

**Responses to questions from councillors to a Member of Executive Board,
Chair of a Committee or Chair of any other City Council Body requiring a
written response**

CQ8

As Councillor Leslie Ayoola was unable to attend the meeting to ask his question, it received a written response.

**Question asked by Councillor Leslie Ayoola of the Portfolio Holder for
Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion at the meeting of the City Council to be
held on 9 January 2023**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion please update the Council on what steps have been taken following the tragic fire in Clifton that saw the death of a loving mother and two precious children, and how has the Council worked with communities to address their concerns?

Councillor Neghat Khan replied as follows:

Can I thank Councillor Ayoola for his question. First of all, I would like to pay my deepest condolences to the family and friends of the victims of the tragic house fire in Clifton.

As this is part of an on-going criminal investigation, with the trial in May, it is important that we do not prejudice the criminal proceedings with speculation.

On 20 November, Community Protection activated it's on call procedure to task Community Protection officers to Clifton to provide high visibility reassurance patrols, in response to reports of an active house fire. The Community Protection teams liaised with Nottingham City Homes to make emergency accommodation arrangements for those living within the vicinity of the scene and Lord Mayor I'd like to share my appreciation to Nottingham Trent University for providing emergency temporary shelter during the period of evacuation.

Since the incident took place Community Protection teams have worked collaboratively to provide continued reassurance to residents, including a presence at schools and around residential areas close to the scene and additional support to the family.

Our Resident Development team has carried out joint visits to Amadiya Mosque with Police Inspector Karl Thomas to meet with the Imam, family members and the community. They also visited the Gambian Luncheon Club to meet with the Gambian Community Leaders including the Gambian Mosque.

Only days after the tragedy Community Protection and Resident Development officers attended a vigil outside the property. At the beginning of December the Neighbourhood Action Team lead a unique meeting to plan for the next steps of our intervention and how we could continue to support the family and rebuild the community.

A key community leader has been identified as the Police Liaison for the family and we intend to secure funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to install fire

resistant external letterboxes. Fire safety information is being shared with residents as well as prevention advice. We plan to invite Fire and Police Services to more community events to engage and educate residents and be a visible source of advice and guidance.

Lord Mayor I'd like to thank those that attended the memory walk around Clifton on 4 December including my fellow councillors in this Chamber. The walk helped raise further funds towards the families' wishes to build a school in Gambia in the loving memory of this young family.

Finally Lord Mayor, I'd like to thank the Clifton community who have rallied together and this attempt at dividing the community has actually brought this community together. Also the Fire Service, Nottinghamshire Police and the many Community Protection colleagues who have been involved in this matter and continue to support the family and wider community.

WQ1

Question asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 9 January 2023, requesting a written response

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm how much lending was extended by the Council to facilitate the development of the new Nottingham College, whether any interest has been generated on the capital extended and when the capital is expected to be repaid in its entirety?

Councillor Adele Williams replied as follows:

The original loan extended by the Council was for £18.000m, as at 31st December 2022 the principal outstanding was £15.201m. Interest is charged at a state aid compliant rate, since the inception of the loan to 31st December 2022 the Council has received £1.255m. The loan is due to be fully repaid on the 31st October 2033.