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## **Question Time: 20 July 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 4, Home Education – Call for Evidence (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills), from Mrs Jones, Mrs Millson and Mrs Mullins.

In response to a request from Mrs Millson for clarification as to what the definition of a child's home education experience should encompass, the Cabinet Member said he would write to all members.

In response to questions from Mrs Mullins as to how many home-educated children had special educational needs and how many unregistered schools there were in the county and where they were, the Cabinet Member said he would provide the figures that were available.

Paragraph 8, Recognition for the Young Carers Service Volunteers (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People), from Mrs Dunton.

### **A Prosperous Place**

Paragraph 10, Bognor Regis Digital Hub – MP visit (Leader/Economy), from Mr Patel.

Paragraph 11, Bus Strategy Consultation Results (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Dr Dennis.

Paragraph 12, A27 Chichester: Submission to the Government's Roads Investment Strategy (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Dr Walsh.

Paragraph 13, Govia Thameslink Railway (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Dr Dennis, Mr Jones and Dr Walsh.

In response to a request from Dr Dennis as to whether the Cabinet Member could investigate whether the infrastructure on the Brighton line and adjoining routes, which dated from the 1980s, was responsible for the growing number of signal and points failures and, if so, what measures Network Rail were taking to address the problem, the Cabinet Member said he would contact GTR.

Dr Dennis also commented that the Gatwick Express Services usually had spare capacity whereas many London Victoria to Gatwick Airport passengers were using Southern Services to save money on the fare. He asked if the Cabinet Member would raise the matter with the operator, as both services were run by GTR, to see whether a more sensible pricing structure could be developed to get as many airport passengers as possible onto the Gatwick Express trains thereby freeing up capacity on other trains, the Cabinet Member said he would make representations.

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In response to a request from Dr Walsh for a delegation to be made to the Secretary of State for Transport, facilitated by one of the county's MPs, to request an end to the GTR franchise, the Leader said she would raise the matter with MPs during the summer recess.

Paragraph 14, Care Worker Recruitment (Cabinet Member for Adults and Health), from Mr Simmons.

Road-side verge cutting (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure) from Mrs Dennis, Mr Elkins, Mr High and Mrs Millson.

In response to a request from Mrs Dennis for grass cutting in rural areas to be based on safety and road visibility, the Cabinet Member said he would look at the suggestion.

Safety around schools (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Mrs Millson.

In response to a request from Mrs Millson for a publicity campaign to raise the profile of road safety around schools, the Cabinet said he was happy to consider the suggestion.

A27 Ikea Housing Development planning application and access to Coombes Road, Lancing (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Mr Barling.

Mr Barling asked to see a copy of the representations made to Adur District Council on highways matters and asked the Cabinet Member to reconsider what was the best solution for residents. The Cabinet Member said he would consult officers.

Gatwick Airport legal agreement (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Mrs Kitchen and Mrs Smith.

### **A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place**

Paragraph 19, Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club (Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities), from Lt Cdr Atkins.

Paragraph 20, Westminster Energy Environment and Transport Forum (Leader), from Mr Quinn.

Paragraph 26, Homes England – Northern Arc (Leader/Economy), from Mr Barrett-Miles and Mrs Dennis.

Additional archive storage space (Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities), from Mrs Mullins.

In response to a question about whether money in the capital programme 2016 for additional archive space had been spent yet, the Cabinet Member said she would provide Mrs Mullins with a time line for the project.

Fire fighter numbers (addressed to the Leader), from Mr Barling and Mr Jones.

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Withy Patch Gypsy, Roma and Traveller site (Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities), from Mr Jones.

Beacon Project on domestic abuse advice services (Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities), from Mrs Smith.

Your Energy Sussex (Leader/Cabinet Member for Environment), from Mr Quinn.

**Independence in Later Life**

Housing associations and quality of care (Cabinet Member for Adults and Health/Leader), from Mrs Jones.

In response to a question from Mrs Jones about Housing Associations and the quality of care provided, the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health offered Mrs Jones a briefing with herself and the officers responsible.

Wrenford Centre (Cabinet Member for Adults and Health), from Dr O'Kelly and Mrs Smith.