

Item 4:

Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 7 July 2022.

Members of the Executive to answer questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the Executive Procedure Rules contained in the Council's Constitution.

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

"Regarding the lack of appropriate planning that has gone into the LRIE refresh/ plan B when can we expect to see Plan C?"

B. Question submitted by William Beard to the Leader of the Council:

"Could the council inform as to how many Ukraine citizens are currently being homed in the West Berkshire Area and what is being done to increase the number?"

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

"Re LRIE Refresh: Under the NPPF Chpt 14 paras 159-169 the site will need to be assess for the Sequential & Exception Tests for Flood Risk as large parts of are within Flood Zones 3&2, so does the Council know, during the long and complex history of this site whether these have already been conducted, as para 5.8 of the report to Exec 09.06 states that no 'in principle' issues have been identified?"

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

"The Executive decision EX3978 on the 17th of Dec 2020 (2.1c) approved the commissioning of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the London Road Industrial Estate, and this was subsequently confirmed by the Executive decision EX4219 on the 9th of June 2022 (Page 14) 'Place-making SPD adopted' by the end of 2024. Please would the Council say why after a year and a half there is still no information available on the emerging Supplementary Planning Document?"

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

"Please can the Council confirm if the proposed "Provision for replacement grass pitch (at Manor Park) lost at Newbury Rugby Club" is for rugby or football?"

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

"How many of the 232 apartments in the Weavers Yard development will be available for a) social rent and b) affordable rent?"

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

"What is the logic behind the idea of forming a sports hub where everything is together then moving one of its pitches to the other side of town?"

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H. Question submitted by William Beard to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transformation:

"What assistance can the council offer to residents to improve the insulation in their homes in the West Berks Area?"

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

"Re LRIE Refresh: Re the Sequential & Exceptions Tests: If they have not been conducted to date when are they scheduled for please, who will conduct them, and who will pay for them?"

J. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside:

"The Executive decision EX4219 on the 9th of June 2022 (Page 14).

- Work underway on place-making including green and blue digital and EV infrastructure - by mid 2023.*
- Planning application for depot site submitted - by mid 2023.*
- Depot site redeveloped for employment use - by end 2024.*
- Place-making SPD adopted - by end 2024.*

Please would the Council say why it is planning to submit a large planning application on the London Road Industrial Estate a year and a half before their place making Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) that includes green and blue infrastructure has been adopted?"

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

"Why does West Berkshire's proportion of social housing(13.4 %) lag the national average (17.4%)* by so much? (* figures from West Berkshire's Housing Strategy 2020-2036 p6)"*

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

"Re LRIE Refresh: Para 5.2 of the Refresh report to Exec 09.06 lists other sites nearby but fails to mention the Gateway Plaza which in residents eyes is within the LRIE, and a Video of that significant development is visible to the public, so why was that development not mentioned in the report please?"

M. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside:

"The Executive decision EX4219 on the 9th of June 2022 (Page 14). - Place making SPD adopted by end 2024. Please would the Council give the exact area the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will cover?"

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

"Re LRIE Refresh: Given the scale of the information available in the Gateway Plaza development how will WBC ensure the Cumulative Impact of Development On Flood Risk in Catchment Area (CIOD OFRICA- Pluvial & Fluvial) is achieved, as the Council has no published methodology for this requirement under its Strategic Flood Risk Assessment Level 1, new Addendum 1?"

O. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance and Strategic Partnerships:

"With the significant changes proposed for Clayhill Ward how will WBC Directors & Executive ensure that Clayhill Ward has full strength Ward representation from now until the next Elections in May 2023?"

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

"Will the Director – Place invite residents to suggest new names for the LRIE, or at least allow us to have a choice from a predetermined range?"