Item 5:

Public Questions to be answered at the Executive meeting on 12 November 2026.

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

A. **Question submitted by Katie Mills to the Portfolio Holder for Children and Family Services:**

"West Berkshire Council has publicly celebrated ranking in the top 10% nationally for the condition of its unclassified roads. Yet the Education Policy Institute has identified West Berkshire as having the largest GCSE disadvantage gap in England, with disadvantaged pupils falling 25.7 months behind their non-disadvantaged peers nationally. How does the council account for such a stark difference in performance, and what measurable improvements should residents expect in disadvantaged children's educational outcomes over the next two years? In particular, how is the council ensuring that schools (including special schools) are effectively challenged when disadvantaged pupils fail to make expected progress?"

B. **Question submitted by Chris Giles to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways:**

"When can WBC guarantee that the Bath Road calcot golf course will no longer flood as it appears there is a breakdown with the drainage system, also how often should the trees be inspected in this area, as I am led to understand that WBC is responsible for the safety to the public footpath."

C. **Question submitted by Paul Morgan to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources:**

"Agenda Item 7: The report states that "Approval (for a £700K contribution) has been received from the CIL Team, as part of the capital programme refresh process, on the proposed use of CIL on this project. Can you please provide details regarding the referenced CIL Team – i.e. when was this CIL team established, who is on the CIL team (Councillors / Officers), what is the key purpose (constitution /terms of reference) for the CIL team, how does it consider and determine which projects to allocate strategic CIL funding to, what is the approval process (delegated authority, approval by Executive or full Council), how often does it meet, are approved meeting minutes provided / produced etc."