

Meeting of the City Council

15 September 2021

Report title	Written Questions by Councillors	
Referring person	Councillor Lynne Moran, Councillor Udey Singh, Councillor Andy Randle, Councillor Andrew McNeil, Councillor Steph Haynes, Councillor Adam Collinge, Councillor Sohail Khan, Councillor Chris Haynes, Councillor Wendy Thompson.	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal, City Assets and Housing Councillor Paula Brookfield, Cabinet Member for Governance and Equalities Councillor Jasbir Jaspal, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing Councillor Steve Evans, City Environment and Climate Change	
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Recommendation for action:

The Council is recommended to:

That Councillors respond to the questions received in accordance with Council's procedure rules.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 For Councillors to respond to the questions received:

a. Right to Buy

Councillor Lynne Moran to ask the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing:

The Housing Act of 1980 was a Conservative Party measure, introducing the Right to Buy Council housing. Does the Cabinet member agree with me that the Right to Buy within that legislation did not permit Councils to plough back 100% of those capital receipts in order to replace lost social housing, and furthermore that this measure accounts for the huge and increasing loss of safe and affordable housing for families who wish to rent?

b. Empty Housing

Councillor Udey Singh to ask the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing:

Will the Council be publishing its review into empty housing and if so when?

c. Public Questions

Councillor Andy Randle to ask the Cabinet Member for Governance:

Many councils allow members of the public to ask questions of those in power. Will the portfolio holder give our residents that same right and introduce such a measure in our city?

d. Development Plans

Cllr Andrew McNeil to ask the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing:

Please can the portfolio holder provide an update on the development plans for Broadway Green in Bushbury North?

e. West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Steph Haynes to ask the Lead Member on the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel:

Please can the member provide an update on the latest work of the Police and Crime Panel?

f. ShopMobility

Councillor Adam Collinge to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change:

Please can the portfolio holder advise on what date the much valued ShopMobility will be reopening for those people who wish to use this important service?

g. Electric Vehicles

Councillor Sohail Khan to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change:

What consideration does the Council give towards carbon payback in the Council procurement of electric vehicles?

h. Carbon Footprint

Councillor Chris Haynes to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change:

Please can the portfolio holder set out the latest measures the Council has taken to reduce its carbon footprint?

i. Avoiding Gridlock

Councillor Wendy Thompson to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change:

Large swathes of the city ground to a halt during August at a time when many people and businesses were returning to workplaces, what action has the portfolio holder taken to ensure such gridlock is avoided in the future?