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Member Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 1 December 2022.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the <u>Council's Constitution</u>:

(A) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance and Strategic Partnerships submitted by Councillor Jeremy Cottam:

"In light of the recent dramatic climate events, has West Berkshire Council's risk register been reviewed recently to ensure that the environmental causes of risk are suitably understood and represented, and that the associated mitigating actions are in place?"

(B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:

"What are the Council's plans for filling the gaps in the provision of defibrillators across West Berkshire?"

(C) Question related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon:

"If the members of this Administration are so committed to their vision for London Road, why haven't they put it in the Local Plan?"

(D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside submitted by Councillor Phil Barnett:

"When Members consider planning applications where working hours on a construction site is an important consideration in their deliberations on said applications, can the portfolio holder identify why contractors on so many recent Western Area approvals have deliberately over-ridden these conditions to suit their own schedules, affecting many residents in the surrounding roads?"

(E) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council submitted by Councillor Carolyne Culver:

"In the light of pressure on the council's budget from inflation and real terms cuts, will the leader give an undertaking that the ruling group will work cooperatively with opposition members when setting the next budget to protect council services, particularly those affecting the most vulnerable residents in the district?"

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(F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:

"With the increasing pressure on mortgage payers and private landlords increasing rents is the council confident that it has enough emergency accommodation for individuals and families who may become homeless in the coming months?"

(G) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:

"What is the Current Typology (Categorisation) of the Old Football Ground Grass Pitch at the Southern end of Faraday Road?"

(H) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance and Strategic Partnerships submitted by Councillor Carolyne Culver:

"When will the recruitment freeze in planning be lifted?"

(I) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:

"How many major developments, completed since May 2019 have met their affordable housing target – and in particular the 70% social rent target?"

(J) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:

"Why has the Old Football Ground Grass Pitch at the Southern end of Faraday Road been or was it included in the Brownfield site BR/201729 when the NPPF Criteria for Brownfield and your web site specifically excludes Recreation Grounds?"

(K) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture submitted by Councillor Steve Masters:

"What are the current numbers on the housing register?"