

## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18 September 2019

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

1	<p><b>Question by Councillor Christine Iredale to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Rob Walker</b></p> <p>“I would like to congratulate the Council for eventually re-opening the Greenhead Park Conservatory, but why did the restoration works take so long to complete?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
2	<p><b>Question by Councillor Christine Iredale to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor Peter McBride</b></p> <p>“The old Queen Hotel on Market Street in Huddersfield is in a poor state. Can the Council do anything to improve its condition?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
3	<p><b>Question by Councillor Anthony Smith to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy – Councillor Cathy Scott</b></p> <p>“Could the Council confirm how many KNH buildings do not have accessible entrances for disabled people?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
4	<p><b>Question by Councillor Anthony Smith to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor Peter McBride</b></p> <p>“Can we get an update from the Council on what is happening with the George Hotel?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
5	<p><b>Question by Councillor Richard Eastwood to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Rob Walker</b></p> <p>“Are the confiscated green bins being returned to residents?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>

6	<p><b>Question by Councillor Christine Iredale the Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Rob Walker</b></p> <p>“Why are the grey bin collections so irregular?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
7	<p><b>Question by Councillor Alison Munro to the Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities – Councillor Carole Pattison</b></p> <p>“Can the Council confirm they have got transport arrangements in place for children at Almondbury Community School secondary provision who will be displaced post 2020-2021?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
8	<p><b>Question by Councillor Richard Eastwood to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Rob Walker</b></p> <p>“Following the recent flooding in parts of the borough, can you tell me if we are going to reinstate a work programme for checking and clearing gullies?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
9	<p><b>Question by Councillor Bernard McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities – Councillor Carole Pattison</b></p> <p>Parents who would normally send their children to Almondbury Community School are not now in a catchment area. When will Kirklees give an indication of where children currently in year 6 will progress to in September 2020?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Question by Councillor Bernard McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspiration and Communities – Councillor Carole Pattison</b></p> <p>“Are Ofsted still monitoring progress at Almondbury Community School?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Question by Councillor Alison Munro to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor Peter McBride</b></p> <p>“Following the announcement of a £95m fund to restore historic high streets, how much of this money will be coming to Huddersfield?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>

12.	<p><b>Question by Councillor Aleks Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor Peter McBride</b></p> <p>Kirklees Council has been invited to bid for up to £25 million investment in Dewsbury regeneration from the new Towns Fund. Will the cabinet treat any funds received as new money, on top of existing commitments?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Question by Councillor Aleks Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor Peter McBride</b></p> <p>In June I was told that I would be briefed on the Dewsbury Market renovation by the end of July, but this has not taken place. Is a firm timeline yet in place for this development and when can our struggling traders expect to be fully informed?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
14.	<p><b>Question by Councillor Aleks Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy - Councillor Cathy Scott</b></p> <p>An increasing number of local authorities are moving to four yearly all-out elections as this model offers both significant cost savings and greater flexibility in warding arrangements. How much money would we save in Kirklees by moving to all-out elections, and has the cabinet considered making this change?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
15.	<p><b>Question by Councillor Aleks Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy - Councillor Cathy Scott</b></p> <p>In Kirklees we have a tradition of permitting election candidates to display posters on street lighting columns. This tradition will deter some people with physical impairments from standing for election, as they would find it more difficult to erect sufficient posters to effectively compete. This policy also generates significant plastic waste across the borough at every election, with the disposal of thousands of cable ties and boards. The candidate posters do not seem to increase turnouts in Kirklees when compared with neighbouring boroughs. Will the cabinet therefore consider revoking permission for candidates to display posters on public infrastructure, either on a permanent or trial basis?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
16.	<p><b>Question by Councillor John Taylor to the Cabinet Member for Culture &amp; Environment – Councillor Rob Walker</b></p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member inform me how long it takes to replace damaged or missing road safety signs?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>

17.	<p><b>Question by Councillor Mark Thompson to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Councillor Peter McBride</b></p> <p>“What, if anything is Kirklees Council doing and going to do about the skills gap in the construction industry in our borough? We have an immediate shortfall in the number of skilled/trained people for the growth of our borough in the following areas; the local plan delivery, trans pennine upgrade and of course our rollout of gigabit infrastructure. The industry hasn’t enough skilled workers at this moment so goodness knows what effect that will have on the borough as time ticks away. What is the training plan the council have to mitigate this shortage and when and who will be responsible”?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
18.	<p><b>Question by Councillor David Hall to the Cabinet Member for Culture &amp; Environment – Councillor Rob Walker</b></p> <p>When will Dewsbury Crematorium be back in operation?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>