

**MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM
CITY COUNCIL, TUESDAY,
28 FEBRUARY 2023**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HELD
ON TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 1400 HOURS IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT:- Lord Mayor (Councillor Maureen Cornish) in the Chair.

Councillors

Akhlaq Ahmed	Roger Harmer	Saddak Miah
Saima Ahmed	Deborah Harries	Gareth Moore
Alex Aitken	Kath Hartley	Yvonne Mosquito
Deirdre Alden	Adam Higgs	Rick Payne
Robert Alden	Des Hughes	Miranda Perks
Gurdial Singh Atwal	Jon Hunt	Rob Pocock
Raqeeb Aziz	Mumtaz Hussain	Julien Pritchard
Shabina Bano	Mahmood Hussain	Hendrina Quinnen
David Barker	Shabrina Hussain	Lauren Rainbow
David Barrie	Timothy Huxtable	Darius Sandhu
Baber Baz	Mohammed Idrees	Shafique Shah
Matt Bennett	Katherine Iroh	Rinkal Shergill
Jilly Bermingham	Ziaul Islam	Sybil Spence
Marcus Bemasconi	Morriam Jan	Ron Storer
Bushra Bi	Kerry Jenkins	Saima Suleman
Sir Albert Bore	Meirion Jenkins	Jamie Tennant
Kerry Brewer	Brigid Jones	Sharon Thompson
Marje Bridle	Jane Jones	Paul Tilsley
Mick Brown	Amar Khan	Lisa Trickett
Zaker Choudhry	Ayoub Khan	Ian Ward
Debbie Clancy	Mariam Khan	Ken Wood
Liz Clements	Izzy Knowles	Alex Yip
John Cotton	Narinder Kaur-Kooner	Waseem Zaffar
Phil Davis	Kirsten Kurt-Elli	
Jack Deakin	Chaman Lal	
Adrian Delaney	Bruce Lines	
Barbara Dring	Mary Locke	
Jayne Francis	Ewan Mackey	
Sam Forsyth	Basharat Mahmood	
Ray Goodwin	Majid Mahmood	
Rob Grant	Rashad Mahmood	
Colin Green	Lee Marsham	
Fred Grindrod	Karen McCarthy	

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 97 The Lord Mayor advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcasting via the Council's internet site and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.
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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 98 The Lord Mayor reminded Members that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at the meeting.

The Lord Mayor further reminded Members that Councillors who were council tax payers/recipients of a council tax discount, were not prevented from participating in and voting at the budget meeting.

Councillors who had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) and had received dispensation from Chair of the Standards Committee to participate and vote in the Council's budget meeting must indicate this before speaking.

MINUTES

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and –

- 99 **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the City Council meeting held on 7 February 2023 be taken as read and confirmed and signed.

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements from the Lord Mayor.

PETITIONS

Petitions Relating to City Council Functions Presented at the Meeting

The following petitions were presented:-

(See document No. 1, 'Additional Meeting Documents')

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

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RESOLVED:-

That the petitions were received and referred to the relevant Chief Officer(s).

Petitions Update

A Petitions Update had been made available electronically:-

(See document No. 2, 'Additional Meeting Documents')

It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and

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RESOLVED:-

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

APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

There were no changes to appointments by the Council.

FINANCIAL PLAN

A report from Cabinet was submitted (see document No. 3, agenda item 7).

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Ward declared a pecuniary interest for which he had received a dispensation from the Chair of the Standards Committee and moved the recommendations which were seconded.

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

(See document No. 4)

Councillor Robert Alden noted his wife worked for the Birmingham Museum Trust. Councillor Robert Alden further noted that he was a Council appointed trustee of the BMT and was Deputy Chair of the Local Government Association. The City Solicitor had been notified of these interests in advance of the meeting. He moved the

amendment which was seconded by Councillor Ewan Mackey who informed the meeting that he had received a dispensation in relation to a non-pecuniary interest (Councillor Mackey was appointed to the Board of B Music).

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

(See document No. 5)

Councillor Roger Harmer noted that he had been granted a dispensation due to his wife being a primary school teacher in a Birmingham City Council maintained school.

In accordance with Council Standing Orders, Councillors Julien Pritchard and Rob Grant gave notice of the following amendment to the Motion:-

(See document No. 6)

A debate ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

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It was moved by the Lord Mayor, seconded and-

RESOLVED:-

That the Council be adjourned until 1700 hours on this day.

The Council then adjourned at 1630 hours.

At 1700 hours the Council resumed at the point where the meeting had been adjourned.

The debate continued.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Ward replied to the debate.

The first amendment to the recommendations in the names of Councillors Robert Alden and Ewan Mackey having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

For the First Amendment (18)

Darius Sandhu	Matt Bennett	Rick Payne
Gareth Moore	Meirion Jenkins	Timothy Huxtable
Robert Alden	David Barrie	Kerry Brewer
Deirdre Alden	Ken Wood	Bruce Lines
Ewan Mackey	Adrian Delaney	Ron Storer
Alex Yip	Adam Higgs	Debbie Clancy

Against the First Amendment (69)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Alex Aitken
Sam Forsyth	Morriam Jan	Fred Grindrod
Miranda Perks	Lisa Trickett	Lee Marsham
Jack Deakin	Kerry Jenkins	Shabina Bano
Jamie Tennant	Ray Goodwin	Mick Brown
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Jane Jones	Baber Baz
Yvonne Mosquito	Basharat Mahmood	Izzy Knowles
Jayne Francis	Amar Khan	Roger Harmer
Karen McCarthy	Rashad Mahmood	Zaker Choudhry
Brigid Jones	Akhlaq Ahmed	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Majid Mahmood	Saima Ahmed	Marcus Bernasconi
Sharon Thompson	Shabrina Hussain	Raqeeb Aziz
Liz Clements	Saima Suleman	Gurdial Singh Atwal
John Cotton	Mohammed Idrees	Kath Hartley
Mariam Khan	Katherine Iroh	Sir Albert Bore
Ziaul Islam	Philip Davis	Bushra Bi
Rinkal Shergill	Sybil Spence	Rob Pocock
Chaman Lal	Waseem Zaffar	Deputy Lord Mayor
Saddak Miah	David Barker	Lord Mayor
Colin Green	Jilly Bermingham	
Paul Tilsley	Marje Bridle	
Deborah Harries	Lauren Rainbow	
Mumtaz Hussain	Hendrina Quinnen	
Ayoub Khan	Barbara Dring	
Jon Hunt	Mahmood Hussain	

Abstentions (2)

Julien Pritchard
Rob Grant

The second amendment to the recommendations in the names of Councillors Jon Hunt and Roger Harmer having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

For the Second Amendment (29)

Darius Sandhu	Matt Bennett	Colin Green
Paul Tilsley	Ken Wood	Adam Higgs
Deborah Harries	Ayoub Khan	Timothy Huxtable
Mumtaz Hussain	Jon Hunt	Kerry Brewer
Rick Payne	Morriam Jan	Bruce Lines
Gareth Moore	Baber Baz	Ron Storer
Robert Alden	Izzy Knowles	Debbie Clancy
Ewan Mackey	Roger Harmer	Julien Pritchard
Alex Yip	Zaker Choudhry	Rob Grant
David Barrie	Adrian Delaney	

Against the Second Amendment (59)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Alex Aitken
Sam Forsyth	Miranda Perks	Deputy Lord Mayor
Jack Deakin	Jane Jones	Lord Mayor
Jamie Tennant	Basharat Mahmood	Fred Grindrod
Kirsten-Kurt Elli	Amar Khan	Lee Marsham
Yvonne Mosquito	Rashad Mahmood	Shabina Bano
Jayne Francis	Akhlaq Ahmed	Mick Brown
Karen McCarthy	Saima Ahmed	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Brigid Jones	Shabrana Hussain	Marcus Bernasconi
Majid Mahmood	Saima Suleman	Raqeeb Aziz
Sharon Thompson	Mohammed Idrees	Gurdial Singh Atwal
Liz Clements	Katherine Iroh	Kath Hartley
John Cotton	Philip Davis	Sir Albert Bore
Mariam Khan	Sybil Spence	Bushra Bi
Ziaul Islam	Waseem Zaffar	Rob Pocock
Rinkal Shergill	David Barker	
Chaman Lal	Jilly Bermingham	
Saddak Miah	Marje Bridle	
Deirdre Alden	Lauren Rainbow	
Lisa Trickett	Hendrina Quinnen	
Kerry Jenkins	Barbara Dring	
Ray Goodwin	Mahmood Hussain	

Abstentions (0)

The third amendment to the recommendations in the names of Councillors Julien Pritchard and Rob Grant having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be lost.

For the Third Amendment (30)

Darius Sandhu	Matt Bennett	Colin Green
Paul Tilsley	David Barrie	Adrian Delaney
Deborah Harries	Ken Wood	Adam Higgs
Mumtaz Hussain	Ayoub Khan	Timothy Huxtable
Rick Payne	Jon Hunt	Kerry Brewer
Gareth Moore	Morriam Jan	Bruce Lines
Robert Alden	Baber Baz	Ron Storer
Deirdre Alden	Izzy Knowles	Debbie Clancy
Ewan Mackey	Roger Harmer	Julien Pritchard
Alex Yip	Zaker Choudhry	Rob Grant

Against the Third Amendment (58)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Alex Aitken
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Deputy Lord Mayor
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Lord Mayor
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Mahmood Hussain
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Fred Grindrod
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Lee Marsham
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Shabina Bano
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Mick Brown
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Marcus Bernasconi
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Raqeeb Aziz
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Gurdial Singh Atwal
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	Kath Hartley
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	Sir Albert Bore
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	Bushra Bi
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	Rob Pocock
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	
Saddak Miah	Lauren Rainbow	
Lisa Trickett	Hendrina Quinnen	
Kerry Jenkins	Barbara Dring	

Abstentions (0)

Recommendation 1 having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For the First Recommendation (58)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Lisa Trickett	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Kerry Jenkins	Lauren Rainbow
Miranda Perks	Ray Goodwin	Hendrina Quinnen
Jack Deakin	Jane Jones	Barbara Dring
Jamie Tennant	Basharat Mahmood	Mahmood Hussain
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Amar Khan	Fred Grindrod
Yvonne Mosquito	Rashad Mahmood	Lee Marsham
Jayne Francis	Akhlaq Ahmed	Shabina Bano
Karen McCarthy	Saima Ahmed	Mick Brown
Brigid Jones	Shabrana Hussain	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Majid Mahmood	Saima Suleman	Marcus Bernasconi
Sharon Thompson	Mohammed Idrees	Raqeeb Aziz
Liz Clements	Katherine Iroh	Gurdial Singh Atwal
John Cotton	Philip Davis	Kath Hartley
Mariam Khan	Sybil Spence	Sir Albert Bore
Ziaul Islam	Waseem Zaffar	Bushra Bi
Rinkal Shergill	David Barker	Rob Pocock
Chaman Lal	Jilly Bermingham	
Saddak Miah	Marje Bridle	

Against the First Recommendation (29)

Darius Sandhu	Matt Bennett	Colin Green
Paul Tilsley	Meirion Jenkins	Zaker Choudhry
Deborah Harries	David Barrie	Adrian Delaney
Mumtaz Hussain	Ken Wood	Adam Higgs
Rick Payne	Ayoub Khan	Timothy Huxtable
Gareth Moore	Jon Hunt	Kerry Brewer
Robert Alden	Morriam Jan	Bruce Lines
Deirdre Alden	Baber Baz	Ron Storer
Ewan Mackey	Izzy Knowles	Debbie Clancy
Alex Yip	Roger Harmer	

Abstentions (2)

Julien Pritchard
Rob Grant

Recommendation 2 having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For the Second Recommendation (74)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Kerry Jenkins	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Lauren Rainbow
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Hendrina Quinnen
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Barbara Dring
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Mahmood Hussain
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Fred Grindrod
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Lee Marsham
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Shabina Bano
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Mick Brown
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Marcus Bernasconi
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Raqeeb Aziz
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	Gurdial Singh Atwal
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	Kath Hartley
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	Sir Albert Bore
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	Bushra Bi
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	Rob Pocock
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	Rick Payne
Saddak Miah	Matt Bennett	Gareth Moore
Darius Sandhu	Ewan Mackey	Robert Alden
Alex Yip	Ken Wood	Deirdre Alden
David Barrie	Timothy Huxtable	Adrian Delaney
Kerry Brewer	Debbie Clancy	Adam Higgs
Ron Storer	Bruce Lines	

Against the Second Recommendation (11)

Colin Green	Paul Tilsley	Deborah Harries
Mumtaz Hussain	Morriam Jan	Roger Harmer
Ayoub Khan	Baber Baz	Zaker Choudhry
Jon Hunt	Izzy Knowles	

Abstentions (2)

Julien Pritchard
Rob Grant

Recommendation 3 having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For the Third Recommendation (86)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Kerry Jenkins	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Lauren Rainbow
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Hendrina Quinnen
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Barbara Dring
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Mahmood Hussain
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Fred Grindrod
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Lee Marsham
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Shabina Bano
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Mick Brown
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Marcus Bernasconi
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Raqeeb Aziz
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	Gurdial Singh Atwal
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	Kath Hartley
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	Sir Albert Bore
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	Bushra Bi
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	Rob Pocock
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	Rick Payne
Saddak Miah	Matt Bennett	Gareth Moore
Darius Sandhu	Ewan Mackey	Robert Alden
Alex Yip	Ken Wood	Deirdre Alden
David Barrie	Timothy Huxtable	Adrian Delaney
Kerry Brewer	Debbie Clancy	Adam Higgs
Ron Storer	Bruce Lines	Deborah Harries
Colin Green	Paul Tilsley	Mumtaz Hussain
Ayoub Khan	Jon Hunt	Morriam Jan
Baber Baz	Izzy Knowles	Roger Harmer
		Zaker Choudhry
		Lisa Trickett

Against the Third Recommendation (0)

Abstentions (2)

Julien Pritchard
Rob Grant

Recommendation 4 having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For the Fourth Recommendation (75)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Kerry Jenkins	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Lauren Rainbow
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Hendrina Quinnen
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Barbara Dring
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Mahmood Hussain
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Fred Grindrod
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Lee Marsham
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Shabina Bano
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Mick Brown
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Marcus Bernasconi
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Raqeeb Aziz
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	Gurdial Singh Atwal
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	Kath Hartley
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	Sir Albert Bore
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	Bushra Bi
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	Rob Pocock
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	Rick Payne
Saddak Miah	Matt Bennett	Gareth Moore
Darius Sandhu	Ewan Mackey	Robert Alden
Alex Yip	Ken Wood	Deirdre Alden
David Barrie	Timothy Huxtable	Adrian Delaney
Kerry Brewer	Debbie Clancy	Adam Higgs
Ron Storer	Bruce Lines	Lisa Trickett

Against the Fourth Recommendation (13)

Colin Green	Jon Hunt	Zaker Choudhry
Paul Tilsley	Morriam Jan	Julien Pritchard
Deborah Harries	Baber Baz	Rob Grant
Mumtaz Hussain	Izzy Knowles	
Ayoub Khan	Roger Harmer	

Abstentions (0)

Recommendations 5 to 8 having been moved and seconded were put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, were declared to be carried.

For Recommendations 5-8 (58)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Kerry Jenkins	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Barbara Dring
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Mahmood Hussain
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Fred Grindrod
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Lee Marsham
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Shabina Bano
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Mick Brown
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Marcus Bernasconi
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Raqeeb Aziz
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Gurdial Singh Atwal
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Kath Hartley
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	Sir Albert Bore
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	Bushra Bi
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	Rob Pocock
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	
Saddak Miah	Lauren Rainbow	
Lisa Trickett	Hendrina Quinnen	

Against Recommendations 5-8 (31)

Colin Green	Jon Hunt	Rob Grant
Paul Tilsley	Morriam Jan	Ken Wood
Deborah Harries	Baber Baz	Timothy Huxtable
Mumtaz Hussain	David Barrie	
Ayoub Khan	Robert Alden	
Darius Sandhu	Deirdre Alden	
Roger Harmer	Ewan Mackey	
Rick Payne	Alex Yip	
Gareth Moore	Meirion Jenkins	
Izzy Knowles	Ron Storer	
Adrian Delaney	Adam Higgs	
Kerry Brewer	Bruce Lines	
Debbie Clancy	Zaker Choudhry	
Matt Bennett	Julien Pritchard	

Abstentions (0)

Recommendation 9 having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For the Ninth Recommendation (58)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Kerry Jenkins	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Barbara Dring
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Mahmood Hussain
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Fred Grindrod
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Lee Marsham
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Shabina Bano
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Mick Brown
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Marcus Bernasconi
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Raqeeb Aziz
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Gurdial Singh Atwal
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Kath Hartley
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	Sir Albert Bore
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	Bushra Bi
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	Rob Pocock
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	
Saddak Miah	Lauren Rainbow	
Lisa Trickett	Hendrina Quinnen	

Against the Ninth Recommendation (15)

Colin Green	Jon Hunt	Zaker Choudhry
Paul Tilsley	Morriam Jan	
Deborah Harries	Baber Baz	
Mumtaz Hussain	David Barrie	
Ayoub Khan	Julien Pritchard	
Rob Grant	Izzy Knowles	
Roger Harmer	Ken Wood	

Abstentions (3)

Bruce Lines	Ron Storer	Debbie Clancy
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Recommendation 10 having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For the Tenth Recommendation (88)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Kerry Jenkins	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Barbara Dring
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Mahmood Hussain
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Fred Grindrod
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Lee Marsham
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Shabina Bano
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Mick Brown
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Marcus Bernasconi
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Raqeeb Aziz
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Gurdial Singh Atwal
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Kath Hartley
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	Sir Albert Bore
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	Bushra Bi
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	Rob Pocock
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	Darius Sandhu
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	Matt Bennett
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	Colin Green
Saddak Miah	Lauren Rainbow	Paul Tilsley
Lisa Trickett	Hendrina Quinnen	Deborah Harries
Mumtaz Hussain	Rick Payne	Gareth Moore
Ewan Mackey	David Barrie	Robert Alden
Alex Yip	Ken Wood	Deirdre Alden
Ayoub Khan	Jon Hunt	Morriam Jan
Baber Baz	Izzy Knowles	Roger Harmer
Adrian Delaney	Adam Higgs	Zaker Choudhry
Timothy Huxtable	Kerry Brewer	Bruce Lines
Ron Storer	Debbie Clancy	Julien Pritchard
		Rob Grant

Against the Tenth Recommendation (0)

Abstentions (0)

Recommendation 11 having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

For the Eleventh Recommendation (69)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Kerry Jenkins	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Barbara Dring
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Mahmood Hussain
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Fred Grindrod
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Lee Marsham
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Shabina Bano
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Mick Brown
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Marcus Bernasconi
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Raqeeb Aziz
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Gurdial Singh Atwal
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Kath Hartley
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	Sir Albert Bore
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	Bushra Bi
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	Rob Pocock
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	Colin Green
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	Paul Tilsley
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	Deborah Harries
Saddak Miah	Lauren Rainbow	Morriam Jan
Lisa Trickett	Hendrina Quinnen	Roger Harmer
Mumtaz Hussain	Jon Hunt	Zaker Choudhry
Ayoub Khan	Izzy Knowles	
Baber Baz		

Against the Eleventh Recommendation (19)

Darius Sandhu	Alex Yip	Bruce Lines
Matt Bennett	David Barrie	Ron Storer
Rick Payne	Ken Wood	Debbie Clancy
Gareth Moore	Adrian Delaney	Julien Pritchard
Robert Alden	Adam Higgs	Rob Grant
Deirdre Alden	Timothy Huxtable	
Ewan Mackey	Kerry Brewer	

Abstentions (0)

The substantive recommendation having been moved and seconded was put to the vote and, by the recorded vote set out below, was declared to be carried.

The substantive recommendation included an amendment agreed to by the Labour Group which reversed the decision to increase charges attributed to social care refreshments.

For the Substantive Recommendation (55)

Mary Locke	Des Hughes	Deputy Lord Mayor
Alex Aitken	Kerry Jenkins	Lord Mayor
Sam Forsyth	Ray Goodwin	Mahmood Hussain
Miranda Perks	Jane Jones	Fred Grindrod
Jack Deakin	Basharat Mahmood	Lee Marsham
Jamie Tennant	Amar Khan	Shabina Bano
Kirsten Kurt-Elli	Rashad Mahmood	Mick Brown
Yvonne Mosquito	Akhlaq Ahmed	Narinder Kaur Kooner
Jayne Francis	Saima Ahmed	Marcus Bernasconi
Karen McCarthy	Shabrana Hussain	Raqeeb Aziz
Brigid Jones	Saima Suleman	Gurdial Singh Atwal
Majid Mahmood	Mohammed Idrees	Bushra Bi
Sharon Thompson	Katherine Iroh	Rob Pocock
Liz Clements	Philip Davis	
John Cotton	Sybil Spence	
Mariam Khan	Waseem Zaffar	
Ziaul Islam	David Barker	
Rinkal Shergill	Jilly Bermingham	
Chaman Lal	Marje Bridle	
Saddak Miah	Lauren Rainbow	
Lisa Trickett	Hendrina Quinnen	

Against the Substantive Recommendation (13)

Colin Green	Morriam Jan	Paul Tilsley
Deborah Harries	Baber Baz	Julien Pritchard
Mumtaz Hussain	Izzy Knowles	Rob Grant
Ayoub Khan	Roger Harmer	
Jon Hunt	Zaker Choudhry	

Abstentions (1)

Barbara Dring

Therefore it was-

RESOLVED:-

1. Fees and Charges

That the schedule of fees and charges as set out in Appendix P be approved.

2. Capital Strategy and Programme and Treasury Management

That the proposals, as set out in the Capital Strategy Chapter 5 and Appendices J, I-N be approved for:

- a) Capital Programme (Appendix J)
- b) Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix I)
- c) Treasury Management Policy (Appendix K)
- d) Service and Commercial Investment Strategy (Appendix L)
- e) Debt Repayment Policy (Appendix M)
- f) Prudential Indicators (Appendix N)

3. Pay Policy

That in fulfilment of the requirements of Sections 38 to 43 of the Localism Act 2011, the Pay Policy Statement, as set out in Appendix O, be approved.

4. Revenue Budget

That the revenue budget for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2023 of £925.078m, including the budget allocations to the various Directorates of the Council, as set out in Appendix G to the Financial Plan, be approved.

5. 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 2023:

	£
a. aggregate of estimated City Council expenditure, contingencies, and contributions to financial reserves	3,834,506,830
b. Parish Precepts	1,919,166
c. aggregate of estimated income (including Top-Up Grant), and use of financial reserves	(2,964,194,081)
d. net transfers to/(from) the Collection Fund in relation to Business Rates	(427,121,609)
e. Transfer to/(from) the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax	(14,032,000)
f. Council Tax Requirement, being the aggregate of (a) to (e) above	431,078,307

6. **Council Tax - Basic Amount**

That the Basic Amount of Council Tax for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2023 be set at £1,637.45, pursuant to the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, being the Council Tax Requirement of £431,078,307 divided by the Council Tax Base of 263,262 Band D properties.

7. **Council Tax – City Council and Parish Precepts**

- (i) That the basic amount of Council Tax for City Council services for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2023 be set at £1,630.16 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

	£	£
a. Basic Amount calculated under Section 31B		1,637.45
LESS		
b. Parish precepts	1,919,166	
DIVIDED BY		
City Council Tax base	263,262	<u>7.29</u>
		1,630.16

- (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 2023 be set at £1,673.68 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

	£	£
a. Basic Amount calculated under Section 34(2)		1,630.16
PLUS		
b. The New Frankley in Birmingham Parish	59,755	
precept		
DIVIDED BY		
The tax base for New Frankley in Birmingham	1,373	<u>43.52</u>
Parish		1,673.68

- (iv) That the basic amount of Council Tax for the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council for the financial year commencing on 1st April 2022 be set at £1,680.12 pursuant to the formula in Section 34(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

	£	£
a. Basic Amount calculated under Section 34(2)		1,630.16
PLUS		

b.	The Royal Sutton Coldfield Parish Council precept	1,859,411	
	DIVIDED BY		
	The tax base for Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council	37,218	
			49.96
			<hr/> 1,680.12

8. **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 2023 for each category of dwelling listed within a particular valuation band, shall be calculated by adding:

- 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
- 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 £
A	1,270.48	1,299.50	1,303.79
B	1,482.23	1,516.08	1,521.09
C	1,693.98	1,732.67	1,738.39
D	1,905.73	1,949.25	1,955.69
E	2,329.22	2,382.41	2,390.28
F	2,752.71	2,815.57	2,824.87
G	3,176.21	3,248.75	3,259.48
H	3,811.45	3,898.49	3,911.37

9. **Financial Plan**

That the Financial Plan be approved.

- Following Cabinet recommendation, Council approves the application of additional premiums for empty and second homes to come into effect from 1st April 2024.
- Following Cabinet recommendation, Council approves to reinstate the use of Enforcement Agents for the collection of council tax support related debt; for the Revenues Service to work

with our Enforcement Agents and develop an approach to improve debt collection, whilst recognising that additional support will be needed for people in the current cost of living crisis.

The meeting ended at 1925 hours.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
JON HUNT**

“Motions process”

Question:

“Can the leader please explain what currently happens after motions are passed at City Council and how proposed actions are taken forward?”

Answer:

The progress of Council Motions are overseen by Council Business Management Committee (CBMC). There is a standing item on all agendas – “City Council and CMIS Forward Plan” - which monitors progress against each Motion. The latest report, considered by CBMC on 13 February, can be found via the following link [CMIS > Meetings – item 9 relates](#).

Councillor Baber Baz attends Council Business Management Committee on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group, so he should be able to update you.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR COLIN GREEN

“Technology solution to reduce heat loss in homes”

Question:

“In the last round of questions, I asked about thermal cameras for residents as a way to help them to identify home heat loss and you explained that you are looking at finding a technology solution to this problem and were consulting with companies like Switcher. What are the timescales for this new solution, and therefore when can residents hope to be able to use it”

Answer:

From a Birmingham City Council tenant perspective, we are engaging with other Local Authorities who currently use these to understand the practicalities of such a scheme and currently are at the exploratory stage only.

We are aware that dependent on the type of camera, some require specialist analysis to ensure correct interpretation of the results. We would want to be assured that customers are seeing accurate and correct information about their property.

We are only just commencing discussions about our potential requirements and would then scope possible solutions and options for a pilot. At this stage, we do not have enough data to know how many customers and leaseholders this pilot would cover nor whether this is applicable to only council stock or all owner occupiers. Our work will investigate this further.

The investigation is likely to be over the next financial year 2023-24 and then reviewed for potential roll out through approval for any schemes to be rolled out thereafter.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR
ROGER HARMER**

“Repaving Victoria Square”

Question:

“Could the leader expand on what consultation, if any, was done with the rate paying public to determine that the repaving of Victoria Square was a public priority?”

Answer:

The Big City Plan approved and adopted by the Conservative-Liberal Democrat administration articulates how the 1990’s pedestrianisation and public realm schemes implemented in the city centre transformed the feel of Birmingham’s key streets and squares. It further sets out the need to revisit such streets, walking routes and squares to see how they can be lifted to provide a world class retail and business destination. In addition, public realm improvements have a firm policy basis in the adopted Birmingham Development Plan, which was subject to full public consultation and examination in public.

As set out in response to question A4 at January’s full council meeting, the Victoria Square public realm project is delivering this lift to a world class retail and business destination without recourse to general fund resources.

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

“Land Disposal”

Question:

On 13 February a decision was posted regarding disposal of land in Bordesley Highgate. The cabinet member report approved by you contained no details of any consultation with the ward councillor, despite when the revised process was agreed for disposals you gave your assurances at cabinet that full local councillor would be undertaken. Why did this report not contain this important information and why did you approve it in the absence of that information?

Answer:

The report seeks approval to sell the council's interest to the existing tenant so they can secure the financial future of their business and allow them to invest capital. This is in line with the delegations approved at Cabinet in July 2019. Officers should have notified the local ward member of this proposed disposal before the report was submitted however, regrettably on this occasion this did not happen due to a procedural breakdown. The officers have been reminded of their responsibility to notify ward members and have assured me this will not happen again.

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU**

“CAZ warnings for commonwealth games”

Question:

During the commonwealth games, what information was sent directly to ticket holders warning them about the Clean Air Zone charges?

Answer:

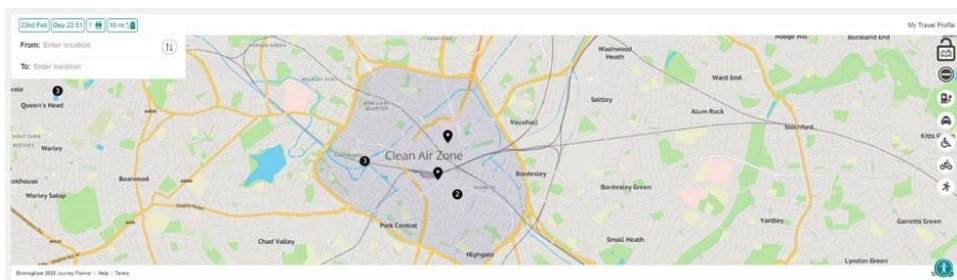
The Council worked closely with Transport for West Midlands (who had overall responsibility for travel messaging during the Games) to ensure that messages about the Clean Air Zone were shared with spectators and volunteers.

Ticket holders were sent emails with travel information, which included reference to the Clean Air Zone. An example of the text used in these emails is below:

“There is no parking at or near the venue (included existing venue car parks) and road restrictions in the area mean it may be difficult to drive.

If you do decide to drive, please be aware that there is a Clean Air Zone in operation in Birmingham City Centre meaning non-compliant vehicles will be charged to travel through (link to online Clean Air Zone information)”

The boundary of the Zone was also included in the Games Journey Planner, which all spectators were encouraged to use in order to plan their journey. The Journey Planner was on all venue travel pages on the B2022 website and was sent to all ticket holders multiple times. An image from the Journey Planner website is included below.



In addition to ticket holders similar information about the operation of the Clean Air Zone was shared with volunteers at the Games.

B1

PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION B1 HAS BEEN REDIRECTED TO
WRITTEN QUESTION I10

B2

**PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION B2 HAS BEEN REDIRECTED TO
WRITTEN QUESTION E7**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

“Response to independent review of SENDIASS”

Question:

“Why was the “response to independent review of SENDIASS” report deferred at cabinet on 14 February 2023?”

Answer:

The report in question was deferred to allow further time for consideration of the options. This is within the rights of (a) Cabinet (Member).

B4

PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION B4 HAS BEEN REDIRECTED TO
QUESTION D2

B5

PLEASE NOTE WRITTEN QUESTION **B5** HAS BEEN REDIRECTED TO
QUESTION **D3**

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CITY COUNCIL – 28 FEBRUARY 2023

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

“Cabinet report withdrawal”

Question:

At the last Cabinet meeting, you refused to allow me to ask any questions about the withdrawal of a report on SENDIASS despite this 5 part question being pertinent to your collective decision to withdraw the item. Since you were not willing to answer this then, please answer this 5 part question now about whether or not the way the decision taken to withdraw the report was lawful and in line with constitution

- i) Between the evening of Monday 6 February and the morning of Wednesday 8 February, the SENDIASS report was removed from the document pack for the cabinet meeting. Does the law allow for published documents to be removed before the meeting, without a formal decision to withdraw?
- ii) The report was then readded to the agenda, does the law and constitution allow items to be added to the agenda, without a covering late report with appropriate approvals?
- iii) No date was given by which the item would be brought back, against best practice, when will it now return to cabinet?
- iv) No-one appeared to second your motion, without a seconder was the vote lawful and constitutional?
- v) The report did not list and reasons for referral or offer any explanation of why you were going against the officer advice in the report. Given this, how do you believe your decision aligns to the principles of decision making set out in Part B Section 3.2 of the constitution, and in particular g) Clarity of aims and desired outcomes (including giving reasons for the decision)

Answer:

- i. At no point during the period in question was the SENDIASS report removed from the Cabinet agenda for the 14th February Cabinet meeting. This has been confirmed by CMIS technical support.

- ii. Once an item is published, Cabinet, as the decision maker can choose to accept, reject or defer a recommendation. The report was not re-added to the agenda. The report was published on 6th February (please see above).
- iii. As this is a key decision and the matter was deferred, the default position is for the Forward Plan to be updated by a further 28-day period i.e. to March Cabinet 2023 unless instructed otherwise following the meeting. It has now been decided that the report will come back to the April Cabinet Meeting.
- iv. Motions are not part of the Cabinet process. Instead, Cabinet considers reports that contain recommendations, and decide whether to accept, reject or defer a recommendation. The decision made was lawful and is compliant with the Councils Constitution as the Cabinet procedure rules are silent about the need for Cabinet to have a seconder in respect of a recommendation.
- v. The S151 and Monitoring Officer are satisfied that the principles of decision making as set out in the Constitution have been complied with. It is noted that there has been no debate and no final decision has yet been taken. This report remains deferred from its original publication on the 6th of February 2023. This is a key decision and therefore remains on the forward plan as it is yet to be determined.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

“Motion to support care leavers”

Question:

“In January, our Liberal Democrat motion to support care leavers was passed. Can you provide an update on what the council has done since then to implement and promote these changes?”

Answer:

Birmingham Children’s Trust has a statutory duty to support all care leavers up to the age of 21 and up to the age of 25 if the care experienced young person requests support beyond 21. As set out in the amended resolution that was passed in January, and coming from the asks of our care experienced young people:

- The Trust offers support to young people in the form of day savers or with the cost of transport to attend interviews for work, college or university and in specific circumstances a monthly bus travel offer will be made.
- The NHS BSOL ICB has agreed to offer free prescriptions for care leavers up to the age of 25 who are not eligible for free prescriptions on a 12 to 18 month pilot.
- The Therapeutic Emotional Support Service (TESS) is an emotional wellbeing service for Birmingham’s children in care and care leavers up to the age of 25. TESS supports the development of secure attachments, helping our young people to recover from the complex trauma they have experienced. Care leavers can self-refer via telephone or via a web link, also offering a Monday to Friday contact point to offer advice via TESS’ duty desk and there is also a regular drop-in direct contact service for young people. TESS also offers a consultative service to the network of professionals around young people, predominately offering supportive sessions to their Personal Advisors.
- A report to be considered by Cabinet in March 2023 will seek approval for a project, Travel to Succeed, to support young people, including those known to Birmingham Children’s Trust, with transport needs.
- The Independent Review into Children’s Social Care by Josh McAllister recommended that the ‘Government should make care experience a

protected characteristic'. The Council and Birmingham Children's Trust are currently working on a proposal for care experienced people in Birmingham to be recognised in this way, as asked for by our care experienced young people. To treat 'care experience' as an additional equality strand alongside the Protected Characteristics as set out in the Equality Act 2010 will mean that key council policies and decisions will be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID PEARS

“SEN Interims”

Question:

Please provide a breakdown of the monthly cost of all interim posts within SEND services, including SENDIASS

Answer:

SENAR – We have 171 agency staff currently in place and the latest year-end agency forecast is £12.403m, therefore an average of £1.034m per month.

SENDIASS – We have 32 agency staff currently in place and the latest year-end agency forecast is £0.922m therefore an average of £0.077m per month. This includes workers undertaking Front Door work.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP

“Child asylum seekers”

Question: Since April 2018 how many child asylum seekers housed in Birmingham have gone missing?

Answer:

The data below relates to Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking (UASC) young people cared for by Birmingham Children’s Trust.

Since 2018, 44 of the 389 UASC young people housed in Birmingham have gone missing.

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

“Horse fair mosaic”

Question:

“This week we read that the beautiful Horse Fair mosaic depicting the city’s history is to be decommissioned. This move was described by local historian Carl Chinn as “deeply depressing” This beautiful piece, made of Venetian glass, deserves to be restored and enjoyed. What does the council plan to do with this glorious piece of history? In photos: Horse Fair mosaic mural depicting city history falling to bits - Birmingham Live (birminghammail.co.uk)”

Answer:

The Horsefair mural has been under the jurisdiction of Highways since it was installed in 1964. The issue faced by the City Council is that the original materials and plaster construction used at the time were not conducive to withstanding damp and water ingress over sixty years.

An independent condition report of Budd’s Horsefair Mural was commissioned in 2019 through our public art maintenance programme, managed by Birmingham Museums Trust. This included consultation with the original artist Kenneth Budd’s son, Oliver Budd, who continues to design and install mosaics as ‘Budd Mosaics’. Birmingham City Council officers had a number of meetings with Oliver and representatives from his company to discuss the artwork condition and considerations for the future of the piece. Oliver Budd’s view is that the mural is beyond reasonable repair and will be too expensive to restore so it was concluded that there is no option but to decommission the mosaic due to the cost and scale of restoration.

Birmingham City Council has a ‘Decommissioning and Relocation of Public Realm Items policy’ relating to artworks, clocks, fountains, monuments and other significant designed features within the public realm. Officers have yet to take forward consultation on decommissioning the mural with stakeholders and the public through Birmingham Museums Trust. In the meantime, the policy is in the process of review by the Public Art Guidance Group (PAGG) to ensure it has been updated with any legislative changes in heritage, planning or other relevant sector information.

Finally, it is worth noting that, should funds become available, Oliver Budd has offered to recreate key elements of the original Horsefair mural in new materials on a couple of smaller panels if a location can be found near to the current mural.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TOURISM FROM COUNCILLOR EWAN MACKEY

“Data breach”

Question:

On Wednesday 8 February 2023, I reported a data breach after being concerned that sensitive personal information relating to Ombudsman complaints had been disclosed in answers to written questions. Please provide a timeline of what action was undertaken on what dates to contain the breach, including who was informed when.

Answer:

Timeline for potential data breach reported 8/2/2023 (References 07/02/2023 Full Council Question B1)

Date	Action	Included/Notified
08/02/2023	Email received from Cllr Mackey with concerns over Data Breach based on answer to question B1 at Full Council Meeting of 07/02/2023	Monitoring Officer/Senior Information Risk Owner/All Members
	Report reviewed - unable to confirm whether appendices included - however surnames of complainants included in cover report	
	Breach Report submitted with available information	Data Protection Officer
	Confirmed no appendices included in report (i.e. Surname only)	
	Located and confirmed document to be removed to Committee Services - requested check on number of downloads from CMIS Platform	
	Document removed from CMIS Platform	
	Microsoft Teams message to Corporate Information Governance Team to confirm potential proliferation to members of public via CMIS Platform and appendices not included (potential surnames included reduces from 12 - 6)	Data Protection Officer
	Confirmed Single Point of Contact for Members as Deputy Monitoring Officer	Deputy Monitoring Officer
	Email discussion on mitigation actions and further tracing/tracking activity	Monitoring Officer
	Discussion with Corporate Information Governance - based on available information: not reportable to ICO	Data Protection Officer

	Email update sent by Data Protection Officer to Senior Information Risk Owner	Data Protection Officer/Senior Information Risk Owner
	Discussion with Privacy & Information Law Team - risk of intrusion to private life currently Medium/High, hold on notifying individuals until CMIS Platform analytics in hand.	
09/02/2023	Astech (CMIS Platform software provider) confirms document URL was not accessed from the time it was uploaded to the time it was removed	
	Discussed level of risk based on available information - understood to be lower following analytics results. Confirmed requirement to write to Members.	Deputy Monitoring Officer
	Confirmed Agenda Pack is standalone document and report was not included - discussion on proactivity required to source document (i.e. risk mitigated by Astech comms)	
15/02/2023	Email sent to all Members requesting document destruction/return to Single Point of Contact	Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer/All Members
16/02/2023	Email received from Cllr Mackey with additional questions and information concerning document proliferation via Officers	Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer
	Email sent to Cllr Mackey by Senior Information Risk Owner confirming breach not reportable giving reasons based on available information	Senior Information Risk Owner
17/02/2023	Email discussion on answers to Cllr Mackey further questions and proliferation of document to BCC Officers	
	Answers to Cllr Mackey further questions drafted and circulated	Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer
20/02/2023	Email discussion with Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman about potential data breach	
	Email sent to Cllr Mackey with answers to further questions	Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer
	Email sent to all BCC officers included in the further information provided by Cllr Mackey	Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer
	BCC Press Office respond to confirm Written Questions and Answers are circulated to local journalist as matter of course	
	Email to BCC Press Office requesting journalist be asked to destroy report and confirm any further proliferation	
	Further email sent to Cllr Mackey notifying revised information and position based on Press Office update	Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Deputy Monitoring Officer

21/02/2023	BCC Press Office email to confirm journalist was written to earlier this day, requesting deletion and any details of proliferation	
	Email update to Corporate Information Governance Team/Privacy & Information Law Team on proliferation of document to reporter and discussion of revised risk/further actions arising	Data Protection Officer
	Verbal update provided to Corporate Leadership Team as part of Monthly Assurance meeting	Chief Executive/Senior Information Risk Owner
	Email to Senior Information Risk Owner with details as verbally provided at earlier meeting	Senior Information Risk Owner
22/02/2023	Discussion on residual risk based on all currently available information. Outcome: risk of individual being harmed by breach still Low	Data Protection Officer
23/02/2023	BCC Press Office email communicating response from journalist: report deleted and was not shared more widely. Journalist asked no further questions.	
	Email sent to Corporate Information Governance Team confirming Press Office feedback, no proliferation and document deleted	Data Protection Officer
	Email to Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman with updated position	

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND TOURISM FROM COUNCILLOR BRUCE LINES

“Data breach panels”

Question:

Since May 2018, please provide a breakdown of all data breaches that have required a Data Breach Panel to convene, including which service the breach related to, the numbers of individual data subjects affected, and if the breach was notified to the ICO

Answer:

Year	Total Number of Breaches	Reported to ICO	Division	No Data Subject affected
2018/19	158	1	Human Resources	Circa 17,000
2019/20	165	4	(1) Revenues & Benefit Services (1) Legal services (1) IT & Digital Services (1) Adults & Customer Services	16 4 Not quantified Not quantified
2020/21	144	1	Education & Skills	2000

2021/22	191	1	Finance & Governance	Not quantified
2022/23	214	0		

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

“Graffiti kits”

Question:

“Thank you for your response in the last set of written questions regarding the “Graffiti kits”. I was interested to read that you will make these available to the public again after a 20-minute training session. When will this be available to communities and how will the training be delivered?”

Answer:

We have an ambition that this will be an available resource for residents no later than May of this year.

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

“Fly tipping on Deykin Road”

Question:

“At the last full council, I advised the council publicly about the issues with fly tipping on Deykin Road. Can the cabinet member advise what has been done since the petition was served? Thank you.”

Answer:

No specific petition has yet been received on the matter. The issues raised at the last City Council meeting were around the Council's power to identify and prosecute for the flytipping activity. Where officers of the Waste Enforcement Unit receive allegations of flytipping, robust investigations are carried out. These investigations are evidence driven and will require robust evidence to identify offenders.

The Waste Enforcement Unit is aware of the issues regarding the accessway at Deykin Road. The property is mostly unregistered land which would therefore be the responsibility of the abutting premises to clear and keep clear. As this is not land maintainable at public expense, the Council would not as a matter of course clear any waste.

However, my email to all Councillors on 8 August 2022 outlined the Alleyway Clearance Strategy and the options available to local Councillors, including the support available from the Love Your Environment Team, and through our conversation last week I am encouraged to hear that you will be organising a clean-up and I look forward to joining you at it.

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

“FPN for littering”

Question:

**“Can the cabinet member advise how many FPN’s for littering have been issued
in the past 2 financial years, organised by ward and month?”**

Answer:

Please see attached.



FPNs issued for littering
in the past 2 f

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

“Recycling rejected loads”

Question:

How many recycling loads have been rejected in each month since 2018, broken down by reason. Please include both tonnage and the figure as percentage of the total recycling collected. Also if not all of these rejected loads go on to incineration, please provide a breakdown of the destination of these rejected loads.

Answer:

The Waste Management Service does not hold details of recycling loads that have been rejected at the initial point of disposal, i.e., the three transfer stations at Lifford, Perry Barr and Tyseley.

The service does hold information on the amount of material collected as co-mingled recycling or dry mixed recycling (DMR) that was unsuitable for recycling. These are the materials that were rejected during the sorting process at the materials recycling facility (MRF) and not sent forward for recycling. ‘Bulked-up’ loads of DMR are taken from the transfer station to the MRF where each load is sampled and the percentage of each type of material is calculated.

Fiscal Year (April to March)	Total DMR taken to MRF (tonnes)	% Material Unsuitable / Rejected	Unsuitable / Rejected Material (tonnes)	Disposal Route for Rejected Materials
2018-19	24,916	12.40%	3,088	Incineration with energy recovery.
2019-20	28,532	11.15%	3,180	Incineration with energy recovery.
2020-21	34,789	20.40%	7,098	Incineration with energy recovery.
2021-22	32,782	25.12%	8,234	779 tonnes to facilities that produce Refuse Derived Fuels (RDF). 7,455 tonnes to Incineration with energy recovery.

2022-23#	14,924	25.75%	3,843	1,616 tonnes to facilities that produce Refuse Derived Fuels (RDF). 2,227 tonnes to Incineration with energy recovery.
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Note: The figures for 2022-23 are for April 2022 to September 2022 only.

Regarding collected paper and card, 'bulked-up' loads are taken from the transfer stations to the processing facility. Loads are inspected but not rejected at this facility. The overall quality of the materials received each month impacts the income paid to the Council, therefore higher levels of contamination result in lower payments to the Council.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR RICK PAYNE**

“Waste management report”

Question:

Please provide a copy the waste management report commissioned in 2019 that is referenced in the 2020 annual audit letter.

Answer:

A copy of the report is attached.



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

“Fleet and Waste drivers”

Question:

How many driver roles are there in the fleet and waste service, and how many of these are vacant and how many covered by agency? Please split this between each service - waste collections, street cleaning etc.

Answer:

We are unable to generate a single report to answer this question accurately – we will ensure the portfolio holder and Cllr Storer are provided with this information as soon as possible.

The service maintains a full complement of staff (a combination of full time employed and agency staff) and therefore no role is unoccupied at this time.

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

“Reducing meat consumption”

Question:

“Can the deputy leader illustrate what the council catering department is doing to reduce our carbon footprint from food. Please include in the response what is being done to:

- **Promote a general reduction in meat consumption**
- **Reduce or eradicate food waste**
- **Reduce food miles**
- **Offer an increasing range of plant-based alternatives, whilst decreasing meat-based options**
- **Achieve food carbon neutrality”**

Answer:

In general, both Civic Catering and Cityserve offer a range of menus to satisfy the needs of their customers and clients. They recognise there is a growing trend that more consumers are reducing their meat consumption and because of this, vegan and vegetarian menus are now more prevalent than ever across both the Cityserve and Civic Catering Services.

As both services are “traded services” and need to compete within the local food service marketplace, it is critical that these services remain both competitive and sustainable by offering menus that are varied, nutritious and competitively priced. They must also ensure that they maintain health and nutritional values, particularly in Cityserve where national school food standards are required.

In terms of reducing food waste, Civic Catering have updated our ordering systems so that items can be ordered for “in-time delivery”, which reduces the potential for waste. They have also reviewed their menus so that a single food product can be used across a number of menus. This reduces waste, as well as deriving a better yield from our products.

In addition to the measures already being undertaken operationally, colleagues within Corporate Procurement are working hard to ensure our suppliers are also playing their part in the reduction of waste and maintaining sustainable operating principles that are required by the Council. One proposed initiative is the exploration of a single supply food service contractor, designed to reduce the number of vehicles delivering into schools and public buildings across the city.

Catering delivered to children, customers and colleagues will always be of the highest welfare and ethical standards and wherever possible, fresh produce will be sourced both seasonally as well as locally.

Cityserve have recently introduced an initiative to place the child at the centre of menu through the creation of school food champions. You may be aware that the majority of Birmingham Primary Schools have at least one child as an elected UNICEF Ambassador and many of our schools have several Ambassadors.

UNICEF's underlying value is to give children a voice. Cityserve recognise this and are working to deliver a meaningful programme of enabling children to devise, design and deliver improved menus that reflect both the local community and consumer choice. To this end, Cityserve are preparing to deliver newly designed "Plant-based" menus which are to be designed with multiple facets of planet-friendly initiatives, including less meat, less food miles, less waste and a lower carbon footprint.

The ambition is for every school supplied by BCC's Cityserve to devise their own Plant- Based menu through direct consultation with children attending that specific school, ensuring that all of the children's ideas are properly debated and reviewed in terms of health and nutrition, cultural diversity, sustainability, price sensitivity and of course National Food standard compliance.

Civic Catering are also committed delivering improved and sustainable menus as well as the reduction of waste. They are working with suppliers through the letting of corporate contracts, which will uphold BCC's values on food production standards and sustainability.

Finally, to provide an assurance, I confirm that both Civic Catering and Cityserve are working in partnership with our Public Health Food Services Team. This connection provides visibility of BCC's carbon neutral ambitions with respect to food systems, which we aspire to.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBORAH HARRIES**

“Confirming advice bureaux attendance”

Question:

Why is it necessary for those Councillors who pay for their Advice Bureau venue, to confirm each month that they have held their monthly advertised surgery for their community/faith venue before they are paid?

Surely, it would be less onerous on already pressed Councillors, and more beneficial to community/faith organisations to be paid promptly, to alert Legal & Governance Services when they are NOT attending their advice bureaux, which may be never or in holiday times?

Digbeth-in-the-Field Church, in Moat Lane, Yardley, where I hold my monthly surgery, has never been paid the small monthly fee of £21 on time and constantly has to chase the Council for the payment.

So though, a small example, it’s an illustration of the Council’s overly bureaucratic processes on one hand and slow and unresponsive payment system on the other.

Answer:

This was a process that was put in place some years ago, when it came to light that some invoices were being paid and the advice bureaux were not attended as advertised. BCC received queries, in the past from venue, to ask whether the sessions were still being held.

Therefore, the process of Councillors confirming that they attended the session, confirms that the service was provided, and the invoice can be duly paid. Similar to the purchasing procedure of confirm goods received, in order that payment can be released.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES
FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

“Income anticipated from German market”

Question:

“In the last set of written questions, I asked about the financial structure of the German market. The final line stated that the council “anticipates receiving a net income from this event in future years”. How much income does the council expect to make and who will pay it?”

Answer:

Officers are still in the process of securing future arrangements for the Frankfurt Christmas Market and the details will be brought forward to Cabinet at the appropriate time.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR KERRY BREWER

“Oracle”

Question:

In each month since Oracle went live, how many technical issues have been reported via the ICT portal or service desk, and in that same period how many 'major' technical or security issues were reported directly to the service desk?

Answer:

	2022										2022 Total	2023		2023 Total	Grand Total	% of Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec			Jan	Feb			
Total tickets logged =	961	1384	979	909	791	754	647	727	464		7617	626	505	1131	8748	100%
Major Incident (P1, P2) =	2	1	8	7	5	2	5	3	0		34	1	0	1	35	0.40%
Major P2 Security =						1					1			0	1	0.01%
Total User Access - User Account / Profile tickets =	5	177	168	91	81	115	76	87	62		862	57	44	101	963	11.01%
Tech Tickets =	954	1206	802	811	705	636	566	637	402		6719	568	461	1029	7748	88.57%
Tech Ticket (P3) Security =			1								1			0	1	0.01%

KPI06	Key Performance Indicator	IT&D *	
Ref	Priority / Definition	Response Time	Fix Time
P0	Priority Level 0 - Emergency - full loss of service that requires immediate action.	15 minutes	N/A
P1	Priority Level 1 - Full loss of service affecting multiple users with no immediate workaround available.	2 hours	8 Hours
P2	Priority Level 2 - Problems relating to one or more services affecting a large number of users or a particular location	4 hours	16 Hours
P3	Priority Level 3 - Impacts on individual user using an essential service	N/A	3 Days (30 hours)

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ALEX YIP

“Payments to Refugee Action”

Question:

What payments have been made, and on what dates, to Refugee Action, since March 2022?

Answer:

Nine payments totalling £3,399,782 have been made to Refugee Action from May 2022 to January 2023. The details of the nine payments are given below.

<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Invoice Amount</u>	<u>Payment Date</u>
437	23-Mar-22	192,619.08	20-May-22
438	28-Mar-22	243,984.17	20-May-22
439	28-Mar-22	26,607.91	20-May-22
440	28-Feb-22	3,360.00	05-May-22
441	28-Mar-22	22,488.14	07-Jun-22
442	28-Mar-22	129,606.19	20-May-22
466	22-Sep-22	312,470.95	13-Oct-22
467	22-Sep-22	145,534.42	13-Oct-22
492	12-Jan-23	2,323,111.36	19-Jan-23
Total		<u>3,399,782.22</u>	

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY**

“UHB consultation update”

Question:

**“Could the cabinet member provide an update on consultations taking place with
UHB?”**

Answer:

Further to the Newsnight and other media coverage in December 2022, relating to alleged concerns regarding patient safety, leadership, culture and governance, in partnership with University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB), NHS Birmingham and Solihull (Integrated Care Board ICB) has agreed three independent reviews that will focus on:

- Patient safety (Bewick Review) - commissioned by the ICB, overseen by experienced senior independent clinician, Professor Mike Bewick, former NHS England Deputy Medical Director. The report is to be published on 9th March. Any outputs pertaining to culture, leadership or governance, will be addressed as part of the following two reviews.
- Well-Led review of leadership and governance – in conjunction with NHS England, using established methodology: this is currently underway and publication arrangements will be agreed in due course.
- Culture - commissioned externally by UHB's Interim Chair, incorporating findings from above. Will report in first half of 2023. Publication arrangements will be agreed.

Oversight

All three of the reviews will be overseen by a joint NHS Birmingham and Solihull and NHS England Oversight group.

Because a number of cross-impacting themes will emerge from all three reviews, Professor Bewick has also agreed to have oversight of the work of all three reviews – including the culture review commissioned by Dame Yve Buckland, the interim chair of UHB, and a well-led review undertaken by NHS England. This will mean he is able to provide the most in-depth and thorough overarching review report when the reviews conclude in the summer of 2023.

In addition to this the Bewick Review remains accountable to those who have raised concerns and provides assurance to the public and local partners: this is done through the Cross-Party Reference Group, which I sit on. Professor Bewick has already met with the group on 7th February where he gave us a progress report on what he and his team had learned since they started their work.

Councillors have been able to feed any views into the first review via the cross-party reference group, including any that they may have received directly from constituents. The ICB want to continue to listen to and engage with councillors and believe they should continue to do that through the tried and tested Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) channels. They hope that this will continue through the overall review process.

Progress

Professor Bewick has completed a draft report which is currently undergoing factual accuracy checks and legal advice is being taken on key aspects of the report. To release anything before due process has been completed will have potential implications for patients, taxpayers and the NHS locally so it needs to be done correctly.

The ICB have committed to publish the initial findings from the Bewick Review by March 9th and they remain on track to do that.

I am also seeking to set up additional briefing sessions for members once the report has been published for them to be able to put any questions direct to the senior members of the ICB.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT

“Perry Villa Drive”

Question:

“Residents of 5 – 35 Perry Villa Drive live in maisonettes, some are council owned, others are privately owned or rented as leases. Leaseholders have now been told they will face charges of £4,051.00 for individual lighting and controlled entry systems for the upper floor maisonettes – yet many of the leaseholders who are being expected to pay these substantial charges will gain no benefit from them. Can you explain why this has been imposed without consultation with the housing liaison board or ward councillors?”

Answer:

Residents of the Perry Villa estate have been asking for capital improvements and improved safety measures for some time and this was fed into the Capital Investment team by the local housing team.

The investment includes improved external lighting, emergency lighting and new video door entry system providing additional safety measures to the blocks. This work including the new external and emergency lighting surrounding the building discourages unauthorised access and anti-social behaviour providing additional security for all residents who will also benefit from reduced service charges as the communal lighting will be LED which is more energy efficient than previously installed light fittings.

As a relatively small capital scheme we would not generally carry out extensive consultation and the scheme reflects improvements to the estate already being called for by residents. However, prior to work commencing the Leaseholder Team issued Notices to the leaseholders in line with Section 20 legislation which requires us to consult with the leaseholders.

As it is quite a complex scheme with blocks having multiple entrances and interconnecting walkways and staircases we will be contacting leaseholders individually in respect of the specific charges to them. We are of course conscious of the cost of living crisis and will discuss individually any support needed in cases of financial hardship.

Overall, all the residents in the blocks will benefit from the safety measures undertaken.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN

“Perry Villa Drive”

Question:

“Residents of 5 – 35 Perry Villa Drive live in maisonettes, some are council owned, others are privately owned or rented. One resident has recently been liaising with the council on behalf of other residents, regarding an individual home charge of £4,051.00 for individual lighting and DDES.

The charges for this block are unreasonable, and extortionate given the cost-of-living crisis. Can this be looked at please?”

Answer:

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The investment includes improved external lighting, emergency lighting and new video door entry system providing additional safety measures to the blocks. This work including the new external and emergency lighting surrounding the building discourages unauthorised access and anti-social behaviour providing additional security for all residents who will also benefit from reduced service charges as the communal lighting will be LED which is more energy efficient than previously installed light fittings.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR IZZY KNOWLES**

“Recruitment delays”

Question:

“What will be the equalities impact of delaying turnover factor (vacancy management) as proposed in the budget given that the council is struggling to meet its equality and diversity targets?”

Answer:

The Workforce Resource Boards and the Corporate Workforce Panel consider available workforce data, insights, and analytics as well as budget information when making recruitment approval decisions.

Although vacancy management reduces the pipeline of new talent coming into the organisation, revised recruitment processes are being put in place to ensure that our Everyone’s Battle, Everyone’s Business priorities are not adversely affected. This is in line with the Council’s new Positive Action Statement which includes a requirement for recruitment panels to be representative in terms of ethnicity and gender and diverse candidate shortlists for all jobs Grade 6 and above.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

“Public access to committee meetings”

Question:

“While the council house main entrance is closed because of the works in Victoria Square, how is the Council maintaining public access to committee meetings and the right of the public to attend public sessions?”

Answer:

Access to the Council House is currently via the southwest door. Customer Support Officers are located on the southwest door, at the main reception and are also available on the Ground Floor of the Council House to ensure the public can continue to access committee meetings held at the Council House.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR MUMTAZ HUSSAIN**

“Birchfield Road flats above shops”

Question:

“At the last full council, I put forward a petition to improve policing who live in the flats above the shops on Birchfield Road by the Jame Masjid mosque. They are experiencing serious problems with ASB, drug use and violence. Can the cabinet member advise what has happened since the petition was served on 7 February? Thank you.”

Answer:

Requests for improvements to policing are, of course, an operational matter that can only be addressed by West Midlands Police.

Nevertheless, following receipt of the petition, the City Council’s Community Safety Team made contact with West Midlands Police to advise of the concerns raised and to work in partnership to resolve the wider issues of crime and anti-social behaviour.

At the time of this request, West Midlands Police checked their records and noted they did not appear to have received any calls made to report these issues. However, due to the location of the shops and the alleyways, local officers now patrol the area when possible. The Police have also increased patrols in the location and dealt with any issues as appropriate. They are continuing to monitor the patrol strategy.

I am also advised that West Midlands Police have attended residents’ meetings and requested that people report any concerns so that the service demand can be reflected and directed appropriately.

Through the Local Partnership Delivery Group, the location continues to be monitored. The Council’s Assistant Director for Community Safety will review these actions with the Mosque in the coming days to evaluate the above activity, and to establish if there is more that needs to happen to improve this location for residents, businesses and worshippers.

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COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR PAUL TILSLEY****“Voter ID”****Question:**

“There is currently an advertising campaign nationally for vote ID that does not seem to be cutting through. As Birmingham won’t go to the polls (save any by-elections) until the general election, what is being done to ensure that Birmingham residents get the proof they need to allow them to vote??”

Answer:

From Thursday 4 May all voters voting in polling stations will be required to show photographic ID in order to be able to vote. This requirement will not apply at a Parliamentary General Election until Thursday 5 October 2023. Anyone who does not have any of the suitable forms of ID can apply, free of charge, for a Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) from the Electoral Registration Officer. A new ‘ERO Portal’ has been set up to allow voters to apply for a VAC, and upload a photograph, although there is also the option to apply via a paper application. The facility to make an application in person at the Elections Office will also be available.

A national advertising campaign is already underway, targeted specifically at areas where elections are taking place in May. As there are no scheduled elections in Birmingham in 2023, and to avoid the possibility of confusion being created if a by-election were called before the new Voter ID rules come into effect, we have resolved not to roll out extensive information for Birmingham voters until the end of March 2023.

Once this point is reached, the Elections Office will further update their website and provide more information to voters about Voter ID requirements.

We will also take the opportunity to learn from the experiences of neighbouring authorities in May (including our elections office staff going out to work and observe in other authorities) to see how we can improve the experience for the citizens of Birmingham.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

“Antisocial behaviour at Texaco garage”

Question:

“At the last full council, I advised the council about issues of antisocial behaviour at the Texaco garage in South Yardley, and I called for all services to pull together to resolve the issues. Can the cabinet member advise what has been done since the petition was served? Thank you.”

Answer:

A petition was received by the City Council’s Community Safety Team on 15 February 2023. Prior to this date, no reports had been received by the team in respect of problems at this location.

The matter has been raised with West Midlands Police, who have advised that officers had been engaging with residents on Yew Tree Lane through regular patrols and also that reports had been logged previously and filed as “ASB non crime”. The Police Sergeant advised these specific patrols ceased as the issues appeared to have stopped and local residents seemed satisfied with the police response.

As this has now been raised as a location of concern, work has now started within the Local Partnership Delivery Group to introduce a partnership plan to resolve the issues. The actions that will be taken will be determined by the evidence that we and our policing partners acquire.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ

“Warm welcome”

Question:

“Could the cabinet member set out how the performance of the “warm welcome” programme is being measured? Please include data that differentiates normal usage vs footfall relating to warm welcome.”

Answer:

The Warm Welcome spaces have been set up at some pace since the project initiation in October 2022. There are now 189 of these spaces across the city, with at least another 30 in the pipeline. The council only directly “owns” a minority of these spaces which are mainly libraries and leisure centres. At this time, we have not yet disaggregated normal usage from direct footfall at the warm spaces but are now putting in place resources to do so.

While the next stage of this work is to start to assess the impact through measures such as footfall, the aspiration is to go further. We want to also assess the actual impact on the users. So, there will also be at least samplings of impact in terms of relieving fuel and food poverty, creating new economic opportunity and building community resilience. A paper on the proposed methodology is currently being drafted.

One important criterion will be buy in from our many partners. The Warm Welcome movement has developed organically and is very much a grassroots initiative. Our partners range from museums to faith centres, and even a bowls club. Each partner will have their own priority objectives and will be sensitive to the monitoring of footfall in the presence of vulnerable people.

As an assessment of impact is developed, which will include footfall, it will be available as public information and will be available on request.

WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, COMMUNITY, SAFETY & EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR RICHARD PARKIN

“Home working”

Question:

Broken down by council department how many, and what proportion, of council staff work from home a) full time b) 3 or more days a week c) 1 or 2 days a week.

Answer:

Birmingham City Council currently employ 9853 staff. We do not record the number or proportion of staff who may perform their work remotely (on a hybrid basis) as this requirement varies dependent on the needs of the individual service. All employees are expected to attend their notional work base as required by their role and the needs of the business. We do not prescribe a percentage of time per week that staff are able to work from home. This is managed locally by Directors and senior management. Developing an agile, flexible workforce is supported by the New Ways of Working Programme and hybrid working practices remain under review.

The Council has 420 contracted homeworkers (4.3% of the total employed workforce)

Department	Full time homeworkers
Adult Social Care	6
Digital and Customer Service	326
Children & Families	17
Finance and Governance	6
People Services	11
Strategy, Equality and Partnerships	0
City Housing	30

City Ops	0
Partnerships, insight and Prevention	24
Total	420

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY, SAFETY & EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE
CLANCY**

“Ukraine Refugees in Temporary Accommodation”

Question: How many of the refugees received under the Homes for Ukraine scheme have since been placed in temporary accommodation, and how on average for how long has each been in temporary accommodation?

Answer:

As of the 24th February 2023, 34 Ukrainian arrivals (which equates to 13 households) under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme have been placed in temporary accommodation.

The average duration is 71 days however this is spread across a wide range of dates, where we have at least three households staying in temporary accommodation for less than 2 weeks and 4 households who arrived in temporary accommodation as a result of their host withdrawing from the scheme prior to their arrival in the City.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE,
COMMUNITY, SAFETY AND EQUALITIES FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

“Recruitment delays”

Question:

“How will the recruitment of vacancies be prioritised during the turnover factor (vacancy management) process?”

Answer:

It is the role of the Directorate Workforce Review Board (WRB) to look at monthly workforce costs and take action to reduce costs where possible whilst minimising the impact on critical services. The WRB will analyse expenditure and identify areas where there is potential to make savings from the directly funded workforce.

The WRB are accountable to the Corporate Workforce Panel (CWP) who review overall workforce costs and challenge where costs are increasing.

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

“Fox Hollies Road”

Question:

“The 1km stretch of Fox Hollies Road from Olton Boulevard East to School Road has seen 11 known injury collisions in the last 3 years; 1 of which led to 2 fatalities. Despite this, no action has been taken to improve safety to date. Can the cabinet member advise what will be done about this?”

Answer:

The process for identifying potential local safety schemes for further investigation is set out in the Council’s Road Safety Strategy. Schemes are taken forward for implementation where there is an identifiable pattern of collisions that can be effectively treated using engineering measures that represent value for money and are affordable within the overall local safety schemes budget.

Having undertaken analysis of collisions at this location over the last 3 years, there is no identifiable pattern of collisions that can effectively treated by engineering measures; however, a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VASS) has been installed on Fox Hollies Road as part of the Local Improvement Budget programme.

In respect of fatal collisions, these are often complex with multiple causation and contributory factors. Such collisions are fully investigated by the Police and subsequent reports are considered by the Coroner, possibly as part of an inquest where appropriate. Any recommendations made by either the Police or the Coroner relevant to the Council in its capacity as Highway Authority are made in an expedient manner. No such recommendations have been received to date regarding this location.

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

“Transport for West Midlands”

Question:

“There have recently been significant changes and reductions in local bus services subsidised by Transport for West Midlands. Can the lead member explain what has happened to the budget for subsidised bus services in Birmingham, stating whether it has been reduced or increased and explaining the background to these decisions?”

Answer:

The budget for subsidised buses in Birmingham is managed as part of the regional subsidised bus service pot by Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) funded through the transport levy paid by each of the seven metropolitan local authorities. It should be noted that bus operations outside of Greater London including the West Midlands have been deregulated and privatised since 1986 to provide context.

The recent decline in bus services has generally been driven by a reduction in commercially operated miles by bus operators running bus services for a commercial profit or return. This allows TfWM to then tender for bus services only where they are not provided commercially, subject to Bus Access Standards, which is a West Midlands regional policy managed through the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) Board.

The funding allocated to tendered bus for 2022/23 has been increased to £16.3m, which is larger than previous years and is set to increase further in 2023/24. This is in addition to the extra funding which has come through the Local Transport Fund and the Bus Service Improvement Plan funds from Central Government, also administered through TfWM to bus operators.

However, having confirmed all of this, TfWM also advise that the additional funding from Government is still not enough to prevent further bus cuts in 2023 and they are currently anticipating up to a further £5m worth of commercial bus cuts during 2023

with a further £25m of services designated as 'at risk' across the West Midlands including Birmingham.

This is regularly discussed by members of the regional WMCA Transport Delivery Committee which is represented by 7 Birmingham Councillors who have all sought measures to be taken to discuss the need with Central Government for greater levels of funding for buses than we are currently seeing allocated to the region.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
FROM COUNCILLOR JON HUNT**

“Prosecutions”

Question:

“Can the chair establish whether enforcement officers are still working to a target set by legal services of 99% success in prosecutions, stating what is being done to amend enforcement policies if this restrictive target has been amended or lifted?”

Answer:

This is not a Legal Services target, but a Regulation and Enforcement service target set to ensure that officers are applying Regulation and Enforcement’s Enforcement Policy correctly. If this is the case then our success rate at court should be high because only cases with a realistic prospect of conviction are taken forward and hence the 99% target.

We support utilising legislation fully and will test the interpretation of legislation where we have appropriate evidence.

Service managers and Legal Services consider each case submitted for prosecution on its individual facts and, provided there is a realistic prospect of conviction, and the case satisfies the Code for Crown Prosecutors (in that both the evidential and public interest tests are met), proceedings will be pursued.

The Enforcement Policy takes into account the Regulators Code and the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 and ensures that our enforcement regime is one that is proportionate, consistent, targeted, transparent and accountable.

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

“Prosecutions”

Question:

“Can the chair establish whether enforcement officers are still working to a target set by legal services of 99% success in prosecutions, stating what is being done to amend enforcement policies if this restrictive target has been amended or lifted?”

Answer:

Legal Services is not aware of any target set for enforcement officers of 99% success in prosecutions. Service area managers and Legal Services consider each case submitted for prosecution on its individual facts and, provided there is a realistic prospect of conviction and the case satisfies the Code for Crown Prosecutors, proceedings will be pursued.