
Question Time: 19 March 2021

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 also noted below.

Best Start in Life

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

The Cabinet Member answered a question on the Integrated Front Door, from Cllr Sparkes.

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

£20 supermarket vouchers and support for children over the Easter holidays, from Cllr Burgess.

Mental health support in schools, from Cllr Arculus, Cllr Hillier, Cllr Hunt, Cllr A Jones and Cllr Walsh.

A Prosperous Place

Leader

The Leader answered a question on listening to ideas from members, from Cllr Purchase.

Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Gatwick surface transport issues, from Cllr N Dennis.

In response to a question from about the introduction of a £5 charge for those dropping off or collecting passengers from Gatwick Airport and potential unintended consequences, the Cabinet Member said that if Cllr Dennis could let him have evidence of any issues he would consider them.

Pothole funding, from Cllr Millson, Cllr Quinn and Cllr Walsh.

A Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place

Cabinet Member for Environment

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Trial booking system for Household Waste Recycling, from Cllr Barrett-Miles, Cllr M Jones, Cllr Quinn and Cllr Walsh.

Impact of incineration on recycling, from Cllr Catchpole, Cllr Pendleton and Cllr Walsh.

Improvements in recycling, from Cllr Bradbury and Cllr Burrett.

Barriers to electric car take-up, from Cllr Arculus, Cllr Cloake, Cllr O'Kelly and Cllr Smytherman.

Cabinet Member for Fire & Rescue and Communities

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Library Service in the Easter holidays, from Cllr Barrett-Miles, Cllr Cloake and Cllr A Jones.

While responding to a question from Cllr Barrett-Miles the Cabinet Member, on behalf of the Council, expressed thanks to Lesley Sim, Head of Libraries, Heritage and Registration, who was leaving the Council at the end of March and wished her a long and happy retirement. He also congratulated Russell Allen on his appointment as the new head of service.

Central government proposal for Police and Crime Commissioners to take over Fire & Rescue Services, from Cllr S Oakley and Cllr Smytherman.

Anti-social behaviour, from Cllr Atkins.

Independence for Later Life

Cabinet Member for Adults and Health

The Cabinet Member answered questions on the following matters:

Mental health first aid, from Cllr Edwards.

Social care support, from Cllr Brunsdon, Cllr A Jones and Cllr Turner.

In response to a question from Cllr Brunsdon about a recent report by the Care Quality Commission on the imposition of blanket orders for Do Not Resuscitate Orders in the early days of the pandemic and what the situation was in care homes in West Sussex, the Cabinet said she would find out and respond to her.