
Question Time: 6 November 2020

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

Best Start in Life

Leader

The Leader answered questions on free school meals in school holidays, from Cllr A Jones and Cllr Lord.

In response to a request from Cllr Lord that the Leader write to all local MPs and Secretary of State to highlight the need for automatic support for families in receipt of free school meals over Christmas holidays, the Leader agreed to work with Cllr Lord and the Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities on the communication.

A Prosperous Place

Cabinet Member for Economy and Corporate Resources

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the impact of the pandemic on businesses in Crawley from Cllr Quinn.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

The proposed route for the A27 Arundel bypass, from Cllr Fitzjohn, Cllr Montyn, Cllr S Oakley, Cllr Lord and Cllr Walsh.

In response to a request from Cllr Montyn relating to the proposed route for the A27 at Chichester, the Leader said he would work closely with local MPs and the Leader of Chichester District Council to ensure a joined up approach is taken in regard to mitigation and consultation for any work undertaken.

In response to a request from Cllr Fitzjohn, the Leader agreed to ask officers to share discussion with local members.

In response to a question from Cllr O'Kelly, the Cabinet Member agreed to circulate details of the most recent meeting with MPs concerning the A27.

Pop-up cycle lanes, from Cllr Boram, Cllr Burrett, Cllr Burgess, Cllr Goldsmith, Cllr High and Cllr M Jones.

In response to a question from Cllr Burgess about feedback on the Three Bridges temporary cycle scheme, the Cabinet Member said he would provide her with details.

In response to a question from Cllr Goldsmith, the Cabinet Member confirmed that district cycle forums would be involved in any future discussions concerning cycleways.

In response to a question from Cllr Jones about the timing of the removal of the pop-up cycle lanes, the Cabinet Member said he would provide dates once the process for removal was known.

Work on the A264 junction with Rusper Road in Horsham, from Cllr Baldwin, Cllr Catchpole and Cllr Kitchen.

In response to a request from Cllr Baldwin that there should not be any works at the same time at the Robin Hood junction, the Cabinet Member said he would clarify whether that was the case.

In response to a request from Cllr Catchpole for clarification about the timing and impact of the roads works on the A264 relating to the Bohunt School, the Cabinet Member agreed that officers would arrange a meeting between the members of the North Horsham County Local Committee, the District Council and North Horsham Parish Council to consider the matter. He confirmed there would also be a letter drop to affected residents.

In response to a request from Cllr Kitchen, the Cabinet Member agreed to involve all relevant Parish Councils in any meetings concerning the Rusper Road roundabout.

Funding for local bus services, from Cllr N Dennis.

In response to a question from Cllr Dennis, the Cabinet Member agreed to examine a recent National Audit Office report on local buses and make an assessment which might assist in the preparation of schemes to bid for government funding.

A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place

Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

The Community Hub and the national lockdown, from Cllr Kennard, Cllr O'Kelly and Cllr Wickremaratchi.

Hate Crime Awareness Week, from Cllr Barnard and Cllr Edwards.

Road capacity surrounding the new Horsham Fire Station, from Cllr Millson.

In response to a question from Cllr Millson, the Cabinet Member agreed to work with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure in order to see if there are any issues in terms of capacity on roads serving the new Horsham Fire Station and training centre.

A Council that works for the Community

Cabinet Member for Finance

The Cabinet Member answered questions on Council investments from Cllr Millson.

In response to a question from Cllr Millson, the Cabinet Member agreed to provide information held on any links to the company which produces Cbeebies.