

# WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 18 July 2016

### AGENDA ITEM

#### Questions from Members of the Public

##### 1. Question from Mr T Snaith to the Leader of the Council

The Chairman has started an initiative for his year "Let's celebrate volunteers and make Wycombe the best place to be."

He urged councillors to volunteer one extra hour a week, which would be very much appreciated by the community

I would like to ask the WDC leader what is being planned and how WDC resources and staff will be used to meet the Chairman's volunteering initiative and make Wycombe a better place to be.

**Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).**

##### 2. Question from Mr M Chadwick to the Cabinet Member for Environment

A report earlier this year by the Royal College of Physicians concluded that each year in the UK around 40,000 premature deaths are attributable to exposure to outdoor air pollution, much of which arises from emissions from traffic. In busy urban areas, nitrous oxide levels still exceed limits set in the 1990s which should have been fully achieved in 2010.

In 2002 Wycombe District Council designated an Air Quality Management Area along the M40 corridor because the target levels were being breached. Since then, annual progress reports have been published, including results from monitoring at other locations in the District. Every year since 2010, levels exceeding the guidelines have been found at several locations in urban High Wycombe, and, since 2013, central Marlow, with a resultant recommendation that new Air Quality Management Areas need to be designated. This has not happened.

Six years on, and with the dangers to health from poor air quality now undeniable, does the Cabinet Member agree that it is high time for steps to be taken to properly recognise and address the issue, and what plans does the Council have to do so?

**Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J Teesdale (Cabinet Member for Environment).**

##### 3. Question from Mr R Colomb to the Leader of the Council

I believe that on 16th June 2016 you and the Chief Executive attended an Achievements Awards Ceremony at the London Hilton, sponsored by the Municipal Journal. The Council was shortlisted in the 'Commercialism in the Property Estate' category

Would you please advise how much the Council spent preparing and submitting its bid, and how much was spent attending the Awards Ceremony?

**Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).**