

## Agenda Item 25

### Member Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 05 October 2023.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by Councillors in accordance with the [Council's Constitution](#):

- (A) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Transformation submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“Does the Portfolio Holder believe that the Council has the capabilities (both sponsorship and delivery) to achieve the successful outcomes required from the transformation projects?”*

- (B) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of Council; Executive Portfolio Holder Strategy, Communications and Public Safety submitted by Councillor Dick:**

*“Can the Leader explain why he told the Chairman of Newbury Rugby Club that the Sports Hub is not going ahead when no decision has been made by the Executive?”*

- (C) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Leader of Council; Executive Portfolio Holder Strategy, Communications and Public Safety submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:**

*“Does the Leader believe that the language and tone used by Cllr Chris Read in his letter published in the Newbury Weekly News on 21 September are appropriate for use when responding to a member of the public?”*

- (D) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity submitted by Councillor Kander:**

*“The Liberal Democrat manifesto promised to remove the Garden Waste charge – can the portfolio holder confirm that the administration will keep that promise, and when?”*

- (E) **Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside submitted by Councillor Woollaston:**

*“Had the ill-fated Judicial Review of the Sports Hub not occurred, when would the Sports Hub likely have been opened?”*

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- (F) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health Integration submitted by Councillor Stewart:**

*“What effect has the recruitment and retention initiative had on Social Work staff numbers?”*

- (G) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Engagement submitted by Councillor Bennyworth:**

*“Could the Portfolio Holder please advise how the Liberal Democrat’s manifesto pledge to re-introduce neighbourhood notifications for planning applications is progressing?”*

- (H) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People’s Services submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“What plans does the Portfolio Holder have to reduce spending on taking children to school?”*

- (I) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Services submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:**

*“When you promised at the Budget meeting in March that you would present an emergency budget if the Liberal Democrats were elected, had you consulted with officers regarding that promise?”*

- (J) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health Integration submitted by Councillor Stewart:**

*“The Liberal Democrat manifesto promised to ensure care packages are in place as early as possible through earlier initial care assessments. Can the portfolio holder advise what progress has been made with this promise?”*

- (K) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Engagement submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:**

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*“The Council Strategy makes only a single mention of the Local Plan, that it will be amended to ensure new housing developments come with suitable infrastructure and enhances amenities. Can the portfolio holder explain his current view on the proposed number of homes for the North East Thatcham strategic site, and whether his view has changed since the election?”*

- (L) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Transformation submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“Does the Portfolio Holder consider that it would be useful to obtain independent assurance of the transformation programme”*

- (M) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People’s Services submitted by Councillor Mackinnon:**

*“Why does the Council Strategy state that the Council will endeavour to retain all current Local Authority maintained schools within the Local Authority, rather than becoming Academies?”*

- (N) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Planning & Community Engagement submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“How is the Portfolio Holder going to address the shortage of staff in the Planning service?”*

- (O) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Governance and Transformation submitted by Councillor Boeck:**

*“Will the current cost constraints increase the risk to delivery of a set of successful outcomes from the transformation programme beyond the council’s risk appetite?”*