
Question Time: 17 December 2021

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 noted.

Leader

The Leader answered questions on the following matters.

Community consultation, from Cllr B Cooper.

In response to a question from Cllr Cooper, the Leader directed Cllr Cooper to the Council Plan and supporting metrics, which set out the Council's priorities.

Crawley's bid to become a city, from Cllr Burgess and Cllr Duncton.

COVID-19 grants and funding, from Cllr Baxter.

Home England development west of Ifield, from Cllr Cornell, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Oxlade.

Cabinet Member for Adults Services

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Provision for victims of abuse, from Cllr Condie, Cllr Kenyon and Cllr Oakley.

Social care workforce pressures, from Cllr B Cooper and Cllr O'Kelly.

In response to a question from Cllr O'Kelly about social care workforce pressures and current waiting times for social care assessments, the Cabinet Member said she would write to her. She also agreed to include details of any parts of the county that have particular challenges and the business continuity plan for the next few months.

Joint Carer Strategy 2021-26, from Cllr Burgess.

Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills

The Cabinet Member answered a question on the following matters:

Written question 2, Mental health support in schools, from Cllr Lord.

New college at Woodlands Meed, from Cllr Cornell, Cllr Greenway and Cllr Wall.

Impact of Covid on schools, from Cllr Lord and Cllr Smith.

Provision for free school meals over the Christmas holidays, from Cllr Lord and Cllr Payne.

Cabinet Member for Communities, Fire and Rescue

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the joint Fire & Rescue Control Centre, from Cllr Walsh.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Local Nature Recovery Strategies, from Cllr Burrett, Cllr Kerry-Bedell and Cllr Oakley.

Climate Change Annual Report, from Cllr Boram, Cllr Condie, Cllr Kerry-Bedell and Cllr O'Kelly.

Cabinet Member for Finance and Property

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the Local Government Finance Settlement, from Cllr Oakley and Cllr Walsh.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Traffic issues in relation to the Homes England Growth Programme, from Cllr Condie and Cllr Hillier.

Crash barriers on dual carriageways, from Cllr N Dennis.

In response to a request as to whether crash barriers should be installed on the central reservation of the A264 dual carriageway between Horsham and Crawley, the Cabinet Member said she would look into the matter and any other mitigations that may need to be put in place.

Salt bins, from Cllr Quinn.

Community highway schemes, from Cllr Sharp.

Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the Omicron variant, from Cllr Britton, Cllr B Cooper, Cllr Joy, Cllr Kerry-Bedell, Cllr O'Kelly and Cllr Walsh.

In response to questions from members about COVID-19 the Cabinet Member agreed to a request from the Chairman to pass on thanks on behalf of all councillors to all staff working in the community.

Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development

The Cabinet Member answered a question on the following matters.

Levelling up funded projects, from Cllr Boram, Cllr Elkins and Cllr Walsh.

Virtual meetings regulations, from Cllr Markwell.

In response to a request from Cllr Markwell, the Cabinet Member agreed to write to the Government to ask for the reintroduction of the virtual meeting regulations or legislation to allow councils to meet and vote virtually when required, particularly in relation to the budget meeting in February.