



**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL
11 JULY 2017**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY 11 JULY 2017 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

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

Councillors

Uzma Ahmed	Mohammed Fazal	Bruce Lines
Mohammed Aikhlaq	Mick Finnegan	Keith Linnecor
Deirdre Alden	Des Flood	Mary Locke
John Alden	Jayne Francis	Ewan Mackey
Robert Alden	Matthew Gregson	Majid Mahmood
Nawaz Ali	Carole Griffiths	Gareth Moore
Tahir Ali	Peter Griffiths	Yvonne Mosquito
Sue Anderson	Paulette Hamilton	Brett O'Reilly
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Andrew Hardie	John O'Shea
Mohammed Azim	Roger Harmer	Eva Phillips
Susan Barnett	Kath Hartley	Robert Pocock
David Barrie	Penny Holbrook	Victoria Quinn
Bob Beauchamp	Des Hughes	Hendrina Quinnen
Matt Bennett	Jon Hunt	Chauhdry Rashid
Kate Booth	Mahmood Hussain	Habib Rehman
Barry Bowles	Shabrana Hussain	Carl Rice
Randal Brew	Timothy Huxtable	Fergus Robinson
Marje Bridle	Zafar Iqbal	Valerie Seabright
Mick Brown	Ziaul Islam	Rob Sealey
Alex Buchanan	Morriam Jan	Shafique Shah
Andy Cartwright	Kerry Jenkins	Mike Sharpe
Tristan Chatfield	Meirion Jenkins	Claire Spencer
Zaker Choudhry	Simon Jevon	Stewart Stacey
Debbie Clancy	Julie Johnson	Ron Storer
John Clancy	Brigid Jones	Martin Straker Welds
Liz Clements	Carol Jones	Paul Tilsley
Lynda Clinton	Josh Jones	Karen Trench
Lyn Collin	Nagina Kauser	Lisa Trickett
John Cotton	Ansar Ali Khan	Margaret Waddington
Ian Cruise	Changeese Khan	Mike Ward
Phil Davis	Mariam Khan	Fiona Williams
Diane Donaldson	Narinder Kaur Kooner	Ken Wood
Peter Douglas Osborn	Chaman Lal	Alex Yip
Barbara Dring	Mike Leddy	Waseem Zaffar
Neil Eustace		

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NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 18869 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.
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MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 18870 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 13 June 2017, 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

1 Schools in Attendance

- 18871 The Lord Mayor indicated that in the public gallery today were staff and pupils of 3 schools namely Timberley Academy, The Oval School and Perry Beeches School.

The Lord Mayor asked all in the Chamber to join her in welcoming them all to the Council meeting.

2 Queens Birthday Honours

- 18872 The Lord Mayor indicated that next announcement was a pleasant one as it is her pleasure to congratulate those mentioned in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to Birmingham or who live in Birmingham as follows:-

CBE

Paul Kehoe
Adrian Packer

CVO

Paul Sabapathy

OBE

Keith Bradshaw
Sultan Ahmed Choudhury
Alex Murray
Dr Nigel William Leigh

Sandeep Singh Virdee

MBE

Paul Burgess
Razia Ismail
Andrew Moffat
Mohammad Ashfaq
David Brian Treadwell
Councillor Margaret Waddington

BEM

Gary Stack

The Lord Mayor asked all in the Chamber to join her in congratulating them all on these marvelous achievements.

3 Awards

18873 The Lord Mayor indicated that she was delighted to announce some more tremendous successes for the City's Horticultural Team who on the back of a sixth successive Gold at the Chelsea Flower Show Birmingham had scooped Platinum and the Geoff Hamilton award for the best exhibit in the floral category at this year's Gardeners' World Live Show at the NEC.

The Lord Mayor advised that Big Birmingham Bikes, a pioneering Birmingham City Council scheme to get residents onto two wheels, was announced as the joint winners of the 2017 Ashden Award for Clean Air in Towns and Cities. The award is significant as it celebrates the sustainable nature of the scheme and the fact that it is getting residents from our most deprived Wards out of their homes and onto bikes.

The Lord Mayor asked all in the Chamber to join her in congratulating all involved in these marvelous achievements.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at 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 -

18874 **RESOLVED:-**

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

Petition Relating to External Organisations Presented at the Meeting

The following petition was presented:-

(See document No 2)

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

18875 **RESOLVED:-**

That the petition be received and referred to the relevant Organisation.

Petitions Update

The following Petitions Update was submitted:-

(See document No 3)

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and -

18876 **RESOLVED:-**

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

QUESTION TIME

18877 The Council proceeded to consider Oral Questions in accordance with Standing Order 9 (B).

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Following nominations it was -

18878 **RESOLVED:-**

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

<u>Body</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Health, Wellbeing and the Environment O&S Committee (on approval of the Constitution later in the meeting this Committee became the Health and Social Care O&S Committee)	Councillor Rob Pocock (Lab) to replace Councillor Claire Spencer (Lab)

EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS

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

18879 **RESOLVED:-**

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

- Allocate 5 minutes for item 8A (Freedom of the City – Royal Air Force Cosford)
- Allocate 20 minutes for item 8B (Revised City Council Constitution)
- Allocate 30 Minutes for item 9 (Children’s Social Care& Education: Improvement & Challenges – Update)
- Reduce the time for item 10 (Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees) from 60 minutes to 30 minutes

FREEDOM OF THE CITY – ROYAL AIR FORCE COSFORD

The following report of the Council Business Management Committee was submitted:-

(See document No 4)

The Leader, Councillor John Clancy, moved the motion which was seconded.

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 -

18880 **RESOLVED:-**

- A. That the Lord Mayor and Citizens of the City of Birmingham being deeply conscious and appreciative of the close relationship of our people with Royal Air Force Cosford, are desirous of recognising, perpetuating and fostering still further the bonds of friendship and goodwill which has resulted therefrom by conferring by this resolution the Freedom of Entry into the City upon Royal Air Force Cosford and the right in perpetuity on all occasions of honouring The City of Birmingham by exercising the privilege of marching through the streets of the City with drums beating, bands playing, colours flying and bayonets fixed on all ceremonial occasions.
- B. That the City Solicitor be authorised to attach the common seal to the Freedom of the City Scroll.

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The Lord Mayor indicated that in the officer's box were Squadron Leader Chris Wilson and Sergeant Gaz Saunders from RAF Cosford. The Lord Mayor invited Wing Commander Tim Mason to say a few words following which she asked all in the Chamber to join her in showing their appreciation of the special relationship between RAF Cosford and the City of Birmingham.

REVISED CITY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

The following report of the Council Business Management Committee was submitted:-

(See document No 5)

The following revised pages 14, 50 and 51 were submitted:-

(See document No 6)

The Leader, Councillor John Clancy, moved the motion which was seconded.

During the ensuing debate it was noted that on the revised page 51 in 4 (1) reference to 'Part (A)' and 'Standing Order 4A' should be changed to reflect the new numbering of the Constitution. In 4(3) the word 'or' at the end of (b) should be at the end of (a). It was further noted that on page 175 of 226 in paragraph 4.1 consideration should be given to the inclusion of the word 'privately' when it mentions 'Members should be careful not to publically...'

The Leader, Councillor John Clancy, in reply indicated that the proposed amendments relating to page 51 were acceptable and that the Planning Member issue should be looked.

The Motion, subject to the changes referred in the preamble relating to page 51, having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be carried.

It was therefore -

18881

RESOLVED:-

That, subject to the amendments suggested in the preamble, the Council:-

Adopts the new format of the Council's Constitution; and

Adopts the changes to the current content as summarised in the Appendix (tracked changed constitution) to this Report; and

Authorises the City Solicitor to implement the new format and the changes set out in the Appendix with immediate effect; and

Notes that further amendments to the Constitution will be presented in accordance with the Programme of Works detailed above.

CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE & EDUCATION: IMPROVEMENT & CHALLENGES - UPDATE

The following report of the Improvement Quartet: Councillor John Clancy, Councillor Brigid Jones, Stella Manzie and Colin Diamond was submitted:-

(See document No 7)

Councillor Brigid Jones moved the motion which was seconded.

A debate ensued.

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 -

18882 **RESOLVED:-**

The Council welcomes and notes progress in children's social care and in education, and notes progress on the voluntary trust arrangement for children's services.

REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17

The following report of the Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committees was submitted:-

(See document No 8)

Councillor John Cotton moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Mohammed Aikhlaq:-

"That the Report at pages 207 to 224 of 226 be noted."

A debate ensued.

Councillor John Cotton 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 -

18883 **RESOLVED:-**

That the Report at pages 207 to 224 of 226 be noted.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

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RESOLVED:-

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

The Council then adjourned at 1635 hours.

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

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

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

The Lord Mayor noted that Members may have a pecuniary interest in the item to be debated and called upon the Leader, Councillor John Clancy to move an appropriate motion of dispensation to allow Members to take part in the debate.

The Leader, Councillor John Clancy read out the following Motion which he duly moved:-

“That in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Section 33, this Council moves a dispensation to allow Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest to be able to vote or debate on the Motion in the interests of persons living in Birmingham.”

The Motion was seconded and it was-

18885

RESOLVED:-

That in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Section 33, this Council moves a dispensation to allow Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest to be able to vote or debate on the Motion in the interests of persons living in Birmingham.

Councillors Roger Harmer and Jon Hunt have given notice of the following Motion:-

(See document No 9)

Councillor Roger Harmer moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Jon Hunt.

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

(See document No 10)

Councillor Meririon Jones moved the amendment which was seconded by Councillor Robert Alden.

A debate ensued.

Councillor Roger Harmer 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 -

18886 **RESOLVED:-**

Birmingham City Council recognises that:

1. Burning fossil fuels poses a serious risk to the stability of the climate upon which our well-being and economy depend.
2. Research demonstrates that up to 80% world's proven fossil fuel reserves will have to remain unburnt if we are to have a reasonable chance of keeping global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius, the globally agreed target for climate change mitigation.
3. Since 80% of fossil fuels must remain in the ground, the reserves of the fossil fuel industry risk becoming 'stranded assets' with little or no value – representing a substantial financial risk for those that invest in them.
4. West Midlands Pension Fund currently has over £393 million invested in the oil, coal and gas industries. This is environmentally and financially irresponsible.
5. To date, over 500 institutions representing over \$3.4 trillion in assets have committed to divest from fossil fuel companies.

In response to this Birmingham City Council pledges to:

- A) Review its Investment Strategy and develop and implement a Responsible Investment Policy, which rules out new investments in Fossil fuel companies.
- B) Call on West Midlands Pension Fund to divest from fossil fuels by mandating its representative on the Pension Fund Committee to call for the development and adoption of Responsible Investment policies which:
 1. Immediately freeze any new investment in the top 200 publicly-traded fossil fuel companies;

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2. Divest from direct ownership and any commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds within 5 years;
3. Set out an approach to quantifying and addressing climate change risks affecting all other investments, and
4. Focus future investments on areas that minimise climate change risk.
5. Focus additional future investments, where possible, on local and regional opportunities including (but not limited to) green technology and infrastructure such as decentralised energy solutions, energy storage, and electric vehicles.
6. Decisions on disinvestment strategies by the West Midlands Pension Fund should be put to Members of the Fund before implementation.

B. Councillors Tristan Chatfield and Mariam Khan have given notice of the following Motion:-

(See document No 11)

Councillor Tristan Chatfield moved the Motion, which was seconded by Councillor Mariam Khan.

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

(See document No 12)

Councillor Jon Hunt moved the amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Roger Harmer.

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

(See document No 13)

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

A debate ensued.

Councillor Tristan Chatfield 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 been moved and seconded was put to the vote and by a show of hands was declared to be lost.

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

(See document No 14)

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 –

18887

RESOLVED:-

The Council calls on the Government to acknowledge that the failed policy of austerity and unprecedented cuts to public services must now come to an end.

As a result of austerity we have been forced to take £600 million out of Birmingham City Council's budget since 2010. Cuts of such a scale have had a calamitous impact on the services provided for some of the poorest residents in Birmingham.

This council notes that following the General Election, the Chancellor himself accepted that "people are weary of the long slog" and added that the Conservatives were "not deaf" to the message delivered by the election result.

We therefore call upon the government to:

- Acknowledge the failure of austerity
- Recognise that in moving to a fairer funding settlement for local government in 2016/17, the unfair funding settlement for Birmingham City Council in 2014/15 and 2015/16 should be corrected.

Reconsider the further £170 million in scheduled cuts Birmingham City Council must make by 2021.

The meeting ended at 1830 hours.

APPENDIX

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

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR IAN CRUISE

A1 No Misunderstanding here

Question:

At the Cabinet meeting on 27th June 2017, when presenting the report “Grenfell Tower, Birmingham Response”, the Leader of the Council, after questioning by the Leader of the Opposition, stated there had been a “misunderstanding” of the text of an email sent by the Cabinet Member for Housing to Members on 25th June 2017. Would the Leader of the Council please clarify to whom he was referring when making this comment?

Answer:

To clarify the content of the email sent by the Cabinet Member in response to your enquiry was to confirm that BCC had not sent samples of cladding on tower blocks to DCLG. The reason for this is because BCC has not used AMC panel and therefore had not been asked to submit and we had been informed that we had no requirement to send.

I believe the Cabinet Member also clarified that checks on specifications for BCC tower blocks are being carried out and where appropriate testing would be undertaken.

Birmingham City Council's response to the Grenfell tragedy has gone beyond that requested by DCLG in order to reassure residents that their safety is our priority

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

A2 Repayment Structure

Question:

What is the repayment structure of the “Brummie Bonds”?

Answer:

The City Council loan of £45m from Phoenix Life Ltd is repayable as follows:

£15m on 20 April 2035

£15m on 20 April 2037

£15m on 20 April 2041

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
GARY SAMBROOK**

A3 Brummie Bonds

Question:

How much of the money raised from the issue of “Brummie Bonds” has been spent, including on what it has been spent on?

Answer:

The loan finances part of the approved borrowing in the Financial Plan 2017+ Capital Programme. This includes prudential borrowing in 2017/18 for the Enterprise Zone, non-HRA housing, and swimming pools and sports facilities. Actual spend in 2017/18 to 30 June 2017 on the above projects is £3.7m, £2.6m and £1.5m respectively.

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

B Financial Reserves

Question:

Could the Deputy Leader provide me with a schedule of financial reserves and provisions included in the City's Accounts to 31st March 2017, for Directorate and Corporate purposes?

Answer:

Details of the Council's reserves and provisions are included in the financial statements published on the Council's website on 2 June 2017 and presented to Audit Committee on 20 June 2017. An analysis of the reserves was included in the outturn report presented to Cabinet on 16 May 2017.

Set out below are the details requested.

Table 1, Summary of Council reserves at 31 March 2017

	Directorate £m	HRA £m	Corporate £m	Other £m	Total £m
Unearmarked Reserves					
General Fund Balances	2.0	-	98.8	-	100.8
Earmarked Reserves					
Reserves Earmarked by the Council	68.1		68.1		136.2
Revenue Grant Reserves	132.3	1.1			133.4
Total Earmarked Reserves	200.4	1.1	68.1	-	269.6
Ringfenced Reserves					
Schools' Balances				42.5	42.5
Housing Revenue Account		4.7			4.7
HRA Major Repairs Reserve		39.0			39.0
Total Ringfenced Reserves	-	43.7	-	42.5	86.2
Capital Reserves					
Capital Receipts Reserve			278.3		278.3
Capital Grants Unapplied			95.2		95.2
Total Capital Receipts Reserve	-	-	373.5	-	373.5
Total Usable Reserves	202.4	44.8	540.4	42.5	830.1
Unusable Reserves	-	-	(1,891.6)	-	(1,891.6)
Total Reserves	202.4	44.8	(1,351.2)	42.5	(1,061.5)

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Table 2, Provisions as at 31 March 2017

Provision	Short Term	Long Term	Total
	£m	£m	£m
Equal Pay	145.2	-	145.2
Business Rates Appeals	16.8	9.0	25.8
NEC Pensions	3.5	21.0	24.5
Other Provisions	7.4	-	7.4
Total Provisions	172.9	30.0	202.9

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Included within Other Provisions are sums set aside for:

- the legal costs associated with Equal Pay Claims;
 - severance and other associated costs associated with the redevelopment of New Street Station; and
- the purchase of allowances from the mandatory participation in the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency scheme

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT

C1 Placements

Question:

How many placements at boarding schools for children in care or on the edge of care have been funded by the Council in each year since 2014?

Answer:

Wherever possible the Council seeks to support families to stay together because this is usually in the best long-term interests of children. Where a child comes into care, the Council seeks to ensure the child is placed in family based care as this delivers the best outcomes. Where children in care need to be placed in residential environments, we seek to place locally, within 20 miles of the Birmingham boundary and in Ofsted Registered Children's Homes. There are no placements made in Boarding schools for Children in Care or at the Edge of Care. Children with statements of special educational needs are placed in residential special schools by SENAR and some children in care are placed in children's homes where there may be an educational unit attached.

The Council is aware of various schemes offering educational places to vulnerable children in boarding schools. These have been considered over recent years and while the evidence shows that vulnerable children achieve better educational outcomes in these environments compared to being in care, the downsides are on the emotional resilience side. There are policy and ethical considerations relating to placing children in "institutionalised settings" which have consequences to their right to a family life, transition post-18 and re-integration back into the City.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS FROM COUNCILLOR IAN CRUISE

C2 Mental Health and Pastoral Care in Schools

Question:

As the Cabinet Member is aware, I am an advocate of both Mental Health Interventions and Pastoral Care in all schools. Will the Cabinet Member provide details of all Birmingham City Council Schools that currently deliver either Pastoral Care or Mental Health Interventions, or both; and if schools do not currently deliver these essential interventions, what plans does Birmingham City Council have to assist these schools in delivering them?

Answer:

In response to the first part of your question, neither Birmingham City Council (BCC) nor Birmingham Education Partnership (BEP) maintain a register on schools which deliver either pastoral care or mental health interventions. Neither body has the capacity to track all this work.

However, this issue has been highlighted by Birmingham head teachers in response to an open question “What is concerning them most, and what would they want most support with?” The response from all parts of the city and in all types of school the biggest common concern over mental health of children.

This represents a very wide range of needs, and these have been amplified by the concerns of central government. While one set of issues can be described as acute, needing clinical psychiatric attention and highlighting the needs of schools for better access to CAMHS, the other end of the spectrum would include the need for greater resilience and a general sense of wellbeing.

In terms of interventions relating to the whole spectrum all work in this area could be described as essential, though the term intervention suggests something targeted. Whereas we arguably need a change that is systemic and implicit to balance the pressured ways in which schooling has become so overshadowed by the change in curriculum; and greater focus on examinations that schools are potentially fuelling the problems as much as they are a channel for improved mental health.

All Birmingham’s secondary schools have discrete pastoral support systems, though they vary considerably in capacity and ethos. By September almost half of our secondary schools, 37, will have engaged in Newstart. Newstart is a programme run by BEP, funded by the CAMHS Transformation Board.

Almost all primary schools also have a senior member of staff responsible for wellbeing and behaviour though discrete pastoral staffing is more varied in this phase.

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Place2 Be, Thrive, Pause, Primary Mental Health Care workers, Malachi and a huge range of interventions that could also be classified as Early Help represent a vast amount of investment and activity.

In 2016 the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the City's HeadStart strategy which was a Big Lottery funded system change initiative. Funding was not successful though the bid was much praised due to the sustainability that was built in to the programme. The Education Emotional Wellbeing Sub Group was a response to this unsuccessfully funded piece of work and an acknowledgement that there is much to do in relation to this agenda in schools.

BEP is currently developing a parallel pilot programme with the Institute of Education in London that follows an almost identical approach designed for primary schools.

BEP's work in mental health is overseen by an Education and Emotional Wellbeing Strategic sub group who seek to share information with BCC, Forward Thinking Birmingham, public health, police and third sector groups working for coherence in Birmingham Schools.

The Virtual School are working alongside the Educational Psychology Service on emotional wellbeing to introduce and develop an Attachment Aware School training programme across Birmingham Schools. This is supported by Birmingham's partnership with the Attachment Research Community (ARC). This connects with the work of Public Health who are leading on the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) developments.

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

D1 Missed Collection

Question:

As of 6am on 30 June 2017 how many missed collections from any previous day had yet to be collected? Please include both missed collections reported online or via telephone to customer services and known missed streets as reported on https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20009/waste_and_recycling/953/daily_missed_collections, broken down by depot?

Answer:

Of those whole road/street residual and recycling missed collections reported by citizens via the web or contact centre between Monday 24 June and Thursday 29 June, 2,058 roads remained unresolved at 06:00 on the 30 June. Over the four depots these were distributed as follows:

- Lifford Lane = 861 Streets / Roads
- Montague Street Depot = 6 Streets / Roads
- Perry Barr Depot = 884 Streets / Roads
- Redfern Road Depot = 307 Streets / Roads

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

D2 Unresolved Missed Collections

Question:

As of 6am on 30 June 2017 what is the longest number of days any currently open missed collection has gone unresolved?

Answer:

As part of our normal operation our goal is to resolve missed collections within 24 hours. However, our current systems do not capture this information accurately. We plan to tackle this as part of the service's improvement plan.

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

D3 Percentages of Missed Collections

Question:

Between 1 April 2017 and 30 June 2017 and between 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017, what percentage of missed bin collections were not collected by the end of the following working day?

Answer:

The percentage of individual missed collection reports for residual, recycling and garden collections which were not collected by the end of the following working day, after being reported:

- Between 1 April 2017 - 30 June 2017 = 81%
- Between 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017 = 67%

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

D4 Overtime

Question:

How much money is being spent on overtime to collect refuse missed due to the strike?

Answer:

Industrial Action started on the 30 June 2017, which included a ban on working overtime. In order to clear the backlog of missed collections as quickly as possible we have offered overtime to staff not involved in the industrial action – including staff in our Housing and Street Cleansing services (with the appropriate levels of training). Time sheets are submitted on a monthly basis and so an exact figure for the amount of overtime will be available later in July.

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

D5 Action Plan

Question:

What is the action plan for collecting refuse missed due to the strike?

Answer:

Our plan has been for crews to be redirected to those roads where they left off the previous day with the aim to clear Monday rounds first, then Tuesdays', then Wednesdays' and so on until Friday. Any rounds left would be tackled on Saturdays (resource permitting). The Saturday work would be comprised of additional crews as follows:

- Any existing full time staff willing to work overtime and who are not part of the industrial action.
- Utilisation of agency staff.
- Housing and Street Cleansing staff who are willing to work overtime – with training as appropriate.

We are continuing to review our plans and options and will work hard to collect all missed collections as soon as possible.

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

D6 Flytipping - last 2 years

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member please give an updated report on reports and incidents of flytipping by month for the last two years?

Answer:

There are two sources of data for incidents of flytipping.

- 1 Data captured by Birmingham City Council**
This dataset shows service enquiries recorded in the databases of the council's waste management and regulatory teams and that reference the involvement of or that were categorised at the initial reporting stage as relating to waste/rubbish.

- 2. Data reported under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow 'fly tipping' arrangements**
The second set of data is the incidents reportable under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow 'fly-tipping' arrangements [Data for April and May 2017 are not reported as they have yet to be collated].

The total number of enquiries does not equate to the number of reportable incidents, due to a variety of reasons including, but not limited to:

- Duplicate enquiries/incidents being reported more than once,
- Enquiries for which linked records are created in the electronic database for the purpose of assisting with job management
- Enquiries where waste/rubbish may not subsequently be identified as the route cause or primary element of a multi-issue referral.

The graph and table below set out this data:

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Month	Number of completed enquiries into the Council referencing waste/rubbish and recorded on waste management or regulatory teams database	Number of Incidents of fly-tipping. [Reportable under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow arrangements]
05/2015	1719	1059
06/2015	2131	1192
07/2015	2155	1202
08/2015	1860	916
09/2015	1846	834
10/2015	1705	919
11/2015	1633	973
12/2015	1486	867
01/2016	1956	1086
02/2016	1718	1028
03/2016	1834	1197
04/2016	1830	1152
05/2016	1681	1151
06/2016	1958	1209
07/2016	1992	1365
08/2016	1833	1352
09/2016	1635	1342
10/2016	1464	1279
11/2016	1312	1229
12/2016	1221	1146
01/2017	1378	1158
02/2017	1196	1039
03/2017	1424	1377
04/2017	1160	-
05/2017	1019	-

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*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 ROB SEALEY**

D7 Wages

Question:

For each of the three grades of staff employed on bin wagons, what is the average cost per hour of employing a permanent member of staff verses employing an agency member of staff (including the on costs of permanent employees and any employment costs and agency management fees for agency staff)?

Answer:

Directly Employed Staff

Assuming the midpoint of the grade the following apply

Role	Annual salary	Annual Salary Plus On-costs	Hourly Rate with on-costs*
Driver Team Leader	£29,323.00	£40,524.39	£21.35
Leading Hand	£21,962.00	£30,351.48	£15.99
Loader	£17,072.00	£23,593.50	£12.43

* Includes 13.8% for National Insurance Contributions and 24.4% for the Employers Contribution to the West Midlands Pension Fund.

Agency Staffing Costs*

Role	Hourly Rate paid to Agency Worker	Charge rate to Birmingham City Council
Driver Team Leader	£10.50	£13.66
Leading Hand	£10.50	£13.66
Loader	£8.45	£10.69

* May 2017 Agency charges.

The above table does show that directly employing agency workers is cheaper than direct employment. However, the true saving to the service comes from a reduction in turnover, associated training costs and the ability to move staff to different areas of need. The biggest benefit is that there is a longer term commitment to the service with directly employed staff and they are people that we can invest in.

During the Waste Management restructure consultation process the Trade Unions have always emphasised the benefits of direct provision over agency use, and this is a shared aim.

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

D8 Hours spent talking

Question:

How many hours were spent in talks with trade unions about the refuse collection strike between the cabinet meeting of 27th June and the beginning of the strike on Friday, 30th June?

Answer:

The Waste Management service has been involved in discussions with the trades unions about the proposals for change since January 2017.

There have been 24 meetings since January to date lasting approximately 57 hours

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

D9 Missed Collections - Comprehensive Lists

Question:

The lists, published by the Council, of roads suffering from missed collections in w/c 19/6/17 and 26/6/17, omitted a large number of roads which had suffered missed collections. As a result many did not get a catch up collection. How will you ensure the lists are comprehensive in the future?

Answer:

If a particular road is not included in the published list it does not mean that we are not aware of a problem.

Since Friday, 30 June we have included in the list missed collections reported by citizens. This is on the basis of 'whole roads' reported by a citizen in the previous day – for recycling and residual waste.

Because of the way in which garden waste collections are distributed i.e. by individual properties rather than whole streets – there is no option to record a missed collection for a whole road so the list includes roads that have received three or more individual reports.

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

D10 Missed collections since June

Question:

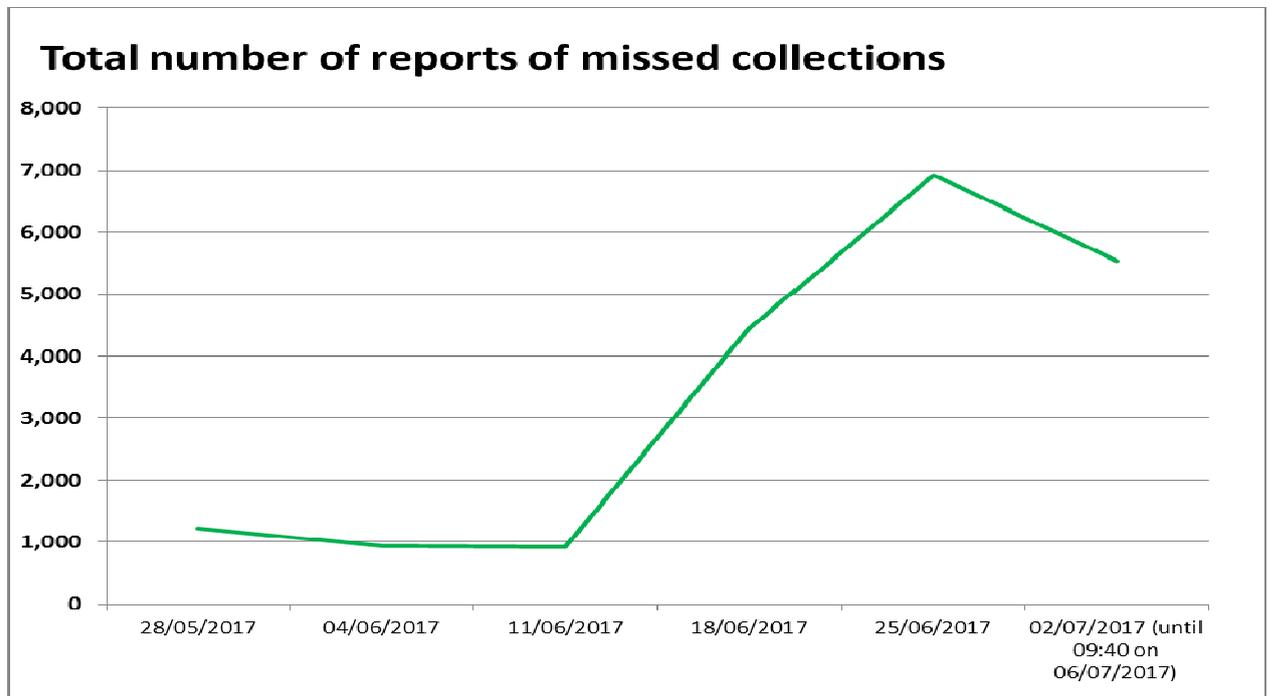
How many missed collections have been reported, by week, since the beginning of June?

Answer:

The table shows the total number of missed collections (as reported by citizens) on our database and includes all waste streams (residual, recycling and garden).

The figures also include reports where citizens have indicated that an individual property has been missed in addition to reports of the whole street being missed. Where the citizen has indicated that the whole street has been missed, this has been recorded as one report.

Multiple households in the same street may have reported the same whole street being missed and is therefore counted multiple times. Also note that the same citizen may have reported the same missed collection more than once and therefore this is also counted multiple times.



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Week beginning	Total number of reports of missed collections
28/05/2017	1,220
04/06/2017	934
11/06/2017	914
18/06/2017	4,429
25/06/2017	6,916
02/07/2017 (until 09:40 on 06/07/2017)	5,537

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

D11 "True Reduction in Parks Budget"

Question:

Could the cabinet member report the true reduction in the budget of the parks department this year, explaining any variance from reductions approved in the city business plan and budget?

Answer:

The savings proposals relating to the Park Services for 2017/18 are as set out in the Financial Plan 2017+ that was approved by City Council on the 28 February. These total £1.478m and include all existing and new proposals for 2017/18 and there have been no changes to the approved savings.

The savings should be considered in the context of the investment of £12.445m in our Park Services for 2017/18 (this sum is after taking into account the approved savings).

The savings proposals that were approved were significantly lower (by almost 50%) compared to the original plans and this change reflected the feedback received by the Council from the public consultation that was undertaken in December 2016.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMES
FROM COUNCILLOR IAN CRUISE**

E Waiting for Answers

Question:

Following the announcement of Birmingham City Council undertaking their own sample testing of the cladding and insulation on Birmingham tower blocks, will the Cabinet Member provide an update of the following;

- **Tower blocks that have been sample tested. The date tested and the results of the sample test?**
- **The dates when the remaining tower blocks will be sample tested?**

Answer:

We have reviewed all 213 City tower blocks, and have confirmed that 98 of our tower blocks due to their construction type have no form of cladding. 27 tower blocks which have been refurbished in the last 6 years are clad in a 25mm render on top of a mineral wool insulation which is an inert product and conforms to all relevant fire safety regulations.

There are a further 88 tower blocks in the City that we are compiling detailed technical data sets and information for, concerning the installation of any cladding systems which, it must be noted, conformed to Fire Safety Regulations at the time of installation. The exercise will establish that they have been fitted as per the manufacturers' recommendations.

If we are unable to confirm any system has been installed as per the manufacturer's recommendations we will commission more intrusive surveys. It must be emphasised that none of our buildings have been clad in aluminium composite materials as in the case of Grenfell Tower.

Our approach is one of checking and confirmation that the systems we have installed and their integrity has not been compromised since installation. If we establish any areas of concern, we will act upon these immediately.

Birmingham City Council's response to the Grenfell tragedy has gone beyond that requested by DCLG in order to reassure residents that their safety is our priority.

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

F Encourage traffic not to divert through Junction 7

Question:

Last summer the weekend closures of the Aston Expressway caused major congestion at the Scott Arms and significant tailbacks on the A34 and surrounding roads in my ward, especially at peak holiday periods when families were looking forward to getting away.

I have made representations to this effect but have not received a reply. What steps have been taken this year to encourage traffic not to divert through junction 7?

Answer:

Highways England's works, to repair the aging structures around junction 6 and many other parts of the motorway network surrounding Birmingham, will be disruptive to traffic but are essential to ensure the future operation of these critical parts of the national transport infrastructure.

With regard to the movement of displaced traffic around Birmingham during the restrictions and closures on the Aston Expressway over the summer period, Highways England have engaged with all relevant local highway authorities in order to establish mitigating measures that will minimise traffic disruption on local roads. With particular reference to the A34, as a change to Highways England's works last year, the slip road from Park Circus on to the A38 towards the M6 will not be closed for the works this summer. This should result in less traffic seeking to use the A34 as an alternative route to the M6 when compared to last summer. In addition, it has been agreed that Highways England will fund traffic signal engineers to be at the Scott Arms junction during the weekend closures of the A38, to manually manage traffic flows at this key junction.

The main message to the public, whilst the works are ongoing, is to use alternative forms of transport to make their journeys in, to and around the City. More information about the works and alternative options for travel by public transport can be found on the Council's "Birmingham Connected" web pages.