

Meeting of the City Council

31 January 2018

Report title	Questions to Cabinet Members	
Referring body/Person	Councillor Paul Singh Councillor Barry Findlay Councillor Wendy Thompson Councillor Christine Mills	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Andrew Johnson, Resources Councillor Steve Evans, City Environment Councillor John Reynolds, City Economy	
Wards affected	All	
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Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. That the Cabinet Members for Resources, City Economy and City Environment respond to the questions received in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 For the Cabinet Members to respond to the questions received:

a. Bilston Road Disruption

Councillor Paul Singh to ask the Cabinet Member for Resources: -

How many of the affected businesses fall eligible to pay business rates as they are over a £12,000 rateable value threshold?

From this number how many have appealed for the duration of the works from June 2017 to December 2017 to the Valuation Office Agency and have successfully had a reduction? And. what is the approximate timescale e.g. quarter 2 or 3 in 2018, for when small businesses will receive any hardship fund if successful with the West Midlands Combined Authority?

b. Wolverhampton Market Relocation

Councillor Barry Findlay to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment: -

Has an enquiry been instituted into the doubling of the cost for the Market relocation, and when will the findings of the enquiry be made public?

c. Civic Hall Overspend

Councillor Wendy Thompson to ask the Cabinet Member for City Economy: -

A report to the Audit Committee was issued following the Council's Audit & Risk Committee on 3 July 2017. It confirmed that the Director of Finance and the Service Director for City Economy planned to undertake a health check to ensure that the project was on track with implementation of the Internal Audit recommendation.

When was the Audit Committee informed about the progress of the implementation of the recommendations following the report to the Council's Audit & Risk Committee from the Annual Report presented on 3 July 2017?

d. Wolverhampton Interchange

Councillor Christine Mills to ask the Cabinet Member for City Economy: -

Has an enquiry been instituted into the considerable increase in the cost for the Wolverhampton Interchange, and when will the findings of the enquiry be made public?