

Name of meeting: Cabinet

Date: 11 December 2018

**Title of report: Written Questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members
(Reference from Council)**

Purpose of report

To receive written questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members that were not dealt with at the previous meeting of Council, held on 7 November 2018, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12(8).

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	N/A
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Julie Muscroft, 19.11.2018
Cabinet member portfolio	N/A

Electoral wards affected: N/A

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

1. **Summary**

Cabinet will receive any written questions to the Leader and Cabinet Members that were not dealt with at the previous meeting of Council, held on 7 November 2018, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 12 (8). Any such questions will only be responded to if the Member who submitted the question to the meeting of Council is in attendance to ask the question.

Council Procedure Rule 12(8) also permits members to request a written response to their question within 7 days of the Council meeting taking place.

2. **Information required to take a decision**

The schedule of questions submitted to Council is appended to this report.

3. **Implications for the Council**

3.1 **Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)**

N/A

3.2 **Economic Resilience (ER)**

N/A

3.3 **Improving Outcomes for Children**

N/A

3.4 **Reducing demand of services**

N/A

3.5 **Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**

N/A

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

N/A

5. **Next steps**

N/A

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

N/A (no decision is required)

7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**

N/A (no decision is required)

8. **Contact officers**

Andrea Woodside, Principal Governance Officer

Julie Muscroft, Service Director (Legal, Governance and Commissioning)

Questions submitted to Council - Wednesday 7 November 2018

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL
PROCEDURE RULE 12**

**(1) Question by Councillor Holmes to the Leader of the Council
(Councillor Pandor)**

"Is Kirklees Council the country's biggest user of meat from animals that have their throats slit while fully conscious – despite 80% of all UK halal meat being humanely stunned first, which is accepted by the Halal Food Authority?"

The Leader of the Council to respond

**(2) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
(Councillor Turner)**

"On Saturday the volunteers at Almondbury Library were told a consultation on a move, for the library, to the Surestart building would start on Monday 5th. Is this adequate notice for them and for the councillors?"

74% of people in the last consultation said that they wanted to stay in the present building. Is there an expectation of a different result in this consultation?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(3) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social
Care (Councillor Khan)**

"How quickly will the council move to close the Homestead Day Care/Dementia centre and move it to the Surestart Centre?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(4) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services
(Councillor Turner)**

"Is the Cabinet aware that decisions made by Kirklees whether it be by them or officers of the council, particularly as regards public buildings, has had a profound effect on the people of Almondbury, Lepton, and Moldgreen?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(5) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor Turner)

"Have the Clergy House garages in Almondbury been removed from the disposal of asset list agreed on August 21st by the Cabinet?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(6) Question by Councillor Light to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)

"Given that there are now a number of air quality improvement areas across the borough and that recent research is now clearly linking poor air quality with poor health, will the Leader make a policy commitment to make improving air quality a key priority for the Council and in doing so commit the Council to introduce a Moss Tree in every air quality improvement area?"

The Leader of the Council to respond

(7) Question by Councillor Bellamy to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Mather)

"What help and assistance do we give to charities and businesses to help them dispose of waste that has been fly tipped onto their land, that the land owners and volunteers have removed?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(8) Question by Councillor Iredale to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

"In the last fortnight, several stalls have closed at Queensgate Market, and there are a lot of empty stalls now. The market is uninviting. What is the Council doing to rectify this?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(9) Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

"The Council has an ambitious target of delivering 10,000 new homes by 2023. What is the Council doing to make sure that its planning office has enough capacity to meet this challenge?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(10) Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor Turner)

“We have a great library in Almondbury which is in an historic purpose-built Carnegie library building, for which there is overwhelming local support for the service to remain there. So why are the Council intent on moving it to the Sure Start Centre which will only dilute the service?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(11) Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

“My question concerns the Local Plan. The time for responding to the additional modifications proposed by the Inspector closed on October 1st. I note that on all Council owned land across Kirklees, the wording: “This site is owned by Kirklees and as such could deliver enhanced affordable housing and green infrastructure and offer design and quality that is of a high standard” has been deleted. I have not seen any recorded comments from Cabinet to suggest that they do not agree with the Inspectors proposed modification. My question therefore is: How can the Cabinet justify this when there is a backlog of over 6,000 affordable homes required to be built over the next few years to clear the backlog according to the Strategic Housing Market assessment 2016.”

The Cabinet Member to respond