
Question Time: 1 April 2022

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.

All members of the Cabinet

Allocation of funding locally, from Cllr Albury and Cllr Baxter.

Leader

The Leader answered questions on the following matters:

Crawley Growth Programme, from Cllr Ali.

Recover and Rise programme, from Cllr Kerry-Bedell and Cllr Hillier.

Cabinet Member for Adults Services

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Informal, unpaid carers, from Cllr Johnson.

In response to a query from Cllr Johnson about whether the Council uses establishments requiring improvement by the Care Quality Commission for respite care, the Cabinet Member said she would find out and respond to her.

Domestic abuse, from Cllr A Cooper and Cllr Burgess.

Impact of rising costs of social care, from Cllr Wall.

Written question 2, from Cllr Pudaloff.

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the Your Mind Matters campaign, from Cllr Greenway, Cllr Mercer and Cllr Walsh.

In relation to the 'Your Mind Matters' website, Cllr Walsh asked the Cabinet Member, in liaison with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the NHS, to ensure that statistics on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services are reported to the next meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

In response to a request from Cllr Mercer, the Cabinet Member said she would see if a recent confidential briefing for members of the Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee on the mental health of young people could be made more widely available to members of other local authorities in the county.

Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the Education and Skills Strategy, from Cllr Kenyon and Cllr Mercer.

In relation to the recently published Green Paper on Special Educational Needs, the Cabinet Member agreed to provide a hard copy of the Planning School Places document to Cllr Mercer.

Cabinet Member for Communities, Fire and Rescue

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Wellbeing Month at libraries, from Cllr Nagel and Cllr Wall.

System performance at the joint fire control room, from Cllr Walsh.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

National Park review and AONBs, from Cllr Montyn.

Consultation on 2021 Environment Act Biodiversity Net Gain Regulations, from Cllr Oakley.

Storm sewage overflows, from Cllr Kerry-Bedell.

Recycling newsletter, from Cllr Quinn.

Cabinet Member for Finance and Property

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Current position of Centenary House Durrington, from Cllr McDonald.

Woodlands Meed build project and ground source heat pumps, from Cllr Cherry.

In response to a question from Cllr Cherry about why ground source heat pumps had not been included as part of the design of the new Woodlands Meed school, the Cabinet Member said he would find out and respond.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Active Travel and issues with potholes and pavements, from Cllr Baxter.

Road repair prioritisation to support Active Travel, from Cllr Albury, Cllr Condie and Cllr Quinn.

#WestSussBus engagement, from Cllr N Dennis, Cllr Oakley and Cllr Sharp.

In response to a request from Cllr Dennis for bus stops and timetable information to be updated and stops that are no longer in use to be removed, the Cabinet Member said she would raise the matter with bus operators and with officers.

In response to a question from Cllr Oakley about whether bus companies consult the Council when they plan to remove bus stops, the Cabinet Member said she would find out and ensure that members are consulted in future.

Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Wellbeing Service, from Cllr Boram and Cllr Oakley.

In relation to the 10th anniversary of the Wellbeing service, in response to a request from Cllr Boram, the Cabinet Member agreed to make representations to the NHS about the need for statistics on the number of preventable diseases they deal with.

In response to a question from Cllr Oakley as to whether there is evidence that campaigns to reduce smoking are having an impact on sales, the Cabinet Member said he would see if he could get some statistics.

End of free lateral flow tests, from Cllr Smith.

In response to a question from Cllr Smith about the end of free lateral flow tests and their availability for special school staff and families, the Cabinet Member agreed to make representations to the Government.

Vaccination programme, from Cllr McGregor.

Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Kickstart job programme, from Cllr Burrett and Cllr Hillier.

Oracle Fusion project for Council service support, from Cllr Atkins and Cllr Kerry-Bedell.

In response to a question from Cllr Kerry-Bedell about the Council's new business management system, Oracle Fusion, and whether it would be capable of being integrated by a management digital dashboard, the Cabinet Member agreed to find out and respond.