

Supplemental Items for Executive

Thursday, 9th June, 2022 at 5.00 pm
in Council Chamber Council Offices
Market Street Newbury

Part I

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4. **Public Questions**

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Item 4:

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A. Question submitted by Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Can you confirm or deny that there is a twenty year break clause for the proposed Sport Pitch at Monks Lane , and if so is it at either parties discretion".

B. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"Referring to the councils Environmental Appraisal 7.24 Quote "WDBC has also commented that an "infiltration Sustainable Drainage Systems and below ground attenuation storage will not be acceptable" and that significant space will needed for at ground level Sustainable Drainage Systems". What if any thought has been given to this?"

C. Question submitted by Nigel Foot to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transformation:

"When does WBC expect to have fulfilled its obligations to provide the documents needed to protect all 53 of its conservation areas, some of which have been outstanding for 50 years?"

D. Question submitted by Sam Coppinger to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside:

"Demand for electricity regularly outstrips supply around Membury. In light of this continuing and increasing pressure on the local network, will the council recognise that infrastructure improvements are essential before any additional development is considered to ensure residents do not have to endure the increasing interruptions to their electrical supply?"

E. Question submitted by Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Can WBC please provide the estimated costs (upfront and ongoing) associated with the proposal for a New Sports Pitch at Manor Park?"

F. Question submitted by John Stewart to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"When will WBC provide a publicly available business case & total cost of ownership model for Monks Lane Sports Hub that shows all the actual and estimated upfront and ongoing costs, (including subsidies and free pitch allocations) and the total forecasted revenues and incomes?"

G. Question submitted by Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Why didn't WBC allow organised children's football to be played at the Faraday Road Football Pitch, in the Clay Hill Ward, (even temporarily) given the acknowledged playing pitch shortage highlighted in the Consultation for Manor Park Playing Pitch Proposal in Clay Hill Ward."

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H. Question submitted by Andy Wallace to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People, and Education:

"What actions have been taken to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services, and what results do you see, particularly in waiting times for referral and treatment?"

I. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"Agenda item 12. 1. "the district's ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030" and 5.27 "housing development on the playing field is no longer integral to the long term regeneration of the LRIE" Please would the Council confirm if any land on the LRIE or adjoining Football field has been earmarked for new Council Offices, as possibly the current offices could be converted or redeveloped into flats allowing both developments to help the district be carbon neutral by 2030?"

J. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"Please can the LRIE Redevelopment Project Manager advise under what Stage of the PRINCE 2 Project Management Methodology a 'Refresh' sits please?"

K. Question submitted by Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Can you please confirm that there is an agreement that rugby and football matches will not be allowed at the same time at the Sports Pitch at Monks Lane?"

L. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"Is there any plot of council owned land on the LRIE of 2 to 4 acres in size that is currently available to create an attenuation pond and provide the drainage infrastructure so that the football pitch area can be developed?"

M. Question submitted by Sam Coppinger to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance and Strategic Partnerships:

"The cumulative effects of uncontrolled development at Membury have created a melting pot of hazardous activities in very close proximity (grain store, fuel depot, motorway service areas and their petrol stations, chemical industry, timber merchants and mechanical engineering and operational airfield) alongside the M4. Does the council have a major incident plan in place to deal with such an eventuality?"

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N. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"1. 1.4 Hectares of Public Accessible Space in Clayhill Ward will be lost under the re-development, so what plans does the Council have to replace it please?"

O. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"The thorny subject of Sustainable Drainage will be a fundamental feature in the Project as it moves forward, at what Project Stage/Phase will this be addressed to ensure maximum use of Nature-based Solutions?"

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