
Question Time: 8 June 2018

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

Paragraph 3, Inspection of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People), from Mrs Jones and Mr Marshall.

The Cabinet Member said he would like to meet Mrs Jones to hear her experiences of a recent conference on the Next Steps for Child Mental Health.

In response to a question from Mr Marshall the Cabinet Member placed on record his thanks to the staff and managers at the MASH, the leadership team in particular and also to Ofsted for their role in improving services.

Written Question 2, Thomas Bennett Community College (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills), from Mr Crow, Mr Jones and Mrs Mullins.

In response to a request from Mr Crow the Cabinet Member said he would keep the local member updated as far as was possible.

Sixth form provision in Haywards Heath (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills), from Mr Acraman, Mr Bradbury, Mrs Dennis and Mr S J Oakley.

In response to a request from Mrs Dennis in relation to sixth form provision in Haywards Heath the Cabinet Member said he would provide regular briefings for local members.

A Prosperous Place

Paragraph 7, Transport for South East £1m government funding (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Dr Dennis and Ms Lord.

In response to a question from Dr Dennis the Cabinet Member said he would explore issues of east-west rail connectivity which had arisen from the recent rail timetable changes. The Cabinet Member also agreed to respond to Dr Dennis on whether Transport for South East was liaising with Transport for London and Highways England to reflect the need for a joined up strategy that cut across a number of boundaries.

In relation to a question from Ms Lord the Cabinet Member agreed to meet her to discuss problems for school pupils from Wivelsfield resulting from the recent changes to the rail timetable.

Paragraph 8, A27 Arundel Bypass Preferred Route Announcement (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Mr Barling, Mr Oppler and Mr Purchase.

In response to a request from Mr Barling the Cabinet Member said he would

consider the points that might be made to the South Downs National Park Authority to dissuade them from issuing a judicial review.

Paragraph 9, Pothole Action Fund (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Mr Crow, Mr S J Oakley, Mr Purchase, Mr Quinn and Mr Wickremaratchi.

In response to a question from Mr Quinn as to whether there would be any increase in the resources that audited the effectiveness of pothole repairs the Cabinet Member said he would find out and respond to him.

In response to a question from Mr Wickremaratchi the Cabinet Member agreed to meet him to discuss specific issues relating to pothole repairs in the Haywards Heath area.

A27 Chichester (Leader), from Mr Montyn.

Written Question 6, night time roadworks and recent works in Cuckfield (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Mr Bradbury.

In response to a question from Mr Bradbury the Cabinet Member said he would review current practice further in the light of evidence to be submitted by Mr Bradbury. He also agreed to meet Mr Bradbury to discuss the matter in more detail.

Written Question 8, crossing patrol service (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Ms Lord, Mr Quinn and Mr Smytherman.

In response to a suggestion from Mr Smytherman that film from body-worn cameras should be kept for longer to support the team either in relation to incidents or for training, the Cabinet Member said he would see whether that was possible under data protection legislation.

In relation to a suggestion from Ms Lord, the Cabinet Member agreed to look at the breadth and scale of advertising for crossing patrol posts using all media available.

A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (Leader on behalf of Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities), from Lt Col Barton, Mr Bradbury, Mr Buckland and Mr Edwards.

In response to questions from Mr Edwards and Lt Col Barton the Leader gave an undertaking that the Cabinet would do all it could to lobby the Government to make sure that veterans were treated with respect and received the care they needed and that the Council was proactive in helping those with the condition.

In response to a question from Mr Buckland the Leader offered to attend a meeting of the Littlehampton Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club on 16 June in place of the Cabinet Member if she was unable to be there.

Independence in Later Life

Paragraph 21, Adult Social Care in-house services (Cabinet Member for Adults and Health), from Mr Jones, Mr Oxlade and Mrs Smith.

In relation to a question from Mr Oxlade about the Maidenbower Day Centre the Cabinet Member agreed to keep all Crawley members updated on the proposals.

In response to a question from Mrs Smith about who held the freehold of the Maidenbower Day Centre, whether there were any contractual obligations in respect of any existing lease and, if so, what the financial implications would be of ceasing delivering adult day care services from that location, the Cabinet Member agreed to respond to her.

A Council that works for the Community

Paragraph 25, Growth Programmes (Leader/Economy), from Mr Cloake and Mr Jupp.