

## Item 4:

### Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 3 November 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 document "Issues relating to the old football ground" section 7 it states the financial risk will need supporting by capital receipts from housing. The only part of the estate where delivery of housing is not a significant challenge in terms of flood zones and protected employment land is the old football ground. Can you explain how the U turn to now use the land for commercial will generate enough capital receipts?"*

**B. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside:**

*"Why has the GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE SPD promised in Planning Policy CS18 adopted on 26th July 2012 not materialised?"*

**C. Question submitted by Richard Bobrucki to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:**

*"Bearing in mind that that it's been publicly declared by WBC to be ready to open to Newbury residents in summer 2023. Please may I ask if there has been any delay, for any reason, in the on-site works required to redevelop the Newbury Lido?"*

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

*"Bearing that the main purpose of the "Levelling Up Fund", as the name suggests, is to "assist and focus on the most deprived areas across the UK", does the Council genuinely believe that submitting a £3.5 million bid for the Newbury Lido is a) appropriate and b) justifiable?"*

**E. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council:**

*"Please would the Council explain why it released a promotional video for Newbury Electronics Ltd on the 27th of July 2022 that was created by the Council's in house Comms team and paid for by the residents of West Berkshire?"*

**F. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance and Strategic Partnerships:**

*"What is the average and maximum length of time for the Council to respond to requests for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Fol) and/or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)?"*

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**G. Question submitted by Paula Saunderson to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside:**

*"I cannot find any links or pages on the web site which relate to Existing Green/Blue Infrastructure work in place for West Berks showing Mapped Sub Categorized Open Spaces, and the possibilities for creation and improvement of Local Nature Recovery Networks and wildlife corridors, so if a mapped GBI Strategy/Framework/SPD does not exist what will be produced for the Section 19 Consultation of the Local Plan Review as a GBI Framework usually forms part of the Evidence for this phase?"*

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

*"Please would the Council explain why the footpath opposite the Skyllings turning on the London Road (RG142BA) has been left uncompleted for over 4 years now?"*

**I. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport & Countryside:**

*"Please would the Council confirm that the London Road Industrial Estate cannot be redeveloped on a plot-by-plot basis as no individual planning application can be approved to comply with common drainage law unless the current Faraday Road Football Ground is incorporated in a holistic drainage system for the area. This system would incorporate hard top drainage crates covered over with artificial turf to store the high volumes of urban runoff needed to comply with common drainage law as the water table on the estate is so high?"*