

## Agenda Item 19

### Member Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 30 November 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 Climate Action, Recycling and Biodiversity submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

*“Given a new waste strategy is in development, and that one of the objectives of the Lib Dems is to get recycling rates as high as possible. What work, if any, is going into looking in detail at the benefits of changing the current philosophy of separate collections at homes to one of separating at depots? We know separated collections lead to higher quality, but it also leads to 6 different containers at each home, many more waste lorry journeys, different types of vehicles and extra crews to support all these separate collections.”*

- (B) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Phil Barnett:**

*“Whilst recognising last minute information is required by punters on each individual race at Newbury Racecourse on Race Days What action can be taken by West Berkshire Council in restricting the use of commercial Drones using highways and bridleways as “lift of Pads”*

- (C) 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 Dominic Boeck:**

*“What steps is the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People taking to ensure and improve outcomes for our children in care?”*

- (D) Question not related to an item of business to be answered by the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Housing and Sustainable Travel submitted by Councillor Adrian Abbs:**

*“Why did we not consult on issues of importance to residents of Villiers Walk? Its great that we have a new bus stop markings on the road, but can you assure me, as the new administration, that we will in the future include everybody effected when parking spaces have a change of use. Villiers Way was consulted so why not Villiers walk?”*

- (E) 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 Dominic Boeck:**

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*“Domestic abuse continues to blight some families in West Berkshire; what action is this administration taking to reduce harm to our children?”*

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

*“Why have you publicised a decision to dispose of the Council’s commercial property portfolio with a hard deadline, indicating your intentions to the market, instead of quietly pursuing disposals without publicity?”*

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

*“What is the number / breakdown of complaints received by West Berkshire Council during the period of the previous administration. Please breakdown the numbers by political party within the council, from members of the public and from parish or town councils.”*

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

*“What is the average cost to the council of investigating a complaint. Taking into account an estimate for officer time at different grades as well as the hiring of external independent persons to write reports.”*