
Question Time: 17 July 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:

Sussex Visitor Economy Initiative, from Cllr Chowdhury, Cllr Lord and Cllr Payne.

Let's Go! Net Zero, from Cllr Albury and Cllr Lord.

In response to a question from Cllr Lord, about how many businesses will be involved over the year of the initiative, the Leader agreed to respond on the scope of involvement.

Supporting the aviation ecosystem, from Cllr Boram and Cllr N Dennis.

Cabinet Member for Adults Services

The Cabinet Member answered questions on Learning Disability Week, from Cllr Patel.

The Cabinet Member agreed to send details of day services and activities for those with learning disabilities to all members.

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

6.5% uplift for school staff, from Cllr Johnson and Cllr O'Kelly.

In relation to the recently announced uplift, 3.5% of which will need to be found from underspends in schools' existing budgets, Cllr O'Kelly asked for details of those underspends and the Cabinet Member agreed to let her know.

School bursaries, from Cllr Condie.

In response to a question about whether bursaries, used to assist with transport costs, have been withdrawn from specialist schools, the Cabinet Member said she would find out and respond.

Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

The new Training Centre and Fire Station for Horsham, from Cllr Burrett, Cllr Montyn and Cllr Pendleton.

Community Risk Management Plan and the risk of wild fires near domestic properties, from Cllr Oakley.

Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Let's scrap fly-tipping campaign, from Cllr Burrett, Cllr Greenway and Cllr Lord.

Drainage problems after heavy rain and impact on highways, from Cllr Chowdhury and Cllr Oakley.

Local Nature Recovery Strategies, from Cllr Cherry, Cllr Hillier and Cllr Lord.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

The Cabinet Member, answered questions on the following matters:

Drainage problems after heavy rain and impact on highways, from Cllr Chowdhury and Cllr Oakley.

Written question 3, pothole repairs, from Cllr Ali, Cllr Condie, Cllr Oxlade and Cllr Walsh.

In relation to paragraph (a) of the written answer, the Cabinet Member agreed to let Cllr Oxlade have details of when the current depth criterion of 40 mm for pothole repairs was introduced and the changes in criteria over the last 15 years.

In relation to a comment from Cllr Condie that the depth criterion for pothole repairs on cycle ways is 30 mm compared to 40 mm for roads, the Cabinet Member said she would review the situation.

In response to a comment by Cllr Walsh about a road in his division (Norfolk Road, Littlehampton) with defects in an area where tarmac is laid over concrete being evident for two years, the Cabinet Member agreed to look into it.

Apprenticeship Task and Finish Group, from Cllr Greenway and Cllr Sparkes.

Active Travel Strategy – Cycling and Walking Task and Finish Group and written question 6, from Cllr Condie, Cllr O’Kelly and Cllr Sharp.

Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Disposable vapes, from Cllr Ali, Cllr Boram, Cllr Lord and Cllr McKnight.

NHS long-term manpower plan, from Cllr Walsh.

In response to a question about the Government’s plans to introduce a second tier of medical qualifications, the Cabinet Member said he would respond to Cllr Walsh’s request for a view of the likely impact on residents from a public health perspective.

Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters.

Digital infrastructure in the horticultural sector tour, from Cllr Atkins, Cllr Gibson and Cllr Lord.

Apprenticeship Task and Finish Group, from Cllr Greenway.