

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 23 February 2017

AGENDA ITEM

Questions from Members of the Public

1. Question from Mr J Hoggett to the Cabinet Member for Community

Will the cabinet member support MP, Carolyn Harris', campaign to make all under 18 burials free of charge given the immense feeling of loss and sadness families suffer after a premature death by implementing the scheme in Wycombe despite current lack of government support?

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

2. Question from Mr M Foyle-York to the Leader of the Council

Last year billionaire Mike Ashley raked in profits of over £380m from Sports Direct. This retail chain operates in High Wycombe, and its wealth is generated by workers on zero/low hour contracts, and they don't even get paid a decent wage.

Will this Council now take steps to pressure multi-million pound businesses operating in the Wycombe District area, places like the Eden Centre, into properly employing their workers with a genuine wage and a guarantee of respectable hours?

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

3. Question from Mr R Colomb to the Cabinet Member for Environment

This weekend sees the Council reinstate the 'pay and display' system in its car parks following the debacle of the 'ANPR experiment'.

Would you please identify how much the Council has wasted in installing ANPR before the Government had changed the regulations to permit Councils to be provided with the same information that the DVLA furnishes to private car park operators.

Please split the costs into the following categories:

- I. Cost of employing consultants to develop the ANPR scheme;
- II. Cost of removing Pay & Display equipment;
- III. Cost of installing ANPR;
- IV. Cost of redundancies;
- V. Estimated loss of revenue;
- VI. Cost of re-instating Pay & Display;
- VII. Cost of staff recruitment;
- VIII. TOTAL cost.

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