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Councillor John Cotton  
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Sent by email

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Dear John

**Transparency ahead of s114 Extraordinary Meeting of the City Council**

Given your pledge to be open, transparent, and honest, and the need to ensure elected members can make informed and constructive contributions at the meeting, we write to ask you to instruct officers to make the following information available as part of the document pack for the EGM on 25 September 2023

1. The Email and PowerPoint of 3 Feb, sent to you and Cllrs Ward and Jones, relating to Equal Pay and a potential liability of up to £800m
2. Copies of the public and private cabinet reports of 2017 and 2019 relating to the waste dispute resolution
3. A copy of the proposals you put forward to the DHLUC for an improvement panel to support Birmingham, which you also referenced at City Council.
4. Copies of all correspondence between you and DHLUC since you became Leader
5. Copies of all correspondence and date and times of phone calls with you and other cabinet members relating to the issuing of the s114 notice
6. Copy of the unedited notice from Auditors issuing a statutory recommendation
7. Copy of all requested changes from Cabinet Members to that auditors report
8. Copy of all correspondence from Auditors relating to Equal Pay in the last 6 years
9. List of dates and times Officers have emailed you about Equal Pay in the last 6 years

10. Copy of all reports and briefings to Cabinet Members regarding the Job Evaluation Scheme agreed in 2020, over the last 4 years
11. Copy of any financial measures including solutions/savings/cuts/sales the Council has proposed to DHLUC since May 2023
12. Copy of any correspondence between you and officers regarding Option 3 in the Job Evaluation Scheme report to CMBC
13. Copy of any emails from anyone in Cabinet instructing officers not to proceed with officer-recommended actions on Job Evaluation

I am sure you would agree it is in the best interests of openness, transparency and honesty that these papers are shared. Please accept this letter in the spirit of helpfulness and putting the City first at this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely



Councillor Robert Alden



Councillor Ewan Mackey