
Question Time: 5 April 2019

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

Motion to Crawley Borough Council on the Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help budget (Cabinet Member for Children and Young People), from Mr Crow and Mr Jones.

Beechfield secure unit (Cabinet Members for Children and Young People and Education and Skills), from Mrs Arculus, Mr Jones and Mr Smytherman.

In response to a question from Mr Smytherman about how much it had cost the Council to place three children in secure accommodation over the last year while Beechfield was closed, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People said he would let him know.

In response to Mr Smytherman's query about who would be providing the education provision once Beechfield reopened, the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills said he would let him know.

In response to a question from Mrs Arculus, the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People said he would let her know what revenue Beechfield had previously generated.

School placements for 2019/20 in Worthing (Cabinet Member for Education and Skills), from Mr High and Mr Waight.

In response to a question from Mr High about complaints from parents, the Cabinet Member said he would be happy to look into particular cases if Mr High sent him details.

A Prosperous Place

Future library at Burgess Hill (Leader), from Mr Barrett-Miles.

In response to a request for information about the future library provision at Burgess Hill, the Leader undertook to ensure all members were informed of the plans once negotiations had been completed and before a press release was issued.

Additional capital from the Department for Transport's Roads Fund for road improvement works (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Ms Lord, Mr S J Oakley, Dr O'Kelly, Mr Quinn and Dr Walsh.

In response to a question from Ms Lord, as to why the contract for resurfacing works in Hassocks had not included the ability to tow cars that had not been removed voluntarily, the Cabinet Member said he would respond to Ms Lord with clarification as to how vehicles could be moved legally, an indication as to the

costs incurred of repeat visits to complete resurfacing works and would also look at the implications of including towing in future contracts.

In response to a question from Mr Quinn, the Cabinet Member said he would provide him with an update on progress on road improvement works in due course.

In response to a question from Dr Walsh about why the cats' eyes on Long Furlong had been removed leaving small pits, the Cabinet Member said he would seek clarification and respond to Dr Walsh.

A29 realignment (Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure), from Mr Edwards.

The Cabinet Member said he would share with Mr Edwards a response regarding the severe financial implications of extending the proposals to link to the A27 at Fontwell and would also be happy to consider meeting residents of Shripney and Lidsey to listen to their concerns about the proposals.

A Council that works for the Community

Brexit preparations (Leader), from Mrs Millson.

In relation to a request for an update on preparations for Brexit, the Leader said she would ask the Chief Executive to prepare a briefing note for all members.

Budget preparations for 2019/20 (Leader), from Mr Catchpole.