
Question Time: 17 December 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 small schools consultation, from Mr Jones and Dr O'Kelly.

In response to a request from Dr O'Kelly that, in any future consultations, local members should be involved to help inform the process, the Cabinet Member agreed that this should be the case.

A Prosperous Place

Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

A27, from Mr M Jones, Mr Montyn, Mr S J Oakley, Dr O'Kelly and Dr Walsh.

In response to a question from Mr Montyn about the A27 at Chichester whether the Cabinet Member would work jointly with the re-elected MP to demonstrate to the Secretary of State the urgency of the matter, the Cabinet Member confirmed that he would be engaging with the MP for Chichester.

In response to a question from Mr Oakley about congestion on the A27 and concerns from local residents about the potential impact of the closure of the Shopwyke/Oving Road crossroads, the Cabinet Member said he would see if there were any statistics on the likely impact.

Also in relation to the A27 and ongoing congestion, Dr O'Kelly asked the Cabinet Member if he would consider, in view of the climate urgency and health concerns, whether, in parallel to improving the A27, there should be safe integrated cycle routes and improved pricing for buses. The Cabinet Member agreed to look at the suggestions to see what was feasible.

Poor highways drainage, from Mr S J Oakley and Mr Wickremaratchi.

A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place

Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Worthing community hub, from Mr Baldwin, Mr High and Mr Jones.

Fire & Rescue Service drone, from Mr Jones.

Independence in Later Life

Cabinet Member for Adults and Health

The Cabinet Member answered a question on lobbying government for more money for adult social care and written question 2, from Mrs Millson, Mr S J Oakley and Mr Smytherman.

A Council that works for the Community

Leader

The Leader answered questions on written question 1 from Dr Walsh.

In response to a suggestion from Dr Walsh that the reference to a payment at the time of the appointment in 2016, rather than after 18 months, was incorrect, the Leader said he would write to Dr Walsh.

Cabinet Member for Economy and Corporate Resources

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Mental health first responders for staff, from Ms Goldsmith.

In relation to a pilot on mental health first aiders, in response to questions from Ms Goldsmith about when the pilot would start, how many people it would involve and when it would be completed, the Cabinet Member said he would keep members informed of the details of the pilot.

Let's Talk about our Towns, from Mr Wickremaratchi.