confidential information under the Council's constitution and, in addition, would likely breach the Data Protection Act 1998 if disclosed, and so it is not possible to provide the information requested.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**A15    Handover**

**Question:**

**Did you have any handover meeting with the former Leader after taking up your new post?**

**Answer:**

**No.**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

**A16     Nothing to see here**

**Question:**

**The last two meetings of the Standards Committee (8 August and 10 Oct) have not gone ahead, and in fact the Committee has not met more than once a year since 2012, despite their being at least two high profile issues concerning the actions of former Cabinet Members that have raised questions about the code of conduct. When do you anticipate Standards Committee will meet to review allegations against the former Cabinet Member for Equality, Openness and Transparency and against the former Leader so that the public can have confidence these issues are not being swept under the carpet?**

**Answer:**

The City Solicitor has advised that there does need to be a review of the terms of reference of the Standards Committee and also a review as to when and how often the Committee should meet, together with a review of the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors. The City Solicitor will contact the Standards Committee with further details.

In terms of current code of conduct matters that are the subject of an investigation or subject to a decision or recommendation of the Chair of the Standard Committee or the Monitoring Officer, due to the confidential nature of these matters an update will be provided to Standards Committee at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK**

**A17    Fair notice**

**Question:**

**How long before their press release of 6 October did the Commonwealth Games Federation inform the Council that their bid for the 2022 games was not fully compliant, and how long before did they inform the Council that they would be extending the deadline for bid submissions?**

**Answer:**

The Council were not given notice of the press release or the extension to the deadline for bid submissions. However as part of the submission, Birmingham and the Commonwealth Games Delivery Unit (CGDU) within the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) had collectively sought further clarification on a number of guarantees required by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF).

Following the press release we have had and continue to have productive discussions and negotiations with the CGF regarding these clarifications in order to meet the extended deadline of 30 November



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

**A18    Thompsons**

**Question:**

**According to the Open Data for Invoices over £500, on 11 September 2017 the Council paid a sum of £6,766.00 to Thompsons Solicitors, the firm representing Unite in the current waste management dispute, what was this payment for?**

**Answer:**

The payment was in settlement of Thompsons Solicitors' costs in a personal injury matter, unrelated to waste management.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROB SEALEY**

**A19    Assumed Savings**

**Question:**

**The last Budget monitoring report highlighted an ‘assumed’ £4m in ‘mitigations’ for the Future Operating Model overspend from budget planning work that hadn’t yet been carried out. What is the latest position with regard to these ‘assumed’ savings?**

**Answer:**

The latest position is set out in the Month 6 revenue monitoring report, to be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 14 November 2017. Mitigations of £3.3m have been identified to date in 2017/18.

The position for future financial years is being considered as a part of wider budget planning work which is currently in progress.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON JEVON**

**A20     Council Tax arrears**

**Question:**

**Which (if any) Councillors have been taken to Court in the last 2 years for non-payment of council tax?**

**Answer:**

During the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 there have been no Councillors taken to court for the non-payment of Council Tax.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GARETH MOORE**

**A21     Council Tax Vote**

**Question:**

**Which (if any) Councillors were in arrears of two months of more for their council tax as of either 28 February 2017 and/or 1 March 2016?**

**Answer:**

No Councillors were in Council Tax arrears of two months or more on 1 March 2016 or 28 February 2017.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR TIM HUXTABLE**

**A22    LIT**

**Question:**

**Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the money generated, committed and spent from the Longbridge Infrastructure Tariff?**

**Answer:**

To date £4,529,842 has been received from the Longbridge Infrastructure Tariff (LIT), which includes £502,000 generated from development in Bromsgrove District Council's area. Further payments have been secured but are not yet due amounting to £587,500 of which £50,000 has been secured in the area covered by Bromsgrove District Council.

The table below sets out the total spent and committed as of the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2017 for projects funded by the LIT. It is important to note that in this context committed means that formal approval has been made by the Council to make the payment. There are further elements of some of the projects below that are currently in the process of being developed that are yet to be formally approved.

<b>Capital Spend and Commitments</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Spend as of 31/10/2017</b>	<b>Committed as of 31/10/2017</b>	<b>Total</b>
Deliver SRTS Bristol Rd Sth Pedestrian X	135,512.24		135,512.24
Cycling Network	122,435.40		122,435.40
Longbridge Railway Station		563,000.00	563,000.00
Sustainable Transport and Co-Ordination	2,877.02		2,877.02
Longbridge Public Realm Improvements	814,933.54		814,933.54
Longbridge Public Art	12,000.00	100,000.00	112,000.00
Cofton Park Play Ground	103,707.29		103,707.29
Longbridge Infrastructure Tariff	330.87		330.87
S106 Longbridge Station	37,193.85		37,193.85
Longbridge Station - Legal	1,072.00		1,072.00
Longbridge Station - PT&F Fees	8,545.92		8,545.92
B'ham Great Park-Cycle Phase1 Add Works	22,440.17		22,440.17
S106 Longbridge Railway-Design	28,963.77		28,963.77
Cofton Park Pavillion	374,496.21	3,148.40	377,644.61
Lickey Hills Primary & Nursery School		505,034.48	505,034.48

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	<b>1,664,508.28</b>	<b>608,182.88</b>	<b>2,272,691.16</b>
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<b>Revenue Spend and Commitments</b>			
<b>Project</b>	Spend as of 31/10/2017	Committed as of 31/10/2017	Total
Longbridge Public Art	71,943.41		71,943.41
Planning & Regeneration Graduate Hub	43,762.26		43,762.26
Public Health project	81,068.25		81,068.25
	<b>196,773.92</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>196,773.92</b>

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR FERGUS ROBINSON**

**A23    Trust Receipts**

**Question:**

**How much money has been generated from capital receipts from Trusts where the Council is Trustee since 2012 and what has this been spent on?**

**Answer:**

In terms of actual capital receipts within Trust income for charities where the Council is Sole Corporate Trustee, I have been informed by officers that since 2012 there has only been one such receipt. This relates to the disposal of the former groundsman's cottage at Hunters Hill School being part of the Cropwood Trust and delivering a capital receipt of £275k to the Trust in 2017. The decision to dispose of this asset was made by the Trusts and Charities Committee on 20th July 2016 and ratified by Full Council as Trustee on 7th February 2017.

The proceeds of sale were posted to a ring fenced corporate account for the Cropwood Estate charitable trust and any income derived from this receipt must, in accordance with charity law, be used in accordance with the charity's objects and purposes which are the furtherance of any general charitable purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Birmingham which may include all or any of the following:

- 1)        The provision and support of educational facilities;
- 2)        The Provision and support of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for our citizens;
- 3)        The relief of the aged, impotent and poor; and,
- 4)        The relief of sickness.

The £275k proceeds were invested in the COIF Investment Fund with the Trusts and Charities Committee appointed Fund Manager CCLA on behalf of the Cropwood Estate charitable trust.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN  
MACKEY**

**A24    Professional Interests**

**Question:**

**At the 13 June Council meeting it was resolved to instruct the City Solicitor to investigate if a register of professional interests of all officers with delegated decision making powers can be published annually online. Has this work now been completed and if so what was the outcome?**

**Answer:**

This work has not yet been resolved. An update will be provided to Council Business Management Committee in November.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

**A25    CIL 1**

**Question:**

**Since 2012 what Community Infrastructure Levy payments have been received in total from projects in each Ward in the City?**

**Answer:**

Since the Council began charging the Community Infrastructure Levy in January 2016 the payments have been received for the following Wards. Wards not mentioned have not yet had any chargeable developments implemented. All figures are rounded to the nearest £1,000:

Aston - £600,000  
Bournville - £40,000  
Harborne - £397,000  
Ladywood - £230,000  
Selly Oak - £45,000  
Sutton Four Oaks - £56,000  
Sutton Vesey - £9,000  
Weoley - £177,000

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES**

**A26    CIL 2**

**Question:**

**Since 2012 what is the total of Community Infrastructure Levy payments spent in each Ward in the City?**

**Answer:**

To date no Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments have been spent in any Ward of the City. A report will be taken to Cabinet to set out the process for agreeing the spending of CIL payments in accordance with the priorities in the infrastructure delivery plan.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS**

**A27    CIL Sutton Coldfield Town Council**

**Question:**

**What percentage of Community Infrastructure Levy funds raised within Sutton Coldfield have been passed onto Sutton Coldfield Town Council since its inception?**

**Answer:**

To date no payments of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds have been made to Sutton Coldfield Town Council. This is because the value of the funds payable to the Town Council that have been raised to date are minimal. For the period from the inception of the Town Council to now payment for CIL chargeable development in Sutton Coldfield totalling circa £65,000 has been received by the City Council. 15% of this will be paid to the Town Council which amounts to just under £10,000. A process is currently being put in place to facilitate making payments to the Town Council.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

**A28     Hijabgate**

**Question:**

**In March this year Cllr Waseem Zafaar resigned from his cabinet position in the wake of what came to be known as ‘hijabgate’, which attracted attention from the national press, as well as from the government’s Community Cohesion Tsar, Dame Louise Casey, who personally wrote on the matter to your predecessor.**

**At the time of his resignation it was stated that an investigation would take place and, given the interest outlined above, it seemed safe to assume that this would happen quickly and in as open and transparent a manner as possible. Three months later, when asked for an update in the June Council meeting Cllr Clancy stated that the ‘investigation was in the final stages. Another five months have elapsed since that answer, which I can only assume was ‘factually incorrect’.**

**Can the current leader please given an open, transparent and accurate update on this investigation?**

**Answer:**

I am advised that there is an ongoing code of conduct issue, which has been the subject of an independent investigation. The outcome of the investigation will be subject to a decision or recommendation of the Independent Chair of the Standards Committee or the Monitoring Officer, in accordance with the Councillor Code of Conduct. The matter remains confidential until such a decision or recommendation is made.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE INTERIM LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**A29    Barrister Costs**

**Question:**

**Please supply a breakdown of expenditure on barristers for the last three full financial years and the current year to date specifying:**

- **Directorate/dept charged**
- **Nature of work/type of law (e.g. Employment, commercial, education etc)**
- **Nature of work (e.g. advice, representation in court, tribunal, mediation etc)**

**Answer:**

Waiting for response from Kate

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

**A30     4,000 homes in Perry Barr area**

**Question:**

**The recent Cabinet report on housing referred to the potential building of more than 4,000 homes in the Perry Barr area. Could the Cabinet Member state which wards, on present boundaries, it is envisaged those homes will be built in, stating the number of homes proposed per ward?**

**Answer:**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of New Homes</b>
Perry Barr	2,361
Lozells and East Handsworth	527
Aston	637
Walsall MBC	1,256
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,781</b>

The sites identified for development were taken from the Strategic Housing Land Availability Study 2016, or from other known opportunities where they are considered consistent with the Birmingham Development Plan.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**B1      Budget transparency**

**Question:**

**In a leaked email to the Labour Group, announcing her candidacy for the Deputy Leader position, the Cabinet Member for Clean Streets referred to the process of a range of options being presented to Members for balancing the budget. She referred to the anticipated need to reject many of these as the Party would not be able to ‘sell (them) on the doorstep.’ Will you be publishing all of these rejected options so that Non-Executive Members and the public alike can have an informed opinion on what is in the best interests of the City rather than the best interests of the Labour Party?**

**Answer:**

**No.**

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RANDAL  
BREW**

**B2     Hitting the Ground running**

**Question:**

**Please list all meetings you have had about the Council Budget since being  
elected Deputy Leader of the Labour Group**

**Answer:**

Twelve hours of meetings solely on the budget, but the severity of cuts from the Conservative government is such that budget matters have come up at pretty much every other meeting I've had.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES  
AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE**

**C1 Entry Places - Senior schools and number of young people on waiting list**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet Member provide the number of entry places for every senior school, in all types, (for 11 year olds and over) and the number of young people on the waiting list for secondary schools - in the Yardley Constituency?**

**Answer:**

In the Yardley Constituency there are seven schools that provide secondary education with a combined number of 6868 pupil places across all year groups.

The waiting list information provided is for October 2017 and confirms that there is a combined number of 3816 pupil names on the waiting lists across all the schools and all year groups.

It is important to understand that this number will include repeat names as parents have the opportunity to add their child's name to as many school waiting lists as they choose. It is even more important to note that the overwhelming majority of these children are already in school.

Birmingham City council does not lead on the co-ordination of in-year admissions and parents are thus required to make applications directly to individual schools.

As such all in-year waiting lists are held and managed by individual schools and can be subject to change in order and number of those on the list on a daily basis. Subsequently schools are not required to and do not make regular returns on the position of their in-year waiting lists to the Council.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

**C2      Increase School Places for year 7 - Yardley Senior Schools**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet Member inform Council if there are any plans to increase places available for year 7 in 2017/18 at all of Yardley constituency's senior schools?**

**Answer:**

Because all but one secondary school is an academy in this area, Tory-Lib Dem policy means we have no direct control as a Council over their expansions and place offerings.

I have been provided with information for the seven schools that provide year seven places in the Yardley constituency.

Two schools have provided additional pupil places for September 2017.

Perry Beeches V increased the number of places available by 25 for September and King Edward VI Sheldon Heath Academy has admitted over its planned number by 10 places as a result of upheld appeals.

There are currently no plans in place to increase the number of places available in any of the other five schools in the constituency for the current year 7 intake.

<b>DfE Number</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>Year of Entry</b>	<b>Planned increases</b>
4013	Ark Boulton	Secondary(S)	2017	None planned
4019	Perry Beeches V - The All Through Family School	All Through	2017	Already increased by 25 for 2017 Y7
4022	Cockshut Hill School	S	2017	None planned
4246	Yardleys School	S	2017	None planned
4804	Archbishop Ilsley Catholic	S	2017	None planned
5411	Ninestiles School	S	2017	None planned
6906	KE VI Sheldon Heath Academy	S	2017	10 admitted above planned due to upheld appeals

In addition to the above there is a Free school planned in the Selly Oak constituency which will provide 1150 places across Y7 – Y13 when full to capacity. The proposed opening date is September 2020

<b>Establishment</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Proposed Opening Date</b>	<b>Full Planned Capacity</b>	<b>Lower Age</b>	<b>Upper Age</b>	<b>Faith</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>District/Ward</b>
Christ Church Secondary Free School	Church of England Diocese	01/09/2020	1150	11	19	Christianity	Mixed	Selly Oak/Billesley

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES  
AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR CAROL JONES**

**C3     Young people on waiting list for place**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet Member provide the number of young people by year on the waiting list for a secondary school place at every school in the Yardley constituency as at October 2017?**

**Answer:**

I have been provided with information for each of the seven schools that provide places for secondary age pupils in the Yardley constituency.

The waiting list information provided is for October 2017 and confirms that there is a combined number of 3816 pupil names on the waiting lists across all the schools and all year groups.

It is important to understand that this number will include repeat names as parents have the opportunity to add their child's name to as many school waiting lists as they choose.

It is even more important to note that the overwhelming majority of these children are already in school.

Birmingham City Council does not lead on the co-ordination of in-year admissions and parents are thus required to make applications directly to individual schools. Because all but one secondary school in Yardley is Academy, we have no powers to increase provision to meet demand.

As such all in-year waiting lists are held and managed by individual schools and can be subject to change in order and number of those on the list on a daily basis.

Subsequently schools are not required to and do not make regular returns on the position of their in-year waiting lists to the Council.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES  
AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**C4      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As a member of Cabinet do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your portfolio?**

Answer:

Yes.

This is a once in a generation opportunity for Birmingham that will hugely raise the profile of our city.

But this is about more than profile. The Games will create jobs, enhance prospects through volunteering opportunities and increase housing in the city.

The Games will promote physical activity in Birmingham and will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people from across the city, helping to address the problems of inactivity and obesity.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES  
AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN**

**C5     Cabinet time**

**Question:**

**How many hours a week on average do you spend on your work as a Cabinet Member?**

**Answer:**

As many as are required in order to fulfil my Cabinet Member responsibilities and this inevitably extends to evenings and weekends.

Last week, for example, this totalled 40 hours plus ward and Party-related work.

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

**D1      Flytipping over last three years**

**Question:**

**Could the Cabinet Member set out, by month, numbers of reports and recorded incidents of flytipping over the last three years?**

**Answer:**

The table below shows the service enquiries recorded in the Council's waste management and regulatory teams' databases that reference involvement of, or that were categorised at the initial reporting stage, as relating to waste/rubbish. The second set of data is the incidents reportable quarterly under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow 'fly-tipping' arrangements [Data for last quarter are being finalised and are therefore shown here as estimates].

The total number of enquiries does not equate to the number of reportable incidents. This is due to a number of reasons which includes, but that is not limited to: duplicate enquiries/incidents being reported more than once, by different reporters or on multiple dates or to different council teams; enquiries for which linked records are created in the electronic database for the purpose of assisting with job management; and enquiries where waste/rubbish may not subsequently be identified as the route cause or primary element of a multi-issue referral.

Month / Year	Number of completed <b>enquiries</b> into the Council referencing waste/rubbish and recorded on waste management or regulatory teams database	Number of <b>Incidents</b> of fly- tipping. [Reportable under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow arrangements]
11/2014	1,340	865
12/2014	1,560	1064
01/2015	2,011	1159
02/2015	1,935	1016
03/2015	2,336	1002
04/2015	2,153	1075
05/2015	1,724	1059
06/2015	2,138	1192
07/2015	2,179	1201
08/2015	1,872	916
09/2015	1,862	834
10/2015	1,727	919
11/2015	1,667	973
12/2015	1,565	867

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01/2016	1,971	1086
02/2016	1,747	1028
03/2016	1,883	1197
04/2016	1,867	1152
05/2016	1,727	1151
06/2016	1,998	1209
07/2016	2,043	1365
08/2016	1,880	1352
09/2016	1,721	1342
10/2016	1,533	1279
11/2016	1,392	1229
12/2016	1,295	1146
01/2017	1,466	1158
02/2017	1,369	1039
03/2017	1,881	1377
04/2017	1,552	1269
05/2017	1,469	1202
06/2017	1,624	1224
07/2017	1,678	1526 est.
08/2017	1,482	1565 est.
09/2017	1,024	1045 est
10/2017	985	

The figures for July, August and September are estimated due to the industrial action. Further analysis is needed to differentiate between legitimate residential waste presented and not collected, and actual fly tipping.

\*Please Note: As investigations occur the figures previously provided may change as more cases are updated and become concluded.



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

**D2     Food Waste Recycling**

**Question:**

**The Council has been criticised by Friends of the Earth, among others, for appearing to rule out the introduction of food waste recycling in the 25 year waste strategy. Could the Cabinet Member set out the reasons for not wishing to introduce food waste recycling even as a local trial?**

**Answer:**

I haven't ruled a local trial out.

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

**D3     Missed Collections October 2017 compared to October 2016**

**Question:**

**Please state the number of missed collections reported in October 2017 compared with October 2016.**

**Answer:**

Missed collections are received from residents either for an individual property or a whole road report.

The number of individual property missed collections reported by residents is:

- October 2016 = 2386 Missed Collections
- October 2017 = 6088 Missed Collections

The number of whole roads missed collections reported by residents is:

- October 2016 = 2951 Missed Collections of which 538 are likely to be duplicate\* reports of the same missed road.
- October 2017 = 13 303 Missed Collections of which 3 882 are likely to be duplicate\* reports of the same missed road.

\*Duplicate reports have are classified as being where a report was reported in the same week, on the same road/street, for the same rubbish type.

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

**D4     Refund Green Waste Collections**

**Question:**

**Will the Cabinet Member give further consideration to the issue of refund to residents who were deprived of Green Waste collections that were paid for in advance, prior to start of financial year, which is a contractual obligation to each and every resident who paid for the service?**

**Answer:**

Consideration is currently being given on how to best deal with those garden waste customers who have been disrupted during the industrial action. Once this information is available Councillors will be briefed and those customers who have been affected by the dispute will be advised of any decision as to how the Council intends to treat disrupted Green waste collections.

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

**D5     Emissions Standards**

**Question:**

**What emissions standards does the council request of any vehicles it hires, as of 12 September 2017?**

**Answer:**

As outlined in the Green Policy paper that went to Cabinet last month, the minimum emissions standards that the Council requests of hire vehicles is Euro 6 for diesel engines and Euro 4 for petrol engines.

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

**D6      Emissions Standards 2**

**Question:**

**What emissions rating are each of the refuse collection vehicles the council has purchased since 2012?**

**Answer:**

61 euro 5 vehicles were purchased in 2013 as at the time the Euro 6 were not available. With the clean air zone coming in, in 2019, Waste Management are currently looking at retro fits of other equipment to make these engines compliant.

In 2014 and 2015 a total of 71 euro 6 engine vehicles were purchased.

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

**D7     Overtime**

**Question:**

**How much has been paid in overtime to council waste collection staff since 20 September 2017?**

**Answer:**

The overtime that has been paid to waste collection staff is estimated at £17,000 (this relates to the whole of September as it is not easily possible to provide the exact information requested from the financial systems without significant additional work – there are no details currently available for October). This overtime expenditure represents 1.2% of the total pay costs during the month.

It should be noted that overtime working in the collection service has reduced significantly as new working arrangements have been implemented – the total overtime paid in 2015/16 was £968,000 (or 5.5% of pay costs) and was £808,000 in 2016/17 (or 4.2% of pay costs).

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

**D8     Acting on advice**

**Question:**

**Between taking control of the Council following the elections in May 2012 and the decision to accept the grant for the roll out of the Wheelie Bins, what steps were taken to implement the Future Operating Model for Fleet and Waste Management agreed at Cabinet on 26 March 2012, including the accompanying recommendations from legal services?**

**Answer:**

I was not in post in 2012 and the officers responsible for Waste Management have since left the organisation.

In the meantime, the roll out of wheeled bins was effected from 2013 date.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS  
OSBORN**

**D9      Acting on advice 2**

**Question:**

**When agreeing the roll out of wheelie bins, and any further changes to Fleet and Waste Management since that point, was consideration given to the legal advice provided as part of the FOM agreed at the Cabinet meeting of 26 March 2012?**

**Answer:**

I was not in post in 2012 and the officers responsible for Waste Management have since left the organisation. The legal advice in the private report is confidential.



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

**D10     Landfill Tax**

**Question:**

**What is the difference in the amount of landfill tax liability accrued between 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and now compared with the same period last year?**

**Answer:**

	2016	
	Active Landfill	Hazardous Landfill (Flyash)
July	5,991.56	675.38
August	5,584.80	707.44
September	4,985.00	608.08
October up to 22nd	35.43	437.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,596.79</b>	<b>2,428.34</b>
# Estimated Active Landfill		
	2017	
	Active Landfill	Hazardous Landfill (Flyash)
July	6,688.17	587.52
August	10,374.98	608.92
September	4,790.93	589.36
October up to 22nd	7,861.98	463.58
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,716.06</b>	<b>2,249.38</b>

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

**D11     Green waste refunds**

**Question:**

**How many refunds have been issued so far for missed green bin collections under the Council's three consecutive missed collections policy?**

**Answer:**

Prior to the industrial action (1 July 2017) for the 2017 year we have provided 6 refunds for missed garden collection services. No refunds have been provided since the start of industrial action, and these requests are currently being investigated and reviewed.

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

**D12     Missed Collections**

**Question:**

**How many missed collections have been reported since the resumption of  
'normal' collections on 9 October?**

**Answer:**

Missed collections are received from residents either for an individual property or a whole road report.

The number of individual property missed collections reported by residents between 9 and 31 October is:

- 4 484 Missed Collections

The number of 'whole road' missed collections reported by residents between 9 and 31 October is:

- 9 686 Missed Collection reports of which 2 957 are likely to be duplicate\* reports of the same missed road from multiple residents.

\*Duplicate reports have are classified as being where a report was reported in the same week, on the same road/street, for the same rubbish type.

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

**D13    Trade Waste performance**

**Question:**

**For each month since April 2017, how many trade waste collections have been missed?**

Answer:

Missed collections are as follows:

April – 165

May – 244

June – 433

July – 966

August – 730

September – 734

October – 406

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

**D14    Trade Waste credits**

**Question:**

**What is the total value of credits provided or due for missed trade waste collections for each month since April 2017?**

**Answer:**

The breakdown of authorised credits for missed trade waste collections is as follows:

April - £257

May – £222

June - £227

July - £562

August - £3,280

September - £1,386

October - £3,957

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

**D15    Waste from schools**

**Question:**

**Since 30 June 2017 how many waste collections have been missed or delayed from schools, nurseries or other education settings (including PVI)?**

**Answer:**

Unfortunately missed collection notifications are not categorised by property usage. However by running a report which filters those missed collections reported to the Trade Waste Section where the address contains either the key words 'School', 'Nursery' and or 'Academy', we have determined that the service has received 530 missed collection reports between the 30 June and 1 November 2017.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREW HARDIE**

**D16    DEFRA**

**Question:**

**Did the Council respond to the letter sent this summer from Therese Coffey MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at DEFRA, which was sent to the 34 worse performing authorities for recycling, asking them to set out what they were planning to do to improve their recycling rates? If so please provide a copy of that response.**

**Answer:**

A draft response has been produced and we are now in a position to formally respond, as the Waste Strategy was approved by Cabinet on 3 October 2017. It is in this Strategy that we have set out our recycling ambitions and plans, including the commitment to increase recycling and reduce domestic waste.

This Waste Strategy, underpinned with the Waste Prevention Strategy, will assist in improving Birmingham's performance.

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

**D17     Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As a Member of Cabinet do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your portfolio?**

Answer:

Yes.

This is a once in a generation opportunity for Birmingham that will hugely raise the profile of our city.

But this is about more than profile. The Games will create jobs, enhance prospects through volunteering opportunities and increase housing in the city.

The Games will promote physical activity in Birmingham and will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people from across the city, helping to address the problems of inactivity and obesity.



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

**D18    Cabinet Time**

**Question:**

**How many hours a week on average do you spend on your work as a Cabinet Member?**

**Answer:**

As many as are required in order to fulfil my Cabinet Member responsibilities and this inevitably extends to evenings and weekends.

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

**D19     Bulky waste**

**Question:**

**How much income has been generated from the bulky waste charge for each year since its introduction?**

**Answer:**

Charging for all bulky waste collections started in April 2014. The cost of the service has remained unchanged at £23 for those booked online and £25 for those bookings taken via the contact centre.

The amount of income generated each calendar year between 1 April 2014 and 1 November 2017, by year, is as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Requests</b>	<b>Total Income</b>
2014 (from April)	9903	£ <b>238,327</b>
2015	16066	£ <b>383,984</b>
2016	19690	£ <b>467,588</b>
2017 (until November)	15371	£ <b>364,649</b>

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR TIM HUXTABLE**

**D20     Chewing Gum 1**

**Question:**

**How much has the Council spend each year since 2015 on cleaning chewing gum (or other items that require jet washing or similar) off streets in the City Centre?**

**Answer:**

This information is not held as any deep cleansing work (such as chewing gum removal or other items which require jet washing) is carried out as part of normal operations.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON JEVON**

**D21     Chewing Gum 2**

**Question:**

**How much has the Council spend each year since 2015 on cleaning chewing gum (or other items that require jet washing or similar) off streets in the rest of the city, excluding the City Centre, broken down by suburban high street?**

**Answer:**

This information is not held as any deep cleansing work (such as chewing gum removal or other items which require jet washing) is carried out as part of normal operations.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES**

**D22**

**Question:**

**What is the latest total cost of the bin strike?**

**Answer:**

To fully understand the financial impact of the industrial dispute all the associated costs need to be identified and attributed. These include the cost of the continuation of temporary agency workers to cover the 5th day work; the costs of the 'catch-up' contingency plans, including external contractors and the temporary deployment of some internal staff; and additional landfill tax as a consequence of more diversion to landfill and less income from paper recycling.

This amounts to an estimated total of £6.6m.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN LINES**

**D23    Strike Meetings**

**Question:**

**Please can you list all meetings you have attended regarding the bin strike since the last Council meeting, including all attendees?**

**Answer:**

Since 13 September I have had daily meetings with the Interim Leader and officers from the senior leadership team. Additionally, I have had meetings with Union officials and ACAS and, as these have not always been diarised, it is not possible to provide a complete list. Moreover, the meetings with ACAS were without prejudice and therefore it would be inappropriate to disclose the attendees.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,  
RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

**D24     Strike Resolution**

**Question:**

**When do you expect a resolution to the waste collection industrial dispute?**

**Answer:**

It is hoped that the Council might be in a position to provide an update shortly, however it is not possible to currently say anymore at this present time.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**E1      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As a Member of Cabinet do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your portfolio?**

Answer:

Yes.

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But this is about more than profile. The Games will create jobs, enhance prospects through volunteering opportunities and increase housing in the city.

The Games will promote physical activity in Birmingham and will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people from across the city, helping to address the problems of inactivity and obesity.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN**

**E2      Cabinet time**

**Question:**

**How many hours a week on average do you spend on your work as a Cabinet Member?**

**Answer:**

As many as are required in order to fulfil my Cabinet Member responsibilities and this inevitably extends to evenings and weekends

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR SUE ANDERSON**

**F2      Timescale extension of selective licensing - rogue landlords**

**Question:**

**What is the timescale for the extension of selective licensing, which is to be introduced, in the words of a recent Cabinet report, to tackle "rogue landlords"?**

**Answer:**

The Council has started a programme of consultation in target wards, in accordance with Government guidance, where there are high concentrations of private rented sector (PRS) properties where we believe there is evidence of poor management by landlords giving rise to ASB, high turn-over of tenancies, failure to carry out repairs. We started consultation in Stockland Green on 11 September and will start Soho Ward on 6 November 2017. I will be reviewing the outcome of the consultation early in the new calendar year to determine the next phase and whether the Council has a strong case for city-wide licensing for all PRS properties, which will need Secretary of State approval.

The Council has submitted a bid to Government for Controlling Migration Funding which, if successful, will provide additional resources to accelerate the selective licensing consultation in the priority wards or enable other targeted action against irresponsible or criminal landlords in other areas of the city.

Meanwhile, I understand that the Government is considering extending existing mandatory HMO licensing for any property with five or more persons (of more than one household who are sharing facilities) in April 2018 which, if this happens, will increase the scope of control over standards in HMOs across the city, which we welcome.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN**

**F3      Tower Block Fire Safety 1**

**Question:**

**What was the date of the last two fire safety visits at each of the Council's tower blocks?**

**Answer:**

The spreadsheets below outline the most recent fire risk safety inspections to date. These blocks will previously have been inspected 12 months prior to this date.

Section 1: Building information		
Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Adelaide Tower, 90 Packington Avenue, Shard End, Birmingham	B34 7RB	13/02/2017
Albany House, 15 Shopton Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	B34 6NT	18/05/2017
Alnwick House, 55 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	B23 5RP	18/05/2017
Arundel House, 45 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	B23 5RR	18/05/2017
Ascot Court, Abdon Avenue, Weoley Castle, Birmingham	B29 4PY	01/11/2016
Ashfield House, 34 Brompton Pool Road, Hall Green, Birmingham	B28 0SN	04/11/2016
Ashford Tower, 27 Salop Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	B12 0TR	08/05/2017
Auckland House, 43 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	B32 2NE	07/11/2016
Avery House, Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8JW	08/06/2017
Bakeman House, The Tivoli, Coventry Road, Yardley, Birmingham	B26 1AA	08/06/2017
Baldwin House, 14 Milton Street, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2RT	28/04/2017
Banbury House, 65 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 0BZ	23/03/2017
Barberry House, 15 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 9BX	29/11/2016
Barn House, 34 Cottsmeadow Drive, Birmingham, West Midlands	B8 2PW	26/05/2017
Barratts House, 1 Kimpton Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 5TD	03/11/2016
Barrow House, Meyrick Walk, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 9AH	08/04/2017
Barry Jackson Tower, Estone Walk, Aston, Birmingham	B6 5DP	Void Pending Demolition
Beech Hill House, 14 Field Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham	B32 3JP	08/11/2016
Bellfield House, 2 Thomham Way, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B14 5RT	11/11/2016
Berkeley House, Jarvis Road, Birmingham	B23 5RU	24/05/2017

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Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Boundary House, 19 Hollies Croft, Birmingham, West Midlands	B5 7QL	01/03/2017
Bowater House, 47 Aldgate Grove, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 3XG	26/04/2017
Bradbeer House, 68 Francis Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	B16 8JE	09/06/2017
Bradfield House, 37 Greenvale Avenue, Sheldon, Birmingham	B26 3XA	12/06/2017
Bramber House, 12 Stokesay Grove, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4ER	08/11/2016
Brandwood House, 15 Grove Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 6SW	21/06/2017
Bransford Tower, 157 Vaughton Street, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	B12 0ST	13/06/2017
Brecon Tower, 5 Guild Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8DS	21/06/2017
Bridgemoor House, 2 Folkestone Croft, Bromford, Birmingham	B36 8RA	08/02/2017
Bridport House, 1 Hillwood Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 1DN	25/04/2017
Brinklow Tower, 91 Highgate Street, Highgate, Birmingham	B12 0XT	21/06/2017
49 Over Pool Road, Ward End, Birmingham	B8 2BX	17/06/2017
Brookpiece House, 1 Millston Close, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B14 5TB	02/11/2016
Browning Tower, 116 Overbury Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 2HE	09/11/2016
Brunswick House, 5 Shopton Road, Shard End, Birmingham	B34 6NS	19/05/2017
Burdock House, 35 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 9BY	11/11/2016
Cadbury House, Great Hampton Row, Birmingham	B19 3BB	27/04/2017
California House, 2 Millmead Road, Bartley Green, Birmingham	B32 3AU	30/01/2017
Cambridge Tower, 17 Brindley Drive, City Centre, Birmingham	B1 2NH	21/06/2017
Campion House, 260 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 8QA	02/03/2017
Camrose Tower, 1 Rocky Lane, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 5JA	21/06/2017
Canterbury Tower, 1 St Marks Street, City Centre, Birmingham	B1 2UJ	13/06/2017

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Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Cantlow House, 3 Ketley Croft, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	B12 0XG	21/06/2017
Carisbrooke House, 59 Culmington Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4JL	14/11/2016
Century Tower, 1 Dollery Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham	B5 7TE	10/11/2016
Chadwick House, 15 Over Pool Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	B8 2BZ	17/05/2017
Chamberlain House, Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8JL	05/06/2017
Charlbury Tower, 33 Charlbury Tower, Southacre Ave, Birmingham	B5 7DQ	24/05/2017
Claverdon House, 161 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	B13 0QY	13/11/2016
Cocksmoor House, 31 Grove Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 6SP	21/02/2017
Collings House, 6 Huntley Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8JR	06/06/2017
Coney Green House, 200 Central Avenue, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4JS	21/06/2017
Coniston House, 32 Bantock Way, Harborne, Birmingham	B17 0JG	16/11/2016
Coppice House, 63 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	B27 7TA	02/03/2017
Copsehill Court, Mount View, Falcon Lodge, Birmingham	B75 7DR	12/06/2017
Courtway House, 33 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	B29 5AT	09/03/2017
Crabtree House, 53 Giles Close, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 8EA	16/05/2017
Cranleigh House, 54 Baldmoor Lake Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	B23 5PY	16/05/2017
Crescent Tower, 19 Brindley Drive, City Centre, Birmingham	B1 2NJ	21/06/2017
Danesmoor House, 569 Hob Moor Road, Yardley, Birmingham	B25 8XB	03/04/2017
Derwent House, 22 Bantock Way, Harborne, Birmingham	B17 0JE	16/11/2016
Dixon House, 10 Huntley Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8JP	08/06/2017
Dovey Tower, 175 Duddeston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 4LE	11/04/2017
Dowry House, 389 Rubery Lane South, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	B45 9SH	23/11/2016

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Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Drews House, 1 Netheravon Close, Birmingham	B14 5PQ	28/11/2016
Dunedin House, 23 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	B32 2NB	09/11/2016
Durham Tower, 48 Acom Grove, Ladywood, Birmingham, West Midlands	B1 2PW	21/06/2017
Epsom Court, Abdon Avenue, Weoley Castle, Birmingham	B29 4PQ	01/11/2016
Essington House, 112 Sladefield Road, Birmingham	B8 2SU	06/02/2017
Fairbourne Tower, 2 Portfield Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	B23 5UD	08/06/2017
Fallows House, 20 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2QE	04/04/2017
Frogmoor House, 571 Hob Moor Road, Yardley, Birmingham	B25 8XD	04/04/2017
Galton Tower, 32 Civic Close, West Midlands, Birmingham, West Midlands	B1 2NW	21/06/2017
Geach Tower, 65 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 3UP	10/05/2017
Giles Close House, 120 Giles Close, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 8ED	15/05/2017
Glendale Tower, 20 Beechmount Drive, Erdington, Birmingham	B23 5UE	19/09/2016
Gosmoor House, 127 Yew Tree Lane, Sheldon, Birmingham	B26 1BA	04/04/2017
Gower House, Lockington Croft, Halesowen, West Midlands	B62 9BS	21/06/2017
Greenfield House, 39 Greenvale Avenue, Sheldon, Birmingham	B26 3XN	12/06/2017
Greenford House, 74 Faulknors Farm Drive, Birmingham	B23 7XF	01/03/2017
Gresham Tower, 26 Shawbury Grove, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	B12 0TX	23/05/2017
Harrison House, 7 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 5LQ	23/02/2017
Heather House, 55 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 9DA	21/11/2016
Heath House, 1 Baverstock Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 5NN	25/11/2016
Heron Court, Emscote Drive, Wylde Green, Birmingham	B73 5NF	05/01/2017
High Tower, 27-29 Duddeston Manor Road, Birmingham	B7 4QA	12/04/2017

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Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Highgate House, 106 Southacre Avenue, City Centre, Birmingham	B5 7DL	24/05/2017
Hillcroft House, 862 Alcester Road South, Birmingham	B14 5NH	21/11/2016
Hillside House, 173 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	B45 9SQ	23/11/2016
Hobbis House, 603 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 8LS	23/01/2017
Hodgson Tower, Guildford Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2LY	09/05/2017
Holbrook Tower, Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	B36 8TS	Void Pending Demolition
Holland House, 73 Great Hampton Row, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 3JA	27/04/2017
Hollow Meadow House, 247 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	B36 8RD	31/03/2017
Hollypiece House, 53 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	B27 7TB	21/02/2017
Home Tower, 5/7 Duddeston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 4QF	25/04/2017
Homemeadow House, 43 Pemberley Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham	B27 7TD	21/02/2017
Humber Tower, 22 Francis Street, Birmingham, West Midlands	B7 4JU	12/04/2017
Huntingdon House, 44 Faulkners Farm Drive, Birmingham	B23 7XF	01/03/2017
Inkerman House, 105 Newtown Shopping Centre, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2SG	07/06/2017
James House, 7 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2UZ	03/05/2017
Jordan House, 37 Blossom Grove, Bromford, Birmingham	B36 8PH	29/03/2017
Kempsey House, 2 Kitwell Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham	B32 4AH	29/11/2016
Kendal Tower, 4 Malins Road, Harborne, Birmingham	B17 0JY	02/12/2016
Kenilworth House, 121 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	B13 0RA	14/11/2016
Kenrick House, 32 Beaufort Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	B16 8HZ	08/06/2017
Kentmere Tower, 10 Beechmount Drive, Erdington, Birmingham	B23 5UF	08/06/2017
Kineton House, 101 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	B13 0RB	13/02/2017

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Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Kingsbridge House, 54 Faulkners Farm Drive, Stockland Green, Birmingham	B23 7XG	07/03/2017
Kingspiece House, 27 Blossom Grove, Bromford, Birmingham	B36 8PJ	30/03/2017
Kingswood House, Kimpton Close, Druids Heath, Birmingham	B14 5TF	03/11/2016
Lavender House, 75 Shannon Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 9DB	06/12/2016
Ledbury House, 51 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 0BY	27/03/2017
Leominster House, 230 Tile Cross Road, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 0LY	27/03/2017
Lincoln Tower, 139 Gilby Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8RH	21/06/2017
Little Hill House, 20 Hayes Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	B24 0HS	11/01/2017
Lloyd House, 1 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2UY	03/05/2017
Loweswater House, 41 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 0BA	09/12/2016
Ludlow House, 81 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	B13 0RD	15/11/2016
Lynton House, 64 Faulkners Farm Drive, Stockland Green	B23 7XQ	08/03/2017
Manderville House, 12 Walnut Way, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4ET	30/11/2016
Manton House, 9 Newbury Road, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2RJ	08/02/2017
Martineau Tower, 25 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 3UJ	11/05/2017
Medway Tower, 52 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 5BJ	10/04/2017
Metchley House, 12 Bantock Way, Harbome, Birmingham	B17 0JD	13/02/2017
Middlefield House, 1 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 5LG	07/12/2016
Mill House, 19 Cottsmeadow Drive, Washwood Heath, Birmingham	B8 2PP	22/05/2017
Moat House, 31 Munslow Grove, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4DE	02/02/2017
Monmouth House, 79 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 0DA	20/03/2017
Moor House, 612 Druids Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 5QF	05/11/2016



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Muntz House, 7 Skipton Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8JN	05/06/2017
Needwood House, 9 Woodcock Lane, Acocks Green, Birmingham	B27 6DD	16/02/2017
Netley House, 10 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	B32 2BT	08/03/2017
Normanton Tower, 35 Portfield Grove, Erdington, Birmingham	B23 5UB	08/06/2017
Norton Tower, 43 Civic Close, City Centre, Birmingham, West Midlands	B1 2NN	21/06/2017
Oast House, 40 Gumbleberrys Close, Ward End, Birmingham	B8 2PR	22/05/2017
Parker House, 10 Britford Close, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 5LJ	16/01/2017
Park Court, 119 Boldmere Road, Boldmere, Birmingham	B73 5UW	30/11/2016
Pennycroft House, 30 Rattle Croft, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 8EE	16/05/2017
Perry Green House, 30 Elcock Drive, Perry Barr, Birmingham	B42 2LJ	10/02/2017
Pitmeadow House, 24 Pound Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 5SE	16/11/2016
Pleck House, 2 Winterbourne Croft, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B14 5PU	21/11/2016
Pritchett Tower, Arthur Street, Small Heath, Birmingham	B10 0NZ	25/05/2017
Quarry House, 153 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	B45 9SG	23/11/2016
Queens Tower, 17/19 Duddeston Manor Road, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 4QE	24/04/2017
Radcliffe Tower, 52 Shawbury Grove, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	B12 0TU	23/05/2017
Rayleigh House, 23 Woodcock Lane, Acocks Green, Birmingham	B27 6DB	15/02/2017
Rea Tower, 44 Mosborough Crescent, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 3AU	10/05/2017
Redditch House, 93 Shirestone Road, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 0DB	14/02/2017
Redway Court, Mount View, Falcon Lodge, Birmingham	B75 7DS	06/06/2017
Redworth House, 25 Deelands Road, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	B45 9RT	28/11/2016
Repton House, 52 Baldmoor Lake Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	B23 5PZ	06/06/2017

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Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Reynolds House, 1 Newbury Road, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2RH	21/06/2017
Risborough House, 16 Shifnal Walk, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4EH	01/12/2016
Rushmore House, 61 Cock Hill Lane, Rubery, Rednal, Birmingham	B45 9RU	06/12/2016
Ryland House, 53 Great Hampton Row, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 3JA	25/04/2017
Sadler House, 6 Newtown Drive, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2XA	03/05/2017
Saffron House, 250 Redditch Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 8QB	21/06/2017
Salisbury Tower, 55 Middleway View, Winson Green, Birmingham	B18 7DA	08/03/2017
Sandhurst House, 21 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 0AZ	08/12/2016
Sandown Tower, 70 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4BG	16/12/2016
Saxelby House, Kimpton Close, Birmingham	B14 5TE	02/11/2016
Scholfield Tower, 45 Uxbridge Street, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 3UN	11/05/2017
Severn Tower, 74 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 5BH	06/04/2017
Shakespeare House, 160 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 3SD	14/12/2016
Shelley Tower, 124 Overbury Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 2HB	09/01/2017
Sorrel House, 1073 Tyburn Road, Erdington, Birmingham	B24 0TQ	09/01/2017
Southam House, 141 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	B13 0QZ	10/01/2017
South Tower, 6/8 Little Hall Road, Nechells, Birmingham, West Midlands	B7 4QL	13/04/2017
Speedwell House, 115 Hillmeads Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 9NN	15/12/2016
Stafford House, 250 Tile Cross Road, Stechford, Birmingham	B33 0LZ	27/03/2017
Standleys Tower, 2 Rogerfield Road, Erdington, Birmingham	B23 5US	21/06/2017
Stokesay House, 15 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	B23 5RX	22/05/2017
Stoneleigh House, 11 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	B32 2DA	07/03/2017

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Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Studley Tower, 2 Canford Close, Sparkbrook, Birmingham	B12 0YY	25/05/2017
St Albans House, 16 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	B32 2BU	08/03/2017
St Dennis House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 9NE	21/11/2016
St Helier House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 9NG	01/12/2016
St Lawrence House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 9NQ	05/12/2016
St Michael House, Manor Close Melville Road, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 9NF	15/12/2016
Summercourt House, 35 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	B29 5AU	10/03/2017
Tenby Tower, 68 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4BE	13/12/2016
Tennyson House, 140 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 3SE	08/03/2017
Teviot Tower, 34 Mosborough Crescent, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 3BX	09/05/2017
Thames Tower, 31 Cromwell Street, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 5BH	10/04/2017
Thirlmere House, 2 Roman Way, Edgbaston, Birmingham	B15 2SH	07/11/2016
Thistle House, 259 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	B36 8RB	07/02/2017
Thornton House, 2 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2QB	04/05/2017
Tintern House, 4 Selcroft Avenue, Quinton, Birmingham	B32 2BS	07/03/2017
Topfield House, 212 Druids Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham	B14 5QU	08/12/2016
Trent Tower, 165 Duddleston Manor Road, Birmingham, West Midlands	B7 4JS	11/04/2017
Truro Tower, 2 Ledbury Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8RS	14/06/2017
Victor Tower, 1 Bloomsbury Street, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 5BX	05/04/2017
Waltham House, 1 Icknield Street, Kings Norton, Birmingham	B38 0AY	12/12/2016
Ward End House, 496 Washwood Heath Road, Birmingham	B8 2HE	06/02/2017
Wareham House, 32 Brompton Pool Road, Yardley Wood, Birmingham	B28 0SL	04/11/2017

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Address	Postcode	Date Assessment undertaken
Warstone Tower, 160 Bromford Drive, Bromford, Birmingham	B36 8TU	28/04/2017
Wellington House, 33 Welsh House Farm Road, Quinton, Birmingham	B32 2ND	15/12/2016
Wellington Tower, 72 Willetts Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4BQ	15/12/2016
Wells Tower, 52 Rodney Close, Ladywood, Birmingham	B16 8RU	21/06/2017
Wendover House, 2 Shifnal Walk, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 4EG	12/12/2016
Weston House, 40 Ruddington Way, Newtown, Birmingham	B19 2QJ	05/05/2017
Wheeldon House, Longley Crescent, South Yardley, Birmingham	B26 1DP	27/02/2017
Whitbourne House, 39 Clover Lea Square, Washwood Heath, Birmingham	B8 2DF	17/05/2017
Wickets Tower, 2 Wyatt Close, Birmingham, West Midlands	B5 7TJ	10/11/2016
Willow House, 140 Vauxhall Road, Nechells, Birmingham	B7 4HU	15/02/2017
Wilmcote Tower, 140 Upper Highgate Street, Highgate, Birmingham	B12 0XY	08/05/2017
Windermere House, 10 Vincent Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham	B15 2SU	07/11/2016
Windsor House, 35 Jarvis Road, Stockland Green, Birmingham	B23 5RT	24/05/2017
Winslow House, 37 Bushwood Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham	B29 5AX	09/03/2017
Woodstock House, 181 Hollybank Road, Billesley, Birmingham	B13 0QX	15/12/2016
Wordsworth House, 120 Fairfax Road, Northfield, Birmingham	B31 3SF	14/12/2016
Wyrley House, 2 Scafell Drive, Stockland Green, Birmingham	B23 7AR	23/01/2017

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

**F4      House build costs**

**Question:**

**For each type of dwelling (1 bed, 2 bed, 3 bed houses/bungalows/flats etc.) what is the average build cost for BMHT?**

**Answer:**

The construction cost of new BMHT homes is commercially sensitive information which it would be inappropriate to disclose in the public forum of the Council Chamber. I would be happy to provide a private briefing to Councillor Alden.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

**F5      Eviction Orders**

**Question:**

**What is the approximate average cost to the Council of obtaining an Eviction order against a Council tenant along with the additional cost of obtaining a warrant where one is needed?**

**Answer:**

We are making the assumption that an 'Eviction order' as stated above is what we refer to in the City as a possession order. We have to obtain a possession order of the property (the City's entitlement to apply for a warrant) before we can apply for a warrant for eviction.

The fees set by the County Courts for obtaining a possession order is as detailed below:

- Manual application fee is £355 (for non-secure tenants)
- Online application fee is £325 (completed for secure tenants).

Once a possession order is granted we can then apply for a warrant, court fees below:

- Warrant application fee is £121

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**F6      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As a Member of Cabinet do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your portfolio?**

Answer:

Yes.

This is a once in a generation opportunity for Birmingham that will hugely raise the profile of our city.

But this is about more than profile. The Games will create jobs, enhance prospects through volunteering opportunities and increase housing in the city.

The Games will promote physical activity in Birmingham and will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people from across the city, helping to address the problems of inactivity and obesity.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN**

**F7      Cabinet time**

**Question:**

**How many hours a week on average do you spend on your work as a Cabinet Member?**

**Answer:**

As many as are required in order to fulfil my Cabinet Member responsibilities and this inevitably extends to evenings and weekends.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORNE**

**F8      Sub-letting**

**Question:**

**How many Councillors have been given permission to sublet a room in their Council-owned property?**

**Answer:**

Secure tenants have a right to take in a lodger without the landlord's consent. A lodger is someone who has a bedroom and shares other facilities with the tenant, such as the kitchen and bathroom.

Secure tenants also have the right to sublet **part** of their home but they must obtain our written permission first. This generally occurs where the tenant lives separately in the same property as someone who has 'exclusive rights' over part of the property, such as a self-contained bedroom, bathroom and kitchen. This is a rare scenario for our council properties, and therefore we receive very few permission requests.

There are some grey areas in the legal difference between a lodger and a sub-tenant. When council tenants rent out a spare room in most cases they will be taking in a lodger, which they will have a right to do without our permission.

These rules apply to all council tenants and we do not differentiate between Councillors and members of the public.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**F9      Barry Jackson Tower**

**Question:**

**Further to the Cabinet report of 15 August, when was the planning application for the renovation of Barry Jackson tower submitted (or when will it be submitted)?**

**Answer:**

A pre-application for change of use of the Tower was submitted on 19 October 2017. The architects, on behalf of BCC and the contractor, are liaising with Planning colleagues in relation to the proposed change of use of the block.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR FERGUS ROBINSON**

**F10    Barry Jackson Tower 2**

**Question:**

**Which residents, resident groups and other community stakeholders have already been consulted with regard to the renovation of Barry Jackson tower?**

**Answer:**

So far there have been two meetings arranged for local residents to give information on the new use of the tower as a Supported Living Centre. These were held at the local school on a weekday evening and a Saturday respectively. Letters advising of the meetings were delivered to all properties within a 100 metre radius of Barry Jackson Tower. Attendees included local residents, as well as some religious leaders and members of local residents' groups.

I have also met with a delegation of resident representatives, supported by local ward members.

Local community stakeholders will be contacted and invited to meet with council representatives separately if they would like to. Future updates will be given via an email bulletin and attendance at local resident groups' meetings etc, if desired.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES  
FROM COUNCILLOR ROB SEALEY**

**F11     Barry Jackson Tower 3**

**Question:**

**With regard to the renovation of Barry Jackson Tower, has consultation to date been made available in multilingual formats (and will consultation in the future be)?**

**Answer:**

To date information in relation to Barry Jackson Tower has not been provided in multilingual formats. This is as per City Council policy following national changes in legislative requirements, due to the potential number of languages spoken.

Generally, most households are able to read and understand correspondence including through assistance by family members or friends, and there is low demand experienced in respect of requests for translation assistance.

If, however, any residents require support with understanding current or future consultation, then this can of course be arranged and will be made available.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS AND SKILLS  
FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**G1      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As a Member of Cabinet do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your portfolio?**

Answer:

Yes.

This is a once in a generation opportunity for Birmingham that will hugely raise the profile of our city.

But this is about more than profile. The Games will create jobs, enhance prospects through volunteering opportunities and increase housing in the city, and I am fully aware of the potential for development in terms of jobs and skills in Birmingham and the wider region.

The Games will promote physical activity in Birmingham and will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people from across the city, helping to address the problems of inactivity and obesity.

The opportunity to train over 10,000 volunteers, many of whom will receive an accredited qualification, is a once in a generation opportunity, and one which will go some way towards closing both the skills and employment gap in Birmingham.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS AND SKILLS  
FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN**

**G2     Cabinet time**

**Question:**

**How many hours a week on average do you spend on your work as a Cabinet Member?**

**Answer:**

As many as are required in order to fulfil my Cabinet Member responsibilities and this inevitably extends to evenings and weekends.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPARENCY,  
OPENNESS AND EQUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY**

**H1      Written Questions vs FOI**

**Question:**

**In response to written question E16 at September's full Council meeting, information was provided that, according to one prominent local journalist had been refused to him the week earlier under Freedom of Information because it was 'not in the public interest' to release it. Why are the standards for public interest transparency different for FOI and written questions?**

**Answer:**

The position is that the request submitted by the local journalist under the FOIA was not refused. The Council recognises that the FOIA gives a right of access to information that public authorities hold, but it also contains several possible exemptions from that right, which are listed in the Act.

Some of these exemptions require the public authority to consider the balance of public interest in deciding whether to withhold the information; these are known as 'qualified' exemptions. Others do not; these are known as 'absolute' exemptions.

Where qualified exemptions are considered applicable, the law states public authorities can have a "reasonable" extension of time to consider the public interest test. This is normally no more than an extra 20 working days, which is 40 working days in total to deal with the request.

In line with the requirements of the Act, the journalist was advised on 6<sup>th</sup> September, during the compliance period (20 working days) for the FOI request, the public authority wishes to withhold information under a qualified exemption and claim extra time for the public interest test.

Under the FOIA, carrying out the public interest test, means that a public authority must decide whether the public interest is better served by maintaining the exemption (and hence withholding the information) or by disclosing the information.

In the meantime, a written question was submitted to Council on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Due to an unfortunate breakdown in communication, the fact that a similar question was being considered by the FOI team was overlooked. The written response should ideally have taken account of that and a response similar to that provided to the journalist should have been submitted to Council, especially as the ongoing checks were being made regarding the public interest aspect of the question posed.

However, as the full response was provided at Council, the public interest test is now no longer necessary as the information sought by the journalist was publically released at September's Full Council meeting. Going forward, we will investigate how to improve our processes to avoid this reoccurring.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPARENCY,  
OPENNESS AND EQUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN**

**H2      Cabinet time**

**Question:**

**How many hours a week on average do you spend on your work as a Cabinet Member?**

**Answer:**

As many as are required in order to fulfil my Cabinet Member responsibilities and this inevitably extends to evenings and weekends.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPARENCY,  
OPENNESS AND EQUALITY FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**I13      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As a member of Cabinet do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your portfolio?**

Answer:

Yes.

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But this is about more than profile. The Games will create jobs, enhance prospects through volunteering opportunities and increase housing in the city.

The Games will promote physical activity in Birmingham and will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people from across the city, helping to address the problems of inactivity and obesity.

I also believe the games have the potential to have a positive impact on community cohesion in our city.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND  
ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR TIM HUXTABLE**

**I1      Walk this way**

**Question:**

**What is the latest situation with the previously proposed pedestrian walkway between New Street and Moor Street stations?**

**Answer:**

Proposals to enhance the pedestrian walkway between New Street and Moor Street stations are currently being taken forward as part of the Moor Street Queensway study, which considers the wider impacts of HS2 on public transport, pedestrian, cycle and general access in this locality. It also considers how the A34 and A38 cycle routes will be linked in this area.

This study will incorporate work previously undertaken for the 'One Station' project and develop a set of proposals for implementation ahead of the opening of HS2 in 2026.

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

**I2      Wellington Road**

**Question:**

**When were right turns (out of town) from the A38 Bristol Road into Wellington Road, Edgbaston B15 originally banned, and what was the reason for this?**

**Answer:**

The banned turn off the A38 Bristol Road into Wellington Road became effective on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1971. The Council does not retain scheme records dating back to this period, so I am unable to confirm the reason for it.

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

**I3      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As a Member of Cabinet do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your portfolio?**

**Answer:**

The decision taken by Cabinet on 15 August 2017 agreed to submit a formal bid to the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

The report outlined the potential advantages and benefits from hosting the Games. These included:

The acceleration of regeneration and rejuvenation of the city i.e.

- Delivering the Games Village will bring forward the building of over 900 new homes up to the Games rising to 3000 units post Games.
- It will regenerate the whole of the Perry Barr area, not just through new homes, but from considerable environmental improvements, an improved and refurbished Alexander Stadium and a legacy of improved community facilities post Games.

The acceleration and delivery of the proposed transport infrastructure improvements including improvements to local railway stations near Games venues, including:

- A new Sprint (Bus Rapid Transit) service on A34 to Walsall and A45 to the Airport and Solihull.
- Birmingham Cycle Revolution infrastructure on A34 and A38.
- Metro Link to Five Ways and Edgbaston.

It will create an estimated 22,632 jobs over 5 years with an economic benefit GVA of £526m (PwC August 2017).

There is an estimated £92m visitor spend and 1.5 billion TV audience during the Games, generating a tourism legacy of an estimated 20% increase in overseas visitors post Games.

There will be a step change in improvements to public transport and active travel, moving people from the car to more environmentally sustainable modes of transport.

In addition to the built legacy of the village, stadium and improvements to sports training venues, there will be a programme of physical activity interventions, based on well tested methods through work completed with Sport England and the Council's Wellbeing Service. This will focus on youth, diversity and deprived communities to close the gap on health inequalities, create a sense of belonging, community pride and cohesion. This will be linked to a cultural programme which will include an urban streets

festival and the city's cultural gems, bringing sport and culture together in our squares, parks, streets and live sites across the region.

Linked to this, there will be a requirement for 12,500 volunteers for the Games, 3000 of which will be targeted at local communities, to encourage citizens to make a contribution, that will be recorded and accredited and help develop transferable life skills into the work place and making the most of opportunities through the apprenticeship levy.

It will provide an unrivalled opportunity for the education sector to inspire pupils by delivering exciting and engaging learning programmes across the curriculum. In addition it will provide recruitment opportunities for the higher education sector to attract overseas students, staff and research contracts.

In summary, the Games will provide an unrivalled opportunity for Birmingham and the wider Midlands region to:

- deliver sustainable, inclusive economic growth, including through tourism;
- enhance the lives of its citizens through community cohesion, health and education initiatives, and environmental enhancements
- drive international recruitment of students and staff into higher education, bringing skills and knowledge and adding to the city's cultural diversity
- Improving community cohesion, and citizenship
- create a legacy of closer public sector partnership working for mutual benefit

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND  
ROADS FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN**

**I4      Cabinet time**

**Question:**

**How many hours a week on average do you spend on your work as a Cabinet Member?**

**Answer:**

A lot.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VALUE FOR MONEY  
AND EFFICIENCY FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP**

**J1      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As a member of Cabinet, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your portfolio?**

**Answer:**

Yes.

This is a once in a generation opportunity for Birmingham that will hugely raise the profile of our city.

But this is about more than profile. The Games will create jobs, enhance prospects through volunteering opportunities and increase housing in the city.

The Games will promote physical activity in Birmingham and will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of people from across the city, helping to address the problems of inactivity and obesity.

There is also a huge opportunity to illicit social value in some of our contract opportunities associated with the Commonwealth Games which will inevitably lead to more people receiving the Real Living Wage, and a potential increase in Commercial opportunities for the City Council jointly with our partners.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VALUE FOR MONEY  
AND EFFICIENCY FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN**

**J2      Cabinet time**

**Question:**

**How many hours a week on average do you spend on your work as a Cabinet Member?**

**Answer:**

As many as are required in order to fulfil my Cabinet Member responsibilities and this inevitably extends to evenings and weekends.



**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VALUE FOR MONEY  
AND EFFICIENCY FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN**

**J3      Lessons Learnt**

**Question:**

**Can lessons learnt from procurement processes this year be brought to either Cabinet or Council in December?**

**Answer:**

It is the role of Overview and Scrutiny to hold the Executive to account and it therefore remains my intention to include this in my annual update report to the Corporate Resources and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March when the lessons learned from the full year will be known.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR VALUE FOR MONEY  
AND EFFICIENCY FROM COUNCILLOR RANDAL BREW**

**J4      Hydrogen Bus Shortfall**

**Question:**

**Where is the £2.44m shortfall identified in the Cabinet report of 24 October on Hydrogen Buses coming from?**

**Answer:**

There is no shortfall. The cost of the project is as follows:

Hydrogen buses	£11.000m
TFL	£ 1.340m
ITM Power	£ 1.000m
BCC	£ 0.100m
Total	£13.440m

As set out in the Cabinet report the project will be funded by (rounded figures):

OLEV	£ 3.814m
FCHJU	£ 4.141m
GBSLEP	£ 2.156m
Bus Operator minimum contribution	£ 3.289m
Future Council Programme	£ 0.040m
Total	£13.440m

The Hydrogen bus element of £11m will be funded as follows:

OLEV	£ 1.4740m
FCHJU	£ 4.0808m
GBSLEP	£ 2.1562m
Bus Operator minimum contribution	£ 3.2890m

The TFL, ITM Power and BCC element of £2.44m will be funded as follows:

OLEV	£ 2.340m
FCHJU	£ 0.060m
Future Council Programme	£ 0.040m

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM  
COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

**K1      Efficiency of Planning Department**

**Question:**

**Could the Chair of Planning set out what measures the government could undertake to improve the efficiency of the planning department?**

**Answer:**

This really needs to be set in the context of performance over the past few years, and the department has a good record of high performance over that period, comparing favourably with all other Local Planning Authorities and in particular the core cities and neighbouring authorities.

Two of the main barriers to maintaining these high levels are the regular changes in legislation and, of course, available resources.

It would be helpful, therefore, if the Government could resist the regular changes to legislation, the majority of which shift control away from Local Authorities and give developers greater scope. This has generally not resulted in less work, often requiring greater administration, process change and scrutiny, but has also resulted in lower fee income.

It would also be helpful if the Government could expedite the promised fee increase, originally expected in early summer, which would go some way to resourcing sufficient staff to maintain the high levels of efficiency and performance that we have been able to maintain in recent years.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE FROM  
COUNCILLOR SUE ANDERSON**

**K2     Training in neighbourhood planning**

**Question:**

**Earlier in the year the Chair of Planning was asked if Planning Committee members had undertaken training in neighbourhood planning. Has any training of that kind taken place?**

**Answer:**

Planning Committee Members are required to undertake an annual training session for the work that falls within their direct remit. I can confirm that this has taken place, with a passing reference to Neighbourhood Planning.

There are, however, officers within the department who have offered more specific training to Members whose areas are, or may be, directly affected by local Neighbourhood Plans.

This has been undertaken with the Sutton Town Council, and with the Beeches Booths and Barr Neighbourhood Forum, and can be made available for any other Members, whether or not they sit on Planning Committee.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE ACOCKS GREEN WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**L      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

Answer:

Yes.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE ASTON WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**M1      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

Answer:

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE ASTON WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR RON STORER**

**M2     Ward Forum**

**Question:**

**Can the Chair inform me of the dates of the last three Ward Forums and whether the future of the Barry Jackson tower was raised at any of them.**

**Answer:**

Aston Ward Forum meetings were held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Barry Jackson Tower was not raised at either meeting. It was discussed at the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE BILLESLEY WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**N      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

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Answer:

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE BORDESLEY GREEN WARD  
FORUM FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORNE**

**O      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

Answer:

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE BRANDWOOD WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**P      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

**Answer:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE HALL GREEN WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**Q      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

**Answer:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE HANDSWORTH WOOD WARD  
FORUM FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**R      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

**Answer:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE HARBORNE WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**S      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

Answer:

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE HODGE HILL WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**T      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE KINGS NORTON WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**U      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

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**Answer:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE LADYWOOD WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**V      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

Answer:

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE LONGBRIDGE WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**W      Commonwealth Games 2022**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE LOZELLS AND EAST  
HANDSWORTH WARD FORUM FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS  
OSBORN**

**X      Commonwealth Games 2022**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE MOSELEY AND KINGS HEATH  
WARD FORUM FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**Y      Commonwealth Games 2022**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE NECHELLS WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**Z      Commonwealth Games 2022**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE QUINTON WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**AA     Commonwealth Games 2022**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE SELLY OAK WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**BB     Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE NECHELLS WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**CC     Commonwealth Games 2022**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE SOHO WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**DD     Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE SOUTH YARDLEY WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**EE      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE SPRINGFIELD WARD FORUM  
FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**GG     Commonwealth Games 2022**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE STOCKLAND GREEN WARD  
FORUM FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**HH     Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

**As Chair of a Ward Forum, do you fully support Birmingham's bid for the Commonwealth Games 2022 and recognise the potential advantages it could bring for your area?**

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COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE WASHWOOD HEATH WARD  
FORUM FROM COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**JJ      Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE WEOLEY WARD FORUM FROM  
COUNCILLOR PETER DOUGLAS OSBORN**

**KK     Commonwealth Games 2022**

**Question:**

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