

## Item 7:

### **Member Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 19 November 2020.**

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

**(a) Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Beck to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing:**

*"Is there any requirement for additional hostel provision during the winter in West Berkshire to accommodate the homeless?"*

**(b) Question submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Environment:**

*"Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment please explain why properties in Conservation Areas seeking to install solar panels need to apply for Certificates of Lawfulness given the Council's stated strategic priority to maintain a green district?"*

**(c) Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:**

*"Could the Executive outline what amounts of financial assistance (Budgeted and additional) were allocated to the local foodbank and Citizens Advice Bureau from March 2020 until now?"*

**(d) Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing:**

*"How many families in receipt of free school meals received additional direct support from the Council during half term?"*

**(e) Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance:**

*"What were the average waiting times for callers during half term when telephoning the council helpline?"*

**(f) Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:**

*"53 days (at the time of writing) before the United Kingdom leaves the European Union transition period, potentially with no Trade agreement, what is the Council doing and what has it done to help local businesses prepare for this eventuality?"*

**(g) Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing/Transport and Countryside:**

*"What is the average time taken (since late March) to process and determine a change of use application by a local retailer – particularly in the hospitality sector – so that they can rapidly adjust their business - with pavement seating, for instance - in order to respond to Covid restrictions?"*

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**(h) Question submitted by Councillor Andy Moore to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development/Transport and Countryside:**

*"What plans does this Council have to consult the Ward Members for Newbury Central and Newbury Town Council on the ongoing WBC initiatives such as the possibility of extending the hours of pedestrianisation in the town, and the Newbury Town Centre design and consultation, with potential impact on Newbury Town Centre?"*

**(i) Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Community Wellbeing:**

*"How many people have been referred by this Council to the West Berkshire Foodbank since the first Covid-19 lock-down started in March?"*