

Supplemental Items for Executive

Thursday 7 November 2024 at 6.00 pm
in Council Chamber Council Offices
Market Street Newbury

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Item 4:

Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 7 November 2024.

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A. Question submitted by Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"If the target is to increase recycling plastics to 60% , what happens to the plastics that aren't recycled, are they used for energy ?"

B. Question submitted by Tom Westerman to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside:

"Given that Northcroft Leisure Centre is a publicly funded facility, can the Council clarify why the decision to close the multifunctional squash courts was made without a thorough public consultation and scrutiny, and whether an assessment has been conducted to ensure that the proposed changes provide value for money and meet the needs of the community, especially with the rising popularity of squash and its inclusion in the 2028 Olympics?"

C. Question submitted by Alison May to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"West Berkshire District Council has recently stated during the September meeting of Executive that 42% of black bin residual waste could be recycled. This therefore suggests 58% of black bin residual waste is subject to a recycling process. How and by what means is 58% recycled?"

D. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"Does the council maintain a flooding assets register and if so could you please tell me what if any assets (private or council owned) are mentioned from the exit of the Thames Water sewer to the culvert under the entrance to Tesco inclusive?"

E. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside:

"In November 2023, the Council confirmed that the (capital) costs to date to bring football back to Faraday Road was £230,000 ("Cost to date £185,516.83 for utility and perimeter fencing costs and high-level goal catcher fencing"). Please can the Council provide a detailed breakdown of all the ADDITIONAL costs, capital, and revenue, that has been or will be incurred from November 2023 to end of the 2024 / 25 football season (May 2025)."

F. Question submitted by Alison May to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"West Berkshire District council has stated at the September meeting of Executive that 42% of potential black bin residual waste comprises 22% food waste. The redirection of the 22% food waste to the appropriate waste stream suggests only 20% of waste will be classified as black bin residual waste. Can

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you provide a breakdown of the non-recyclable items that should only be deposited in West Berkshire District Council's black residual waste bins?"

G. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Regeneration:

"Given that the entrance to the LRE from the A339 was completed with out an Environmental Impact Assessment how can the regeneration of the LRE be progressed without first completing an EIA? Is there enough money in the budget?"

H. Question submitted by Alison May to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"West Berkshire District Council (WBDC) has committed to be carbon neutral by 2030 however the proposed forthcoming methodology fails to comprehensively include all applicable Scope 3 emissions. The selective exclusion of certain associated Scope 3 emissions will impact upon the credibility of WBDC aspiration to be carbon neutral by 2030. Can you provide an update on WBDC's current position in relation to Scope 3 emissions?"

I. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Regeneration:

"With the dire state of the council finances is there any hope of making money through economic regeneration of the council's assets."

Item 9:

Member Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 7 November 2024.

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A. Question submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside:

"Why are the squash courts being removed at the Northcroft leisure centre?"

B. Question submitted by Councillor Dominic Boeck to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council:

"What progress has the Leader made in restoring the confidence of school leaders and PTAs in the Council, following the clawback debacle?"

C. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:

"How much money would the Council save if black bins were collected only every three weeks?"

D. Question submitted by Councillor Dominic Boeck to the Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services:

"The impending imposition of VAT on private school fees and the increase in the rate of employers' National Insurance contributions will bring further pressure on the viability of many of West Berkshire's education settings. What lobbying of government did Council undertake before the Autumn Budget was announce?"

E. Question submitted by Councillor Dominic Boeck to the Portfolio Holder for Public Safety and Community Engagement:

"If victims of antisocial behaviour request a case review, what support does the council provide them?"

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