Question Time: 18 September 2020

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.

Reduction in school funding, from Cllr Walsh.

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr Walsh over the level of school funding affecting the more deprived areas of West Sussex, the Cabinet Member said he would respond with a fuller answer.

Woodlands Meed, Burgess Hill, from Cllr Barling, Cllr Barrett-Miles, Cllr M Jones, Cllr Lea and Cllr Lord.

In response to a question from Cllr Barrett-Miles, the Cabinet Member confirmed he would keep all members informed of progress.

Withdrawal of breaktime school milk funding for the over 5s, from Cllr M Jones.

A Prosperous Place

Leader

The Leader answered questions on Gatwick and the local economy, from Cllr Brunsdon.

In response to a question from Cllr Brunsdon about the environmental impact of Gatwick Airport the Leader said he would provide her with more information about help to support diversification and reskilling in the Crawley area. He also agreed to look at whether the County Council's seat on Gatcom should be held by the Cabinet Member for Environment.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure

The Cabinet Member answered questions on COVID-19 pop-up cycle lanes, from Cllr Burrett, Cllr N Dennis, Cllr M Jones and Cllr Lea.

In response to a question from Cllr Lea about the pop-up cycleways in East Grinstead and whether the replacement of temporary bollards with white lines meant the measures had been made permanent without the usual traffic regulation order process, the Cabinet Member agreed to respond to Cllr Lea.

A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place

Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities

The Cabinet Member answered a question on new fire appliance vehicles, from Cllr Wickremaratchi.

Cabinet Member for Environment

The Cabinet Member answered questions on countywide charging network for electric vehicles, from Cllr O'Kelly and Cllr Walsh.

A Council that works for the Community

Leader/Cabinet Member for Economy and Corporate Resources

The Leader and Cabinet Member answered questions on the impact of COVID-19 on the economy in Crawley, from Cllr Oxlade.

Cabinet Member for Economy and Corporate Resources

The Cabinet Member answered questions on a visit from the Secretary of State for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport from Cllr Burgess.

Cabinet Member for Finance

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the use of the apron at Tangmere airfield for emergency resilience purposes, from Cllr S Oakley.

In response to a question from Cllr Oakley the Cabinet Member agreed to keep him informed of any plans for the future of the airfield.