



**CITY COUNCIL
10 JANUARY 2023**

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AND FORUM CHAIR**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR ADRIAN DELANEY**

“Brussels Office”

Question:

On how many occasions have any of the following individuals visited the Council's Brussels Office, or have officers from that office had meetings with them? Eva Kaili, Pier-Antonio Panzeri, Marc Tarabella, or Luca Visentini.

Answer:

The Brussels Office has not hosted any of the abovementioned individuals at its premises nor has its officers had any meetings with them.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

“Small Heath Leisure Centre”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the report produced by Acivico into the condition of Small Heath Baths.

Answer:

Following a recent Freedom of Information request a report containing cost information was not released due to it containing commercially sensitive information, However, the City Council has previously put into the public domain that cost estimates (pre 2022/23 inflation factors) ranged from £3m+ to £7m+ depending on the scope of the work undertaken throughout the facility. The Cabinet Member and officers are happy to meet with Councillor Bennett to discuss the report with him.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR RICK PAYNE**

“Small Heath Leisure Centre Grant”

Question:

Please provide a copy of the correspondence from Sport England regarding the grant offer for the repair of Small Heath Baths that the Council has not accepted within time.

Answer:

Following a recent Freedom of Information request this information is publicly available and I will ask officers to forward it to you. In summary the City Council was offered £100,000 from Sport England against a scheme that was later costed at over £1 million and as further requirements have been added in the costs have increased since.

The City Council agreed with Sport England’s recommendation to withdraw the funding application in the 2019/20 financial year on the basis that we could bid again for the scheme when the funding package was assembled. In a joint press statement with Councillor Khan on 08.12.22, we committed to carrying out the essential repairs to get the swimming pool into use once again.

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

'Road Safety Round Schools'

Question:

Could the Leader comment on what the additional funding from the CAZ will be spent on to improve traffic safety around all local city schools?

Answer:

To date this budget has been used to increase the amount of resource available to engage with schools across the city. The aim of this engagement is to develop the project and supporting measures further, and to undertake a city-wide review of the overall Car Free School Streets programme. The outputs from this review will inform the strategic prioritisation of future schemes. A business case to release the remaining money or to make further recommendations for additional allocations of net surplus revenues from the Clean Air Zone or other sources. The review is expected to be complete in Q1 of 2023/24.

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

‘Foodbanks’

Question:

Could the Leader set out how the £5 million set aside for the cost of living emergency has been allocated, including expenditure on administration?

Answer:

Of the £5 million set aside from reserves for the cost of living emergency response programme, a total of £2.5m has been allocated to the activities below as of 01.01.23. This has been allocated across the key priorities for the programme in the following way:

1. Warm Welcome - £310k
2. Access To Benefits - £1.1m
3. Food Provision - £550k
4. Energy Costs £394k

Alongside this, £37k has been allocated to communications activity to maximise awareness and take up of these benefits and opportunities, and an additional £130k has been allocated for administration of the programme.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM
COUNCILLOR IZZY KNOWLES**

‘Route to Zero’

Question:

Birmingham City Council declared a Climate Emergency in June 2019. Yet, the Route to Zero (R20) Task Force has not met since January 2022 and there are no minutes of meetings on the council website since January 2021. This does not give the impression of urgency. When is the R20 task force resuming and when will all minutes of previous meetings be published?

Answer:

The Route to Zero Taskforce was a task and finish group, tasked with supporting the production of an action plan. An action plan was produced in the winter of 2020 and was approved at full council in January 2021, following which the taskforce was disbanded as their purpose had been fulfilled. Following this, a route to zero community assembly took place, starting in summer 2021, which unlike the taskforce had an open membership and allowed for much higher and more diverse attendance. In April 2022, a new route to zero team was formed. In June 2022 there was a change of cabinet member for the environment. As of January 2023, a new route to zero carbon advisory committee has been formed, comprised of Cabinet Members and Councillors. At present, we are actively exploring the most effective method of partnership working with external stakeholders on net zero.

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

‘Council of Governors (UHB)’

Question:

Former Councillor Straker Welds is listed as the council representative on the board of UB NHS Trust UCH and is named as still having the title of Councillor. Could the Leader establish how this appointment was made, explaining whether this is adequate representation for the Council?

Is he a Governor or on the Board of the Trust?

Answer:

Each NHS Foundation Trust must have a Council of Governors. Governors represent the interests of the members – patients, public and staff – in monitoring how the trust is managed.

The University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust's (UHB) Council of Governors is split into three areas. These groups represent the public, staff and business community.

- Public governors
- Staff governors
- Stakeholder governors

Key organisations that work with the NHS Trust, which includes the Council, are asked to appoint a representative to be a stakeholder Governor.

Martin Straker Welds was appointed as the Council representative following the Cabinet meeting on 28th June 2022 as part of the annual appointments to outside bodies.

Mr Straker Welds was not appointed in the capacity of a councillor (having failed to be re-elected at the May elections) but as a non-elected representative. This is outlined in the Cabinet report.

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**PLEASE NOTE: NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE
DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR DARIUS SANDHU

“365”

Question:

On what date is the 365 system with the SEND service expected to be fully implemented?

Answer:

The 365 system relates to the Children and Young People's Travel Service, rather than the SEND service. It is being implemented in two phases.

Phase 1 of the 365 Transport Management System (TMS) Implementation project is due to be fully implemented by 30 January 2023.

Phase 1 is the main infrastructure of the system. It is the central database to hold details for pupils, guides, routes, schools, and transport providers. Importantly, it also will hold the planned costs of routes. It also includes the compliance monitoring of guides (i.e. their DBS compliance) and allows us to report on those core data sets as the data is held in one central place.

Phase 2 is due to be fully implemented by 25 July 2023.

Phase 2 brings the more customer-facing functionality and ability to access real time data. It includes the system's planning tool (replacing QRoutes); real-time dispatching of transport provider vehicles by transport providers (they will be given access to their routes in the 365 TMS); reporting of actual route costs; driver and guide apps to monitor routes and transport provider performance in real-time; vehicle compliance monitoring (e.g. MOTs and vehicle safety); a parent/guardian app, to enable them to view their children's journeys in near real-time; a schools portal to allow schools to view the information held on them in the 365 TMS.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES FROM COUNCILLOR ADAM HIGGS

“365 costs”

Question:

What is the spend to date and total projected final cost of the 365 system within the SEND service?

Answer:

The 365 system relates to the Children and Young People’s Travel Service, rather than the SEND service.

The spend to date with 365 Response is £266,800 and the total projected final cost of the 365 Transport Management System (TMS) over the four years of the contract for the system is £519,600.

The council signed a four-year contract with 365 Response for the 365 TMS in August 2020, the figures for which break down as follows.

Year 1 (17th August 2020 – 16th August 2021)	£140,800 (platform fees and non-recurrent mobilisation fees)
Year 2 (17th August 2021 – 16th August 2022)	£126,000
Year 3 (17th August 2022 – 16th August 2023)	£145,900
Year 4 (17th August 2023 – 16th August 2024)	£106,900

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**PLEASE NOTE: NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE
CABINET MEMBER FOR DIGITAL, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND
TOURISM**

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

“Tree Survival Rate”

Question:

What is the survival rate of new trees planted by the Council (or in partnership with the Council) in the last 5 years?

Answer:

The survival rate of trees planted by BCC or in partnership with the council varies depending on the location and type of planting plus the expected final result. Also, we do not plot and monitor every single tree planted so deriving a “number” based response is not possible.

As an overall average of all planting types and locations we expect in the region of 70% successful establishment after 3 years. At this point barring any unforeseen problem most trees will grow on to maturity.

Notes:

For new woodland plantings the accepted practice is to over plant on the basis that by maturity only around 40 – 60% of tree planted will remain. So, while approx. 1750 whips per acre may be planted, we would only expect in the region of 700 – 1000 to remain at 25 years+ with some as canopy trees and others as understorey replicating good woodland structure. This may still decline in numbers over time but canopy cover, carbon storage and provision of ecosystem services would increase with tree size. As such few trees at maturity provide greater climate adaptation benefits than more trees retained in a smaller area.

For individual standard trees planted in parks the establishment rate is around 80 – 85% at 3 years due to more favourable rooting conditions. While climactic issues such as extreme drought/heat will impact the establishment rates (such as during the summer of 2022) a significant proportion of trees are lost to vandalism.

For individual standard trees planted on the highway the establishment rate is around 70%. Highway trees are amongst the hardest to establish, not only are the conditions generally harsh/unfavourable to tree planting but they are also subject to the highest levels of negligent and deliberate damage.

Key reasons for failure of trees planted on the highway are:

- Residents parking on the root ball of newly planted trees resulting in soil compaction and root death.
- Decline or death caused by direct damage – either through poor green space management or vehicular damage (other than compaction).
- Residents cutting the tree at the base or removal of the top with a saw.
- Snapping or uprooting of trees – general random vandalism.
- Climate based issues - severe drought with limited resources to increase watering frequency.

On the highway in partnership with Kier we are trialing several different interventions to try and eliminate a number of these issues.

Trees are being planted with mesh cages to minimise the impacts of direct damage. Trees are also being fitted with watering bags which provides a slower sustained water release and minimises evaporation.

In addition, newly planted trees will also be fitted with a “Please Water Me” tag which encourages local residents to water trees near their property (using grey or harvested water) during times of drought.

It should also be noted that with all planting on the highway or as part of development that there is a requirement for the replacement of any trees that fail to establish within the first three years. As such there is an incentive to achieve as higher level of establishment as possible first time.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR MATT BENNETT**

“Trees”

Question:

How many trees planted by the Council (or in partnership with the Council) under the age of 5 have been removed in each of the last 5 years

Answer:

This is not a question that can easily be answered as “removed” would include those unauthorised removals of trees planted, for example, for woodland creation planting through vandalism or other reason. We do not plot or monitor every single tree planted as part of woodland only a generic area and number planted. Loss of some trees would go unnoticed and is expected, but a total loss would be recognised. Fortunately, total loss of newly planted woodland is rare and has only occurred on a handful of occasions over the last 15 years. In these situations, the woodland was re-planted in the next available season.

If we were to take this question to its word only trees within woodland plantings as mentioned above would be considered as the age of trees planted is between 2 and 3 years.

Trees planted as standards in parks, open spaces and the highway are generally anything from 8 to 15 years of age at planting.

As such we will assume that the question should be referring to trees removed within 5 years of planting.

For trees outside of woodland plantings and particularly for highways we could give some indication of a number for those removed as part of an authorised process, but this would include trees that have failed to establish or had suffered some form of vandalism (see response to written Question E1). In these cases, the trees are replaced and so to refer to these as “removed” would be a bit misleading

Aside from trees removed for the above reasons there are few situations where trees under 5 years of age would be removed, and then our BCC tree policies would mandate that these are replaced and where possible the canopy cover expanded as part of a replanting programme.

The following are occasions where trees under 5 years from planting may be removed (other than the aforementioned reasons):

- Highway's infrastructure changes – new road layouts, cycle ways etc.
- Development/redevelopment of land
- Highways footway crossing applications
- Where required by statutory undertakers (utilities) etc for repairs/ maintenance of infrastructure.

With the first two occasions replanting will be mandatory to an approved plan so losses, while undesirable, are not permanent and easily replaceable in the short term.

With Highways footway crossing applications we have an agreed assessment and scoring process that determines the impact on established trees. In general, only where a tree has been planted less than 3 years would removal be consented. In these cases, translocation can be an option but in any event the applicant (citizen) must fund the cost of removal and replacement planting. Again, “removed” is a short-term issue.

Utilities providers will generally replace any tree that (once engineering solutions that enable tree retention have been discounted) needs to be removed. Again, trees planted less than 5 years can be lifted and replanted but direct replacement mitigates the short-term loss.

Note: Should a tree planted less than 5 years (or any other tree) be consent for removal and replacement mandated that replacement may not always be possible in the same location. Replacements may be planted based on the following hierarchy within the same street, adjoining street, same ward, constituency, City LSOA with sub 25% canopy cover as defined by the BCC Canopy Cover mapping.

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

“Twixmas Missed Collections”

Question:

How many missed collections were there on each day between Tuesday 27 December and Tuesday 3 January? Please provide the figure for all known missed collections, not just resident reports, broken down by collection type.

Answer:

The number of reported missed collections made by residents were as follows. Note that the date is the reporting date rather than the date the collection was due.

	Recyclin g	Refuse
27/12/2022	68	81
28/12/2022	107	177
29/12/2022	92	197
30/12/2022	68	125
31/12/2022	16	21
01/01/2023	7	12
02/01/2023	97	351
03/01/2023	197	511

It should be noted that the above data set includes 31 reports of missed refuse and 19 reports of missed recycling, where the usual collection day would have been Monday 26th December. In addition, there are 242 reports of missed refuse where the usual collection day would have taken place on Tuesday 27th December. The service did not operate either collection type on 26th December and only operated recycling collections on 27th December.

The number of roads that were reported as being dropped by crews is as follows:

	Dropped recycling roads	No of properties in dropped recycling roads	Dropped refuse roads	No of properties in dropped refuse roads
27-Dec	1	154	N/A	N/A
28-Dec	4	152	15	403
29-Dec	12	406	12	627
30-Dec	6	248	1	37
02-Jan	11	355	106	4052
03-Jan	49	1602	69	2465

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR KERRY BREWER**

“Twixmas Sickness Absence”

Question:

What was the sickness absence rate for waste collection crews on each day between 27 December and 3 January?

Answer:

Not all absence data has yet been uploaded by managers onto Oracle due to annual leave during the Christmas and New Year period. Next reporting period from Oracle will capture 1st - 30th December. This report will be run week ending 6th January 2023.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR DEBBIE CLANCY**

“Twixmas Wagon Problems”

Question:

How many waste collection wagons did not leave the depot on each day between 27 December and 3 January, broken down by reason (e.g. mechanical failure or issue with driver)?

Answer:

Tues 27 th Dec (Recycling Collections only)	1 (Staffing Issues)
Wed 28 th Dec	0
Thurs 29 th Dec	0
Fri 30 th Dec	0
Mon 2 nd Jan	6 (Staffing Issues)
Tues 3 rd Jan	0

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

'Bulk Collections'

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide full details of the number of bulk collections that have been requested, by Ward, providing details of the income these generated for the during 2022?

Answer:

The income generated by the bulky waste service for financial year 2021/22 (Apr 2021 to Mar 2022) was £829,338. Unfortunately, income figures for the current financial year are not available to us.

The number of collections by ward for the 2021/22 financial year is listed in the table below:

	Non-electrical	Electrical
Acocks Green	617	222
Allens Cross	346	102
Alum Rock	382	105
Aston	365	102
Balsall Heath West	234	67
Bartley Green	650	210
Billesley	566	185
Birchfield	202	57
Bordesley & Highgate	175	56

	Non-electrical	Electrical
Bordesley Green	209	65
Bournbrook & Selly Park	307	100
Bournville & Cotteridge	493	150
Brandwood & Kings Heath	521	154
Bromford & Hodge Hill	439	125
Castle Vale	183	61
Druids Heath & Monyhull	236	81
Edgbaston	262	86
Erdington	474	153
Frankley Great Park	280	90
Garretts Green	288	103
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	700	201
Gravelly Hill	269	91
Hall Green North	483	138
Hall Green South	246	67
Handsworth	174	56
Handsworth Wood	320	103
Harborne	538	144
Heartlands	263	85
Highters Heath	312	92
Holyhead	180	56
Kings Norton North	299	97
Kings Norton South	341	99
Kingstanding	595	157
Ladywood	302	86
Longbridge & West Heath	604	196
Lozells	209	61

	Non-electrical	Electrical
Moseley	478	135
Nechells	248	79
Newtown	146	40
North Edgbaston	420	121
Northfield	276	96
Oscott	562	171
Perry Barr	520	145
Perry Common	346	113
Pype Hayes	337	92
Quinton	548	156
Rubery & Rednal	312	103
Shard End	397	111
Sheldon	491	162
Small Heath	284	92
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	414	119
South Yardley	263	90
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	378	110
Sparkhill	333	87
Stirchley	312	100
Stockland Green	541	146
Sutton Four Oaks	215	73
Sutton Mere Green	300	80
Sutton Reddicap	275	75
Sutton Roughley	236	84
Sutton Trinity	197	65
Sutton Vesey	445	131
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	339	122

	Non-electrical	Electrical
Sutton Wyld Green	216	68
Tyseley & Hay Mills	246	75
Ward End	244	69
Weoley & Selly Oak	739	183
Yardley East	255	81
Yardley West & Stechford	263	82

The number of collections by ward for 2022 is listed in the table below:

	Non-electrical	Electrical
Acocks Green	566	177
Allens Cross	316	131
Alum Rock	350	123
Aston	319	96
Balsall Heath West	204	69
Bartley Green	624	216
Billesley	505	181
Birchfield	158	65
Bordesley & Highgate	153	54
Bordesley Green	169	67
Bournbrook & Selly Park	307	94
Bournville & Cotteridge	471	152
Brandwood & Kings Heath	494	150
Bromford & Hodge Hill	381	123
Castle Vale	177	80
Druids Heath & Monymhull	232	84
Edgbaston	224	95
Erdington	467	160

	Non-electrical	Electrical
Frankley Great Park	245	106
Garretts Green	326	116
Glebe Farm & Tile Cross	655	217
Gravelly Hill	218	79
Hall Green North	426	124
Hall Green South	223	68
Handsworth	180	69
Handsworth Wood	341	125
Harborne	479	170
Heartlands	230	98
Highters Heath	307	107
Holyhead	164	54
Kings Norton North	276	109
Kings Norton South	299	100
Kingstanding	581	158
Ladywood	302	97
Longbridge & West Heath	521	194
Lozells	199	63
Moseley	439	145
Nechells	204	59
Newtown	134	55
North Edgbaston	385	127
Northfield	254	88
Oscott	539	195
Perry Barr	545	187
Perry Common	347	116
Pype Hayes	315	111

	Non-electrical	Electrical
Quinton	498	181
Rubery & Rednal	252	88
Shard End	325	103
Sheldon	493	178
Small Heath	261	92
Soho & Jewellery Quarter	389	132
South Yardley	235	87
Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	328	113
Sparkhill	294	90
Stirchley	307	101
Stockland Green	513	176
Sutton Four Oaks	170	61
Sutton Mere Green	226	80
Sutton Reddicap	249	78
Sutton Roughley	235	65
Sutton Trinity	192	68
Sutton Vesey	377	127
Sutton Walmley & Minworth	334	121
Sutton Wylde Green	182	65
Tyseley & Hay Mills	215	78
Ward End	206	72
Weoley & Selly Oak	600	189
Yardley East	239	93
Yardley West & Stechford	240	92

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM COUNCILLOR COLIN GREEN

'Fly tipped Fridge Freezers'

Question:

How many fly-tipped fridges/freezers have been collected by month, by Ward by the specialist crew employed for this purpose during 2022?

Answer:

The crews operate on a zonal basis, so the information held on fridges/freezers collected is not recorded against specific wards. The zones are as follow:

T1	T2	T3	T4	T5
Sutton Four Oaks	Handsworth Wood	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	Holyhead	Ward End
Sutton Mere Green	Perry Barr	Erdington	Handsworth	Glebe Farm & Tile Cross
Sutton Reddicap	Stockland Green	Pype Hayes	Birchfield	Heartlands
Sutton Roughley	Perry Common	Castle Vale	Aston	Yardley West & Stechford
Sutton Trinity	Kingstanding	Bromford & Hodge Hill	Gravelly Hill	Yardley East
Sutton Vesey	Oscott	Shard End	Nechells	Garretts Green
Sutton Wylde Green			Alum Rock	Sheldon
			Newton	South Yardley
			Lozells	
			Soho & Jewellery Quarter	
			North Edgbaston	

T6	T7	T8	T9	T10
Quinton	Ladywood	Frankley	Moseley	Sparkhill
Harborne	Edgbaston	Allens Cross	Stirchley	Hall Green North
Bartley Green	Bournbrook & Selly Park	Bournville & Cotteridge	Brandwood & Kings Heath	Tyseley & Hay Mills
Weoley & Selly Oak	Balsall Heath West	Northfield	Billesley	Acocks Green
	Bordesley & Highgate	Rubery & Rednal	Druids Heath & Monyhull	
	Bordesley Green	Longbridge & West Heath	Highter's Heath	
	Small Heath	King's Norton North	Hall Green South	
	Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East	King's Norton South		

The totals for fridges/freezers collected within those zones during the period requested are as follows:

Area	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2022 Total
T1	0	3	1	4	4	0	3	0	2	3	3	1	24
T2	6	19	20	12	11	11	13	10	15	11	10	2	140
T3	5	10	30	14	17	10	5	12	20	5	11	11	150
T4	17	21	52	23	31	46	30	20	38	37	14	32	361
T5	24	22	21	34	12	15	19	11	20	13	5	24	220
T6	17	14	54	38	28	37	14	11	15	28	7	13	276
T7	23	39	39	34	50	28	20	38	22	49	44	20	406
T8	4	5	6	8	11	14	10	17	14	16	10	21	136
T9	8	24	24	25	20	27	10	24	21	25	20	13	241
T10	17	13	27	37	41	15	28	20	34	20	14	5	271
total	121	170	274	229	225	203	152	163	201	207	138	142	2225

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT
FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

'Love Your Environment'

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide the data that has been used to identify which Wards will be subject to a priority 'deep clean' and further resources under the Love Your Environment initiative and confirm how this compares to Yardley West and Stechford/Yardley East/South Yardley Wards?

Answer:

Love Your Environment (LYE) is an initiative bringing together existing street scene services (at the same time/day) to have a multi service clean-up of a particular ward thus increasing the visible impact and outcomes. LYE days can include a graffiti removal team, dumping crews, litter picking/street cleansing crews, parks and the MHRC (this is not an exhaustive list).

Since inception there have been a total of 30 LYE days. The top 15 wards identified from the fly-tipping records and LAMS data will have more frequent LYE days and the wards you have referred to will have a LYE by the end of March.

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

'Recycling Levels'

Question:

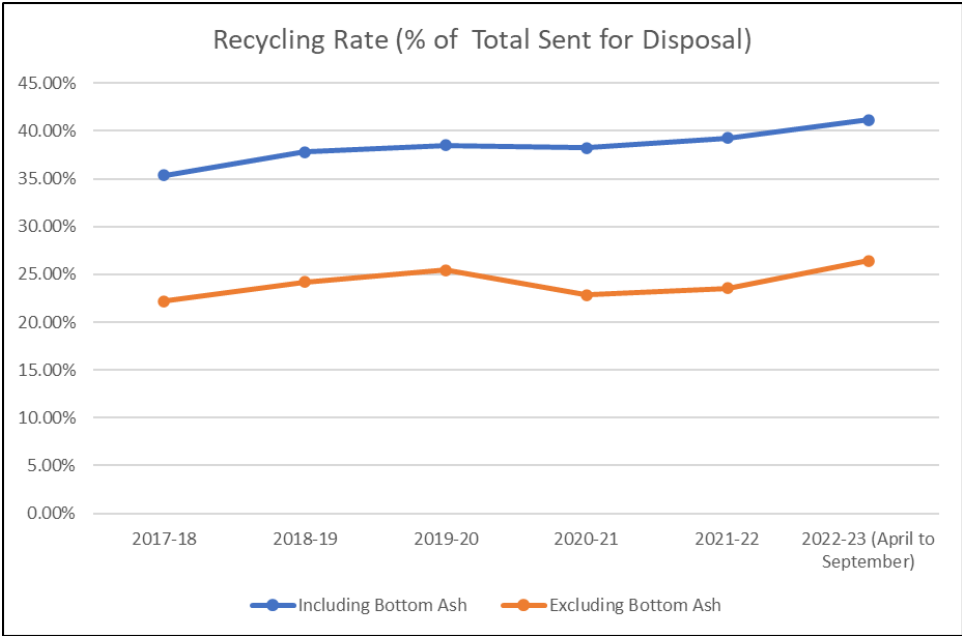
Could the Cabinet Member provide details of trends in recycling collection in the last five years, specifying details for collections with and without bottom ash?

Answer:

The recycling figures in the table below are based on the tonnage of materials actually sent for reuse, recycling, and composting, expressed as a percentage of the total amount of waste sent for disposal in that period. The figures are for each financial year (April to March) except for 2022-23 which is for the first six months only (April to September).

	Increase Recycling Reuse and Green waste Including Bottom Ash - (% of all waste disposed of by Waste Management)	Increase Recycling Reuse and Green waste Excluding Bottom Ash (but including metals from bottom ash – as per Defra WasteDataFlow guidance) - (% of all waste disposed of by Waste Management)
2017-18	35.35%	22.17%
2018-19	37.80%	24.22%
2019-20	38.51%	25.44%
2020-21	38.23%	22.87%
2021-22	39.26%	23.53%
2022-23	41.18%	26.42%

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE AND
RESOURCES FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER'Parking Fines'

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide full details of how much money has been generated in parking charges in the city from car parks in 2022 compared with 2019?

Answer:

The question refers to 'Parking Fines' in the title line but then refers to car 'parking charges' in the question. Given this we have supplied all income information generated from on and off-street parking as well as Civil Parking Enforcement income.

As there is not complete information for calendar year 2022, the provided information is for years 2018/19, 2019/20 and both compared to 2021/22 with additional variance and percentage variance information.

	2019/20	2021/22	Change	2018/19	2021/22	Change
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
On street	(7,893)	(6,240)	1,653	(6,869)	(6,240)	629
Off street	(9,633)	(5,707)	3,926	(9,431)	(5,707)	3,724
Total Car Parking	(17,526)	(11,947)	5,579	(16,300)	(11,947)	4,353

	2019/20	2021/22	Change	2018/19	2021/22	Change
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Civil Parking Enforcement	(4,939)	(4,056)	883	(4,915)	(4,056)	858

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**PLEASE NOTE: NO WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE
CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND
HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR KEN WOOD**

“Compensation Claims”

Question:

A written response at the December Council meeting provided the alarming amounts of money paid out due to Ombudsman rulings. Can you give us the figures covering the same period for compensation paid out outside of Ombudsman rulings (e.g. direct or via solicitors) for failures in housing?

Answer:

Between November 2021 and October 2022 (the period requested), the total amount of Compensation paid out by the City Housing Directorate was £378,048.*

*NB – an insignificant amount (<1%) of Compensatory payments are received and paid combined with opponent Solicitors Costs. As they are indistinguishable in the data held, they are not included in the above figure.

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ

'HMO Licenses'

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member confirm how many landlords have been fined in the City for not having the correct licence for their HMO as well as give an indication of how much this has generated in fines?

Answer:

Under current legislative provisions there is only one licence available that local authorities can issue for houses of multiple occupancy.

However, we have fined a number of landlords for failure to have a licence and for various breaches of The Management of Houses in Multiple Occupation (England) Regulations 2006. The fines over the last four years and this year to date are:

Year	Number L/L Failure to Licence (FTL)	Failure to licence Total £	Total Civil Penalty Fines Inc FTL +other offences	Total Number of L/L inc FTL +other offences
2019/20	5	5821.00	26,221.00	9
2020/21	5	8490.00	74,755.00	7
2021/22	7	9687.00	54,235.00	11
2022-to date	4	4792.00	36,623.00	4

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR COLIN GREEN

'Exempt BCC Properties'

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide details of how exempt BCC properties are being monitored?

Answer:

Birmingham City Council has been taking part in a government funded pilot since November 2020 to improve the quality of non-commissioned supported exempt provision in the city and establish requirements for reform. The legislative framework is known to be insufficient for the sector, and oversight of registered providers sits primarily with the Regulator for Social Housing. Councils are not responsible for monitoring the quality of non-commissioned supported exempt provision – but must ensure Housing Benefit regulations are followed, ie support provided must be 'more than minimal'

In total, there are currently 24,078 units of supported exempt accommodation in 8,622 properties in the City. It has been identified there are 5 assets out of 5,000 in the Birmingham City Council commercial portfolio which are supported exempt accommodation. All non-commissioned SEA properties regardless of whether they are BCC or not will be subject to the same inspection process.

A multi-disciplinary team has been undertaking inspections of housing standards, reviews of support and benefit arrangements, and investigations into community safety, including anti-social behaviour and organised crime. The original pilot concluded in September 2021, but arrangements continue following a further successful grant application with DLUHC. The Council is also working alongside government departments to influence wider reforms and changes to legislation which will improve the quality of the sector.

The multi-disciplinary team is made up of Housing Officers, Social Workers, Community Safety Investigators, Housing Benefit Claims officers, working alongside Planning Enforcement, Waste Management and external partners. As well as the administration of all Housing Benefit claims relating to supported exempt accommodation, the team is undertaking reviews, inspections and investigations in response to safeguarding, health and safety and other complaints relating to these

properties. The Housing Benefit service also conduct reviews between 2-6 months of any new claim to ensure that they are still compliant with the Housing Benefit regulations.

As part of the roll out of the Birmingham Supported Exempt Accommodation Quality Standards, planned inspections of providers also take place. Up to 40 providers in the city have signed up to the new Birmingham Quality standard and over 100 providers have signed up to a new Charter of Rights which seeks to improve the rights of tenants living in exempt accommodation.

Updates to Councillors have been taking place approximately every 6 months. A session was held in September 2022, and a further session will take place in March 2023. We encourage members to engage with updates and briefing sessions.

Regular updates are also being provided to Coordinating Overview & Scrutiny Committee The latest report from December's meeting can be found on CMIS. [Report](#)

Ward level reporting can also be made available if required.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND
HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ZAKER CHOUDHRY**

'Housing Benefit'

Question:

The Cabinet Member has previously indicated Housing Benefit is being abused, could you provide details of how this is being abused and if monies are going to be clawed back?

Answer:

Government announced the formation of a single fraud investigation service (SFIS) in the [2013 Autumn Statement](#) which brought together a number of DWP related benefit fraud functions. As a result, DWP has taken responsibility for investigating Housing Benefit fraud and Tax Credit fraud. Local authorities and HMRC were previously responsible for these investigations.

The single fraud investigation service was introduced nationally between July 2014 and March 2016. DWP now conducts single welfare benefit fraud investigations to one set of policies and procedures. The Crown Prosecution Service in England and Wales and the Procurator Fiscal in Scotland conduct prosecutions arising from fraud investigations.

Arrangements are in place for the Council to make referrals to SFIS where cases of potential HB related fraud are identified. HB related fraud can take several forms such as undeclared income or household composition, or non-residency. There is no national form of feedback to councils on the success or otherwise of fraud referrals. The Council does therefore not hold information in relation to this.

Following investigation, where benefit has been overpaid, then this will be recovered (or clawed-back) from either tenants or landlords subject to DWP guidelines on the weekly thresholds. Claw-back can also take place in non-fraudulent cases which are as a result of 'error'. This would also include cases from supported and exempt accommodation landlords where providers have not stayed in line with the expected criteria (eg delays informing the Council of vacations).

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND
HOMELESSNESS FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER HARMER**

'ECO+ Scheme'

Question:

**Could the Cabinet Member advise if the Council will be participating in the
ECO+ Scheme?**

Answer:

Birmingham City Council will be participating in ECO+ which will allow us to extend support to those in the least energy efficient homes in the lower Council Tax bands.

ECO+ will be delivered in parallel with ECO4 and other retrofit programmes so we continue targeting the most vulnerable.

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

‘Unaccompanied Minors’

Question:

How many unaccompanied minors are being supported by host families in Birmingham under the Homes for Ukraine scheme and what additional support is given to those host families?

Answer:

For any unaccompanied minor that arrives in the City and is under 16 years old, Birmingham Children’s Trust (BCT) will provide an additional level of intensive early support similar to what is provided through private fostering arrangements. They will conduct additional checks to ensure the suitability of the hosting arrangements and will also provide dedicated caseworker to support with education, health and wellbeing needs. The dedicated caseworker support will be provided by BCT up until the age of 16 and after this point support will be provided, as usual, by Refugee Action where the support will be tailored to the needs identified within the personal integration plan that is developed.

At present, there are no unaccompanied minors being hosted in the City. An unaccompanied minor was being supported by a host in Birmingham up to December 2022, but they have now returned to Ukraine. Refugee Action provided support to the guest as they were over 16 years and this was based on their personal integration plan, which included helping to advise on education arrangements.

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

‘Police Station Petition’

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member give an explanation as to why there has been no response to the Petition for a police base in Perry Barr that was submitted to Council in May/June by Councillor Hunt?

Answer:

Councillor Jon Hunt submitted a petition at the 24 May 2022 City Council meeting which called on the West Midlands Police to provide a base for a local community police team in Perry Barr.

The petition was appropriately recorded on the external petitions schedule as the City Council is not responsible for the provision of police bases – this is a responsibility of the West Midlands Police, to whom the petition was duly referred.

I have asked the Police and Crime Commissioner to arrange for Councillor Hunt to receive an update from the police on these matters.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT FROM
COUNCILLOR BABER BAZ**

'Highway Maintenance Works Programme'

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide full details, by Ward, of work outstanding from the 2022/23 Highway Maintenance Works Programme as well as providing an estimation as to when this is likely to be completed?

Answer:

In order to answer this question, information has been extracted from the latest construction programme issued in December 2022. The annual programme runs from July 2022 to June 2023.

The data lists the name of each road to be resurfaced along with the corresponding Ward and planned start and finish construction dates. A colour key helps to distinguish which schemes are **carriageways**, **footways** and **nightworks**.

KEY
Carriageways
Footways
Nights
Concrete Scheme

	Road Name	Ward	Start	Finish	
Footway	Sir Johns Road	Bournbrook & Selly Park	06/01/2023	28/02/2023	
Carriageway	Woodlands Park Road - Phase 2	Bournville & Cotteridge	09/01/2023	19/01/2023	
Carriageway	Eachelhurst Road	Pype Hayes	09/01/2023	27/01/2023	
Carriageway	Wash Lane	Yardley West & Stechford	09/01/2023	04/02/2023	
Carriageway	Longdales	King's Norton South	13/01/2023	23/01/2023	
Footway	Coventry Road	South Yardley	16/01/2023	08/02/2023	
Carriageway	Hagley Road	Ladywood	23/01/2023	30/01/2023	
Carriageway	Marlpit Lane	Sutton Roughley	24/01/2023	02/02/2023	

	Road Name	Ward	Start	Finish	
Carriageway	Meadway	Garretts Green	24/01/2023	16/02/2023	
	Road Name	Ward	Start	Finish	
Carriageway	Popes Lane	King's Norton North	26/01/2023	07/02/2023	
Footway	Hagley Road	Harborne	30/01/2023	13/03/2023	
Carriageway	Nechells Parkway	Nechells	01/02/2023	13/02/2023	
Carriageway	Abbeydale Road	Longbridge & West Heath	02/02/2023	10/02/2023	
Footway	Clements Road	Yardley West & Stechford	06/02/2023	03/05/2023	
Carriageway	Vardon Way	King's Norton North	07/02/2023	16/02/2023	
Footway	Coventry Road	South Yardley	09/02/2023	27/02/2023	
Carriageway	Wattville Road	Holyhead	14/02/2023	27/02/2023	
Carriageway	Camp Lane	Handsworth Wood	14/02/2023	28/02/2023	
Footway	Woolacombe Lodge Road	Weoley & Selly Oak	14/02/2023	18/04/2023	
Footway	Adderley Road	Alum Rock	15/02/2023	13/04/2023	
Carriageway	Marsh Hill	Stockland Green	21/02/2023	10/03/2023	
Carriageway	Bristol Road South	Rubery & Rednal	23/02/2023	31/03/2023	
Footway	Coventry Road	South Yardley	28/02/2023	13/03/2023	
Carriageway	Putney Road	Birchfield	01/03/2023	10/03/2023	
Carriageway	Yardley Green Road	Yardley West & Stechford	02/03/2023	08/03/2023	
Footway	Bournville Lane	Bournville & Cotteridge	02/03/2023	02/05/2023	
Carriageway	Walmley Close	Sutton Walmley & Minworth	08/03/2023	09/03/2023	
Carriageway	Yardley Green Road	Heartlands	08/03/2023	13/03/2023	
Carriageway	Fentham Road	Stockland Green	10/03/2023	23/03/2023	NEW DATES
Carriageway	Vyse Street	Soho & Jewellery Quarter	13/03/2023	20/03/2023	
Carriageway	Speedwell Road	Tyseley & Hay Mills	14/03/2023	23/03/2023	
Footway	Coventry Road	South Yardley	14/03/2023	27/03/2023	
Carriageway	Beeches Road	Oscott	21/03/2023	06/04/2023	
Carriageway	Jerrys Lane	Perry Common	24/03/2023	06/04/2023	NEW DATES
Carriageway	Manor House Lane	Sheldon	24/03/2023	31/03/2023	
Footway	Small Heath Highway	Small Heath	28/03/2023	11/04/2023	
Carriageway	Reddicap Heath Road	Sutton Reddicap	03/04/2023	26/04/2023	
Carriageway	Imperial Road	Bordesley Green	03/04/2023	12/04/2023	
Carriageway	Gillott Road	North Edgbaston	06/04/2023	20/04/2023	REPROGRAMMED
Carriageway	Wood End Lane	Gravelly Hill	11/04/2023	26/04/2023	
Carriageway	Beeches Road	Perry Barr	11/04/2023	27/04/2023	

	Road Name	Ward	Start	Finish	
Footway	Ivy Road	Sutton Vesey	12/04/2023	21/04/2023	
Carriageway	Edward Road	Balsall Heath West	13/04/2023	21/04/2023	
Footway	Yateley Road	Edgbaston	14/04/2023	05/06/2023	
Carriageway	Granville Street	Ladywood	17/04/2023	25/04/2023	REPROGRAMMED
	Road Name	Ward	Start	Finish	
Carriageway	Court Road	Sparkhill	24/04/2023	26/04/2023	
Footway	Haselor Road	Sutton Vesey	24/04/2023	02/05/2023	
Carriageway	Brandon Grove	Longbridge & West Heath	27/04/2023	27/04/2023	
Carriageway	Trittiford Road	Billesley	27/04/2023	24/05/2023	
Carriageway	Cole Bank Road	Hall Green North	27/04/2023	12/05/2023	
Carriageway	Arundel Road	Highter's Heath	28/04/2023	09/05/2023	
Carriageway	Turnberry Road	Perry Barr	28/04/2023	05/05/2023	
Carriageway	Arden Road	Frankley Great Park	28/04/2023	08/05/2023	
Footway	Hobmoor Croft	Yardley	03/05/2023	11/05/2023	
Carriageway	Doveridge Road	Hall Green South	08/05/2023	16/05/2023	
Carriageway	St Johns Road	Harborne	09/05/2023	10/05/2023	
Carriageway	Bryndale Avenue	Brandwood & King's Heath	10/05/2023	15/05/2023	
Carriageway	Westridge Road	Billesley	11/05/2023	29/05/2023	
Footway	Littleover Avenue	Hall Green North	12/05/2023	22/05/2023	
Carriageway	Woodthorpe Road	Brandwood & King's Heath	16/05/2023	30/05/2023	
Carriageway	Fernley Road A	Sparkhill	17/05/2023	22/05/2023	
Carriageway	Fernley Road B	Sparkhill	23/05/2023	26/05/2023	
Footway	Chattock Close	Bromford & Hodge Hill	23/05/2023	26/05/2023	
Carriageway	Willow Avenue	Edgbaston	25/05/2023	09/06/2023	
Carriageway	Anderton Park Road A	Moseley	29/05/2023	07/06/2023	
Carriageway	Upper Holland Road	Sutton Trinity	29/05/2023	09/06/2023	
Carriageway	West Acre Gardens A	Yardley East	30/05/2023	02/06/2023	
Carriageway	Stone Avenue	Sutton Reddicap	02/06/2023	12/06/2023	
Carriageway	West Acre Gardens B	Yardley East	05/06/2023	08/06/2023	
Carriageway	Brighton Road	Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath East	05/06/2023	16/06/2023	
Carriageway	Anderton Park Road B	Moseley	08/06/2023	19/06/2023	
Carriageway	Dorset Road	Edgbaston	12/06/2023	14/06/2023	
Carriageway	Garrison Lane	Bordesley & Highgate	12/06/2023	23/06/2023	
Carriageway	Fourth Avenue	Bordesley Green	13/06/2023	21/06/2023	

	Road Name	Ward	Start	Finish	
Carriageway	Worlds End Lane	Quinton	15/06/2023	23/06/2023	
Carriageway	Wellington Road	Handsworth Wood	19/06/2023	20/06/2023	
Carriageway	Islington Row	Ladywood	20/06/2023	21/06/2023	
Carriageway	Chattock Close	Bromford & Hodge Hill	22/06/2023	28/06/2023	
Carriageway	Penns Lane	Sutton Wylde Green	27/07/2023	25/08/2023	REPROGRAMMED

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

‘Dealing with Dropped Kerb Complaints’

Question:

Further to your response in September (see below - partial) about the poor dropped kerb service experienced by me, other colleagues and residents, can I ask how complaints are dealt with, if the primary function of the small and stretched dropped kerb team is to “...provide approval and cost quotations for new and amended vehicle crossings to properties and to arrange construction of works...”?

What happens to those requests not approved or those where the work is carried out but not satisfactorily?

I have been unable for many months to have five cases reviewed and resolved – two where the work has been completed and the residents are unhappy with the quality of the work, and three cases where residents have requested the work but have been refused and they want to appeal that decision. In two of those latter cases, the residents have already spent large sums of money making their driveway good - to council specifications - for a dropped kerb, and then been refused.

How can you have a dropped kerb service that has no review, appeals or complaints procedure, where residents and Councillors are just ignored?

‘ .. The dropped kerb service is a relatively small team of officers with its primary functions being to provide approval and cost quotations for new and amended vehicle crossings to properties and to arrange construction of works where customers wish to proceed with the quotations provided.

The volume of work which the team is required to deal with can fluctuate significantly, and there are also external factors (eg availability of contractor resources, completion of third party works) that in combination can result in some quotations and works taking longer to complete than we would like.

In addition, we are currently encountering some cases of staff absence which may be impacting on the processing dropped kerb requests. We are looking to address this with temporary staff resource in the short term and are currently

seeking approvals through the required internal workforce governance processes.'

Answer:

All complaints are dealt with by the officers of the Dropped Kerb team as part of the overall service delivery. As previously mentioned, we are currently encountering some cases of staff absence which is impacting on the processing dropped kerb applications and complaints. We are addressing the problem through using temporary staff resource in the short term and are currently seeking approvals for additional staff recruitment through the required internal workforce governance processes. The backlog of orders has now been substantially dealt with. All footway crossing applications are assessed using the parameters stated in the footway crossing policy of the Council. The parameters are based on ensuring public safety and passage.

All new footway crossing installations are inspected to ensure works have been carried out to the required standards. If any required remedial works are identified, the footway crossing contractor will be instructed to undertake these works immediately.

In the event that a complaint regarding the quality of the works is received by the footway crossing team, a further inspection is arranged, and the necessary remedial measures will be carried out through the contractor who undertook the work.

A review of the five cases that you have mentioned indicate that:

- The two sites where the residents are unhappy with the quality of the works have been reinspected and the inspector has confirmed compliance with the required standards and that no further action is required.
- For the other three sites; application for site 1 was declined due to the steep gradient of the driveway in line with the Council' policy, the application for site 2 is progressing following repositioning of the crossing, and we await payment from the resident of site 3 for dealing with underground services affected by the works.

The methodology adopted for dealing with reviews, appeals and complaints has been described above. The complaints are dealt with in line with the Council's complaint processes and assessed and responded to in accordance with the City Council's policies and procedures.

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

‘Restricting HGV’s in the City’

Question:

Could the Cabinet Member provide a list of roads in Birmingham that have received measures to restrict HGV's/lorries from travelling along them?

Answer:

HGVs / Lorries are prohibited from using streets by many different restriction types such as:

- Environmental Weight Limits
- Structural Weight Limits
- Length Limits
- Width Limits
- Height Limits
- Bus/Tram Only Roads
- Pedestrian Zones
- Prohibition of Motor Vehicles
- Prohibition of Vehicles
- Prohibition of Entry

Birmingham City Council do not hold information that lists the streets that specifically restrict HGV/Lorry access. This would need to be extracted from the thousands of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) held. Consequently, it would take considerable time to extract street names from these Orders to provide the information requested. However, if there is a specific location of concern, please provide this information and the HGV/Lorry restriction details will be provided.

In addition to these older TROs, we currently hold 57 Traffic Regulation Orders specifically for weight limits. Each of which contains restrictions for multiple streets. We have reviewed each of those 57 TROs and extracted the street names below which all contain restrictions on weight.

- WALMLEY ASH ROAD, WIGGINS HILL ROAD
- WELLS ROAD, GLENCROFT ROAD
- EDWARD ROAD

- CHURCH ROAD, RECTORY ROAD, CHURCH HILL
- LONG MYND ROAD, SHENLEY HILL, MERRITTS HILL
- ROSEMARY HILL ROAD, THORNHILL ROAD
- WEST HEATH ROAD NORTHFIELD, BUTLERS LANE SUTTON COLDFIELD, EDWARD ROAD BALSALL HEATH, LOWER LOVEDAY STREET, WARSTOCK LANE KINGS HEATH, WATER ORTON LANE, MINWORTH ROAD, COTTAGE LANE MINWORTH
- DOGPOL LANE
- LIVERY STREET
- SMALL HEATH BRIDGE
- BRISTOL ROAD (CANAL BRIDGE)
- ALL SAINTS STREET
- ASTON CHURCH ROAD
- BACCHUS ROAD, BENSON ROAD, NORTON STREET
- AMROTH CLOSE (LONGBRIDGE), ASHILL ROAD, CHADWICH AVENUE, CHEPSTOW GROVE, CHEVELEY AVENUE, CLIFF ROCK ROAD, CORINNE CLOSE, DOWAR ROAD, EACHWAY LANE, EDGEWOOD ROAD, FARMDALE GROVE, FOREST DALE, HAVERFORD DRIVE, HERONSWOOD ROAD, HIMLEY GROVE, IRWIN AVENUE, KENDAL AVENUE, KENDAL RISE ROAD, LEACH GREEN LANE, LEACH HEATH LANE. MALCOLM GROVE, MEADVALE ROAD, NEWMAN WAY, ORMSCLIFFE ROAD, QUARRY WALK, RISE AVENUE, ROCK AVENUE, ROCKLEY GROVE, ROSELEIGH ROAD, ROWAN TREES, RUSHMEAD GROVE, RYDE PARK ROAD, SAVILLE CLOSE, SHARPS CLOSE, SHEPLEY ROAD, WHITLAND CLOSE, WOLVERTON ROAD
- GRANVILLE STREET, CITY CENTRE
- COLLEGE ROAD, KINGSTANDING
- WARWICK ROAD, ACOCKS GREEN
- GIBB STREET, DERITEND
- WHARFDALE ROAD, TYSELEY
- AROSA DRIVE, HARBORNE
- HIGHTERS HEATH LANE, ARUNDEL ROAD, EDWARD ROAD, PICKENHAM ROAD, NETHERDALE ROAD, SHENSTONE ROAD, HARPERS ROAD, LIMKS ROAD, TUDOR CLOSE, WOODMAN ROAD
- CLIVEDEN AVENUE, DERRYDOWN ROAD, CRANTOCK ROAD, GLENDOWER ROAD, TEDDINGTON GROVE, ALEXANDER GARDENS, PENDRAGON ROAD, IVYBRIDGE GROVE, WILNECOTE GROVE, THANET GROVE, PERRY AVENUE, DEWSBURY GROVE

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**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF NEWTOWN FORUM, COUNCILLOR
ZIAUL ISLAM, FROM COUNCILLOR MORRIAM JAN**

‘Pedestrian Crossings’

Question:

With the number of new roads and pedestrian crossings that have been created in the Newtown Ward, could Councillor Islam let me have his thoughts on what his residents think about these compared to the expensive work that has taken place in Perry Barr?

Answer:

As the Councillor for Newtown, I am not aware of the details or cost of the work that has been undertaken in the Perry Barr Ward. I am unable to speculate on my residents’ opinions on this matter.