

Responses to Questions from Councillors Requiring a Written Response

CQ10

Question asked by Councillor Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall of the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education

Could the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education tell us what is being done to support families in receipt of free school meals during the school holidays?

As Councillor Sarita-Marie Rehman-Wall was not present at the meeting to ask her question, a written response was provided.

Councillor Cheryl Barnard replied as follows:

There are a number of programmes specifically targeted to supporting our free school meal families during the school holidays, the Holiday Activity Fund and the Household Support Fund being the two main forms of support.

The Holiday Activity Fund

The Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) will be delivered across the summer in all wards of the City by over 35 activity providers consisting of schools, special schools and community/voluntary partners. The HAF programme will provide food, activities, nutritional education and signposting to free school meals and targeted non-free school meal families throughout the summer with over 32 thousand spaces available to book onto. At all sessions there is a minimum requirement for providers to provide at least one nutritional meal with many supplying multiple meals and snacks throughout provision.

The Household Support Fund

For the previous two years the City Council has secured government funding from the Household Support Fund and utilised this to provide direct support via schools to all of Nottingham's free school meal children during half term holidays. Including the current financial year, the Council will have distributed over £17 million to its vulnerable residents and by March 2024 this will include a total of £8.1 million directly distributed to free school meal families in the city as part of the HSF4 round of funding.

From April 2023 until March 2024 over £3.1 million from this fund will be provided in the form of supermarket vouchers distributed using the Council's voucher system with schools, for every free school meal eligible pupil. This equates to one £15.00 supermarket voucher per child, per school holiday week, with a single £50.00 supermarket voucher to cover the summer holiday period. In total the Council will provide £170.00 of direct support for this financial year to every free school meal eligible pupil in the city.

In addition, the Council is also working with community partners to provide a wide range of support to vulnerable families across the city, information about which can be easily found by residents on the asklion website.

WQ1

Question asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Waste Services and Parks requesting a written response

Could the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown by ward of the number of Street Scene operatives assigned to each ward by year since 2018?

Councillor Corall Jenkins replied as follows:

In February 2023, following the redesign of the Council's senior management structure two defined areas were created – Waste and Cleansing and Green Space and Natural Environment Services - which have now been implemented. This alignment of Heads of Service and Service Managers under each service area. Waste has now incorporated the Street Cleansing duties, with the separation of Green Space and Environment services retaining responsibility for Parks and Open Spaces.

As a consequence of the redesign and new ways of managing how operations are delivered both services have moved to a City-wide and locality approach, with operatives continuing to operate within individual wards.

Wards	2019 FTE	2020 FTE	2021 FTE	2022 FTE	2023 Cleansing FTE	2023 Green FTE
Bestwood/Basford	24	24	22	27		
Bilborough/Leen/Aspley	39	39	33	33		
Bulwell/Bulwell Forest	30	30	29	26	21	56
City Centre	49	49	64	47	43	0
City Wide (am)	14	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
City Wide (pm)	6	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hyson Green & Arboretum/Radford	23	24	23	29		
Lenton & Wollaton E/Wollaton W	21	19	19	20		
Sherwood/Berridge	20	20	18	18	27	38
Clifton East/West	16	16	11	13		
Dales & Meadows	19	19	18	18		
St Anns/Mapperley	25	25	24	24	22	26
Grand Total	286	285	261	255	113	120

CQ2

Question asked by Councillor Maria Watson of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Waste Services and Parks

Could the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the types of vehicle by age, average time off road for maintenance and book value of the current fleet in use by Street Scene?

Councillor Corall Jenkins replied as follows:

Please see below breakdown of vehicles for the Street Scene structure, for age and book value of the current fleet.

Data regarding the average time off road is not currently recorded but is something that Fleet Services have identified and will be moving towards.

Vehicle Type	Number of Vehicles by Age (Years)																Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
4 x 4									2		1						3
CHASSIS CAB	6	3	10	1	3	1	4	4		19	1	1					73
COMPACT SWEEPER	8			4	8												20
HGV					1		8	2		2							13
PLANT	5	1	13	7	9		5	1	3	4	3		2	1	1	1	56
RCV										3							3
ROAD SWEEPER					1			2									3
VAN		2	0	3	2		3	9	6	1	1						37
Grand Total	19	6	33	15	24	1	20	38	11	29	6	1	2	1	1	1	208

Vehicle Type	Net Book Value by Vehicle Age									Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
4 x 4									£0	£0
CHASSIS CAB	£310,515	£94,907	£407,981	£26,607	£69,011	£25,914	£18,127	£82,521		£1,035,583
COMPACT SWEEPER	£1,552,238			£0	£0					£1,552,238
HGV					£28,471		£37,856	£0		£66,327
PLANT	£164,135	£16,721	£164,171	£52,191	£17,535		£40,368	£5,222	£5,244	£465,588
RCV										£0
ROAD SWEEPER					£62,710			£31,400		£94,109
VAN		£74,409	£205,854	£38,330	£18,312		£24,176	£36,653	£9,075	£406,809
Grand Total	£2,026,888	£186,037	£778,006	£117,129	£196,038	£25,914	£120,527	£155,796	£14,320	£3,620,654

Question asked by Councillor Kirsty Jones of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and HR

Could the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of loans extended to Council owned companies by amount advanced, interest earned and estimated repayment date?

Councillor Audra Wynter replied as follows:

The Council issued £96.059m of loans to its subsidiaries and those it holds an interest in, of which £5.380m has been repaid to date, leaving a loan balance of £90.679m at 31 March 2023.

Entity	Original Loan Value £m	Reaming Loan Balance 31 March 2023 £m
Blueprint	3.324	2.531
Bridge Estate Trust	3.923	1.803
Nottingham Ice Centre	7.384	7.384
Nottingham City Homes	28.158	26.368
NCH - Registered Provider	4.079	3.969
NCH - Enterprises Ltd	19.103	18.536
Robin Hood Energy	30.088	30.088
TOTAL	96.059	90.679

The individual interest rates and interest earned is considered to be commercially sensitive, therefore, these details have not been provided. Gross interest of £2.322m was earned in 2022/23 against the principal loan amount due in 2022/23. For 2023/24 the Council is estimating a £1.094m of gross interest.

Question asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Waste Services and Parks

Could the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the number of missed bin collections in each ward by year since 2018?

Councillor Corall Jenkins replied as follows:

Please see below statistics for reported missed bins for domestic waste. These are the transactions reported by residents either online or via the Customer Hub.

At the start of the Covid pandemic in March 2020 and up until September 2021, approval was in place to remove the missed bin reporting process due to the impact of social distancing rules for staff in vehicles and Covid absences and associated Central Government isolation rules resulting in significant reductions in staffing resource. Priority was directed to residual and recycling collections as aligned to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) guidance published.

Nottingham, like most councils didn't suspend the garden waste collections and asked residents to continue to present their garden bin. If the service could resource

appropriately that day, garden rounds were deployed, however residents were asked not to log a missed garden bin due to the inability to guarantee the service could be offered for every scheduled collection. A refund was given to residents subscribed to the additional garden bin collection service as a gesture of good will in acknowledging that the service was not fully delivered.

Reported Ward	FY						Total
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Aspley	1799	1678	N/A	1037	1998	600	7112
Basford	1281	1436	N/A	830	1621	657	5825
Berridge	1165	1264	N/A	886	1784	361	5460
Bestwood	1874	1959	N/A	1227	2275	731	8066
Bilborough	1807	1896	N/A	993	1955	812	7463
Bulwell	1533	1595	N/A	1052	1856	633	6669
Bulwell Forest	937	1012	N/A	811	1251	578	4589
Castle	233	289	N/A	174	349	92	1137
Clifton East	1492	1615	N/A	982	1735	675	6499
Clifton West	851	827	N/A	459	892	318	3347
Dales	1189	1361	N/A	863	1583	449	5445
Hyson Green & Arboretum	1501	1651	N/A	1149	1565	509	6375
Leen Valley	582	613	N/A	449	1049	355	3048
Lenton & Wollaton East	1201	1385	N/A	1099	1455	330	5470
Mapperley	1178	1212	N/A	932	1662	525	5509
Meadows	506	655	N/A	478	822	360	2821
Radford	974	1009	N/A	793	889	255	3920
Sherwood	1130	1166	N/A	649	1347	457	4749
St Anns	1395	1558	N/A	1490	2131	598	7172
Wollaton West	555	726	N/A	507	1036	357	3181
Grand Total	25201	26926		18881	31277	11675	
Missed %	0.30%	0.32%	N/A	0.40%	0.38%		

* 2020 has no data due to missed bin reporting being off line due to Covid.

* Missed % for 2021 equates to 56.2% of the Financial Year due to missed bin reporting being off line for a period due to Covid