

Item 18:

Member Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 8 July 2021.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

(a) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education submitted by Councillor Erik Pattenden:**

"The Local Government Association has recently reported that bringing forward the reporting deadline for pupils becoming eligible for the pupil premium from January 2021 to October 2020 would result in a funding loss of £118m across the country. Schools in England will not receive funding for those primary and secondary pupils who qualified for the extra payment between October 2020 and January 2021 until October 2021, with schools having to bridge the gap. Would the Council confirm the number of pupils in West Berkshire affected by the change and the corresponding shortfall in funding?"

(b) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning and Transport submitted by Councillor Phil Barnett:**

"Although not officially recognized, Electric scooters are becoming more and more popular, not only for the youth, but for mature adults also. They are used on footpaths, tracks, and even highways, obstructing or restricting access on many occasions. Users are not wearing helmets and endangering themselves as well as pedestrians and road users. What can West Berks Council do to encourage the safe use of these scooters, which now can achieve speeds well in excess of disabled electric wheelchairs?"

(c) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Planning and Transport submitted by Councillor Tony Vickers:**

"How much money in CIL contributions is expected to be passed to parish and town councils in the current financial year, in absolute terms and as a proportion to their total income including parish precept?"

(d) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Environment and Waste submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

"Given the initial reasons behind the introduction of a booking system at the recycling centres have gone, why has WBC continued to artificially constrain use of the recycling centres by not at least allowing multiple bookings a week to accommodate things such as hedge trimming, which can often require multiple trips in 1 week. Is it simply a money saving exercise by the back door?"

(e) **Question to be answered by the Executive Member for Internal Governance, Leisure and Culture submitted by Councillor Tony Vickers:**

"Following the request several months ago from Greenham Parish Council for a minor change in allocation of parish councillors to parish wards, how extensive is the review of the whole district's Community Governance arrangements that is apparently being undertaken as a consequence and will it be completed in time for the next set of local elections?"