
Question Time: 16 December 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.

Leader

The Leader answered questions on the following matters:

The Create Growth Programme, from Cllr Albury, Cllr Kerry-Bedell and Cllr Mercer.

Skills development and the skills pipeline in the Gatwick area (Gatwick Economic Summit), from Cllr Burrett, Cllr Chowdhury and Cllr Gibson.

Cabinet Member for Adults Services

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Adult education, from Cllr Cherry, Cllr Oppler, Cllr Pudaloff and Cllr Sharp.

In response to a question from Cllr Cherry about what provision is made to make sure that West Sussex is fully literate, the Cabinet Member said she would respond to him.

Total amount of unpaid social care charges, from Cllr McKnight.

In response to a question from Cllr McKnight about the total amount of unpaid charges owed to the Council by residents receiving social care, the Cabinet Member said she would respond to him.

Safeguarding, from Cllr Payne.

Cabinet Member for Learning and Skills

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Worthing and Durrington Schools, from Cllr Baxter and Cllr Turley.

The Schools Bill, from Cllr Hillier, Cllr Lord and Cllr Nagel.

Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Cost of living, from Cllr Ali, Cllr Greenway and Cllr Lord.

In relation to the rising cost of living, in response to a question from Cllr Lord about how the number of calls to the Community Hub compared to the previous six months the Cabinet Member agreed let her know. The Cabinet Member also agreed to find out the waiting times for energy support advice from Citizens Advice.

In response to a question from Cllr Greenway about whether there is an opportunity for joint working between the Community Hub and the Arun Family Centre, the Cabinet Member said he would find out.

Safe Drive Stay Alive, from Cllr Duncton and Cllr Quinn.

Pension payments for fire fighters, from Cllr Walsh.

In response to a question about the personal taxation issues preventing the payment of immediate detriment pensions to retired or retiring fire fighters by fire authorities, the Cabinet Member said he would look into it and respond to Cllr Walsh.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the food waste trail and youth engagement, from Cllr Gibson, Cllr Lord, Cllr Wall and Cllr Walsh.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

The Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, answered a question on the following matter:

Review of underpasses affected by flooding, from Cllr Cornell, Cllr Oakley, Cllr Pudaloff and Cllr Turley.

In response to a question from Cllr Cornell, following the sad death of a teenager crossing Crawley Avenue near to an underpass, as to whether there will be a full survey of such underpasses, particularly those that are used by children to get to and from school, the Leader, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, said he would provide a written response.

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, on behalf of the Cabinet Member, answered a question on the following matter:

West Sussex Charge Network, from Cllr Kerry-Bedell, Cllr Lord, Cllr O'Kelly, Cllr Pudaloff, Cllr Quinn and Cllr Sharp.

In response to a comment from Cllr Quinn that the EV charging points in Chequer Mead car park were out of order due to snow, the Cabinet Member said she would report the information for investigation.

In response to a question from Cllr Sharp about whether there could be the option to pay at charge points by debit card to simplify the process, the Cabinet Member agreed to raise the suggestion with Connected Kerb.

Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Integrated Care Strategy, from Cllr Boram and Cllr Walsh.

Supply of PPE, from Cllr Kerry-Bedell.

In response to a question about the level of Covid deaths in the Southbourne area and preparations for another major pandemic in relation to supplies of PPE, the Cabinet Member said he would respond to Cllr Kerry-Bedell.

Stoptober campaign, from Cllr McDonald.

Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Worthing Growth Deal – Station Approach, from Cllr Burrett and Cllr Sparkes.

Esplanade Public Realm Improvement in Bognor Regis, from Cllr Greenway.

The County Council's website, from Cllr Montyn and Cllr Pudaloff.

In response to a request from Cllr Pudaloff as to whether, when searching for 'accessibility' on the website, the first response in the search list could be accessibility of the main website, the Cabinet Member agreed that this would be investigated.