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Public Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 30 November 2023.

Members of the Executive to answer the following questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with the <u>Council's Constitution</u>:

(A) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Lawri Darbyshire:

"West Berkshire Council have recently installed a number of electric vehicle charging bollards, one is outside my house in the street where I live. the houses already have their own driveways, so can pay to install their own chargers if they want. In fact, a lot of houses already have their own private charge points installed.

What are the exact requirements for a local street to qualify or be rejected for W.B.C. funded E.V. charge points?"

(B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration Growth and Strategy Development submitted by John Gotelee:

"With regard to the LRIE regeneration what planning progress has there been to ensure the council properly addresses the problem of illegal flooding downstream?"

(C) 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 Alan Pearce:

"The Councils Countryside Manager stated on the 29th of June 2023 "the Faraday Road Pitch was originally built on top of a municipal rubbish dump" and confirmed this twice in his YouTube videos updating the public on the Faraday Road pitch, subsequently in an email on the 15th of November 2023 he confirmed his statement was not supported by any physical evidence. Please would the Council Publicly withdrawal this statement until it can supply credible evidence to support it?"

(D) 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 PublicSafety submitted by Alison May:

"Paragraph 97 of the NPPF (National Policy Planning Framework) requires appropriate and proportionate steps to be taken to reduce vulnerability and ensure public safety. Section 8 of the NPPF set out policy on promoting healthy and safe communities requiring appropriate and proportionate steps to be taken to reduce vulnerability and ensure public safety. West Berkshire Council's decision making processes contribute to determining the safety of extant citizens living, working and studying within the defined Burghfield AWE DEPZ (Detailed Emergency Planning Zone). Can West Berkshire Council demonstrate that the introduction of increased populations within the defined

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AWE B DEPZ will demonstrably minimise the risk to the extant populations in the event of the occurrence of a radiation emergency at AWE Burghfield?"

(E) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration Growth and Strategy Development submitted by John Gotelee:

"To comply with drainage law is the council still satisfied that 3rd party land is not needed outside the red line"

(F) 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 John Gotelee:

"What is the total sum spent so far on bringing football back to Faraday Rd? (including preparing the pitch the portacabin and the cost of to date of unfinished work ie supply and connection of cold water to the portacabins and the perimeter fence)"