



WYCOMBE
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Council – Supplement – Item 6: Questions from Members

Date: 19 December 2019
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber
District Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe on 19 December 2019 at 6.30 pm to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

Mr J East
Chief Executive

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Questions to the Leader or any Cabinet Member must be submitted by 12 noon on Thursday 12 December 2019.

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.

Questions shall be taken first from the Group Leaders of the political parties who shall be entitled to ask an initial Leader`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.

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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COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 19 December 2019

AGENDA ITEM 6

Questions from Members

1. Question from Councillor M Knight to Cabinet Member for Environment

In recent months my colleagues and I have received numerous complaints from across the district about household refuse collections by our contractor, Serco.

Collections seem to be frequently missed, collection days have been changed without notice, the required location of bins to be placed for collection has been changed, again without notice, and damaged bins have not been replaced like for like.

Increasingly it would appear that collection crews are having to work late into the evening in order to complete rounds which are perhaps unrealistic. This makes me concerned for staff welfare and safety.

Can you explain to me the reasons for these changes to the service and if you find them reasonable and within the expectations set out in the contract?

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

2. Question from Councillor B Pearce to Cabinet Member for Environment

As you know, the new waste disposal contractor, Serco, only operate large collection vehicles.

This unfortunately presents a problem in two roads in the ward that I represent.

One is Squirrel Lane in Booker. The lane is very narrow and can only really accommodate large vans. Residents in this road have to struggle and put out bags which can be quite heavy, sometimes as many as eight and these obviously haven't got wheels.

When they are put out the night before, foxes and dogs tend to rip the bags open in order to obtain food items.

Another road where there is a problem is Gillfield Close in Cressex which again is a narrow road with often many parked cars and the collections are often missed due to lack of accessibility.

Would you not agree with me that it would be advantageous for this company to purchase small wheely bin type refuse vehicles similar to the ones operated by Biffa in South Bucks?

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

3. Question from Councillor T Green to the Leader of the Council

Would the Leader agree with me that given all the good work carried by Wycombe District Council on community cohesion, it was disappointing to see people encouraging residents to vote in the recent election on religious grounds rather than political ones?

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

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

I was disappointed to read that there was not wholehearted support for suggestions for improving the Market.

Do you think themes such as locally produced products or international cuisine could be reconsidered?

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