
Question Time: 26 May 2023

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:

Business Hothouse programme, from Cllr Cooper and Cllr Mercer.

In response to a question from Cllr Mercer about support to sole traders and micro-businesses, the Leader agreed to send him a copy of the Business Hothouse evaluation report.

Gold Leadership Luncheon for South East Gold Award winners, from Cllr Burgess.

Consequences of the fire at a Midhurst hotel, from Cllr O’Kelly.

Cabinet Member for Adults Services

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Carers short breaks, from Cllr Duncton.

Market Sustainability Plan, from Cllr Kenyon.

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Secondary school places in Adur, from Cllr Boram, Cllr Mercer and Cllr Smith.

In response to a question from Cllr Smith about whether children with an Education, Health and Care Plan who live more than three miles from school are automatically offered a school bus or a taxi service, the Cabinet Member agreed to check and let her know.

Recommissioning of short breaks, from Cllr Lord.

In response to a question from Cllr Lord about the recommissioning of short breaks and whether providers are required to contact existing service users to let them know of the changes in provision, the Cabinet Member for said she would find out and let Cllr Lord know.

The Cabinet Member also agreed to check whether the communications about the changes had been good enough.

New schools for children with special educational needs, from Cllr Mercer and Cllr Oakley.

Education and Learning Strategy, from Cllr Payne.

Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Business and Intellectual Property Centre, from Cllr Ali.

Wholetime fire fighters, from Cllr Dabell.

New Horsham Fire Station, from Cllr N Jupp.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

The Cabinet Member answered questions on Re-energise Manor Royal, from Cllr Oxlade.

Cabinet Member for Finance and Property

Adult Social care debt, from Cllr McKnight.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

The Cabinet Member, answered a question on the following matters:

Roads maintenance and potholes, from Cllr Cherry, Cllr Greenway, Cllr Kerry-Bedell and Cllr Quinn.

Scope for community bus partnerships, from Cllr Bence, Cllr N Dennis and Cllr Kerry-Bedell.

The Cabinet Member agreed to work with Cllr Bence to see if the Community Transport Scheme can be extended to provide bus services in Walberton.

Result of #WestSussBus consultation, from Cllr Sharp.

In response to a question from Cllr Sharp about how long the #WestSussBus consultation will last, the Cabinet Member said she would find out and let her know.

Electric Vehicle charge points, from Cllr Duncton, Cllr Kerry-Bedell, Cllr McKnight, Cllr O'Kelly, Cllr Patel and Cllr Quinn.

Written Question 3 - co-ordination of street works for utility companies, from Cllr Boram, Cllr Kerry-Bedell, Cllr Milne and Cllr Waight.

School Street project, from Cllr Ali, Cllr Greenway, Cllr Markwell and Cllr Milne.

In response to a question from Cllr Greenway about whether there have been discussions with borough and district councils about enforcement of traffic restrictions, the Cabinet Member said she would find out and respond.

In response to a question from Cllr Ali about why Gossops Green Primary School is not included in the project, despite discussions about its inclusion, the Cabinet Member said she would find out and let him know.

Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member answered questions on National No Smoking Day, from Cllr Lord, Cllr Markwell, Cllr Oakley and Cllr Sparkes.

In response to a question from Cllr Lord about whether work is being done for future campaigns to target teenagers who are vaping, the Cabinet Member agreed to report back at a later date.

In response to a question from Cllr Markwell about what is being done to target children too young to pick up anti-vaping messages via social media, the Cabinet Member agreed to find out and respond.

In response to a question from Cllr Oakley about whether trends in cigarette sales are one of the measurements of the effectiveness of campaigns in changing smoking behaviours, the Cabinet Member said he would check to see if local data is available.