



CITY COUNCIL

10 JULY 2018

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR BOB BEAUCHAMP

“GDPR in Schools”

Question:

How many maintained Birmingham schools have taken up GDPR training with the Council?

Answer:

As part of the preparation for GDPR a range of different sessions were provided for Birmingham schools, including maintained and academies.

Schools HR delivered Spring Briefings on 28th February, 6th March and 30th April. These sessions provided 6 x 45min/hour sessions on preparation for GDPR and had around 146 schools registering to attend.

Schools HR also organised four more detailed sessions on “The role of the DPO training” which were delivered over two days - 21st May 2018 and 20th June 2018, which attracted around 160 delegates from 124 schools.

Education Safeguarding ran a briefing focusing on GDPR from the point of view of safeguarding in schools. This was delivered on 1 March 2018 with over 150 schools attending.

As part of the termly **CYP Directorate** briefing to Head Teachers, two sessions were held in March with 118 attendees with GDPR sessions as part of the agenda.

Many schools have also accessed independent providers including making use of Link2ICT provision. 105 different schools have accessed the following courses (some accessing several different ones).

Row Labels	Participants
Assist 2 - GDPR - Practical support towards GDPR compliance, Assist 4 GDPRis software	2
Data Protection for Snr Leader	42
Data Protection staff training - twilight	1
Data Protection Update Training	1
GDPR -Data Protection	47
GDPR Audit (half day consultancy)	1
GDPR Consultancy	6
GDPR Consultancy sessions	1
GDPR for all Staff (Twilight)	1
GDPR for Network Managers	11
GDPR for Senior Leaders	5
GDPR Half Days on site Consultancy	1
GDPR on site Consultancy	2
GDPR on site Consultancy for Staff & Governors	1
GDPR Onsite Training Session	1
GDPR Sessions	1
GDPR support session	1
GDPR training	3
GDPR twilight	1
GDPRis & Consultancy	5
Whole staff Data protection awareness session	1
Grand Total	135
Short description	Total

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR
PETER FOWLER

“Schools Forum Webstreaming”

Question:

In order to improve transparency, will you consider making meetings of the Schools Forum live streamed so that teachers and parents who cannot attend can see what is being discussed by school leaders about schools in this city?

Answer:

DfE regulations govern the membership, constitution and procedures of all the schools forums across the country. Members of the forum have an important role in the decision-making process of the Dedicated Schools Budget, which is public money at a local level. As a result, schools forum meetings are required to be open to the public. Birmingham's school forum publishes their agenda and minutes of the meetings. Members of the public are also able to attend the meeting.

The decision to establish live streaming of the meetings, cannot be determined by BCC, as the regulations require members of schools forum to agree to such provision. It has been suggested to members previously. This request, will be taken to the next schools forum meeting, for members to agree the next steps.

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

“FOI Response Times”

Question:

For each of the last 3 years, what is the average number of days taken to issue a final response to an FOI request?

Answer:

We report on FOI's in calendar years not financial years.

2015 - The average number of days taken to issue a final response was 12-14 days.

2016 - The average number of days taken to issue a final response was 12-14 days.

2017 - The average number of days taken to issue a final response was 12-14 days.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR GARY SAMBROOK

“FOI Response Times – Overdue Requests”

Question:

In 2017/18, for all FOI requests that did *not* get a final response within 20 working days, what was the average total number of days taken to respond?

Answer:

We report on FOI's in calendar years not financial years.

In 2017 the average total number of days taken to respond where the request was over 20 working days was 36 days.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR RON STORER

“FOI Response Times – Most Overdue Request”

Question:

Of requests received during 2017/18, how many days did it take to issue a final response to the FOI request that was most overdue?

Answer:

The FOI that was most overdue took 101 working days to issue a final response.

This request was referred to legal services by Place Directorate as it required a public interest test for the application of an exemption S43 was used as the service area considered the information was commercially sensitive.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR
SUZANNE WEBB

“FOI Response Times – Requests Still Outstanding”

Question:

Of all FOI requests currently still open, how many days has the longest one been open for?

Answer:

We have a request that was received on 6th February 2018 which is still open and assigned to Legal Services for response.

So as at 5th July 2018 this request is currently open at 103 days.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS

“FOI Response Times – Overdue Open Requests”

Question:

Of all FOI requests currently open, what percentage have been open for longer than 20 working days.

Answer:

There are currently 207 requests open on the system, the percentage that have been open for longer than 20 working days is 22%.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS

“FOI Response Times – Requests Still Outstanding”

Question:

Of all FOI requests to have had a final response issued in 2017/18 what percentage were responded to within

- a) 0-5 days**
- b) 5-15 days**
- c) 15-20 days**
- d) 20+ days**

Answer:

We report on FOI's in calendar years not financial years.

For the average response times for 2017 see below:

- a) 0-5 days – 3%**
- b) 5-15 days – 10%**
- c) 15-20 days – 18%**
- d) 20+ days – 31%**

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER FROM COUNCILLOR
ROBERT ALDEN

“Brexit Impact Report”

Question:

In May, I asked Legal Services for a copy of the Brexit Impact Report that has been subject to a recent refused FOI request on the basis that, notwithstanding any debate about the appropriateness of the use of s36 of the FOI Act to refuse this request, Elected Members should have a right to access it, even if just on a confidential basis. So far I have not received any response to this request. Will you undertake to ensure that Members of this Council are provided with a copy of this report pending the outcome of any FOI appeal?

Answer:

The FOI appeal is currently being considered. In the meantime,

The report has only ever been in draft format, is incomplete and not signed off or approved by a senior manager and did not progress beyond its first drafting stage. In addition, it has never been presented for an executive decision.

The Council requires a safe space to consider and explore policy options in private before progressing any matter for decision or making available in the public domain.

The result of the referendum was to leave the EU and we are now working with the Combined Authority, businesses, academics and other partners to assess the implications of Brexit.

So, once the full implications become known an impact assessment will be undertaken to understand that what it will mean for Birmingham and the wider region. Before that report is publicised it will [first] be shared with [Group Leaders and then] Elected Members.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR MEIRION JENKINS**

“Street Bins”

Question:

For each ward (new boundaries if possible, old if not) how many street bins have been removed in the last 4 years? Please include both total number and Net reduction

Answer:

There were approximately 6,000 public litter bins in Birmingham in 2014 and there are approximately 6,000 public litter bins in Birmingham in 2018. However, around 5% of these bins have been re-sited over the last 2 years. We do not have this information by new Wards.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR EDDIE FREEMAN

“Fly-Tipping and Bulky Waste”

Question:

Has the Council carried out a review to compare the costs of cleaning increased fly tipped waste compared to running a free bulky waste collections service to see if it would be cheaper to re-introduce it, please included the review if it has taken place?

Answer:

In November 2016 a proposal for re-introducing free bulky waste was reviewed. This identified a cost for a free service was estimated at £2.8m (1 free collection per household per year).

Current estimate of the cost of removing fly-tipped waste across all land in the City is approximately £200k.

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

“Ad Waste Post”

Question:

The Council appointed a new Assistant Director for Waste in March 2018, how long was this individual in post for?

Answer:

The individual was in post between 5 February 2018 and 5th April 2018.

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

“Recycling Tonnage”

Question:

For each year since 2010 what was the total tonnage of recycling collected each year?

Answer:

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

TOTAL WASTE RECYCLING (WEIGHT IN TONNES)	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
WASTE RECYCLED or REUSED	67,634	71,744	66,195	71,446	69,233	66,910	68,438	53,167
WASTE COMPOSTING	63,367	52,794	63,840	56,374	42,359	39,433	42,592	37,901
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE REUSED, RECYCLED OR COMPOSTED	131,001	124,537	130,035	127,819	111,593	106,343	111,030	91,068

Table 2: The amount of recycling collected directly from households

KERBSIDE COLLECTED RECYCLING (WEIGHT IN TONNES)	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
KERBSIDE MULTI-MATERIAL (BOTTLES, CANS & PLASTIC) #	16,279	16,297	16,633	17,690	17,632	23,358	28,135	21,466
KERBSIDE PAPER AND CARD	27,004	25,202	25,034	22,577	21,480	23,440	23,612	16,995
KERBSIDE GARDEN GREEN WASTE	36,081	31,718	41,349	35,937	13,294	15,493	17,435	16,156
TOTAL KERBSIDE COLLECTED RECYCLING	79,364	73,217	83,016	76,204	52,406	62,291	69,181	54,618

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

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

KERBSIDE MULTI-MATERIAL REJECTS (CONTAMINATION)	1,628	1,630	1,663	1,919	1,913	2,534	3,053	1,680
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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**“Missed Residual Collections”****Question:**

Of all missed residual collections reported in each month for the last 2 years, what was the total number of collections within 2 days, within 1 week and over week?

Answer:

Below are the numbers of missed collections raised which have been completed using the outcome of “Closed no further action”, which is used when a collection has been undertaken.

Please Note: Due to the industrial action in 2017 the data collected between July 2017 and September 2017 does not accurately reflect the performance of the department, as the Council was utilising 3rd party contractors to collect a high proportion of our missed collections waste and we do not have access to this data.

	Working Days		
	2 Day	5 Day	5 Day+
Jun-16	556	306	365
Jul-16	511	129	476
Aug-16	425	137	574
Sep-16	403	141	589
Oct-16	385	73	307
Nov-16	434	130	748
Dec-16	335	101	588
Jan-17	278	186	814
Feb-17	250	97	453
Mar-17	485	296	2905
Apr-17	352	330	5512
May-17	251	320	729
Jun-17	392	1159	2157
Jul-17	207	5240	3187
Aug-17	4	4	2855
Sep-17	27	41	4433
Oct-17	248	746	4295
Nov-17	309	284	1956
Dec-17	291	454	5987
Jan-18	713	1876	1551
Feb-18	343	386	1178
Mar-18	274	401	1926
Apr-18	283	197	1924
May-18	147	146	1448
Jun-18	714	209	807

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS**“Missed Recycling Collections”****Question:**

Of all missed recycling collections reported in each month for the last 2 years, what was the total number of collections within 2 days, within 1 week, within 2 weeks and over 2 weeks?

Answer:

Below are the numbers of missed collections raised which have been completed using the outcome of “Closed no further action” which is used when a collection has been undertaken.

Please Note: Due to the industrial action in 2017 the data collected between July 17 and September 17 does not accurately reflect the performance of the department as the Council were utilising 3rd party contractors to collect a high proportion of our missed collections waste and we do not have access to this data.

	Working Days		
	2 Day	5 Day	5 Day+
Jun-16	438	202	351
Jul-16	478	79	330
Aug-16	586	65	397
Sep-16	309	95	502
Oct-16	357	73	307
Nov-16	414	107	493
Dec-16	286	129	543
Jan-17	278	186	814
Feb-17	250	97	453
Mar-17	179	105	2398
Apr-17	173	131	3365
May-17	137	219	1005
Jun-17	257	616	1138
Jul-17	23	2796	1831
Aug-17	0	0	1526
Sep-17	17	17	1918
Oct-17	75	175	2650
Nov-17	195	250	1956
Dec-17	200	88	4502
Jan-18	1566	1187	2749
Feb-18	401	172	1255
Mar-18	351	218	2975
Apr-18	164	86	1565
May-18	139	65	1500
Jun-18	258	112	667

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

“Flytipping”

Question:

In 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 what were the total number of reported fly-tipping incidents?

Answer:

Below are the number of flytipping incidents recorded by Waste Management crews and reported quarterly under DEFRA's Waste Data Flow 'fly-tipping' arrangements:

- 2015/16 = 12 348 incidents
- 2016/17 = 14 799 incidents
- 2017/18 = 15 321 incidents

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR SIMON MORRALL**

“Waste Heads”

Question:

**Since 2012, please list the total time in post for each Assistant Director of
Waste Management (or equivalent)?**

Answer:

Position Title	Length of service of Waste Management Assistant Directors in post since 1 January 2012
Assistant Director	3 Years (not including time in post prior to 2012)
Assistant Director	3 Years (not including time in post prior to 2012)
Assistant Director	2 Years
Assistant Director	2 Months

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS,
WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR CHARLOTTE HODIVALA

“Waste Inquiry”

Question:

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Birmingham Independent Improvement Panel and Birmingham City Council on 21 June 2018, as recently published as part of the ‘stocktake report’, references that an inquiry into the Waste dispute was “due to report”, “that appropriate elements of it will be published and that the Council intended to learn lessons from the findings and recommendations of the inquiry.” Whilst a public version may require some (limited) redactions will the full report be shared with all elected members and if so when?

Answer:

At the moment it is not possible to comment further as I am advised that the investigation, whilst is near completion, has not yet concluded.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE

"Minimise use of disposable plastics"

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member set out what steps are being taken to minimise the use of disposable plastics in the city?

Answer:

The production of plastic and packaging is a national issue which we seek to influence through APSE and Keep Britain Tidy. We are also working with Central Government through the work of Dr Therese Coffey MP's office to improve recycling and reduce the use of plastics.

In the meantime the City Council is currently developing both its Waste Strategy and Waste Prevention Strategy. These documents will set out the City Council's position regarding the use of disposable plastics and how behaviour can be changed. Using our strategy we will work with partners within the city to develop a coordinated approach to tackle not only this issue but reducing waste in general.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY

"Missed Collections over last 4 years"

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member please list by month the number of missed collections over the last 4 years?

Answer:

Below is a list of the individual and whole road reported missed collections over the past 4 years by month.

Please Note: The data will include duplicate reports where, for example, different residents have reported the same property or whole road as being missed, and where the same resident has reported the same missed collection multiple times.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January		3628	9112	2700	9657
February		2124	4948	1630	3755
March		2798	6205	7810	7358
April		1927	3718	11488	5976
May		1444	3705	3744	6273
June		5541	4161	7643	5941
July	3818	5086	3102	16200	
August	2378	2693	2989	5598	
September	2378	2965	2850	9406	
October	2068	3173	2503	11231	
November	2758	5133	3225	6703	
December	4318	5584	2046	11837	

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

"Response Time - flytipping"

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide information about the time it takes for investigators to respond to reports of flytipping, setting out by decile the actual and target times for responses?

Answer:

We do not set target response times for reports of Flytipping. We prioritise referrals based on the greater likelihood of being able to further the investigation to the point of instituting proceedings.

The unit received over 6500 referrals last year in relation to waste matters including fly tipping and all referrals are now moved through a triage process. In normal circumstances an initial response is made within 5 days. However, as already indicated, we prioritise referrals based on the merits of each case and, where there is evidence that will be supported by testimony from the complainant about who the offenders are, an investigator will respond within 2 days.

The burden of proof sits with the investigators, they must be able to identify the person that fly-tipped, not just the household. Investigations cannot be progressed where residents and eye witnesses are not prepared to provide evidence and statements that can be used in a criminal court. Matters where this information is available and supported are prioritised over all others and are responded to immediately.

Where there is a lack of evidence or support for the investigation by the referrer this can take longer and may involve warning letters and advice letters being sent to alleged perpetrators as an outcome.

The above relates to the process for investigation relating to potential enforcement activity and not the response time for the removal of the waste.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ

"Waste Collection - Monthly Budget Targets"

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member state what he has done to ensure waste collection meets its monthly budget targets?

Answer:

Regular budget meetings are held with service management and finance. The 'in year' pressures and any savings/efficiency proposals are reviewed and future plans for service improvements are integral to these discussions.

Mitigation of any overspends and current financial assessments are reported through the Council's financial monitoring process.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR CLEAN STREETS, WASTE AND RECYCLING FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY

"Illegal open air burning"

Question:

In the present dry climate what work is being done with the fire service to prevent illegal open air burning?

Answer:

West Midlands Fire Service will discourage anyone from lighting outdoor fires especially during hot weather and dry conditions as this can lead to fires easily getting out of hand and adds to the volume of work that the emergency services have to deal with. Whilst the Fire Service has no enforcement powers to prevent someone having an outdoor fire in their own garden, this will also be discouraged during the current climate. The Fire Service will distinguish fires if they believe it is likely to get out of hand and the Fire Service will liaise with members of the public who have undertaken to light fires.

The City Council, whilst it has no powers to prevent people lighting bonfires other than to deal with smoke nuisance, again would discourage people from doing so and will work with the emergency services to ensure this message is conveyed appropriately. There are no permitted times for the lighting of bonfires and any nuisance caused could warrant legal action under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 by the Local Authority.

For those people who wish to dispose of large items of rubbish, the City Council offers a wide range of services as follows:

- Special collections can be arranged for bulky items that cannot be removed by the normal weekly collection.
- A garden waste collection service with an annual charge. For further details please visit birmingham.gov.uk/gardenwaste.
- Larger amounts of garden waste can be recycled free of charge by taking it to any of the following Household Recycling Centres:

Holford Drive, Perry Barr B42 2TN
James Road, Tyseley B11 2BA
Lifford Lane, Cotteridge B30 3JJ

Norris Way, Sutton Coldfield B75 7BB
Tameside Drive, Castle Bromwich B35 7AG

All these services and further information such as refuse collection days can be accessed by going online at birmingham.gov.uk/wasteservices or by ringing 303 1112.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

“YEI Lessons Learnt”

Question:

Can you provide a copy of the lessons learnt report into the procurement process for the Youth Employment Initiative (Youth Promise Plus) and an update on any actions taken as a result?

Answer:

A presentation on the Youth Promise Plus Project procurement process and lessons learnt was taken to the Council's internal Commissioning Board meeting on 26th March 2018. The background report for the presentation giving details on the issues surrounding the YPP procurement, remedial action taken, and learning points being applied to future delivery contains confidential information and is available through a private briefing.

The report states that the primary issues in procurement terms arose from a significant number of tenders received not meeting the required quality threshold, and from queries around the way in which potential providers quoted prices which could then not be clarified due to additional national rules on procurement of contracts involving EU funding that sit on top of the (EU Based) new Public Contract Regulations (2015).

Following legal advice this meant that only 4 of 11 contracts could be awarded in the first round of procurement. However, officers responded swiftly and effectively to modify service specifications and quality criteria in light of the lessons learned, and take forward further phases of open tendering, and all required YPP contracts were awarded and in place by February 2017.

While it is recognised that this changed procurement timeframe did have an effect on the project delivery, the primary reason for a subsequent managed re-profiling and downsizing of the YPP project that occurred, and was approved by Cabinet, in November 2017, related to late initial approvals and subsequent changes/clarifications in eligibility, and evidence requirements from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) that were applied on an on-going basis during the delivery period. This had the effect of reducing available local activity that formed match funding, and thus caused a down-sizing of the project to date. It should also be noted that other large Youth Employment Initiative funded projects in the same situation around the country suffered the same procedural delays and impacts on delivery.

Despite this, YPP project delivery has continued effectively and as at 25th June 2018, the project had engaged and supported 13,000 NEET young people and 3,500 of

these have so far progressed to an Education, Employment and training positive outcome. By the end of the current approval at 31 July 2018, the project is profiled to achieve 4,000 positive outcomes, which would achieve the original target levels proportional to actual expenditure to that date.

In addition, following discussions with the DWP, the Council has submitted a Project Change Request (PCR) seeking to extend the YPP project for up to a further 3 ½ years, if approved, this will help support young people further. The project will be even more cost effective (£48M) and will still support the original volumes of 16,610 young people supported with over 7,000 going into positive outcomes.

If this extended delivery period is approved, the Council's Employment team will be working in conjunction with officers from Corporate Procurement to take forward a focused commissioning process, building on the lessons learned from YPP "phase one". Moving forward, core delivery will be less reliant on externally commissioned delivery, with a greater proportion of delivery being routed through existing Delivery Partnership arrangements, both in-house (principally through BCC Careers and Youth Services, but also involving 14 – 18 education, in-care / care leavers and youth offending support teams) and with external partners The Prince's Trust, University Hospital Birmingham training consortium, and Solihull MBC services.

Once a decision on the proposed extension has been received from DWP, a further report will be taken to Cabinet setting out the parameters for the YPP extension delivery model, including the procurement plan and seeking acceptance of this.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOMES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

“Travellers”

Question:

A number of traveller encampments in the past have been on housing land with the nuisance to residents being very evident not to mention the cost of clearing the resulting mess that is inevitably left behind.

Can the Cabinet Member list what measures have or are being put in place to protect housing land from these unwelcome visitors and to ensure our law abiding tax paying residents enjoy a peaceful summer?

Answer:

The vast majority of unauthorised encampments occur on parks land, but there are a number of instances where encampments have occurred on housing land. Although there has been a slight reduction in the number of unauthorised encampments during 2018/19 to date, clearly they cause all sorts of problems.

There are a number of measures being undertaken to protect land including:

- A review of the legal powers, including injunctions, to ensure that we are working with all stakeholders to prevent unauthorised encampments.
- Trend information on known hotspot areas has been obtained to ensure that preventative works can be undertaken, eg trip rails and mounding works which can be funded through the regeneration/redevelopment budgets.
- A review of the Birmingham Development Plan in respect of provision of suitable sites for the travelling community. This will require the gypsy roma traveller needs assessment from 2014 to be updated, which is being undertaken.

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

“Fleet emissions”

Question:

Since 2012, listed by year, for each new vehicle purchased what was the fuel type and the Euro Emissions Standard of the vehicle?

Answer:

Vehicles purchased across the Council since 2012 are listed as below:

	E5	E6	Diesel	Petrol	Total
2012	10	-	9	1	10
2013	18	-	18	0	18
2014	64	23	87	0	87
2015	12	37	44	5	49
2016	-	20	15	5	20
2017	-	4	0	4	4
2018	-	1	1	0	1
Total	104	85	174	15	189

Emissions standard	Applied to new passenger car approvals from:	Applied to most new registrations from:
E5 - Euro 5	1 September 2009	1 January 2011
E6 - Euro 6	1 September 2014	1 September 2015 – current.

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

“NO₂ Exceedances”

Question:

Table 4 of the 26 June 2018 Cabinet Report on the Clean Air Zone consultation (entitled ‘Summary of CAZ impact on exceedances of NO₂ (ug/m³) and the further reductions which are required to achieve compliance’) lists just 4 locations. Please could you provide the same information for all of the locations shown as exceeding NO₂ levels on the maps in the appendix of this report?

Answer:

The information provided in the Cabinet Report was a sample from the worst case locations that, if resolved, would be expected to have driven compliance at all other locations.

The following table drawn from tables D1-1 and E1-1 in the CAZ Air Quality Modelling Report¹ provides most of the data requested. The only items missing relate to ‘Additional Reductions Req.d in Road NO_x’ both after CAZ C and after CAZ D. This information was not calculated for all sites and would need to be determined by third party consultants for the remaining (majority) sites. I understand this is a not-insignificant piece of work and there are no plans to undertake this.

It is important to note that the objective-level is 40µgm⁻³ for NO₂ and the values below are presented in concentrations of NO₂. Oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) is a precursor to NO₂ and whilst initially calculated is ultimately converted to NO₂ to determine the compliance position.

The table below shows all sites for which modelling was undertaken at the target determination stage. Those sites highlighted are above the objective level for the scenario in question.

The sites in the Cabinet Report are numbered 5, 134, 2 and 1 respectively on the table below.

¹ Birmingham Clean Air Zone Feasibility, Study Birmingham City Council Air Quality Modelling Report, 29 June 2018, Jacobs

(https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/caz_individual/supporting_documents/Air%20Quality%20Modelling%20Report.pdf)

#	Road	Without CAZ 2020	CAZ C High	CAZ C High + OBC AM	CAZ D Medium	CAZ D High	CAZ D High + OBC AM
1	A4400 Suffolk St. Queensway	48.8	45	45.1	43.5	42.7	42.7
2	A38 Corporation St.	46.6	42.6	42.3	41.3	40.6	40.3
3	A38 Bristol St.	37.4	34.4	34.6	33.1	32.6	32.7
4	A4540 Dartmouth Circus	44.8	41.7	41.2	41.2	40.8	40.3
5	A4540 Watery Lane Middleway	46.9	41.8	42	41.7	41.4	41.5
6	A4540 Belgrave Middleway	39.5	36.2	36.4	35	34.5	34.7
7	A38 Tyburn Road	37.4	36.6	36.6	36.5	36.3	36.2
8	A38(M) Aston Expressway	40	37.8	37.6	37.1	36.5	36.3
9	A4540 Belgrave Middleway	37.3	35.5	35.4	35	34.8	34.7
10	A38(M) Aston Expressway (Elevated Rd.)	39.2	37.6	37.4	37.1	36.6	36.4
11	A38(M) Aston Expressway	44.5	40.8	40.5	39.6	38.9	38.6
12	A452 Chester Rd.	34.2	34.1	34.1	34.2	34.2	34.1
13	A4540 Bordesley Middleway	38.6	37	36.8	36.9	36.6	36.4
14	A4540 Newtown Middleway	40.9	38.5	38.2	38.1	37.7	37.4
15	A4540 Lawley Middleway	42.1	39.9	40.5	39.6	39.3	39.8
16	A456 Hagley Rd.	30.8	29.1	29	29	28.7	28.6
17	M6	42.7	41.9	41.8	41.8	41.6	41.6
18	A38(M) Aston Expressway	31.8	31.2	31	30.9	30.7	30.6
19	A4540 New John St. West	35.4	33.6	33.5	33.4	33.1	32.9
20	A453 Aldridge Rd.	31.4	30.7	30.6	30.5	30.3	30.2
21	A45(T) Coventry Rd.	36.6	35.2	34.9	34.9	34.7	34.5
22	A38 Tyburn Rd.	33.7	33.2	33.2	33.2	33.1	33
23	M6	41.9	41.2	41.1	41.1	41	40.9
24	A45(T) Coventry Rd.	27.5	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.2	27.1
25	A38 Kingsbury Rd.	31.2	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.7
26	A4540 Highgate Middleway	37.1	35.6	35.3	35.4	35.2	34.9
27	A4540 Lee Bank Middleway	33.4	31.7	31.7	31.3	31.1	31
28	A4400 Lancaster Circus Q'way	44.8	41.4	41.9	40.1	39.5	40

29	A453 College Rd.	32.7	32.2	32.1	32	31.9	31.8
30	A4540 Icknield St.	32.5	31.7	31.7	31.8	31.6	31.6
31	A4540 Icknield St.	34.9	33.7	33.7	33.8	33.5	33.4
32	A456 Hagley Rd.	26.6	25.6	25.4	25.4	25.2	25
33	A4040 Bromford Lane	33.3	33	33	33.1	33	33
34	A453 Aldridge Rd.	33	32.3	32.2	32.1	31.9	31.8
35	A4040 Chapel Lane	28.4	28.1	28.1	28.1	28	28
36	A38 Bristol Rd.	36.6	33.8	33.7	32.8	32.4	32.3
37	A34 New Town Row	31.5	30	29.8	29.7	29.5	29.3
38	A441 Pershore Rd.	30.6	29	28.8	28.6	28.3	28.1
39	A5127 Lichfield Rd.	40.5	38.4	38.2	37.8	37.4	37.3
40	A4540 Icknield St.	33.6	32.7	32.7	32.8	32.6	32.6
41	A38 Bristol Rd.	34.7	34	34	33.9	33.7	33.6
42	A4040 Harborne Park Rd.	22.3	22.1	22.1	22.2	22.1	22.1
43	A456 Hagley Rd. West	24.6	24.4	24.3	24.4	24.2	24.1
44	A38 Kingsbury Rd.	27.6	27.3	27.3	27.3	27.3	27.2
45	A452 Chester Rd.	32.9	32.7	32.6	32.8	32.7	32.7
46	A4540 Ladywood Middleway	33.2	31.8	31.8	31.7	31.5	31.6
47	A41 Warwick Rd.	29	28.6	28.6	28.6	28.5	28.4
48	A441 Pershore Rd.	32.2	31.9	31.8	31.9	31.8	31.7
49	A41 Warwick Rd.	27.3	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.6	26.5
50	A38 Bristol Rd.	29	27.5	27.3	27.1	26.9	26.8
51	A41 Warwick Rd.	33.8	32.6	32.4	32.5	32.3	32.1
52	A41 Stratford Rd.	35.5	33.7	33.4	33.5	33.2	32.9
53	A4040 Stockfield Rd.	31.5	31.3	31.2	31.4	31.3	31.3
54	A38(M) Aston Expressway	45	42.2	41.9	41.3	40.7	40.5
55	A457 Spring Hill	28.9	27.9	27.7	27.7	27.5	27.4
56	A4540 Highgate Rd.	31.6	30.1	30.1	30	29.8	29.7
57	A41 Holyhead Rd.	22.4	22.3	22.2	22.2	22.2	22.2
58	A38(M) Tyburn Rd.	36.3	35.5	35.4	35.4	35.2	35.1

59	A47 Fort Parkway	33.2	32.9	32.9	32.9	32.8	32.8
60	A38 Bristol Rd. South	22.7	22.5	22.4	22.4	22.3	22.2
61	A41 Soho Rd.	29.7	28.6	28.5	28.5	28.3	28.2
62	A441 Pershore Rd.	24.6	23.7	23.6	23.4	23.3	23.2
63	A34 Stratford Rd.	24.9	24.8	24.6	24.8	24.7	24.6
64	A4540	35.2	33.9	33.8	33.8	33.5	33.4
65	A4040.Oxhill Rd.	22.6	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5
66	A47 Nechells Parkway	34	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.4	33.4
67	A457 Dudley Rd.	28.9	27.9	27.9	27.8	27.7	27.6
68	A452 Chester Rd.	31.4	31.2	31.1	31.2	31.2	31.1
69	A4540 New John St. West	33.1	31.6	31.4	31.4	31.1	30.9
70	A5127 Birmingham Rd.	29.2	28.8	28.7	28.7	28.5	28.4
71	A4040 Wheelwright Rd.	35.9	35.5	35.4	35.4	35.3	35.3
72	A41 Holyhead Rd.	29.1	28.8	28.7	28.6	28.5	28.4
73	A4040 Fox Hollies Rd.	31.5	31.3	31.2	31.4	31.4	31.3
74	A441 Pershore Rd. South	32.6	32.4	32.3	32.4	32.3	32.3
75	M6	39.6	38.9	38.8	38.7	38.6	38.5
76	A4540 Heaton St.	31.1	30.2	30.1	30.1	30	29.9
77	A34 Walsall Rd.	23.3	22.9	22.9	22.8	22.7	22.7
78	A41 Soho Hill	29.1	28.1	28	27.9	27.6	27.5
79	A38 Bristol Rd. South	24.1	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.6	23.5
80	A34 Stratford Rd.	25	24.6	24.5	24.5	24.4	24.3
81	M6	40.6	39.8	39.7	39.7	39.4	39.3
82	A5127 Lichfield Rd.	22.4	22.3	22.3	22.4	22.4	22.3
83	A452 Chester Rd.	31.2	31	30.9	31	31	30.9
84	A435 Alcester Rd. South	22.4	22.1	22	22.1	22	22
85	A4040 Fox Hollies Rd.	26.9	26.7	26.6	26.8	26.8	26.7
86	A41 Warwick Rd.	27.8	27.5	27.5	27.5	27.4	27.4
87	A4040 Church Rd.	32.2	32	32	32.1	32.1	32.1
88	A452 Chester Rd. North	29	28.7	28.6	28.8	28.7	28.7

89	A4040 Bromford Lane	39.3	39	39	38.9	38.8	38.8
90	A5127 Birmingham Rd.	30.7	30.5	30.4	30.5	30.4	30.3
91	A4040 Station Rd.	36.5	36.3	36.3	36.5	36.5	36.5
92	A4040 Watford Rd.	22	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.9	21.9
93	A457 Dudley Rd.	27.2	26.4	26.3	26.3	26.1	26.1
94	A5127 Birmingham Rd.	29.6	29.3	29.2	29.3	29.2	29.1
95	A435 Alcester Rd.	31.7	30.3	30.1	30.1	29.9	29.7
96	A452 Chester Rd. North	23.3	23.1	23	23	23	23
97	A4040 Wellington Rd.	26.4	26	26	26	25.9	25.8
98	A435 Alcester Rd. South	26.7	26.2	26.1	26.2	26	25.9
99	A4097 Kingsbury Rd.	24.6	24.5	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.5
100	A453 College Rd.	25.7	25.3	25.2	25.3	25.2	25.1
101	A5127 High St.	29.3	29.2	29.1	29.2	29.2	29.1
102	A4040 Reservoir Rd.	33.4	33.1	33	33.1	33	32.9
103	A34 Stratford Rd.	28.1	27.9	27.7	27.9	27.8	27.7
104	A34 Stratford Rd.	28.8	28.4	28.3	28.3	28.2	28
105	A4040 City Rd.	23.1	22.6	22.7	22.6	22.5	22.5
106	A441 Redditch Rd.	19.5	19.4	19.3	19.4	19.3	19.3
107	A38 Bristol Rd. South	14.8	14.8	14.7	14.8	14.7	14.7
108	A4123 Court Oak Rd.	21.8	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6
109	A4040 Brook Lane	24.5	24.3	24.2	24.4	24.3	24.3
110	A4040 Handsworth New Rd.	27.7	26.9	26.8	26.8	26.7	26.6
111	A452 Chester Rd. North	21.8	21.7	21.6	21.7	21.6	21.6
112	A34	34	33.3	33.2	33.1	32.9	32.7
113	A453 Jockey Rd.	25	24.8	24.7	24.8	24.8	24.8
114	A4040 Fordhouse Lane	25.3	25.1	25.1	25.1	25	25
115	A4040 Fordhouse Lane	24.7	24.4	24.3	24.4	24.4	24.3
116	A4040 Lordswood Rd.	25.6	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3
117	A5127 Brassington Avenue	27.2	27	26.9	27	26.9	26.9
118	A453 Tamworth Rd.	22.5	22.4	22.4	22.5	22.5	22.4

119	A5127 Lichfield Rd.	22.9	22.8	22.7	22.9	22.9	22.8
120	A454 Walsall Rd.	22.9	22.8	22.7	22.9	22.9	22.8
121	A4029 Pebble Mill Rd.	24.8	23.8	23.8	23.6	23.5	23.4
122	A38 St Chads Queensway	46.5	42.6	42.5	41.3	40.6	40.5
123	A452 Chester Rd.	38.6	38.5	38.4	38.5	38.5	38.5
124	A38 Queensway (Tunnel)	46.7	43.3	43	41.9	41.2	41
125	A452 Newport Rd.	31.6	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4	31.4
126	Park St.	44.3	39.4	38.9	38.9	38.5	38
127	High St.	27.4	27	26.8	26.9	26.8	26.7
128	High St.	27.1	26.7	26.6	26.7	26.5	26.4
129	Stratford Rd.	35.2	33.9	33.7	33.8	33.5	33.3
130	Stratford Rd.	37.1	35.5	35.3	35.3	35	34.7
131	Tyburn Rd.	38.5	37.7	37.6	37.5	37.3	37.3
132	A38 Tyburn Rd.	39	38.2	38.2	38	37.8	37.7
133	Middleton Hall Rd.	29.6	29.4	29.4	29.5	29.4	29.4
134	Moat Lane	46.4	41.5	39.9	40.8	40.3	38.9
135	Curzon St.	38.9	36.6	36.5	36.3	36	35.9
136	Sherlock St.	37.7	35.1	35.2	34.3	33.8	34
137	Thimble Mill Lane	36.6	35.4	35.3	35.2	35	34.9
138	Thimble-Mill Lane	35.2	34.1	34	34	33.7	33.6
139	Lichfield Rd.	35.7	34.4	34.3	34.2	34	33.9
140	Lichfield Rd.	40.6	39.7	39.7	39.6	39.5	39.3
141	Priory Rd.	31.2	29.6	29.5	29.3	29.1	29
142	Pershore Rd.	26.9	25.6	25.5	25.3	25.1	25
143	Bradford St.	38.6	35.8	35.4	35.4	34.9	34.6
144	Bradford St.	39.6	36.7	36.3	36.3	35.9	35.5
145	Unett St.	34	32.2	32.1	31.9	31.6	31.5
146	Clifford St.	34.1	32.6	32.4	32.4	32.1	32
147	Alma St.	38.2	36.2	35.9	35.7	35.4	35.1
148	Bordesley Green	33.6	32.3	32.2	32.2	32.1	32

149	Newhall St.	42.2	39.3	39.1	38.6	38.1	38
150	Cornwall St.	41.8	38.9	38.9	38.2	37.7	37.7
151	Barwick St.	40.6	38	37.9	37.3	36.9	36.9
152	Church St.	40.7	38	38	37.4	37	36.9
153	Barwick St.	40.8	38	38	37.4	37	37
154	Edmund St.	41.5	38.5	38.5	37.8	37.4	37.4
155	Temple St.	41.1	38.7	38.6	38.1	37.7	37.7
156	Temple St.	41.1	38.6	38.5	38.1	37.7	37.6
157	Bull St.	43.1	39	38.5	38.5	38.1	37.7
158	Bull St.	42	38.6	38.3	38.1	37.8	37.5
159	Corporation St.	42.2	38.1	37.7	37.6	37.2	36.8
160	Steelhouse Lane	42.3	38.7	38.2	38	37.6	37.2
161	Corporation St.	43.7	39.2	38.5	38.6	38.1	37.5
162	Dalton St.	44.7	40.1	39.3	39.5	38.9	38.1
163	Digbeth	49.4	43.6	41.8	42.9	42.3	40.8
164	Vauxhall Rd.	42.3	40.3	40.5	40.2	39.8	39.9
165	Vauxhall Rd.	39.2	37.5	37.4	37.4	37.1	37
166	Great Hampton St.	35.7	33.2	33.1	32.7	32.3	32.2
167	Nechells Parkway	38.5	36.6	36.4	36.3	36	35.8
168	Nechells Parkway	37.2	35.8	35.5	35.6	35.3	35.1
169	Lichfield Rd.	36	34.8	34.7	34.6	34.4	34.3
170	High St. Deritend	45.4	41	39.9	39.9	39.2	38.3
171	Bradford St.	42.5	39.3	38.6	38.9	38.4	37.8
172	Sherlock St.	37.9	34.8	34.8	34.1	33.6	33.6
173	Newhall St.	41.9	38.9	38.8	38.3	37.8	37.7
174	Graham St.	38.9	36.9	36.6	36.5	36.1	35.9
175	Vittoria St.	38.3	36.5	36.3	36.2	35.8	35.6
176	Great Hampton St.	40.2	38.1	38	37.5	37.1	37
177	A38 / A4400	45.9	41.9	41.5	40.7	40	39.8
178	A38 / A4400	45.9	41.9	41.6	40.7	40.1	39.8

179	A38 / A4400	45.9	41.4	40.8	40.5	39.8	39.2
	Number of Exceedances	41	19	17	16	12	10

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

"Clean Air Zone"

Question:

It has been said that poor air quality is causing 900 deaths a year in the city. How many deaths will the clean air zone prevent?

Answer:

We have not calculated the number of avoided deaths. The methodology used for the Clean Air Zone followed the JAQU impact factors approach, and this does not provide data on deaths avoided.

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

"Clean Air Zone - 2"

Question:

When will the Cabinet Member produce a whole clean air strategy for the city?

Answer:

The Clean Air Strategy is presently a work in progress. Considerable effort has been undertaken by Officers to date. I am now in a position to review progress and re-direct future efforts to align with the new Council plan. It is expected that this will be completed late autumn.

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

"Criteria - Decisions rat-running HGVs"

Question:

Along with petitioners, I have recently been informed that a residential estate used for rat-running by heavy goods vehicles does not meet the criteria for HGV restrictions. Could the Cabinet Member state what criteria is being applied, setting out the policies (and the source of those policies) that underlie these decisions?

Answer:

The guidelines that have referenced for the provision of lorry management measures are:

1. For main radial routes and routes where significant lengths of dual carriageways have been provided or are firmly planned:
 - No significant restraint on any traffic.
2. For general purpose single carriageway main distributor roads:
 - a flow of approximately 100 HGV two way per hour or more occurring during the peak periods of lorry activity will merit a positive programme of lorry management measures
3. For single carriageway roads in areas perceived locally as residential or otherwise environmentally sensitive:
 - a flow of approximately 60 HGV two way per hour or more (one a minute) occurring during the peak periods of lorry activity will merit a positive programme of lorry management measures.

Where there are circumstances in which the thresholds in (2) or (3) are not met but significant local environmental factors prevail, consideration may be given to the provision of advisory lorry routing and voluntary arrangements with local hauliers if appropriate.

These guidelines are part of a well-established set of criteria that form the only Lorry Management Policy the Council has ever adopted. However this policy is nearly 30 years old and, whilst the criteria is still seemingly relevant and meaningful in terms of providing a consistent and measured approach to requests for HGV restrictions, I have requested that Highway officers review the criteria, referencing amongst other information adopted best practice across other relevant local authorities.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR NEIL EUSTACE

"Greater protection of grass verges"

Question:

Now that the Cabinet Member has merged the local highways and grass verge protection budgets, what plans does he have to ensure greater protection of grass verges?

Answer:

In the light of changes to ward boundaries and the number of elected Members since May 2018, I have decided to merge 2018/19 funding allocation for Ward Minor Transport Measures (WMTM) and Grass Verge Protection Measures (GVPM) programmes. This will provide greater flexibility to elected members and residents to select and spend the entire available funding (£6,500/ £13,000 for single/double ward Member) either on GVPM or WMTM schemes and vice versa to meet their local aspirations.

As for further plans to ensure protection of grass verges given the limited availability of capital funding there are no resources available to expand the current commitment on the GVPM budget. However we will continue to seek opportunities to provide protection measures where possible through other means such as new highway projects and development proposals.

