

Item 4:

Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 23 March 2023.

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 Ian Hall to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance and Strategic Partnerships:

"Is it appropriate for a councillor who now lives outside England but within a country in the United Kingdom to be allowed to have a say in what happens in West Berkshire?"

B. Question submitted by John Gotelee to the Portfolio Holder for Internal Governance and Strategic Partnerships:

"If a conservative councillor failed in his duty to do case work or answer emails as in the case of one of Clayhills councillors would he / she be sacked and a by election called?"

C. Question submitted by Richard Almond to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council:

"Can you tell us how the Household Support Fund that West Berkshire Council has been given by the Government has been spent here to help people in need of financial support and, following the announcement of more funding to come, how will this be used?"

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

"Can you please provide a full breakdown of what Capital (upfront) costs and Revenue (ongoing) costs has been spent (and allocated) on the Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) to date, i.e., in the financial years 2020 to 2023 and what further funds has been allocated for the PPS for Capital (upfront) costs and Revenue (ongoing) costs (please provide a year-by-year breakdown) for the next 10 financial years, i.e. 2023/24 to 2032/33."

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

"Some Councils are considering or are involved in banking land to provide credits for developers to off-set the needs of the Nutrient Neutrality Directive and Biodiversity Net Gains which cannot be achieved on-site, so is WBC involved in such provision locally from their own or other lands?"

F. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"It appears the construction of the Monks Lane Sports Hub has been delayed. The number one priority of the Playing Pitch Strategy is the 'Relocation of the single sized adult grass pitch at Faraday Road' and 'This site will be available before any construction work starts at Faraday Road'. The EX4219 London Road Industrial Project Refresh is proposing to have the 'Playing field site redeveloped for employment use' by 2026. It appears the only potential replacement for Faraday Road is Monks Lane, and currently there's been no

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public consultation regarding moving Faraday Road to Monks Lane. Would now be a good time to carry out that public consultation?"

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

"What is the cost to the Council of providing temporary accommodation for the residents of the Four Houses Corner Gypsy and Traveller site while it is being refurbished?"

H. Question submitted by Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Has the Council subsidised (such a reduced rates for pitch hire) or contributed financially to any senior men's or women's football team since June 2018 and does it plan to in the future?"

I. Question submitted by Vaughan Miller to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"York House has huge potential for local charities to provide and enhance their services. Why has the council decided to auction off this vital asset?"

J. Question submitted by Denise Gaines to the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care:

"Can I ask the executive member for Adult Social Care "what progress has been made into the review of the future of the Notrees care home?"

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

"As football matches and rugby matches will be played on separate days, why do the tax payers of West Berkshire have to pay for the construction of what will surely be to be a duplication of social facilities post match, when these are already at the Rugby Club?"

L. Question submitted by Alan Pearce to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economic Development:

"The Executive decision EX3978 of 17th of December 2020 approved the commissioning of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the London Road Industrial Estate. Two years have elapsed, please would the Council give an update on the progress of the SPD and the exact area contained within the outline, or if there's been a delay, give the reason why?"

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

"How many representations did the Council receive on the Regulation 19 consultation on the draft Local Plan?"

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N. Question submitted by Lee McDougall to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"Reports from a local children football team suggest that in poor weather children's matches at Henwick are cancelled to save the pitch for mens Sunday League football, who still play. As mens football pitch hire rates are double those charged for children's football, is the Council sacrificing local children's access to sports facilities for financial gain?"

O. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"What is the Council's assessment of the 'impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics' resulting from the delay in completion of the refurbishment of the Four Houses Corner Gypsy and Traveller site?"

P. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Countryside:

"How many Council Officers are assigned to the review of the representations on the Regulation 19 consultation, and when is this review expected to be to have been completed?"

Q. Question submitted by Simon Pike to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Leisure and Culture:

"What are the reasons for the delay in completion of the refurbishment of the Four Houses Corner Gypsy and Traveller site?"