

Executive Meeting

13 June 2019

Questions and Answers



WestBerkshire
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Members' Questions as specified in the Council's Procedure Rules of the Constitution

a. Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Martha Vickers:

"What percentage of the Council's non-essential car users travel to work by car?"

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside answered:

The short answer to your question is that Council does not hold information on how non-essential car users travel to work however I would add to that, that the authority does provide secure cycle storage and shower facilities encouraging alternative modes such as cycling. We also carry out promotions such as Cycle to Work Week and we actively encourage and reward car sharing. As discussed at the last Executive meeting we are also promoting Clean Air Day later this month.

The Chairman asked: *"Do you have a supplementary question arising directly out of the answer to your original question. A supplementary should be relevant to the original question and not introduce any new material?"*

Councillor Vickers asked the following supplementary question:

"Are you no longer operating the Green Travel Plan? Surely if you are you need to be collecting the statistics in order to see how efficient your plan is?"

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside answered:

I haven't reviewed the Green Travel Plan since assuming the new portfolio but I'm happy to track back and see where we are with that. Gathering this information hasn't been in place for a number of years so to go back to your original question we don't have it at the moment but we do take avenues as I've detailed.

b. Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning by Councillor Adrian Abbs:

"How many times this year has the air pollution limit on the Burger King roundabout been exceeded?"

As Councillor Abbs was not at the meeting he would receive the following written response.

"The results for the first quarter are available, during this period there was 1 exceedance of the 1 hour nitrogen dioxide objective (on 25/2/19 between 18.00-19.00)."
