

Item 4:

Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 22 September 2022.

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

A. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"In respect of the plans for the LRIE to remain an industrial estate one can assume that vehicle movements will remain roughly the same so is the new A339 junction just another tax payer funded white elephant demonstrating that the council cannot be trusted with the public purse?"

B. Question submitted by Richard Bobrucki to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Please may I have an update on the progress on the development of the Lido at the Northcroft Leisure Centre, including milestones reached so far and the next significant steps?"

C. Question submitted by Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"Can the Council please provide full details on how much officers time, over the past 10 years, has been recorded against the overall "LRIE re-development project"?"

D. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport & Countryside:

"Why does the last bus for Thatcham on Monday to Saturday leave Newbury at 8.25pm, whereas the last bus for Theale leaves Reading at 22.30, and for Burghfield and Mortimer leaves Reading at 23.00?"

E. Question submitted by Graham Storey to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Why was the Weavers Yard development on land owned by the council allowed to be developed with 1) no social housing included, and 2) just 13 affordable apartments out of 232, well outside the council's policy of 30% affordable housing policy for brown field sites"

F. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"Please can the Council say if the London Road Industrial Estate Steering Group changed its name to the London Road Industrial Estate Project Board? and can you provide an updated list of the current members (Councillors and Officers) of this Steering Group /Project Board with their respective roles and responsibilities?"

G. Question submitted by Vaughan Miller to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"With the pending / upcoming Judicial Review, and despite the council's publicly expressed confidence in their case, would it not be prudent, in light of

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the Council's track record with legal challenges, to remove the risk of wasting yet more taxpayers money should they lose the case, by withdrawing the current application / approval and submitting a new application that is totally unambiguous and states categorically that the Monks Lane Sports Hub is intended as the main part of a replacement facility for the Faraday Road Football Stadium?"

H. Question submitted by Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"When will the Council end its ban on allowing organised children's football on the football pitch in Faraday Road?"

I. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"What problems in relation to planning does the council see in turning a greenfield (faraday rd pitch) into a brownfield site?"

J. Question submitted by Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Can the Council please confirm the details (scope) and £ value of the contract(s) awarded (to date) to Alliance Leisure Services with respect to the Monks Lane Sports Hub?"

K. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport & Countryside:

"Why did the Council identify the need for a 'refined landscape review' so late in its development of the new Local Plan?"

L. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"The pitches represented by the NPPF are Football, Rugby union, Rugby League, Hockey and cricket. As only 2 of these will be represented at Monks Lane is calling it a sports hub a case of mis leading the public by mis representation?"

M. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport & Countryside:

"When will the results of the Council's review of "the number of new homes in North East Thatcham for the draft local plan's next stage" be made public?"

N. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"Is there any way that the proposed regeneration of the LRIE is viable without building either commercial or residential units on the old football pitch area?"

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O. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Leader of the Council:

“Why are West Berkshire Council press releases not published on its website?”