

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 21 March 2018

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

**(1) Question by Councillor Rob Walker to the Cabinet Member for Children
(Councillor Masood Ahmed)**

“Following the government’s announcement on the 13th March of changes to the eligibility for free school meals for working families in receipt of Universal Credit how many children in Kirklees are set to lose out on free school meals”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(2) Question by Councillor Habiban Zaman to Cabinet Member for Corporate
(Councillor Graham Turner and Councillor Musarrat Khan)**

“Why are the nation’s roads getting worse”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(3) Question by Councillor Richard Smith to Cabinet Member for Economy
(Cllr Peter McBride)**

“Given that the Secretary of State for Transport has recently announced a specific Bypass Fund” has the Cabinet Member looked at the criteria to see if Flockton or other proposed schemes fit and can the Cabinet Member inform members of his view on an application for a Flockton Bypass”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(4) Question by Councillor Richard Smith to Cabinet Member for Economy
(Cllr Peter McBride)**

“Can the Cabinet member provide timescales and confirm the route for the widely publicised £77M A62 Cooper Bridge Bypass”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(5) Question by Councillor Richard Smith to Cabinet Member for Economy
(Cllr Peter McBride)**

“Could the Cabinet Member explain what Kirklees Council is doing to take advantage of the Major Road Network funding”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(6) Question by Councillor James Homewood to Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor Naheed Mather)

“Cllr Mather, in this chamber members of the opposition have said that you would not deliver on housing, can you tell us what the council has delivered”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(7) Question by Councillor Steve Hall to Councillor Darren O’Donovan, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

“How has West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service responded to the needs of the community following critical incidents in Kirklees”?

Cllr O’Donovan to respond

(8) Question by Councillor Judith Hughes to Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health – (Cllr Cathy Scott)

“Last week was the National Fire Chiefs Councils national sprinkler awareness week, could you tell me whether Kirklees Council & KNH are going to retro-fit sprinklers into the 4 High Rise buildings within Kirklees”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(9) Question by Councillor Darren O’Donovan to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Cllr Naheed Mather)

“Cllr Mather, I was very encouraged to see that the Cabinet has agreed to invest significant sum into our Town Centres. Do you agree that this will re-vitalise Huddersfield and Dewsbury”.

The Cabinet Member to respond

(10) Question by Councillor Martyn Bolt to the Leader (Cllr David Sheard)

“Can the Cabinet Member confirm if he still believes the Labour Cabinet’s Local Plan as being investigated to be sound”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(11) Question by Councillor Martyn Bolt to the Cabinet Members for Corporate – Councillors Graham Turner/Cllr Musarrat Khan

“How many contracts does the Cabinet have with the private sector, and in what Services Areas are they? Does he feel they give best value for money”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(12) Question by Councillor Martyn Bolt to the Cabinet Member for Corporate – Cllr Musarrat Khan

“Does the Cabinet Member feel that they have sufficient capacity and are taking advantage within the Highways Service of developing new schemes for funding and the benefit of Kirklees residents”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(13) Question by Councillor David Hall to The Leader

“What support is the Cabinet putting in place for Members of this Council, and our colleagues on the five Town/Parish Councils, in preparation for the GDPR law changes in May”?

The Leader to respond

(14) Question by Councillor M R Watson to The Leader

“Defining one school day as one school being closed for all or part of a day how many school days have been lost in Kirklees as a consequence of weather related events since 1 January 2018”?

The Leader to respond

(15) Question by Councillor M R Watson to Cabinet Member for Economy (Strategic Planning, Regeneration and Transport) – Councillor Peter McBride

“At present I am receiving a high number of calls from residents in the Emley area regarding potholes that have occurred as a consequence of the recent poor weather. I understand extra resources have been allocated by the Highways Team for repairing potholes and I wish them well with what is clearly a challenging project. Could the cabinet member give an indication of when it is anticipated the teams will be able to attend to the potholes in the Emley area”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(16) Question by Councillor M R Watson to Cabinet Member for Economy (Strategic Planning, Regeneration and Transport) – Councillor Peter McBride

“Does the council compensate motorists whose tyres are damaged as a consequence of potholes”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(17) Question by Councillor M R Watson to Cabinet Member for Economy (Strategic Planning, Regeneration and Transport) – Councillor Peter

McBride

“It seems to me that key to keeping on top of the potholes issue is the reporting of potholes as soon as possible and to this end the residents of Kirklees can very much be our eyes and ears so to speak. One option for doing this would be to develop an app which would enable users to photograph a pothole and send its precise location at the click of a button. Does the cabinet member agree this could be a useful tool to assist the highways team”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

- (18) Question by Councillor M R Watson to Cabinet Member for Corporate (Place, Environment and Customer Contact Services) – Councillor Musarrat Khan**

“Whilst out delivering leaflets in Denby Dale advising local residents of the work their Conservative Ward Councillors and Parish Councillors had been doing throughout the last year it came to my attention that the traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing near the library were not working. Clearly problems such as this should be reported as soon as possible and it would be in accord with the principles of new council to encourage members of the public to report faults. What is the best way for them to do this”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

- (19) Question by Councillor Nicola Turner to Cabinet Member for Corporate Councillor Musarrat Khan**

“What is the authority’s definition of a pothole and are potholes graded in any way?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

- (20) Question by Councillor Nicola Turner Cabinet Member for Corporate Councillor Musarrat Khan**

“Currently, how many reported potholes are there across Kirklees? On average, how long does it take for them to get filled, once reported? What was the longest time it took for a pothole to get filled in the past year after being reported?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

- (21) Question by Councillor Andrew Pinnock to Cabinet Member for Corporate Councillor Musarrat Khan**

“Can we have an update on the trial of the pothole MultiHog machines?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

- (22) Question by Nicola Turner to Cabinet Member for Economy – Councillor**

Naheed Mather

“You promised a review on waste services. Has this taken place?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(23) Question withdrawn

**(24) Question by Councillor Cahal Burke to the Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Shabir Pandor**

“You were recently part of a delegation from the Leeds City Region at an international property and investment event in Cannes, in France. Can you give us feedback about this event, whether anything is happening and whether it was a success for Kirklees?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(25) Question by Councillor Nicola Turner to the Cabinet Member Corporate
Councillor Graham Turner & Councillor Musarrat Khan**

“Is there a policy on where beehives may be kept in Kirklees?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(26) Question by Councillor Cahal Burke to the Cabinet Member for Adults and
Public Health**

“Campaigners fighting to save Huddersfield Royal Infirmary have been granted permission for a judicial review into the plan to downgrade the hospital and move A&E services. What else can the Council do to support the legal case?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(27) Question by Councillor Cahal Burke to the Cabinet for Corporate Councillor
Graham Turner and Councillor Musarrat Khan**

“Air quality is a major local, regional and national issue. In Kirklees, there are 7 new areas where the National Air Quality Objectives are being breached, including Ainley Top in Lindley ward and Outlane in the Colne Valley ward, and these areas have been declared as Air Quality Management Areas. I understand that by law, the Council must produce action plans detailing measures it will take to improve the air quality in these areas.

Can you confirm that these Air Quality Management Areas have now been set up and how will they help to address the issue of poor air quality?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(28) Question by Councillor Andrew Pinnock to Cabinet Member for Corporate Councillor Graham Turner & Councillor Musarrat Khan

“There are 7 new areas across Kirklees which have been declared as Air Quality Management Areas by council officers, because of poor air quality. Why isn't Chain Bar, in Cleckheaton, included in this list?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(29) Question by Councillor Nicola Turner to Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health Councillor Cathy Scott

“The decision to downgrade Huddersfield Royal Infirmary has been referred to Jeremy Hunt and the Independent Reconfiguration Panel. What else can the Council do?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(30) Question by Councillor Lisa Holmes to Cabinet Member for Councillor Graham Turner & Councillor Musarrat Khan

“How many reports of fly tipping were received for the Liversedge & Gomersal Ward for the periods 17/3/2017 to 16/3/18 & 17/3/16 to 16/3/17”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(31) Question by Councillor Lisa Holmes to Cabinet Member for Councillor Masood Ahmed & Cllr Viv Kendrick

“How effective is our CAMHS service in supporting vulnerable young people”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(32) Question by Councillor Lisa Holmes to Cabinet Member for Children Councillor Masood Ahmed and Councillor Viv Kendrick

“What benefits will we see coming from the Healthy Child Program in the next 12 months”?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(33) Question by Councillor Fazila Fadia to Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health Councillor Cathy Scott

“How many applications do we have currently for council housing and what stock

is available?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(34) Question by Councillor Eric for to Cabinet Member for Adults and Public Health Councillor Cathy Scott

"Cllr Scott everyone recognises that Social Care needs a sustainable funding solution. This needs central government to act in the way that this council agreed last year. Whilst there has been some temporary money – how will you use it"?

The Cabinet Member to respond

(35) Question by Councillor Eric Firth to Cllr Darren O'Donovan – West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

"What is WYFRS doing to support the increasing vulnerability of people living across Kirklees communities"

Cllr O'Donovan to respond