

Agenda Item 17

Member Questions to be answered at the Council meeting on 16 July 2026.

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 Finance and Resources by Councillor David Marsh:**

“How many council tax payments must residents miss before they receive a reminder notice, and on what basis might they subsequently be issued with a summons and lose their right to pay by instalments?”
- (B) Question not related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council by Councillor Ross Mackinnon:**

“Can the Leader set out his understanding of the role of opposition councillors in scrutinising Executive business at public meetings, including where questions arise during debate on agenda items?”
- (C) Question related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside by Councillor Howard Woollaston:**

*“Council Strategy 2023-2027:
When this administration achieved control of the Council over 3 years ago there were two fully costed and approved options for a holistic and complete solution for a new 3G pitch and club house . The Monks Lane Sports Hub and the NCFG scheme for Faraday Road . Can the portfolio holder explain why both of these planning consents were allowed to lapse?”*
- (D) Question not related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council by Councillor Ross Mackinnon:**

“Can the Leader confirm how the administration recognises the constitutional and democratic role of the Leader of the Opposition in holding the Executive to account?”
- (E) Question related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside by Councillor Howard Woollaston:**

*“Council Strategy 2023-2027:
It is looking likely that approaching £2.5 million will have been or will be spent by this administration on Faraday Road including the 3G pitch. Can the portfolio holder explain why no attempt has been made to get grant assistance?”*
- (F) Question not related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council by Councillor Ross Mackinnon:**

“Can the Leader set out the principles the administration applies when deciding whether to bring major business to an extraordinary or special meeting rather than an ordinary scheduled meeting?”

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- (G) Question related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside by Councillor Howard Woollaston:**

"Council Strategy 2023-2027:

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm whether you have gone out to tender for the 3G pitch element of Faraday Road and if so when will you know the costs?"

- (H) Question not related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council by Councillor Ross Mackinnon:**

"Can the Leader confirm what opportunities are available for members of the public to ask questions when major decisions are brought to extraordinary or special meetings, and how the administration ensures that the use of such meetings does not reduce public participation?"

- (I) Question related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside by Councillor Howard Woollaston:**

"Council Strategy 2023-2027:

When will a detailed fully costed report be provided to Council and the public on the further costs of Faraday Road?"

- (J) Question not related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council by Councillor Ross Mackinnon:**

"Will the Leader confirm whether a member who has submitted a written question is still entitled to ask a separate question during debate on an agenda item, provided that the question is relevant to the matter under discussion?"

- (K) Question related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure, Sport and Countryside by Councillor Howard Woollaston:**

"Council Strategy 2023-2027:

Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that even if planning permission could be obtained in time to develop the 3G pitch at Faraday Road in the last 10 months of this administration , you will have spent approaching £2.5 million to provide an artificial pitch with floodlights, poor quality stands, with changing rooms and a club room in rented portacabins . Is this good value for the Council Tax paying public of West Berkshire?"

- (L) Question not related to an item of business submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Leader of the Council by Councillor Ross Mackinnon:**

"Will the Leader commit that major strategies and financially significant decisions will in future be considered by the relevant scrutiny committee before final Executive approval?"