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Council Meeting

14 October 2025

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Answer:

The team has not tested any illegal vapes for synthetic cannabinoids or dangerous chemicals or metals. Testing for synthetic cannabinoids would be a matter for the Police. However, vapes advertised as 0% nicotine have been tested to ascertain if they contain nicotine.

Regarding contamination, this information is not available

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- how many reported fly-tipping incidents there have been in the last 18 months?
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Answer:

Council records for 2024 /25 show that there were 6428 incidents of flytipping and a further 2191 in Q1 of 2025 -2026

During this period, the Environmental Enforcement team had issued the following for waste related offences:

872 warning letters

45 Duty of care proactive visits

791 notices

213 fixed penalties

5 prosecutions pending [currently awaiting court dates]

Please note that all reports of fly tipping are investigated to look for evidence and the Environmental Enforcement team deal with a wide range of environmental nuisance and criminal acts.

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TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“Please could the Cabinet Member detail by ward the following:

- The number of traffic calming schemes implemented within in the last 2 years,
- The cost of implemented traffic calming schemes”

Answer:

Thank you for your question seeking further information on traffic calming schemes implemented within the last 2 years.

We now take a tailored, evidence-led approach to traffic management that goes beyond traditional physical measures like speed humps and buildouts. Our aim is to deliver solutions that respond to local concerns while also considering the wider impact across the highway network—ensuring interventions are co-ordinated, effective, proportionate, and offer good value for money.

Our current programme includes a diverse range of measures, such as:

- **Road lining and signage improvements**, including schemes delivered in the last 12 months on Broad Lane, Tile Hill Lane at Herald Avenue, and Ansty Road at Clifford Bridge Road.
- **Signal and crossing upgrades**, with 10 pelican crossings upgraded in the past year through a successful DfT grant. Additional improvements have been delivered at Holbrook Lane/Hen Lane, Leamington Road/Daventry Road, and the A45 at Canley Ford.
- **Traffic Regulation Orders**, including nearly 50 new roads under Variation 13 which was confirmed this year and aims to improve traffic control. We've also promoted speed reductions in areas such as Allesley Park and Kenilworth Road, and are currently reviewing our policy on 20mph speed limits.
- **School Streets**, with four schemes introduced in the last 12 months and three more planned for 2026 our school streets programme continues to develop and we will continue to drive this forward in the future.
- **Junction improvements**, including works at Grange Road and Lawrence Saunders Road to better manage traffic flow.
- **Average Speed Enforcement (ASE)**, where Coventry is leading the way. Phase 6 of our initiative went live this year, adding three new corridors to one of the most comprehensive ASE networks outside London. We continue to work closely with West Midlands Police to explore further expansion.
- **Traditional engineering solutions**, such as raised features installed as part of the Earlsdon Liveable Neighbourhood Scheme, at Eburne Road, and currently under construction at Siddeley Avenue.

We're also investing in active travel corridors, including the Binley and Coundon routes, which help calm traffic while promoting safer, more sustainable travel options. These complement traditional traffic calming and reflect our commitment to integrated transport planning.

Delivery is coordinated through our Local Network Improvement Programme, which focuses on four key themes and has an overall budget of £2.7million:

- Traffic Management
- Local Safety Schemes
- Vulnerable Road Users
- Traffic Signals

It should be noted however that our teams do not work in isolation and wherever possible we work to link funding opportunities, future developments and our ongoing maintenance programme together to enhance the operation of the network. A good example of this can be seen in the work of our teams to bring in external funding to add value and deliver changes a good example of

which can be seen in our Active Travel Fund 5 allocation which will see a range of enhancements coming forward across the network including four new enhanced pedestrian crossings facilities, including on Jobs Lane at the junction of Jardine Crescent which will help to manage the flow of traffic and enhance pedestrian safety.

Importantly, our approach is delivering results. Collision and casualty figures continue to decline, supporting our long-term ambition to reduce casualties by 50% by 2030.

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Why did it take 12 emails to have the fly-tipped waste seen to?

What will be done to improve response times and efficiency to better address health and safety concerns?”

Answer:

The council-owned parcel of land at Budbrook Close / Pailton Close / Milverton Road, leased to Orbit housing, was subject to fly tipping, but maintenance and clearance are the leaseholder's responsibility.

Following complaints in August 2025, Environmental Enforcement officers served notice on the leaseholder to clear the site and recommend security improvements.

The leaseholder cleared non-hazardous waste and engaged specialists to remove hazardous materials like asbestos, keeping officers informed and being granted extra time due to the waste's nature and volume. Officers are awaiting confirmation on when the site will be secured and how they intend to reduce the impact of similar situations in the future.

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planned to be completed by end of the winter season. This work includes the development of one 'Master Sheet' to collect data on how the rounds are performing. Once work is completed, the link can be shared with all Members" I don't believe we have received this".

Answer:

Streetpride have been reviewing all mechanical cleansing rounds, and this is now nearing completion, as the aim of this more recent review was to increase frequency of mechanical cleansing in the most problematic areas and to include a different frequency for cycle routes. The review is due for completion by end of November at which point a planned schedule of cleansing will be available on one Master Spreadsheet for upload onto the CCC webpages. With regards to drain clearing (gully emptying), Highways have recently reviewed the cleansing schedule, and this is now ready to be shared online. It will detail which Wards of the City are being cleaned month by month.

7.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Lewis

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor N Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities

TEXT OF QUESTION:

"How much section 106 money was collected per ward over the last 5 years and how much per ward remains unspent?"

Answer:

"The following table shows the amount of s106 contributions received per ward over the last 5 years and the amount per ward unspent:

Ward	Total Received	Total Unspent
Bablake	19,358,529.52	18030665.77
Binley and Willenhall	1,378,385.44	229213.65
Cheylesmore	431,611.42	174646.39
Earlsdon	0.00	15310.79
Foleshill	955,780.69	863448.47
Henley	2,753,533.59	2481612.97
Holbrook	2,741,594.94	768062.96
Longford	87,645.90	246889.62
Lower Stoke	1,330,103.83	1377525.17
Radford	0.00	120592.14
Sherbourne	1,095,150.76	660884.05
St. Michael's	160,055.63	314310.67
Upper Stoke	140,496.52	65428.32
Wainbody	1,091,336.45	749089.55
Westwood	757,265.23	1210937.68
Whoberley	0.00	13268.81
Woodlands	1,702,537.59	1044131.7
Wyken	112,544.00	244526.11
	34,096,571.51	28610544.82

Notes

Figures exclude monitoring fees and NHS contributions.

Amounts unspent include amounts allocated but not yet drawn-down."

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b) If the figure is lower than 100%, what percentage of those:

- are women
- are racialised minorities
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Answer:

The City Councils pay scales commence at Grade 1 , spinal column point 2, which is an hourly rate of £12.65 per hour or £24,413 per annum on a full basis. Therefore, all employees earn above the Real Living Wage Foundation rate.

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	TEXT OF QUESTION: “What is the pay ratio between the Chief Executive and the lowest salaried Council worker calculated on a pro rata basis?” Answer: The current pay ratios are as follows for 24/25 as reported in the annual Pay Policy Statement is: Chief Executive to lowest paid employee = 1:8.9