

Item 9:

Member Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 29 April 2021.

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 Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"Can you confirm that there will be no overall cuts to community transport services across West Berkshire in terms of both financial and service levels?"

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

"By what date does the administration anticipate reaching net carbon zero across West Berkshire as a whole?"

- (c) **Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"By how much has West Berkshire Council reduced the funding of Readibus services since 2015 including the schedule of cuts year by year?"

- (d) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"What provision has been made by WBC for alternative services for disabled residents to cover the loss of the 25,000 journeys previously provided by Readibus?"

- (e) **Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"Why were the drastic cuts in West Berkshire Council funding of Readibus since 2015 not consulted on?"

- (f) **Question submitted by Councillor Phil Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"Can I urge the Executive member for Highways and the Environment to visit the road and establish whether a footpath can be extended alongside Stroud Green into the new Racecourse development before any serious injury occurs to walkers?"

- (g) **Question submitted by Councillor Steve Masters to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"Does the executive feel that the termination of the Readibus contract was handled well?"

- (h) **Question submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"Given my previous question to Executive regarding the cancellation of bus services, why did the Executive not reveal the situation with Readibus, as the council must already have been aware of this?"

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(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Alan Macro to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing:**

"What is likely to be the effect on adoption of the new Minerals and Waste Local Plan by Oxfordshire County Council's consultation response that it is unsound because "...West Berkshire is unable to deliver sufficient mineral requirements over [the] Plan Period, both in terms of reserves and production capacity and also the lack of identification of waste management facilities for non-hazardous residual waste for the whole Plan Period..."?"

(j) **Question submitted by Councillor Phil Barnett to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"Can the Executive member for Highways and the Environment identify whether extra funds have been set aside for the influx of road repairs required in the forthcoming months?"

(k) **Question submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside:**

"Could WBC roll out QR codes on dog-waste bins to automatically notify the council for collection when full?"