Agenda Item 15:

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 17 July 2019

AGENDA ITEM 15 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

1	Question by Councillor Holmes to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker
	"How many green bins have been confiscated from Kirklees residents because they put the wrong items in them?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
2	Question by Councillor Holmes to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker
	"What is the total cost incurred by Kirklees Council, in the past 5 years, when dealing with traveller encampments on Council land. Calculation to include, but not be limited to legal costs; clean-up operations; repairs to damage caused and securing sites to prevent further trespass?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
3	Question by Councillor Holmes to The Cabinet Member for Greener Kirklees – Councillor Mather
	"In order to play our part in reducing single use plastic waste, would Kirklees Council look at implementing a scheme whereby all its public buildings, where it's possible to do so, would provide a free water bottle refill scheme to the public?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
4	Question by Councillor McGuin to The Cabinet Member for Greener Kirklees – Councillor Mather
	"How much did the extra staffing cost to police the contents of green bins?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
5	Question by Councillor McGuin to The Cabinet Member for Greener Kirklees – Councillor Mather
	"Items that are rejected by Kirklees are accepted by other authorities, what estimate has been put on the amount of green bins rejected for having such items?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
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6	Question by Councillor McGuin to The Cabinet Member for Greener Kirklees – Councillor Mather
	"Is the Council aware of the number of people in Almondbury ward, and other areas, who are fastidious recyclers who have given up recycling owing to the present inspection regime of Kirklees?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
7	Question by Councillor McGuin to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker
	"The Council cannot deliver the new art gallery/museum/library for at least 7 years. What will the council do to ensure Tolson Museum is kept in proper repair?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
8	Question by Councillor McGuin to The Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities – Councillor Pattison
	"In relation to the apology I received for the late receipt of my freedom of information request answers regarding Almondbury Community School, can the Cabinet Member advise why processing the answers took so long?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
9	Question by Councillor J Taylor to The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care – Councillor Khan
	"Can the Cabinet Member confirm how much of the £1.4m allocated to improve outcomes for people suffering with mental health issues or victims of domestic abuse has been spent already?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
10.	Question by Councillor J Taylor to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor
	"Can the Leader confirm who the designated Cabinet Lead Member is for the Locality Leads work?"
	The Leader of the Council to respond
11.	Question by Councillor J Taylor to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor
	"Can the Leader or designated Cabinet Lead member explain what involvement Scrutiny has had in defining the way in which these Councillors will interact with Scrutiny?"
	The Leader of the Council to respond
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12. Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker

"I have recently met with a resident and during the course of the meeting had cause to walk up the road outside their house. As we walked they pointed out to me a number of drains in the road that were completely blocked. Is there a periodic inspection and maintenance regime that should identify drains such as this and ensure that they are cleared when blocked?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

13. Question by Councillor Lukic to The Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor McBride

"The recent listing for sale of Wetherspoons in Dewsbury is further evidence that our town centre is in desperate need of measures to attract more footfall and encourage longer visits. With this in mind will the cabinet trial free parking for 4 or 5 hours across the town centre without requiring visitors to obtain vouchers or permits?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

14. Question by Councillor Lukic to The Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor McBride

"Will the Community Infrastructure Levy raised from any development of land at Chidswell be ring-fenced for improvements in the impacted wards of Dewsbury East and Batley East?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

15. Question by Councillor Lukic to The Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities – Councillor Pattison

"The school menus provided by Catering Services offer a wide range of information on the sourcing of food and the animal welfare standards that the council upholds. The council has recently been made aware of widespread concerns over the use of non-stun slaughter in school meals. As menus are updated for the new school year, will they include clear and accessible information about methods of slaughter to enable families to make informed choices?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

16. Question by Councillor Lukic to The Cabinet Member for Children's Services – Councillor Kendrick

"What has the Council done to confirm whether the CSE victims whose cases were reviewed by Dr Peel consider his report to accurately reflect their involvement with Children's Services?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

17. Question by Councillor D Hall to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor

"On Wednesday 29th May Cabinet held a long debate on the future of Almondbury Community School. One parent asked why Academy status could not be a solution, citing BBG High School as a case study. You replied:

"Regarding BBG. If you look at the children in that particular area, in Batley and Spen, that's where you're talking about, and you look at the numbers and the catchment areas, that school would not be viable to sustain that school. The only reason that school is sustainable is because the children that have come into that area come from outside the area. When that happens schools that are in other areas automatically then reduce the numbers and this is what I say, parental choice, so other schools in that area are in a similar situation whereby they become unsustainable and, by being unsustainable, other factors come in.

Can you justify those specific remarks about BBG High School?"

The Leader of the Council to respond

18. Question by Councillor D Hall to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker

"How much revenue has been lost due to the sustained closure of Dewsbury Crematorium?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

19. Question by Councillor Eastwood to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker

"When will the Council declare an amnesty on the green bin scheme and return confiscated bins?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

20. Question by Councillor Iredale to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker

"What measures have you taken to clarify what people can put in their green bins?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

21. Question by Councillor Eastwood to The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services – Councillor Turner

"Why does this Council meeting agenda have more reports than usual?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

22.	Question by Councillor P A Davies to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker
	"The Council's green bin crackdown has backfired. Has the Council considered other options for engaging with residents and encouraging them to recycle?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond
23.	Question by Councillor McGuin to The Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor McBride
	"Barry Sheerman says that you are sympathetic to commercial development on Castle Hill. Does this mean you reject what is the Local Plan?"
	The Cabinet Member to respond

