

## Responses to Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

**WQ1**

**Written question to be asked by Councillor Maria Watson of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Waste Services and Parks at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023**

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Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the amount spent on the provision of sandbags to prevent flooding for domestic residences and businesses by the Council split out by year since 2019?

Councillor Corall Jenkins replied as follows:

There is not a statutory requirement for a local authority to provide the public with sandbags. It has been agreed by all local authorities in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire that in some circumstances sandbag provision is a service that they would like to provide. Nottingham City Council keeps a limited supply of sand and sandbags in stock for prioritised use across the City and operate in accordance with the Local Resilience Forum Sandbag Policy Guidelines. The Council does not guarantee to be able to provide sandbags to the public in an emergency. There is a commitment to help, but may not be able to reach properties quickly enough and we may need to prioritize our limited resources to those in greater need. Highways Maintenance at Nottingham City Council do not have dedicated budgets for sand bags or the provision of sand bags. On reviewing financial records there is some recorded spend on sand bags in 2022 in the sum of £982 for replenishment of stock. There is no other recorded spend specific sand bags in 2019, 2020, 2021 or 2023. It should be noted that further costs will have been incurred by the service including for materials, sand purchase and provision and resources (these costs cannot be confirmed specific to sand bags).

**WQ2**

**Written question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Housing at the meeting of the City Council to be held 13 November 2023**

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Can the Portfolio Holder provide a comparison of the amount spent by Nottingham Housing Services on its housing repair team versus the amount spent on external contractors?

Councillor Jay Hayes replied as follows:

The total budget for repairs is approximately £23m, of that budget approximately £5.2m is currently delivered through external contractors to support the internal workforce delivering corrective works to occupied and empty homes. This includes

specialist works that would not represent best value to directly deliver due to volume or specialism.

### WQ3

#### Written question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty Jones of the Portfolio Holder for Housing at the meeting of the City Council to be held 13 November 2023

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Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the number of Council tenanted properties with boilers by type i.e. electric, gas, combination that fall into the following age brackets:

- 1 – 3 years
- 4 – 6 years
- 7 – 10 years
- Over 10 years old

Councillor Jay Hayes replied as follows:

Type	0 - 3 YEARS	4 - 6 YEARS	7 - 10 YEARS	OVER 10 YEARS OLD	Grand Total
Ground Source Heat Pumps (Electrical)		36			36
Communal Gas Boilers	81	82	95	46	304
District Heating	92	4	268	2275	2639
Domestic Gas Boilers	3350	3076	2985	11771	21182
Air Source Heat pumps (Electrical)	17				17
Electrical Heating	84	39	75	308	506
Grand Total	3624	3237	3423	14400	24684

### WQ4

#### Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance at the meeting of the City Council to be held 13 November 2023

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Could the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of what income is generated by the Council from the 7% of Loxley House that is occupied by external parties?

Councillor Audra Wynter replied as follows:

The total income received by the Council from lettings to third party occupiers is £502,597.39. A detailed breakdown of the income received from individual parties is exempt from publication under paragraph number 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Council and, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. It is not in the public interest to disclose this information because it

relates to commercially sensitive information the disclosure of which could adversely prejudice the outcome of future discussions and negotiations.