

Agenda Item 15

Member Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 17 July 2025.

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 submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside by Councillor Phil Barnett:

"This spring and early summer has seen minimum rainfall in the South East England, effecting the growth of grass in Parks/Open spaces and road side verges.

Obviously, this has effected the scheduled grass cutting required to be undertaken by West Berks Council.

Therefore, can the executive member for the environment and highways identify if any financial savings have been achieved with the reduction in grass cutting?"

(B) Question not related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Public Safety and Capital Projects (Built Environment) by Councillor Phil Barnett:

"Many West Berks residents are now living in high rise apartments, totally dependent on efficient lifts to take them to their respective flat, if living above ground level.

In the case of persons with limited mobility a necessity, where breakdowns on lifts occur, unless lifts can be repaired immediately [and many lifts are old and spares difficult to source] residents have no alternative than to move out and source alternative accommodation until the lift can be repaired, sometimes months [or reside in their apartment and have daily necessities delivered to them, if it can be arranged].

Therefore, what can West Berks Council do to make sure landlords or Management agencies conform to the Disability and Discrimination Act?"

(C) Question related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways by Councillor Alan Macro:

"The Local Transport Plan (LTP4) talks about the desire to create a better maintained Highways Network. With this in mind, how many potholes has WBC repaired within 28 days in 2025 and how many dangerous potholes have been repaired within 72 hours in 2025?"