

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 15 November 2017

AGENDA ITEM 14 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

(1) Question by Councillor Andrew Cooper to The Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Shabir Pandor)

“Which of the efficiency savings identified by Deloitte did you find politically unpalatable?”

The Deputy Leader to respond

(2) Question by Councillor Andrew Cooper to The Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Shabir Pandor)

“What should the Council do to make life easier for vulnerable people on a low income?”

The Deputy Leader to respond

(3) Question by Councillor Andrew Cooper to The Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Shabir Pandor)

“In what way do you believe that concerns in some of our communities regarding the Prevent Strategy should be best addressed?”

The Deputy Leader to respond

(4) Question by Councillor Andrew Cooper to The Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Shabir Pandor)

“Can you explain to us your role on the Council of Europe and what you have achieved in this role?”

The Deputy Leader to respond

(5) Question Withdrawn

(6) Question by Councillor Bill Armer to The Cabinet Member for Adults & Public Health (Councillor Cathy Scott)

“The Cabinet Member is aware of problems relating to rights of access to their homes affecting a number of my residents living in former Council houses in Grange Moor.

Will she please explain why KNH now expects my residents to pay from their own pockets to right this historic wrong which arose from an error by this Authority?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(7) Question by Councillor Michael Watson to The Leader of the Council (Councillor David Sheard)

"The Council regularly debates motions the product of which is the council mandates someone to write a letter to a government minister or someone else expressing the councils view on a particular subject or demanding some specific action be taken. How many letters have been sent as a consequence of council motions since 1 June 2015?"

The Leader of the Council to respond

(8) Question by Councillor Michael Watson to The Cabinet Member for Corporate (Councillor Graham Turner)

"Having regard to the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 and any other relevant legislation does the council have the power to unilaterally grant exemptions from council tax and if so could it exempt care leavers from council tax payments until they are 25?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(9) Question by Councillor Michael Watson to The Cabinet Member for Corporate (Councillor Graham Turner)

"I have been advised by a local foster carer that foster carers in Leeds are exempted from council tax.

Does the Cabinet Member know whether this is in fact correct and if so by what mechanism this is achieved?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(10) Question by Councillor Michael Watson to The Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor Naheed Mather)

"I have recently had an issue with a Denby Dale Ward Resident who was advised that their Landrover Defender 90 was restricted to 12 visits per year to Bromley Farm Tip. This is a short wheel based landrover with a much lower load carrying capacity than a long wheel base defender 110. I am aware of these being permitted unrestricted access to the site.

When I raised this with the officers I was advised:

“There are many different types of Land Rover Defenders. The Council uses the DVLA website to help distinguish if the vehicle is a 'goods' vehicle (Category N1). In general terms, if there are clear windows which can be opened and seats with seat belts, it is likely to be classed as being registered for a car permit. If the back of the vehicle does not have windows (or if they are blacked out and cannot be opened) and there is a bench in the back which doesn't have seat belts then this is classed as a 'goods' vehicle by the DVLA and hence is classed as being registered for a large vehicle in the Council's HWRC permit system and is only allowed to visit the HWRC 12 times a year. “

Is it correct that in assessing whether a vehicle is a “large vehicle” for the purposes of access to Refuse sites the size of the vehicle is not the defining criteria?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(11) Question by Councillor Michael Watson to The Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor Naheed Mather)

“Following on from the question I asked in July in relation to the domestic recycling point at Leys Lane Emley I understand that there has subsequently been enforcement action taken.

Can the Cabinet Member confirm whether any unlawful dumping has been identified and if so whether the culprits have been identified and whether any prosecution is being pursued?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(12) Question by Councillor Nigel Patrick to The Cabinet Member for Corporate (Councillor Musarrat Khan)

“What were the ‘significant operational issues’ which meant the bins were not collected from 4000 homes last week?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(13) Question by Councillor Nigel Patrick to The Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor Naheed Mather)

“How many complaints have been made to the Council so far about the behaviour of staff working for Kingdom, the environmental crime company working for the Council?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(14) Question by Councillor Nigel Patrick to The Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor Naheed Mather)

“Whilst the Council is quick to fine drivers for entering Huddersfield, and quick to fine a man for walking his dog, why is the Council so reluctant to take enforcement action against house builders for breaches of planning conditions and for causing damage to highways?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(15) Question by Councillor John Taylor to The Cabinet Member for Corporate (Councillor Musarrat Khan)

“Please can you tell me when the revised Traffic Regulation Order for the speed limit changes for Lane Head Rd & Abbey Rd, Shepley, Huddersfield Rd, Shelley & Penistone Rd in Birdsedge will be issued.”

The Cabinet Member to respond