MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL 27 FEBRUARY 2018



#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM

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

#### Councillors

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Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Tahir Ali Sue Anderson Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Susan Barnett **Bob Beauchamp** Matt Bennett Kate Booth Steve Booton **Barry Bowles Randal Brew** Marie Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy John Clancy Lynda Clinton Lyn Collin John Cotton

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# NOTICE OF RECORDING

18977 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the Press/Public may record and take photographs except where they were confidential or exempt items.

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

# **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Lord Mayor reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting.

She continued that the City Solicitor had provided a proforma for Members to complete in advance of the meeting. Provided that Members had completed that form, they just needed to state that they have a disclosable pecuniary interest. If Members had not completed the form, they need to advise the meeting the nature of their interest. Any declarations would be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

The Lord Mayor noted that if a disclosable pecuniary interest was declared a Member must normally not speak or take part in that agenda item. However, the Independent Chair of the Standards Committee, Peter Wiseman, had granted a dispensation to all Members attending Full Council on 27 February 2018 for the purpose of debating and voting on the Council Plan and Budget 2018+, provided they have made a disclosable pecuniary interest.

The Lord Mayor therefore requested that the following Motion be moved and seconded:-

"That, in accordance with paragraph 6 (2), page 73, of the Constitution relating to the declaration of interests, and paragraph 14, page 78, regarding dispensations, that those Members of Council who have declared a disclosable pecuniary interest be granted a dispensation in order that they can participate in debate and vote where appropriate at this Full Council.

The grounds for this dispensation are that so many Members of the Council have disclosable pecuniary interests in the matter that the meeting would be inquorate; or

that it is otherwise considered appropriate to grant a dispensation."

The Motion was formally moved by Councillor Mike Ward and formally seconded by Councillor Bob Beauchamp.

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

# 18978 **RESOLVED**:-

That, in accordance with paragraph 6 (2), page 73, of the Constitution relating to the declaration of interests, and paragraph 14, page 78, regarding dispensations, that those Members of Council who have declared a disclosable pecuniary interest be granted a dispensation in order that they can participate in debate and vote where appropriate at this Full Council.

The grounds for this dispensation are that so many Members of the Council have disclosable pecuniary interests in the matter that the meeting would be inquorate; or

that it is otherwise considered appropriate to grant a dispensation.

# **MINUTES**

The Lord Mayor indicated that it had been established that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2018 did contain an error in that in Minute No. 18958 an amendment which was not carried was included in the resolution. Therefore the amendment has been deleted and the Minutes are resubmitted for confirmation and signing.

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

# 18979 **RESOLVED**:-

That resolution No.18962 dated 6 February 2018 be rescinded and the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2018 having been printed and copies circulated to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

Councillor Deirdre Alden, on a point of clarification, referring to page 3018 of the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February indicated that it should be noted that the in a report to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2009 the City Council was advised that "In UHB the car park fees are used to help finance the 25 year Private Finance Initiative (PFI) to build and use the big new hospital opposite the Queen Elizabeth Hospital site". This was the reason that she had raised the issue at the last meeting and she requested that it be noted the City Council had been told.

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

#### 18980 **RESOLVED**:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 6 February 2018, having been printed and a copy sent to each Member of the Council, be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

# LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **City Council Website**

18981 The Lord Mayor indicated that she was delighted to announce some successes for the Council's website, which was designed and built with contributions from citizens, staff and a cross Party Member group.

In the last year the new site was awarded

- official Honouree status in the 2017 Webby Awards the leading international award, honouring excellence on the internet;
- won a Plain English Campaign 2017 Website Award; and most recently
- won gold status in the Lovie awards a pan-European award honouring online excellence.

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

# PETITIONS

# Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented prior to the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No 1)

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

#### 18982 **RESOLVED**:-

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

# 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 -

#### 18983 **RESOLVED**:-

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

# Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

#### 18984 **<u>RESOLVED</u>**:-

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

### **CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

Councillor Mike Ward proposed that Councillor Paul Tilsley be removed from the Standards Committee without replacement and it was-

#### 18984 **RESOLVED**:-

That Councillor Paul Tilsley (Lib Dem) be removed from the Standards Committee without replacement.

# EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

It was moved by Councillor Diane Donaldson, seconded and:-

#### 18985 **RESOLVED**:-

That, pursuant to CBM Committee discussions, Standing Orders be waived as follows:

Allocate 15 minutes for item 8 (Annual Pay Policy Statement 2018/19).

#### PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018/19

The following report of the Deputy Leader was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

The Deputy Leader Councillor Brigid Jones moved the motion, which was seconded.

A debate ensued.

The Deputy Leader Councillor Brigid Jones replied to the debate.

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 -

# 18986 **RESOLVED**:-

That the City Council:

- 1) Approves the Birmingham City Council Pay Policy Statement 2018-19
- 2) Approves the publishing of the Pay Policy Statement
- 3) Notes that as and if required any in year revisions to the Pay Policy Statement will be taken to Council Business Management Committee for approval.

### COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGET 2018+

The Council Plan and Budget 2018+ was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

At this point in the meeting Councillor Diane Donaldson moved a procedural Motion which was seconded.

It was therefore -

#### 18987 **RESOLVED**:-

That, pursuant to a Council Business Management discussion, Standing Orders be waived to allocate the remaining time of the meeting to 1915 hours for the whole debate on the Council Plan and Budget 2018+ report, permit the Leader of the City Council to make a speech of up to 30 minutes, permit the other Group Leaders to make a speech of up to 30 minutes each, permit all other speakers in the debate to speak for up to 5 minutes, permit the Leader of the City Council to reply to the debate without time limit, and agree that amendments to the Motions should be taken in the order that the amendments were notified to the Lord Mayor.

On a point of order, Councillor Jon Hunt noted that the amendments had not yet been circulated around the Chamber and further noted that the Liberal Democrat one had been submitted in good time.

Having been advised that the amendment pack was still been printed, the Lord Mayor moved that the meeting be adjourned and having been seconded it was-

#### 18988 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Council be adjourned.

The Council then adjourned at 1424 hours.

At 1437 hours the meeting resumed at the point it had been adjourned.

Prior to the meeting the following Councillors completed a proforma detailing relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

(See document No 6)

Mohammed Aikhlaq Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Sue Anderson Gurdial Singh Atwal Kate Booth Barry Bowles Randal Brew Marje Bridle Mick Brown Tristan Chatfield Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy Lynda Clinton Phil Davis Peter Douglas Osborn Neil Eustace Des Flood	Andrew Hardie Roger Harmer Barry Henley Jon Hunt Mahmood Hussain Timothy Huxtable Mohammed Idrees Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Brigid Jones Tony Kennedy Changese Khan Chaman Lal Mike Leddy Bruce Lines John Lines Keith Linnecor Mary Locke Ewan Mackey
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Peter Griffiths	Karen McCarthy
Paulette Hamilton	Gareth Moore

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The Leader Councillor Ian Ward noted he had completed the proforma with his interests and moved the motion which was seconded.

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

(See document No 7)

Councillor Jon Hunt noted he had completed the proforma with his interests and and moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer who noted he had completed the proforma with his interests.

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

(See document No 8)

Councillor Robert Alden noted he had completed the proforma with his interests and moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Randal Brew who reserved the right to speak.

A debate ensued during which Councillors Ewan Mackey, Susan Barnett, Gary Sambrook, Paulette Hamilton, David Pears, Carl Rice, Merion Jenkins, Deirdre Alden, Tristan Chatfield, Paul Tilsley, Timothy Huxtable, Gareth Moore, John O'Shea, Debbie Clancy, Zaker Choudhy, Brigid Jones, John Lines, John Alden, Stewart Stacey and Randal Brew noted that they had completed the proforma with their interests. Councillor Julie Johnson indicated that she had no interests to declare.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

# 18989 **RESOLVED**:-

That the Council be adjourned until 1702 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1633 hours.

At 1702 hours the meeting resumed at the point it had been adjourned.

The debate continued.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

The first amendment to the Motions was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

# For the First Amendment (34)

Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Sue Anderson Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Peter Douglas Osborn Neil Eustace

Des Flood Andrew Hardie Roger Harmer Jon Hunt Timothy Huxtable Morriam Jan Simon Jevon Carol Jones Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Ron Storer Paul Tilsley Karen Trench Margaret Waddington Mike Ward Ken Wood Alex Yip

# Against the First Amendment (64)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Susan Barnett Kate Booth Steve Booton **Barry Bowles** Marje Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal

Jayne Francis **Carole Griffiths** Peter Griffiths Paulette Hamilton Kath Hartley Barry Henley Des Hughes Mahmood Hussain Shabrana Hussain Mohammed Idrees Zafar Iqbal Ziaul Islam Kerry Jenkins Julie Johnson **Brigid Jones** Josh Jones Nagina Kauser Tony Kennedy Changese Khan Chaman Lal Mike Leddy

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# Abstentions (0)

The second amendment to the Motions was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

# For the Second Amendment (25)

Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Peter Douglas Osborn

Des Flood Andrew Hardie Timothy Huxtable Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Ron Storer Margaret Waddington Ken Wood Alex Yip

# Against the Second Amendment (70)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlaq Tahir Ali Sue Anderson Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Susan Barnett Kate Booth Steve Booton Carole Griffiths Peter Griffiths Paulette Hamilton Roger Harmer Kath Hartley Barry Henley Des Hughes Jon Hunt Mahmood Hussain Keith Linnecor Mary Locke Majid Mahmood Karen McCarthy James McKay Brett O'Reilly John O'Shea Robert Pocock Hendrina Quinnen

Barry Bowles
Marje Bridle
Mick Brown
Alex Buchanan
Andy Cartwright
Tristan Chatfield
John Clancy
Lynda Clinton
John Cotton
Basharat Dad
Phil Davis
Diane Donaldson
Barbara Dring
Mohammed Fazal
Jayne Francis

Shabrana Hussain Mohammed Idrees Zafar Iqbal Ziaul Islam Morriam Jan Kerry Jenkins Julie Johnson Brigid Jones Josh Jones Nagina Kauser Tony Kennedy Changese Khan Chaman Lal Mike Leddy Chauhdry Rashid Carl Rice Shafique Shah Mike Sharpe Claire Spencer Stewart Stacey Martin Straker Welds Sharon Thompson Paul Tilsley Karen Trench Lisa Trickett Ian Ward Fiona Williams Waseem Zaffar

### Abstentions (3)

Zaker Choudhry

Carol Jones

Mike Ward

Motion 1 was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

#### For Motion 1 (64)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Susan Barnett Kate Booth Steve Booton **Barry Bowles** Marie Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright **Tristan Chatfield** John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal

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# Against Motion 1 (35)

Deirdre Alden
John Alden
Robert Alden
Sue Anderson
Bob Beauchamp
Matt Bennett
Randal Brew
Zaker Choudhry
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Lyn Collin
Peter Douglas Osborn
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# Abstentions (0)

Motions 2-6 were put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, were declared to be carried.

# For Motions 2-6 (64)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Susan Barnett Kate Booth Steve Booton **Barry Bowles** Marje Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal

Jayne Francis Carole Griffiths Peter Griffiths Paulette Hamilton Kath Hartley Barry Henley Des Hughes Mahmood Hussain Shabrana Hussain Mohammed Idrees Zafar Iqbal Ziaul Islam Kerry Jenkins Julie Johnson **Brigid Jones** Josh Jones Nagina Kauser Tony Kennedy Changese Khan Chaman Lal Mike Leddy

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# Against Motions 2-6 (35)

Des Flood Andrew Hardie Roger Harmer Jon Hunt Timothy Huxtable Morriam Jan Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Carol Jones Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Ron Storer Paul Tilsley Karen Trench Margaret Waddington Mike Ward Ken Wood Alex Yip

# Abstentions (0)

Motion 7 was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

# For Motion 7 (64)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Susan Barnett Kate Booth Steve Booton **Barry Bowles** Marje Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal

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# Against Motion 7 (17)

Sue Anderson Randal Brew Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy Neil Eustace Des Flood Roger Harmer Jon Hunt Timothy Huxtable Morriam Jan Carol Jones Bruce Lines

John Lines Paul Tilsley Karen Trench Mike Ward Alex Yip

# Abstentions (1)

Peter Douglas Osborn

Motion 8 was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

# For Motion 8 (64)

Muhammad Afzal Mohammed Aikhlag Tahir Ali Gurdial Singh Atwal Mohammed Azim Susan Barnett Kate Booth Steve Booton **Barry Bowles** Marie Bridle Mick Brown Alex Buchanan Andy Cartwright Tristan Chatfield John Clancy Lynda Clinton John Cotton Basharat Dad Phil Davis Diane Donaldson Barbara Dring Mohammed Fazal

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# Against the Motion 8 (34)

Deirdre Alden John Alden Robert Alden Sue Anderson Bob Beauchamp Matt Bennett Randal Brew Zaker Choudhry Debbie Clancy Lyn Collin Peter Douglas Osborn Neil Eustace Des Flood Andrew Hardie Roger Harmer Jon Hunt Timothy Huxtable Morriam Jan Meirion Jenkins Simon Jevon Carol Jones Bruce Lines John Lines Ewan Mackey Gareth Moore David Pears Fergus Robinson Gary Sambrook Ron Storer Paul Tilsley Karen Trench Margaret Waddington Mike Ward Alex Yip

# Abstentions (0)

Therefore it was-

# 18990 **RESOLVED**:-

# 1. Revenue Budget

That the revenue budget for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2018 of £855.189m, including the budget allocations to the various Directorates of the Council, as set out in Appendix 8 to the Council Plan and Budget 2018+, be approved subject to any revision needed in the light of the ongoing and further planned consultations and equalities assessments on individual savings proposals.

# 2. Council Tax Requirement

That the following calculations be now made in accordance with Section 31A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2018:

		£
a.	aggregate of estimated City Council expenditure, contingencies, and contributions to financial reserves	3,076,183,815
b.	Parish Precepts	1,896,389
C.	aggregate of estimated income (including Top-Up Grant), and use of financial reserves	(2,310,473,005)
d.	net transfers to/(from) the Collection Fund in relation to Business Rates	(436,445,905)
e.	Transfer to/(from) the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax	(1,987,201)

f. Council Tax Requirement, being the 329,174,093 aggregate of (a) to (e) above

# 3. Council Tax - Basic Amount

That the Basic Amount of Council Tax for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2018 be set at £1,322.84, pursuant to the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, being the Council Tax Requirement of £329,174,093 divided by the Council Tax Base of 248,838 Band D properties.

### 4. Council Tax – City Council and Parish Precept

 That the basic amount of Council Tax for City Council services for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2018 be set at £1,315.22 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

		£	£
a.	Basic Amount calculated under Section 31B LESS		1,322.84
b.	Parish precepts DIVIDED BY	1,896,389	
	City Council Tax base	248,838	7.62
			1,315.22

- (ii) That, pursuant to Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Basic Amount of Council Tax for City Council services is not excessive in relation to determining whether a referendum is required on the level of Council Tax.
- (iii) That the basic amount of Council Tax for New Frankley in Birmingham Parish for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2018 be set at £1,349.22 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

		£	£
a.	Basic Amount calculated under Section 34(2) PLUS		1,315.22
b.	The New Frankley in Birmingham Parish precept DIVIDED BY	45,521	
	The tax base for New Frankley	1,339	
	in Birmingham Parish		34.00
			1,349.22

(iv) That the basic amount of Council Tax for the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council for the financial year commencing on

1st April 2018 be set at £1,365.18 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

		£	£
a.	Basic Amount calculated under Section 34(2) PLUS		1,315.22
b.	The Royal Sutton Coldfield Parish Council precept	1,850,868	
	DIVIDED BY The tax base for Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council	37,047	49.96
			1,365.18

# 5. Council Tax - Total

That, in accordance with Section 30 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the amounts of Council Tax set for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2018 for each category of dwelling listed within a particular valuation band, shall be calculated by adding:

- a. the amount given by multiplying the basic amount of Council Tax for the relevant area by the fraction whose numerator is the proportion applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band, and whose denominator is the proportion applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D; to
- b. the amounts which are stated in the final precepts issued by the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority and the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner; and shall be:

Band	Council Tax Areas without a Parish Council £	Council Tax New Frankley in Birmingham Parish £	Council Tax Royal Sutton Coldfield Town £
А	1,001.74	1,024.41	1,035.05
В	1,168.70	1,195.14	1,207.56
С	1,335.65	1,365.88	1,380.06
D	1,502.61	1,536.61	1,552.57
Е	1,836.53	1,878.09	1,897.59
F	2,170.43	2,219.54	2,242.60
G	2,504.35	2,561.02	2,587.62
Н	3,005.22	3,073.22	3,105.14

# 6. Minimum Revenue Provision

That the Minimum Revenue Provision statement 2017/18 (revised) and 2018/19, as set out in Chapter 6 and Appendix 16 of the Council Plan and Budget 2018+, be approved.

# 7. <u>Capital Strategy and Budget and Treasury Management</u>

That the proposals for the Capital Programme, Prudential Indicators, and Treasury Management, as set out in Chapters 5-7 and Appendices 10-18 of the Council Plan and Budget 2018+, including the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Strategy, as set out in Appendix 7, be approved.

# 8. Council Plan and Budget 2018+

That the Council Plan and Budget 2018+ be approved.

The meeting ended at 1912hours.

# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN

# A1 <u>Abolition of National Maximum Parking Standards"</u>

### Question:

The Council passed a motion in February 2016 relating to the abolition of national maximum parking standards in the NPPF. The amended version of that Motion referred to there being a review under way on car parking in light of the revision to the Framework that would allow the Supplementary Planning Documents to be updated. What was the outcome of this review?

#### Answer:

The adoption of the Birmingham Development Plan in January 2017 provides the strategic framework to guide future development across the City, in particular how we address climate change, quality of life, delivery of infrastructure, creation of an inclusive economy and Birmingham's national/international role.

The Council has been reviewing both car parking policy and car parking standards. Parking Standards are currently set out in the Car Parking Guidelines Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), February 2012. The Development Plan will be supplemented by more specific development management and design guidance and it is proposed that these will include updated guidance around the provision of parking in new developments, replacing the existing SPD.

The NPPF states that: '*Transport policies have an important role to play in facilitating sustainable development but also in contributing to wider sustainability and health objectives.*' (para 29).

It goes on to state that: 'If setting local parking standards for residential and nonresidential development, local planning authorities should take into account:

- The accessibility of the development;
- The type, mix and use of development;
- The availability of and opportunities for public transport;
- Local car ownership levels; and
- An overall need to reduce the use of high-emission vehicles.' (para 39)

The review has been taking these principles into account. Work is still ongoing and has involved the following:

- Review of existing parking policies and application of parking standards
- Review of parking standards across core cities and neighbouring West Midlands authorities
- Parking surveys in the city centre, key local centres and around public transport interchanges

 Accessibility mapping – considering levels of access by public transport to different areas of the city

The outcomes of this review will inform the planned Development Management Document and the Birmingham Design Guide and it is anticipated that draft versions of these documents will be available for initial consultation in summer 2018.

# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JOHN ALDEN

# A2 Cost of visit to Brussels

#### Question:

What was the cost of the recent visit to Brussels to meet EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier broken down by spend heading including travel, accommodation, subsistence, foreign currency etc.

Answer:

Costs as follows:

Travel - £955 Accommodation - £0 Subsistence - £0

Note: Costs were for two people and visit was undertaken in one day (out early morning, back late evening), hence no accommodation and subsistence costs.

# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROBERT ALDEN

# A3 EU's future relationship with Birmingham

# Question:

# In your recent meeting with Michel Barnier in Brussels what specifically did you ask for in terms of the EU's future relationship with Birmingham?

Answer:

Negotiating the UK's exit from the EU is a matter for the UK Government and the meeting with Michel Barnier did not discuss this process.

However, the 10 Core cities urban areas are home to 20m people, generates 25% of the UK economy, delivers 29% of UK international trade and hosts 37.5% of UK university students. It is estimated Core Cities exported over £72m in 2016 and are home to more than a quarter of UK businesses.

As the Leader of the largest Core City I have a duty to discuss how the shared interests of the cities, local communities and businesses can be best met in the lead up to and after Brexit.

Growth from the Core Cities will play a critical role in the success of the UK's post – Brexit economy and the meeting discussed our hopes and ambitions for the future.

The Government has so far refused to discuss this crucial issue with the ten Core Cities creating the impression that the Conservative Government is not interested in the wellbeing of people outside London and the South East of England. The Leaders of Core Cities will continue to make the case for our citizens and I will continue to make the case for Birmingham.

# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP

# A4 <u>Continued Membership of Common Market</u>

# **Question:**

# In your recent meeting with Michel Barnier in Brussels, did you ask for continued membership of common market and\or free movement of people?

Answer:

No

However, the 10 Core cities urban areas are home to 20m people, generates 25% of the UK economy, delivers 29% of UK international trade and hosts 37.5% of UK university students. It is estimated Core Cities exported over £72m in 2016 and are home to more than a quarter of UK businesses.

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# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK

# A5 Final EU Deal

#### **Question:**

# In your recent meeting with Michel Barnier in Brussels, did you ask for any exceptions\exemptions for Birmingham in the final EU deal?

Answer:

No

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# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP

# A6 <u>Superloos</u>

#### Question:

### In total how much was spent on the installation of Superloos across the City and how much will be spent on their removal, including any exit costs from the contract with the supplier?

#### Answer:

The installation of Superloos in the current contract was at the expense of the contractor, with Birmingham City Council paying a rental and maintenance fee for the units over the life of the contract. We have had to terminate a number of units over the life of the contract with a number of closures last year due to public safety issues. The cost of removing the units and making good the ground that the units are removed from, under these circumstances, sits with the contract or and as such BCC have had no additional costs. Any exit costs for the contract as a whole would need to be agreed under negotiation with the contractor

# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ROB SEALEY

# A7 <u>Requests for unique exemptions</u>

# Question:

# In your recent meeting with Michel Barnier in Brussels, did you support the requests floated by Manchester City Council for its own unique exemptions?

Answer:

No

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# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

# A8 Independent Review - Findings and Recommendations

#### Question:

At the last meeting you responded to a written question from Councillor Matt Bennett regarding the "Hijabgate" affair and the question of an independent review. You stated that the matter had been resolved but gave no further details. If there was an independent review, did it come up with findings and recommendations that could be shared to assist other Councillors in similar situations - and if so what were they?

#### Answer:

The investigation report dealt with the specific issues relating to the substantive complaint. The Code of Conduct for Councillors is currently under review to take into account learning from recent conduct cases and to include guidance on conduct.

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

# B <u>Travel Assist</u>

#### Question:

# Before any mitigations or transfers from reserves, by how much is the 17/18 budget for Travel Assist projected to overspend compared to the original budget?

#### Answer:

The original 2017/18 budget for Travel Assist was £17.3m. The projected overspend is £2.6m. The proposed increased budget for 2018/19 of £18.4m recognises that the 2017/18 original budget was, in hindsight, insufficient to meet the impact of growing demand and costs during 2017/18 despite the introduction of tighter controls and modernisation of working practices. If the latter changes had not been implemented the projected overspend could potentially have been higher.

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

# C1 <u>Fly-Posting</u>

#### Question:

# How many reports of Fly-Posting have there been by month for the last 3 years?

Answer:

2015											
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
24	31	21	44	26	30	17	35	21	35	17	18

2016											
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
31	27	25	23	15	31	36	34	32	76	86	46

2017											
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
51	50	44	98	91	85	72	62	54	57	40	17

	2018										
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
70											

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

# C2 <u>G3 Waste Reduction and Collection Officers</u>

Question:

Since commencing their new roles, how many 'interventions' have the new G3 'Waste Reduction and Collection Officers' made with residents to encourage increased recycling, broken down by the type of intervention (face to face, leaflet etc.)?

Answer:

The WRCO will be operational from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

#### WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER

# C3 Fly-Tipping reports

#### Question:

### How many reports of Fly-Tipping have there been by month for the last 3 years?

Answer:

The first of the two tables below shows the number of reports received by Waste Management and Regulation & Enforcement Directorates that were categorised at the initial reporting stage as relating to dumped waste/rubbish.

The total number of reports does not equate to the number of incidents; this is due to a number of reasons which includes, but 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 root cause or primary element of a multi-issue referral.

The second set of data are the incidents identified by Waste Management collection crews as flytipping and reported quarterly under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow 'fly-tipping' arrangements [data for last quarter are being finalised and are therefore shown here as estimates]. This table is the "accurate" measure of levels of fly tipping in the city.

- 1	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2014	1513	1272	1650	1860	2034	2632	2767	1975	1878	1452	1333	1546
2015	1997	1926	2311	2129	1713	2119	2147	1857	1837	1702	1644	1491
2016	1956	1718	1834	1830	1681	1958	1992	1833	1635	1464	1312	1221
2017	1774	1691	2316	1978	1918	2059	2363	2295	1637	1876	2039	1450
2018	1789											

Summary of Citywide Flytipping by	Year Reported to Waste Management and Regulation & Enforcement	

Summary of City wide Incidents of Flytipping Collected by Waste Management from Public Land & Highways This data is collated quaterly from reports made by collection crews and published to DEFRA as part of the

WasteDataFlow (previously 'Fly Capture')

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2014	1334	1164	1457	1313	1231	1456	1281	1561	1190	1065	865	1064
2015	1159	1016	1002	1075	1059	1192	1202	916	834	919	973	867
2016	1086	1028	1197	1152	1151	1209	1365	1352	1342	1279	1229	1146
2017	1158	1039	1377	1269	1202	1224	1563	1533	1049	1260 est.	1230 est.	1090 est

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

# C4 <u>G3 Leading Hands</u>

Question:

What percentage of the G3 Leading Hands have been successfully assimilated into the new G3 WRCO roles?

Answer:

This is work in progress.

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

# C5 <u>Missed collections</u>

#### Question:

# Per week, how many missed collections have been reported since 1 January 2018?

Answer:

The table below sets out the data requested. Please note the impact of the bad weather on the first two weeks of the year.

Week Number	Week Beginning	Number of Individual Properties Reported a Residual and or Recycling Missed Collection
1	01/01/2018	1060
2	08/01/2018	1027
3	15/01/2018	633
4	22/01/2018	519
5	29/01/2018	452
6	05/02/2018	495
7	12/02/2018	441

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, RECYLCING AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR FERGUS ROBINSON

# C6 Charge to Access Household Recycling Centres

Question:

How many traders per month are currently paying the charge to access Household Recycling Centres compared to the number projected to be doing so when the 17+budget was set?

Answer:

The scheme has not yet been implemented properly.

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

# C7 Overtime and agency staff

#### Question:

# Since 1 January 2018 how much has been spent on overtime and agency staff for waste and recycling collection?

Answer:

For the month of January 2018, £0.4m has been spent in aggregate on overtime and agency staff.

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

# C8 <u>Vacancies</u>

#### Question:

# How many vacancies are there currently within the waste collection service?

Answer:

Within the Waste Collection service there are currently 131 vacancies.

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

# C9 Roads visited by waste collection crews

#### Question:

# According to the Council's GPS tracking software for fleet, how many roads per week are visited by waste collection crews where the collection has then been reported to have been missed each month for the last 12 months?

Answer:

The tracking system is not linked to the lift mechanism of the collection vehicles, so whilst it shows that a vehicle has travelled down a road it does not confirm whether collections have been undertaken or not. As a result it is not possible to provide a response as has been specifically requested.

#### WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, RECYLCING AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON JEVON

### C10 Sickness Absence

#### Question:

For the last 12 months what was the sickness absence rate within waste collection, broken down by month.

Answer:

#### February 2017

17.22 Average sickness days per FTE (KPI)

#### March 2017 Format of Dashboard changed

Fe	ebruary 2017	March 2017	YTD	YTD Last Year
	17.00	17.35	13.28	0.00

#### April 2017

March 2017	April 2017	YTD	YTD Last Year
17.29	14.51	14.51	11.01

#### May 2017

April 2017	May 2017	YTD	YTD Last Year
14.55	13.87	14.24	10.63

#### June 2017 (Dashboard not available therefore rerun report)

14.61 Average sickness days per FTE (KPI)

#### July 2017

June 2017	July 2017	YTD	YTD Last Year
14.15	24.49	16.31	10.41

#### August 2017 (Dashboard not available therefore rerun report)

27.62 Average sickness days per FTE (KPI)

#### September 2017

September 2017	October 2017	YTD	YTD Last Year
20.67	18.75	19.14	11.13

# October 2017

Septem	ber 2017	October 2017	YTD	YTD Last Year
	).67	18.75	19.14	11.13

### November 2017

October 2017	November 2017	YTD	YTD Last Year
19.09	19.05	19.23	11.70

#### December 2017

November 2017	December 2017	YTD	YTD Last Year
19.11	18.49	19.15	12.09

# January 2017 (Dashboard not yet produced report run today takes accounts of sickness input maybe subject to change)

17.99 Average sickness days per FTE (KPI)

### WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, RECYLCING AND THE ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS

# C11 <u>Amusements in Cannon Hill Park</u>

#### Question:

# On what date were the Fun Park and mini-golf in Cannon Hill Park approved for installation and which Cabinet member approved them?

Answer:

A temporary mini golf was installed in Cannon Hill Park in 2012 as part of a trial to assess its viability. This was done in consultation and agreement with the Cabinet Member at the time.

A contract award was made under officer delegation for a permanent mini golf in 2014 by the Head of Parks. In addition, a further contract award was made under officer delegation by the Head of Parks in April 2015 for a fun park.

#### WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

### C12 <u>Street Cleaning Department - unable to recruit into permanent posts</u>

#### Question:

# Could the Cabinet Member inform us why the street cleaning department has been unable to recruit into permanent posts?

Answer:

We are currently consulting with Trades Unions regarding a new street cleansing redesign which will release more posts for recruitment with a target date of 1st April. However, we have recently recruited an additional 26 Beat Sweepers who have either already started or are starting in the next couple of weeks and released those number of agency staff. Recruitment to current vacancies is on-going.

### WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

# C13 Street Cleaning Posts - Filled Permanently

#### Question:

#### At the last meeting the Cabinet Member reported figures which indicated that roughly a third of posts in street cleaning are filled by agency staff. At a time when joblessness continues to be a problem for many, why have those posts not been filled permanently?

Answer:

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

# C14 <u>Missed collections - January 2018</u>

#### Question:

# Could the Cabinet Member provide the details of the missed collections in January 2018, by ward, of recycling, residual and trade waste?

Answer:

WARD	Individual Property Reported Missed Collections				
	Recycling	Residual	Trade	Total	
Acocks Green	28	40	4	72	
Aston	7	26	1	34	
Bartley Green	63	98	9	170	
Billesley	58	61	11	130	
Bordesley Green	16	32	15	63	
Bournville	66	59	5	130	
Brandwood	52	49	5	106	
Edgbaston	59	48	6	113	
Erdington	36	25	4	65	
Hall Green	36	29	14	79	
Handsworth Wood	36	15	0	51	
Harborne	72	93	12	177	
Hodge Hill	30	61	3	94	
Kings Norton	37	61	4	102	
Kingstanding	41	43	4	88	
Ladywood	14	19	10	43	
Longbridge	78	76	5	159	
Lozells and East Handsworth	13	9	5	27	
Moseley and Kings Heath	21	30	12	63	
Nechells	12	35	31	78	
Northfield	73	73	3	149	
Oscott	53	25	3	81	
Perry Barr	24	22	2	48	
Quinton	58	104	4	166	
Selly Oak	39	39	15	93	
Shard End	54	66	4	124	
Sheldon	50	47	4	101	
Soho	10	30	1	41	
South Yardley	31	43	16	90	
Sparkbrook	16	31	37	84	

Springfield	8	18	19	45
Stechford and Yardley North	40	96	3	139
Stockland Green	31	29	2	62
Sutton Four Oaks	58	45	4	107
Sutton New Hall	41	42	1	84
Sutton Trinity	83	42	4	129
Sutton Vesey	42	32	2	76
Tyburn	27	23	0	50
Washwood Heath	16	41	26	83
Weoley	81	113	5	199

# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF PLANNING FROM COUNCILLOR DEIRDRE ALDEN

# D Off street car parking

Question:

# Since 2012, on average how many off street car parking spaces have been created per dwelling in planning applications approved by the Council?

Answer:

The number of parking spaces approved through planning applications is recorded through the officer's reports for each individual application and is taken into consideration as part of the process of determining planning applications. However, currently the total number of parking spaces created across all applications approved is not directly monitored and as such it is not possible to provide an answer to this question in the time available.

It is proposed to introduce new policy on planning requirements for parking provision through the emerging Development Management Document which will be consulted upon this summer. Monitoring indicators will need to be developed so that the effectiveness of policies introduced by this document can be measured and consideration will be given to recording the total number of parking spaces approved each year across the various categories of development.