

Item 14:

Member Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 11 November 2023.

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

A. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Community Engagement:

"At the Executive meeting in September, you assured us that the idea of planning officers hand delivering neighbour notification letters for nearby planning applications was an example of out-of-the-box thinking which had got out, would clearly be more expensive, and that officers had come up with a more sensible solution. Can you confirm categorically that planning officers will not be asked to hand-deliver these letters?"

B. Question submitted by Councillor Stephanie Steevenson to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

"Given that the report by Hemingway for Thatcham made a recommendation of a 20 mph speed limit on the A4 through the Town Centre, will the Council consider including this section of road as a pilot in addition to the suggested trial in Theale?"

C. Question submitted by Councillor Ross Mackinnon to the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel:

"At the Council meeting in October, you proposed a motion, which was passed with Liberal Democrat, Green and Labour votes, containing the false statement that the Home Office had cut the notice period given to successful asylum seekers to leave dispersal accommodation from 28 to 7 days. Will you now issue an apology on behalf of the administration for misleading the Council and residents of West Berkshire?"