

Council Supplement

Date: 10 October 2016
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber
District Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, on 10 October 2016 at 6.30 pm to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

Ms K Satterford
Chief Executive

Agenda

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| | Written questions may be asked of the leader or any Cabinet member if submitted to the Head of Democratic, Legal and Policy Services no later than 12 noon on Monday 3 October 2016. Questions will be submitted in the order they which they were received. | |
| | A questioner will have a maximum of 1 minute to ask a question and the answer shall not exceed 3 minutes. Any Questioner may put one supplementary question without notice within a maximum time of 1 minute and the answer may not exceed 2 minutes. | |
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| | Questions to the Leader or any Cabinet Members must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday 3 October 2016. Questions shall be taken first from the Group Leaders of the political parties who shall be entitled to ask on initial Leader`s question, including the right to adopt another Member`s question from his/her group, of which written notice shall have been given to the Head of Democratic, Legal and Policy Services prior to the meeting. | |
| | The order of questions shall then permit the first question from each other Councillor to be asked before any subsequent questions from the same Councillor. One question will be taken in turn from the same Councillor unless there are no other questions to be asked. | |

Every Member asking an oral question is permitted to ask one supplementary question without notice provided that it not substantially the same as a question that was put to a Council meeting during the past six months.

The appropriate member will respond to any questions remaining unanswered at the expiry of 30 minutes in writing. Any question remaining unanswered after 30 minutes will be answered within 10 working days in writing after the meeting by the appropriate Member and appended to the minutes of the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM 5

Questions from Members of the Public

1. Question from Mr J Hoggett to the Leader of the Council

The Town Council model is one that has given many more urban towns a greater say in their own affairs given that the needs of a town and a district-at-large can often be very different. The model gives citizens more devolved powers in order to have a greater say on more specific issues with in their communities. Will the Leader of the Council look in to establishing a High Wycombe Town Council?

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

2. Question from Mr D Chandler to the Cabinet Member for Community

Six years ago, on 30th September, my eight year old daughter Olivia tragically died from an asthma attack. A week ago, on the anniversary of her death, my wife and children visited her grave together at High Wycombe Cemetery. We were very upset to discover that many personal items had been removed from her grave. We know that other families have also had the graves of loved ones vandalised in this way. Can you tell me what security is already in place to keep the cemetery safe and secure and what else could be done to prevent other families experiencing the same distress that we have?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J A Adey (Cabinet Member for Community).

3. Question from Ms N Rana to the Leader of the Council

In August of this year, the House of Commons issued a report identifying Muslim women as the most 'economically disadvantaged' group in the UK. Unemployment, family culture and prejudice were just three of the reasons given for this.

What steps can Wycombe District Council take to promote opportunities for this group of women?

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

4. Question from Ms T Kershaw to the Cabinet Member for Community

The purpose of a PSPO is to deal with a particular nuisance behaviour, would consistent illegal and dangerous parking outside schools included in the proposed area be deemed as 'nuisance behaviour'?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J A Adey (Cabinet Member for Community).

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AGENDA ITEM 6

Questions from Members

1. Question from Councillor R Raja to the Leader of the Council

The draft local plan, (as it says in the foreword to the document) "sets out the long term vision for the District, identifying where new homes, jobs and infrastructure will be created..." The plan also states that by the year 2033 (which is roughly as many years away as we are from the end of the last century), about 15,000 homes will need to be built, of which the unmet need for a third will be provided by AVDC. Now that the consultation has been completed and in the face of vociferous NIMBY opposition from some areas can the leader tell us whether the draft plan is still on track, and is AVDC still interested in collaborating with WDC about accepting 5,000 homes?

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

2. Question from Councillor M Knight to the Leader of the Council

Recently Bucks County Council voted to support the idea of a unitary authority for Buckinghamshire and their report talks about boosting the role of town and parish councils to ensure adequate representation of local communities.

Do you agree that this leaves the unparished areas of High Wycombe in a vulnerable position and therefore decisive action is required now to ensure that the 14% of the population of the county who live in this area are properly represented at all levels?

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

3. Question from Councillor B Pearce to the Cabinet Member for Planning

I am sure the Cabinet Member would agree with me that Daws Hill Lane must rate as the worst major road in Buckinghamshire and it is an absolute disgrace. Of course there is the large development being constructed at the moment on the old RAF site (a benefit of the peace dividend). But do you agree with me that Taylor Wimpey should contribute considerably to the upkeep and the repair of this road because at the moment it is an utter disgrace?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor D Johncock (Cabinet Member for Planning).

4. Question from Councillor N Teesdale to the Cabinet Member for Environment

For the last twelve years, the residents of Sands, have been exposed to noxious odours produced by an industrial process on the Sands Industrial Estate.

Will the Cabinet Member assure me that a report will be produced to the appropriate Committee outlining the options available to this Council in order to bring an end to this nuisance?

Only then will the residents of Sands be able to once again fully enjoy their homes and gardens.

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

5. Question from Councillor T Green to the Cabinet Member for Community

Please would the Cabinet Member tell me the cost of clearing up after the travellers who camped on the public open space at Terriers last month?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J A Adey (Cabinet Member for Community).

6. Question from Councillor Ms J Wassell to the Leader of the Council

Will there be additional parking and free parking in Wycombe during December for seasonal shopping? I assume that arrangements will be made specifically at the Marsh Retail Park where there was chaos and tailbacks onto the A40 last year.

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

7. Question from Councillor S Graham to the Cabinet Member for Planning

The Bucks Free Press recently reported that Buckinghamshire could become a 'working age ghost town' in the next generation if action is not taken to boost its job market according to a leading voice in business.

Does the cabinet member for planning and sustainable development share this view, and if not, what steps are being taken to ensure Wycombe remains a vibrant and a living Town?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor D Johncock (Cabinet Member for Planning).

8. Question from Councillor B Pearce to the Cabinet Member for Planning

Before planning consent is approved for large developments consideration could be given to the infrastructure of the road network and sewerage network to the area concerned.

Considering that we are going through a testing time in Wycombe District Council District trying to meet the Government's quota on new housing development. Do you agree with me that it is sometimes very frustrating when the development takes place long before the infrastructure is constructed?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor D Johncock (Cabinet Member for Planning).

9. Question from Councillor R Raja to the Leader of the Council

WDC currently appears to have over £3.5M in a fund (“CIL”) targeted at supporting future infrastructure projects. Would the leader like to tell us how best to make use of these reserves to improve the life of local residents?

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

10. Question from Councillor Ms J Wassell to the Cabinet Member for Planning

A proposal was put forward by the County Council for an East Wycombe Panoramic Walkway passing through Micklefield, Totteridge and Bowerdean to the Railway Station. I instigated this as a way to encourage walking and make footpath improvements. The District Council felt unable to support this scheme at present. What further work is required to enable you to support this scheme?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor D Johncock (Cabinet Member for Planning).

11. Question from Councillor M Knight to the Leader of the Council

Today is World Mental Health day. On 21st September a Commons Select Committee published a report into mental health services which made a number of recommendations including developing an effective strategy to integrate health services and to join up relevant public services to ensure continuity of care for those with mental health problems.

Could you outline how frontline services at Wycombe District Council, such as Housing and Revenues and Benefits, integrate positively with local mental health services?

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

12. Question from Councillor R Raja to the Leader of the Council

Although the council is boosting its overall balance sheet, it is reducing “usable reserves” and boosting “unusable reserves”. Would she agree that this seems wrong at a time of planned investment in housing, especially, when most of the boost in the balance sheet originates from changes in the valuations of existing assets?

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

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Questions from Members under Standing Order 11.2

1. Question from Councillor M Hanif to the Cabinet Member for Community / Cabinet Member for Youth & External Partnerships

I have attended students graduation ceremony at BNU recently and there was talk about students going out of town because there is not much night life entertainment for them in our town. Students contribute a lot in the success and prosperity of our town. We should work closely with BNU and see what's the best way forward in catering for the need of the students.

Are there any plans to provide any entertainment in the form of night clubs or something on that line in the near future?

Written reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J A Adey (Cabinet Member for Community) or Councillor D Carroll (Cabinet Member for Youth and External Partnerships).

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