



Council Supplement – Items 5 & 6 : Public & Member Questions

Date: 11 December 2017
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber
District Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe Bucks

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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 4 December 2017. Questions will be submitted in the order in 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 4 December 2017. Questions shall be taken first from the Group Leaders of the political parties who shall be entitled to ask an 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 is not substantially the same as a question that was put to a Council meeting during the past 6 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

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11 December 2017

AGENDA ITEM 5

Questions from Members of the Public

1. Question from Mr R B Colomb to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration

With regard to the 210 tons of rubbish dumped by travellers earlier this year at the Handy Cross Hub would the Cabinet Member care to explain why no preventative action was taken to stop what must have been 70 truckloads entering the site whilst the travellers were in situ?

Whilst I realise the rights of travellers are complicated surely it was possible to block entry to vehicles entering the site to break the law by illegal tipping of rubbish.

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor S Broadbent (Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration).

Agenda Item 6

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AGENDA ITEM 6

Questions from Members

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

As the cabinet has now approved the replacement of Saunderton Lodge as the future temporary accommodation provision for vulnerable members of society, would the Leader like to tell us what the likely plans are for the Saunderton Lodge land and can she reassure us that the land will only be used for social use and not be sold off to increase the surplus on the council's balance sheet?

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

It has been reported that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javed, is very close to making a decision regarding the unitary authority proposals. If he were to bring news that 2018 is to be a happy new year for you do you anticipate any changes would be made to the plans given that they were put together almost a year ago?

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

3. Question from Councillor K Ahmed to the Cabinet Member for Community

A Children's Centre in Totteridge has 979 children under the age of 5 living in its catchment area. 628 of these (more than 64%) are registered with the Children's Centre. 375 of these children (over 38%) have had at least one contact with the Children's Centre over the last year and 191 (over 19%) have had multiple.

Clearly, this is a vital service on which many local residents rely, so why isn't WDC protesting more actively against planned closure of this and many other centres?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor G Peart (Cabinet Member for Community).

4. Question from Councillor M Asif to the Cabinet Member for Planning

Would the cabinet member for planning like to tell us whether he is confident that WDC residents have given him a good idea about their concerns and reservations about the local plan; and would he like to tell us about the broad areas of public approval or concern?

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

5. Question from Councillor Ms J Wassell to the Cabinet Member for Housing

Please can you update us on the numbers of residents currently placed in Bed and Breakfast outside of Wycombe District? I am particularly concerned about families with young children being placed there.

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J Langley (Cabinet Member for Housing).

6. Question from Councillor M Abdullah Hashmi to the Leader of the Council.

In light of the many episodes of harassment reported elsewhere and the lack of adequate processes for victims to make confidential complaints that these reports exposed, does WDC have any plans to update its own complaints procedures to offer greater guarantees of confidentiality to those raising the complaints and does the council have procedures in place to investigate such harassment complaints satisfactorily?

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 Economic Development & Regeneration

The Bucks Free Press dated 24.11 2017 features a story that the historic Library could be used for offices.

The building has stood empty since the library moved to the Eden shopping centre.

A number of options have been considered for its future over the years ,including putting it up for sale or handing it over to charitable trust, but so far none of those options have come through.

The County Council now wants this historic town centre building to be used for a wide range of purposes including offices and community use.

My question to the Cabinet Member for economic development is 'Can the member tell me whether he has been involved, or been contacted by the County Council, in respect of their intentions as have been reported in the Free Press'?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor S Broadbent (Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration).

8. Question from Councillor Ms J Wassell to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration

A recent Question at the County Council revealed that the Old Library will be converted to offices and community space. The answer also stated ' we are currently awaiting a licence from Wycombe District Council for access to the rear of the building. Once received, we will submit a planning application for change of use from Library to offices'.

Can you kindly update us on the progress of this licence?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor S Broadbent (Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration).

9. Question from Councillor M Knight to the Cabinet Member for Community

Attending the Christmas light switch on in Frogmoor it was a delight to see it full of many families from High Wycombe and the wider district enjoying themselves. It is unfortunate that the rest of the year Frogmoor is increasingly becoming an area which families avoid due to a small minority of people being drunk and behaving erratically. I hope to think that we all recognise that a balanced approach is needed to tackle this issue where both enforcement and comprehensive support for people with substance misuse issues go hand in hand. We have been promised a multi-agency coordinated approach in the past.

Could you provide an update on how this is going and what factors are inhibiting progress?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor G Peart (Cabinet Member for Community).