

COUNCIL – 23RD JANUARY 2023

ITEM 10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

10.1 Councillor Anne Gray – Improvements to Charnwood Borough Council Properties

I am delighted housing contractors are now starting to deal with the backlog of works across the Borough, and, as underspends in works are still possible, could the Housing Department draw up quotes to provide insulation to CBC properties, including external wall insulation where necessary, in order to improve tenant's health, reduce their energy bills and reduce our carbon footprint?

The Leader or his nominee will respond:

The Council has very recently received the results of a high-level energy study from Savills UK. This information is currently being analysed, however the initial results show that, when compared to other landlords, there are relatively few suitable properties of solid wall or non-traditional construction which have not been externally insulated. This is because the Council completed a significant number of external wall insulations around a decade ago. The focus going forward will be to analyse the data from Savills and look at our future investment programmes to identify properties for further energy efficiency works. This of course, is subject to affordability, and energy improvements are one priority amongst a range of stock investment needs and options.

10.2 Councillor Miah – Temporary Accommodation

How many people are being provided temporary accommodation at the present time?

The Leader or his nominee will respond:

Active temporary accommodation placements at 31st December 2022:

Type of accommodation	Number
Bed and breakfast	12
• Households containing dependent children / pregnant women	1
• Single persons / couples / other household types	11
Emergency bed	3
• Households containing dependent children / pregnant women	0
• Single persons / couples / other household types	3
Council property	118
• Households containing dependent children /	79

<i>pregnant women</i>	
• <i>Single persons / couples / other household types</i>	39
Total	133

Please note that the number and duration of temporary accommodation placements (particularly bed and breakfast placements) have recently been reduced significantly. This is due to work that has been carried out to ensure the prioritisation of identification of alternative temporary and longer-term accommodation options and move-on arrangements.

Active temporary accommodation placements as at 31st July 2022:

Type of accommodation	Number
Bed and breakfast	44
• <i>Households containing dependent children / pregnant women</i>	14
• <i>Single persons / couples / other household types</i>	30
Emergency bed	3
• <i>Households containing dependent children / pregnant women</i>	0
• <i>Single persons / couples / other household types</i>	3
Council property	114
• <i>Households containing dependent children / pregnant women</i>	75
• <i>Single persons / couples / other household types</i>	39
Total	161

10.3 Councillor Miah – Temporary Accommodation Providers

How much was spent in each of the past 12 months on Temporary accommodation for those presenting themselves homeless in Charnwood? Please can you name and list the top three accommodation providers in terms of cost and how much has been paid to each provider in the past 12 months?

The Leader or his nominee will respond:

Spend between 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022:

Month	Spend
January 2022	£81,331.00
February 2022	£45,015.00
March 2022	£97,779.00
April 2022	£70,439.00
May 2022	£85,232.00
June 2022	£77,504.00
July 2022	£76,750.00
August 2022	£83,450.00

September 2022	£64,481.00
October 2022	£39,176.00
November 2022	£42,368.00
December 2022	£30,222.00
Total	£793,747.00
COVID-19 grant income	-£92,884.00
	£700,863.00

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Please note that during some months spend was impacted by discretionary placements under the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol and under the COVID-19 initiatives for rough sleepers (individuals who are not owed an accommodation duty by the council). £92,884.00 of the additional cost relating to placements made under the COVID-19 initiatives for rough sleepers was offset by grant funding that was received to support COVID-19 related services.

Highest spend between 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022:

Provider	Spend
Charnwood Regency Hotel	£270,167.00
Ibis Hotel Birstall	£134,133.00
Three Queens Hotel Burton Upon Trent	£95,478.00
Total	£499,778.00

Please note that the majority of placements in hotels located outside of the Charnwood area were discretionary placements under the COVID-19 initiatives and Severe Weather Emergency Protocol for rough sleepers (for individuals who are not owed an accommodation duty by the council), or placements relating to individuals who are at risk within the Charnwood area / pose risks to residents within the Charnwood area.

10.4 Councillor Miah – Length of Temporary Accommodation

What is the average length of time temporary accommodation is provided for? And what is the longest period we have had to provide temporary accommodation for a particular individual or family in the past two years?

The Leader or his nominee will respond:

Average duration of placements that commenced between 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2022 (including placements still active as at 31st December 2022):

Type of accommodation	Average
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Bed and breakfast	35 days
Emergency bed	44 days
Council property	234 days

Please note that these figures are based on records of individual placements by accommodation type. Some households may have been placed multiple times / in multiple different accommodation types.

Longest duration of placements that ended between 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2022:

Type of accommodation	Duration
Bed and breakfast	515 days
Emergency bed	212 days
Council property	1476 days

Please note that these figures are based on records of individual placements by accommodation type. Some households may have been placed multiple times / in multiple different accommodation types.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO COUNCIL – PROCEDURE

- Councillors are required to submit a question on notice in writing by 12noon on the eighth working day prior to Council, the title of the question is published on the Council Agenda.
- Questions and responses will be published at the end of the previous working day (usually the Friday prior to a Council meeting on a Monday) and will be available at the Council meeting for Councillors, the press, and the public.
- After the questions and responses are published **Councillors may indicate that they wish to ask a supplementary question by noon on the day of the Council meeting.**
- The Mayor will invite those Councillors who have indicated that they wish to do so to ask a supplementary question.
- The Leader (or relevant Lead Member on behalf of the Leader) or Chair of the Committee is able to respond.
- The total time each person can speak on a single question is time limited.