

Meeting: Council  
Date: 12 July 2007  
Report of: Director of Strategy & Governance  
Subject: Written Questions from Councillors  
Wards affected: All

Item	Question	From
7(a)	“Does the Leader of the Council support the proposals in the Conservative Party “Cities Taskforce” report by Lord Heseltine, commissioned and supported by David Cameron, calling for a “massive transfer of power” to directly elected mayors with only “loose scrutiny” by Councillors?”	Councillor Morgan
7(b)	“Is the Leader of the Council aware of the recent Times/Populus poll of Conservative MPs which showed 48% of Tory MPs disagree with the statement: ‘ <i>The diverse mix of races, cultures &amp; religions now found in our society has improved Britain</i> ’ and that only 54% of Tory MPs think gay couples should have the same rights as heterosexual couples? Will he disassociate his Group from these views and will he reassure this city’s BME and sizeable LGBT communities that the Conservative Administration is fully committed to the Equalities policies established over the past twenty years under Labour?”	Councillor Morgan
7(c)	<p>“The introduction of Communal Bins in some city centre areas has significantly reduced the incidence of sacks of refuse being dumped on pavements that are then torn open by wildlife. This has considerably improved the cleanliness of these neighbourhoods.</p> <p>However, there are still many areas of the city where split refuse sacks on pavements is an ongoing concern, leading to refuse spilling across streets and complaints from residents.</p>	Councillor Mitchell

	<p>Very many sub-divided properties in the city do not have refuse storage areas.</p> <p>Would the Chairman of the Environment Committee give specific details of how he will be solving this problem by addressing the need for residents in areas of high density housing to have somewhere convenient to place their refuse for regular collection instead of having to contain a week's refuse within their flats and bed-sits."</p>	
7(d)	<p>"Following all party agreement, both at the Licensing Committee and Full Council, to pursue the option of promoting a Private Bill through Parliament to deal with licence applications for sex encounter establishments, can Councillor Oxley tell the council what steps he has taken to take this matter further?"</p>	