

# Supplemental Items for Council

Thursday, 30 November, 2023 at 7.00 pm  
in Council Chamber, Council Offices,  
Market Street, Newbury

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**Council to be held on Thursday, 30 November 2023** *(continued)*

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## Agenda Item 6

### Public Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 30 November 2023.

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

- (A) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Lawri Darbyshire:**

*“West Berkshire Council have recently installed a number of electric vehicle charging bollards, one is outside my house in the street where I live. The houses already have their own driveways, so can pay to install their own chargers if they want. In fact, a lot of houses already have their own private charge points installed.*

*What are the exact requirements for a local street to qualify or be rejected for W.B.C. funded E.V. charge points?”*

- (B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration Growth and Strategy Development submitted by John Gotelee:**

*“With regard to the LRIE regeneration what planning progress has there been to ensure the council properly addresses the problem of illegal flooding downstream?”*

- (C) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside submitted by Alan Pearce:**

*“The Councils Countryside Manager stated on the 29th of June 2023 “the Faraday Road Pitch was originally built on top of a municipal rubbish dump” and confirmed this twice in his YouTube videos updating the public on the Faraday Road pitch, subsequently in an email on the 15th of November 2023 he confirmed his statement was not supported by any physical evidence. Please would the Council Publicly withdraw this statement until it can supply credible evidence to support it?”*

- (D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of Council; Executive Portfolio Holder Strategy, Communications and Public Safety submitted by Alison May:**

*“Paragraph 97 of the NPPF (National Policy Planning Framework) requires appropriate and proportionate steps to be taken to reduce vulnerability and ensure public safety. Section 8 of the NPPF set out policy on promoting healthy and safe communities requiring appropriate and proportionate steps to be taken to reduce vulnerability and ensure public safety. West Berkshire Council's decision making processes contribute to determining the safety of extant citizens living, working and studying within the defined Burghfield AWE DEPZ (Detailed Emergency Planning Zone). Can West Berkshire Council demonstrate that the introduction of increased populations within the defined*

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*AWE B DEPZ will demonstrably minimise the risk to the extant populations in the event of the occurrence of a radiation emergency at AWE Burghfield?"*

- (E) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration Growth and Strategy Development submitted by John Gotelee:**

*"To comply with drainage law is the council still satisfied that 3rd party land is not needed outside the red line"*

- (F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside submitted by John Gotelee:**

*"What is the total sum spent so far on bringing football back to Faraday Rd? (including preparing the pitch the portacabin and the cost of to date of unfinished work ie supply and connection of cold water to the portacabins and the perimeter fence)"*

## Agenda Item 19

### Member Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 30 November 2023.

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

- (A) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

*“Given a new waste strategy is in development, and that one of the objectives of the Lib Dems is to get recycling rates as high as possible. What work, if any, is going into looking in detail at the benefits of changing the current philosophy of separate collections at homes to one of separating at depots? We know separated collections lead to higher quality, but it also leads to 6 different containers at each home, many more waste lorry journeys, different types of vehicles and extra crews to support all these separate collections.”*

- (B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Phil Barnett:**

*“Whilst recognising last minute information is required by punters on each individual race at Newbury Racecourse on Race Days What action can be taken by West Berkshire Council in restricting the use of commercial Drones using highways and bridleways as “lift of Pads”*

- (C) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People’s Services submitted by Councillor Dominic Boeck:**

*“What steps is the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People taking to ensure and improve outcomes for our children in care?”*

- (D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

*“Why did we not consult on issues of importance to residents of Villiers Walk? Its great that we have a new bus stop markings on the road, but can you assure me, as the new administration, that we will in the future include everybody effected when parking spaces have a change of use. Villiers Way was consulted so why not Villiers walk?”*

- (E) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People’s Services submitted by Councillor Dominic Boeck:**

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*“Domestic abuse continues to blight some families in West Berkshire; what action is this administration taking to reduce harm to our children?”*

- (F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon:**

*“Why have you publicised a decision to dispose of the Council’s commercial property portfolio with a hard deadline, indicating your intentions to the market, instead of quietly pursuing disposals without publicity?”*

- (G) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Transformation submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

*“What is the number / breakdown of complaints received by West Berkshire Council during the period of the previous administration. Please breakdown the numbers by political party within the council, from members of the public and from parish or town councils.”*

- (H) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Transformation submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

*“What is the average cost to the council of investigating a complaint. Taking into account an estimate for officer time at different grades as well as the hiring of external independent persons to write reports.”*