

## Item 10:

### Member Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 18 November 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 Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport:**

*"Why is the planning department of West Berkshire Council not testing the applicability of CS15 given it is one of our major tools in the fight against climate change and as a result, by not demanding net zero homes, we simply add to the problem we will need to tackle with every application that is approved?"*

(b) **Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for planning and transport:**

*"Given that the previous Portfolio Holder, Hilary Cole, confirmed that CIL charges would not have been levied to residents if they had filled in their Planning paperwork correctly, in particular two cases which have been referred to in previous Council meetings, will the current Portfolio Holder now cancel those charges with immediate effect - reimbursing and/or cancelling all charges in such cases?"*

(c) **Question submitted by Councillor Lee Dillon to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport:**

*"The signs within a District can very quickly show the level of pride that a Local Council has in its area. Will the Portfolio holder explain what he is doing regarding the dreadful state of Highways signs across the District as we understand that the cleaning and replacement of these has been de-prioritised in recent years and has therefore led to a very poor state of affairs?"*

(d) **Question submitted by Councillor Alan Moore to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport:**

*"Why is it that nearly 12 years after Newbury Racecourse proposed a Car Club for their residents on the new strategic housing development – which is over a mile long - there is not one parking space allocated on the site by them for a Car Club car?"*

(e) **Question submitted by Councillor Tony Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport:**

*"While the Request for Tenders issued by this Council to seek interest in taking on the existing Newbury Car Club only asked for bidders to commit to between just 5 and 8 vehicles in a contract of between 3 and 6 years, the successful bidder Enterprise has said their aim is for 50 vehicles – all EVs - within 5 years, located right across the District. Why was there such a gap between this Council's ambitions and those of Enterprise and what will you be doing to close the gap?"*

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(f) **Question submitted by Councillor Andy Moore to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport:**

*"As the new 500-place multi-storey car park behind the West Berkshire Council Market Street offices are soon to be handed over to the Council, what changes in arrangements for its use are envisaged in the light of the post-Covid changes we are experiencing in travel and work habits?"*

(g) **Question submitted by Councillor Erik Pattenden to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education:**

*"Why have you arranged food vouchers for the Christmas holiday but let over 3500 children in West Berkshire go without vouchers for the October half term?"*

(h) **Question submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for planning and transport:**

*"Would the Council accept that the lack of enforcement officers has led to the regrettable situation in Lambourn where a 7-8 year-old apparent illegal conversion and occupation of a stable has now resulted in Western Area Planning being forced to pass an application for lawful occupation to the dismay of the residents of Lambourn?"*

(i) **Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport:**

*"Can the Portfolio Holder explain why, ten months after the Speed Review Task Group met and agreed to recommend the reduction of the speed limit on the A4 from Henwick Lane to Lower Way from 40MPH to 30MPH, the Council has still not gone out to Consultation on the matter?"*

(j) **Question submitted by Councillor Tony Vickers to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport:**

*"Whose job in this 'crossroads of southern England' - which is our District - is it to ensure that drivers of long-distance HGVs, of which the country is so short, have decent facilities to use on the job?"*

(k) **Question submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance, Leisure and Culture:**

*"When deciding on the proposed Sports Hub (based at Newbury Rugby Club) which other locations were considered and rejected?"*

(l) **Question submitted by Councillor Jeff Brooks to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture:**

*"Given that it will be the Platinum Jubilee celebrations during the weekend of 3rd June 2022, and the public will be encouraged to plan and enjoy Street Parties on 5th June - to be known as the Jubilee lunch - will the Council enter into the spirit of this magnificent occasion by waiving fees for street closures to interested residents?"*