

Supplemental Items for Executive

Thursday 14th December 2023 at 5.00 pm
in Council Chamber Council Offices
Market Street Newbury

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Executive to be held on Thursday, 14 December 2023 *(continued)*

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Item 4:

Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 14 December 2023.

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A. Question submitted by Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside:

"Has the council approached the Football Association , Sport England or any other body, to see what grants are available to assist with the reconstruction of Faraday Stadium ?"

B. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Growth and Strategy Development:

"Please would the Council confirm it will not make a decision on the Bond Riverside Regeneration Programme Review (Currently deferred on the forward plan) until it has calculated and published the three calculations below not included in the Ardent, West Berkshire Council, London Road Newbury Catchment Study, Report Ref. 195110-01 December 2019? a. The liters per hour green field runoff rate of the catchment area which outfalls into the Northbrook stream about 70 Hectares/172.9 Acres. (Report ref 2.4. Figure 2-2 Catchment Extent) b, The liters per hour urban runoff rate of the catchment area which outfalls into the Northbrook stream about 70 Hectares/172.9 Acres. (Report ref 2.4. Figure 2-2 Catchment Extent) C, The liters per hour flow rate of the enclosed Tesco culvert (Report Ref 2.9. Figure 2-9)"

C. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity:

"Following the July 2007 Floodings in West Berks have all the Areas mentioned in the Reports and the Flooding Maps received Studies, Schemes or Funding towards future Mitigation of Flood Risk?"

D. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

"Does the Council intend to make the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Lawrences Lane (in the parishes of Thatcham and Cold Ash) permanent?"

E. Question submitted by Maria Dobson to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement:

"Does the Administration intend to keep its manifesto commitment to put right the wrong CIL collection process for residents?"

F. Question submitted by Alison May to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council:

"An open government is one that proactively shares information in an open and transparent way whilst embracing relevant and appropriate communication methods. Public engagement, trust and confidence is the cornerstone to an enhanced inclusive democracy. It is noted that West Berkshire citizens continue to be denied the opportunity to participate in all meetings and to be in receipt of all relevant information in the public interest. Why is this current administration

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deprioritising its commitment to support a truly open and transparent government?"

G. **Question submitted by Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside:**

"At the last full Council meeting it was stated that the total sum spent / committed so far (since the new administration took over) for bringing grass football back to Faraday Road is £230, 516.83 (£185,516.83 + £45,000. Can you please provide:

- a) A full breakdown/details of what separate elements makes up this total sum.*
- b) Full details of the procurement / tender process that the Council followed to obtain these prices*
- c) What companies were awarded the supply contracts resulting from this process.*
- d) The business case that supports this procurement."*

H. **Question submitted by Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside:**

"A few years ago, I asked if any survey of the former pitch at Faraday Road had been done (I asked because of the former administrations plans to redevelop it) . Has the council done any surveys (especially relating to the sub -soil) of the ground , given it is on an area being identified within a flood plain , in the last five years ?"

I. **Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Growth and Strategy Development:**

"Please would the Council confirm it will not make a decision on the Bond Riverside Regeneration Programme Review (Currently deferred on the forward plan) until it has investigated if there is any critical surface water drainage infrastructure missing in the area of the London Road Industrial Estate. (LRIE) Any missing infrastructure may prevent the construction of foul water infrastructure needed on the estate to complete the housing development at Sandleford. Planning permission at present for constructing foul sewage storage tanks to upgrade the foul water infrastructure may include a drainage strategy incorporating man-made property flooding on third party land downstream and subsequently fail at the planning stage?"

J. **Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity:**

"Following the 2013/2014 Floodings in West Berks and the Mapping of 19 Areas which were impacted please can you summarise details for any of the Individual Maps that are not subject to Studies, Schemes or Funding to Mitigate the Flood Risks from the usual variety of Sources?"

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K. Question submitted by Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside:

"Is the money allocated under EX4332 (the Monks Lane Sports Hub) now being used to lower the debt left by the previous administration?"

L. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Growth and Strategy Development:

"Now the Council has withdrawn the statement that the Faraday Football Ground is built on a municipal rubbish dump. Please would the council confirm it will not make a decision on the Bond Riverside Regeneration Programme Review (Currently deferred on the forward plan) until it has completed borehole testing on the ground to confirm if the land is contaminated and publish the results?"

M. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health Integration:

"Following the Decisions for the delivery of Public Health for West Berkshire at last Full Council I am confused about this function and would like to know whether the Services of West Berks Council Adult Social Care as part of an Integrated Health & Social Care system will be Monitored and/or Scrutinised by this Public Health function, or by the Health & Wellbeing Board or by the Health Scrutiny Board please?"

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Item 16:

Member Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 14 December 2023.

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A. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

"You postponed the imposition of extended pedestrianisation in July because you hadn't taken into account planned roadworks elsewhere in Newbury. Have you checked the roadworks schedule this time?"

B. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

"When was your last communication with the Department for Transport regarding the ETRO required for the extension of pedestrianisation?"

C. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

"At the Council meeting on 20 July regarding the proposed (and later postponed) extension of pedestrianisation in Newbury Town Centre, I asked you "What will you say to residents with mobility issues who say that a failure to consult with them before the scheme is a failure of duty of care towards them. They should be asked their views before the council experiments with their lives". You answered that "We will continue to work with all representatives, organisations and local residents to find the best way forward." Now that you again plan to impose this experiment on residents and visitors to Newbury, can you tell me what work you have done since 20 July with all representatives, organisations and local residents to find the best way forward?"

D. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

"At the Council meeting on 20 July regarding the proposed (and later postponed) extension of pedestrianisation in Newbury Town Centre, you said to Cllr Woollaston, "We will actually talk to local businesses, local residents, all of the statutory services that we're required to talk to, before we put this process in place" (2.00.45 – 2.01.00 on the YouTube recording). Will you actually talk to local businesses, local residents, all of the statutory services that you're required to talk to, before you put this process in place?"

E. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

"The Equalities Impact Assessment for the extension of pedestrianisation states, regarding residents with disabilities, "There has been no survey undertaken to understand how many could be affected." You've had 5 months since you had to abandon your last attempt at this. Why has no survey been conducted in that time?"

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F. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

“The Equalities Impact Assessment for the extension of pedestrianisation states, regarding residents with disabilities, “The proposed trial would restrict access in the evenings to those with disabilities who currently are able to be dropped off or park within the pedestrianised area”. But it also states that there are no aspects of the proposed decision which could contribute to inequality. How can both statements be true?”