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## **Question Time: 19 July 2019**

Members asked questions of members the Cabinet and chairmen as set out below. In instances where a Cabinet Member, the Leader or a chairman undertook to take follow-up action, this is also noted below.

### **Best Start in Life**

#### **Cabinet Member for Education and Skills**

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Children not in school (page 109), from Mr Jones and Mr Smytherman.

In response to a question from Mr Jones about whether there had been any increase in children being removed from schools as a result of the lack of school funding, the Cabinet Member said there had been an increase in the number of children being home educated but he was not aware there was any evidence that the increase related to school funding. He said he would see if there was a correlation and respond to Mr Jones.

In response to the changes in legislation arising from the 'Children not in School' consultation the Cabinet Member agreed to respond to Mr Smytherman about where the special support centres which would be educating primary school-age children were, whether there would be enough places and whether the curriculum would be the same as the one provided by the Alternative Provision College.

Survey of schools, from Mr Oxlade.

Written question 6, from Dr O'Kelly.

### **A Prosperous Place**

#### **Leader**

The Leader answered questions on the following matters.

Gatwick Airport and the end of legal agreement, from Mr Acraman, Mr Bradford and Dr Walsh.

Discussions with the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care at the Local Government Association Conference (page 110), from Mr Turner.

Shoreham Airport, from Mr Acraman, Mr Bradford, Mr Boram, Mr High, Mrs Kitchen and Dr Walsh.

#### **Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure**

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Downs Link surface improvements (page 110), from Mrs Millson and Mr S J Oakley.

In response to a question from Mrs Millson on funding for surface improvements to the Downs Link, the Cabinet Member said he would let members have a plan which showed exactly what was being done.

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In response to a question from Mr Oakley, the Cabinet Member agreed to let him have a breakdown of how much of the money for the Downs Link resurfacing would be required for non-operational costs.

Written question 8, from Mr Jones, Mrs Jones and Dr Walsh.

Safety fencing on central reservation of dual carriageways, from Dr Dennis.

The Cabinet Member said he would investigate and respond to Dr Dennis on whether:

- the work on the A24 had been completed
- safety fences had been extended to other dual carriageways under the County's control where speed limit was more than 50 miles per hour (A264/ A259)
- a risk assessment had been carried out of not having safety fencing; and
- a cost benefit analysis had been carried out of their value against other highway safety measures.

Section 278 highways works, from Mrs Dennis.

In response to a request from Mrs Dennis for a review of the timing of Section 278 works by developers, the Cabinet Member said he would see if anything could be done but commented that there was limited scope for improvements given the legal framework. He also agreed to see where communications about such works could be improved.

## **A Council that Works for the Community**

### **Cabinet Member for Corporate Relations**

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Preparation for service continuity in relation to back office functions (page 112), from Mr Wickremaratchi.

Written question 4, from Mr Crow.

### **Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources**

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Triennial actuarial valuation of the Pension Fund (page 112), from Mr S J Oakley.

Chichester Harbour Conservancy award for education service, from Mr Acraman, Mr Montyn and Mr S J Oakley.

## **A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place**

### **Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities**

The Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities, answered questions on the following matters.

Our Town scheme (page 111, from Mr Barrett-Miles and Mr Smytherman.

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In response to a question from Mr Barrett-Miles the Leader agreed to circulate to all members the rollout programme for the rest of the county. She also agreed to make sure Burgess Hill Town Council knew if there was any requirement for it to help.

In response to a question from Mr Smytherman, about the resources for supporting the Our Town schemes and a list of local businesses involved, the Leader agreed to let members know.

Unauthorised occupation of County Council land at Tangmere, from Mr S J Oakley.