

## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 15 January 2020

### AGENDA ITEM 13 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

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| 1 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Cooper to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>Have Cabinet Members met with the developers or their representatives regarding development proposals for Castle Hill?</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>   |
| 2 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Cooper to The Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee– Councillor S Hall</b></p> <p>How can we ensure that when we specify an electric vehicle charging point is installed in developments that it is actually installed and properly commissioned?</p> <p><b>The Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee to respond.</b></p>   |
| 3 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Munro to The Deputy Leader of the Council – Councillor McBride</b></p> <p>I have been requested to ask this question on behalf of a resident as follows:<br/>This Council has declared a Climate Emergency and people understand we are facing a climate emergency situation and that extreme weather patterns should always be factored in to any plans concerning development. The recent flooding in South Yorkshire showed many modern recently built homes being the victims of flood waters. These houses would have gone through all the same assessments and checks as the ones used by this Council, yet they flooded. Is it the case, therefore, that all the current flooding models and assessments used in planning developments are outdated?</p> <p><b>The Deputy Leader to respond.</b></p> |
| 4 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Munro to The Deputy Leader of the Council – Councillor McBride</b></p> <p>Please can you tell me why we as councillors are faced with contemplating a planning application for Castle Hill in the near future, that is detrimental to the iconic status of this hill, detrimental to our heritage, detrimental to our environment as a result of a potential increase in visitors journeying to the site, ( bearing in mind Kirklees have declared a climate emergency) when in comparison to the age of the ancient hill fort these plans are a venture that is relatively short term?</p> <p><b>The Deputy Leader to respond.</b></p>   |

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| 5 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Munro to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>How long will it be before the assessment of Tolson Museum is finished and will that assessment be shared with Ward councillors as soon as it is completed?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>  |
| 6 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Holmes to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>After the Council spent a large proportion of 2019 telling residents they need to recycle better, spending £80,000 on ‘bin inspectors’ and confiscating hundreds of green bins from residents who had failed to recycle to the standards set by the Council, did it then, on green bin day, tip both green and grey bins into the same lorry, thus contaminating the whole truck load?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>  |
| 7 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>Travelling from Skelmanthorpe towards Scissett along Busker Lane there is a sharp right hand bend where there is a pavement on the outside of the bend backed by a stone wall. On what seems to be a fairly regular basis over recent years the council have had to repair this section of wall as a consequence of vehicles having crossed the pavement and knocked the wall down. This is a busy section of footpath when children are walking to and from Scissett Middle School. What could the council do to improve the safety of this section of path?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p> |
| 8 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>How often are the roads, signs and road furniture in Denby Dale Ward subject to routine inspections and when were the last inspections of the A629 Penistone Road, A636 Wakefield Road, A635 Barnsley Road and Woodhouse Lane at Emley?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>   |
| 9 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>At the last meeting I raised the issue of having a brown tourist information sign placed on the A629 and I understood the principles governing the installation of these signs were going to be investigated and reported back to me. It would be</p>  |

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|    | <p>useful to have this information so could this please be provided?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>  |
| 10 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>In the past urgent repairs were undertaken to fill in potholes in Woodhouse Lane Emley after I raised concerns about the possibility of accidents direct with Cllr Sheard. It seems that many of these holes have reappeared and they are in places very sever and could be dangerous in particular to cyclists and motorcyclists. I understand these have been reported by a number of our residents. Are these programmed for remedial work and if so when will they be attended to?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p> |
| 11 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>Efficient operation and transparency in the planning process and planning enforcement is vital to maintain public confidence. What do you consider is an efficient time scale to respond to reports of a breach of planning condition or development without authority?</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 12 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>Efficient operation and transparency in the planning process and planning enforcement is vital to maintain public confidence Do you think that planning decisions should be taken during the period an application is open to consultation and public comment</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 13 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>Efficient operation and transparency in the planning process and planning enforcement is vital to maintain public confidence How would you respond to members of the public, heard after recent planning committee meetings saying they thought “ Kirklees was in cahoots with developers “</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 14 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor</b></p>  |

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|    | <p><b>Pandor</b></p> <p>Kirklees has been working on air quality management issues of late, in addition to those gasses, chemicals and particulates coming out of a vehicle exhaust what is Kirklees doing to research, quantify and mitigate the particulate emissions from vehicle breaking systems</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 15 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>Kirklees recently adopted a supplementary planning document on highways design , do you fully support this and are you ensuring all schemes and routes now conform?</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 16 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>Efficient operation and transparency in the planning process and planning enforcement is vital to maintain public confidence. Should Kirklees facilitate development without adequate recompense, or contribution to policy goals</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 17 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>Efficient operation and transparency in the planning process and planning enforcement is vital to maintain public confidence. Should Kirklees accept planning applications where the application form is incorrect or untrue</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>   |
| 18 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>Kirklees submitted a bid to WYCA for £6.6 million for the Huddersfield to Waterloo cycle scheme, what was the response from the Kirklees cycling community, and what are Kirklees plans and commitments to the cleaning, maintenance and winter maintenance of this route when completed</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p> |
| 19 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p>   |

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|    | <p>Which are the current highest used transport corridors in Kirklees and what are the vehicle numbers and modal split</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 20 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>How important do you consider caring for our ageing population, keeping where possible in their own homes and within their own communities</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 21 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Bolt to The Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</b></p> <p>How well do you think liaison is between west Yorkshire councils and between WYCA and Kirklees</p> <p><b>The Leader to respond</b></p>  |
| 22 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Eastwood to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>How much did it cost the Council to provide the free parking over the Christmas period across Kirklees?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>  |
| 23 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Smith to The Deputy Leader of the Council – Councillor McBride</b></p> <p>Could the cabinet member provide an update on what is happening with the George Hotel?</p> <p><b>The Deputy Leader to respond.</b></p>   |
| 24 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Iredale to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>In a recent league table of local authorities, Kirklees Council came third for the most potholes reported or identified. What plans are in place by the Council to tackle this problem?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p> |
| 25 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Smith to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p>  |

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|    | <p>What alternative technologies and methods have been considered or trialled by the Council recently to improve the repair of potholes, ensuring that potholes can be repaired in a way which is efficient, cost-effective and long-lasting? If alternative methods have been trialled, what were the results?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>  |
| 26 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Eastwood to The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care– Councillor Khan</b></p> <p>Can the cabinet member provide an update on the People's Commission independent review of hospital services in Huddersfield and comment as to whether the panel are considering the merging of the two CCGs, as recommended in the recent Corporate Peer Challenge feedback report?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>  |
| 27 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Lukic to The Cabinet Member for Greener Kirklees– Councillor Mather</b></p> <p>In a Kirklees Together article on Monday you said "Cases of extreme weather such as heat waves and rainfall are having consequences already in Kirklees with issues such as moorland fires and flooding in particular affecting the region."</p> <p>Recent wildfires in our region were actually the consequence of arson, bonfires and careless use of barbecues. This council has already banned fires and barbecues on open public spaces in response to these fires. Will you apologise for misleading the public about these horrific incidents and ensure the article is corrected?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p> |
| 28 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Lukic to The Deputy Leader Regeneration– Councillor McBride</b></p> <p>In response to my written question in July you said that car parking in Dewsbury 'will be an issue to address' and that a full study would be ready towards the end of 2019.</p> <p>Is this study now complete and, as I requested 6 months ago, will the cabinet now at least trial free short stay parking across the town centre without requiring visitors to obtain vouchers or permits?</p> <p><b>The Deputy Leader to respond.</b></p>  |
| 29 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Holmes to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p>  |

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|    | <p>Following two of my residents reporting vehicle damage from potholes, I requested the latest highways engineer report for the road and whether there have been any reports of vehicle damage on this road in last 2 years<br/>The response has been that the resident has to submit an FOI request.<br/>Can you please explain to me why elected members can't receive such information directly ?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>   |
| 30 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Holmes to The Cabinet Member for Corporate–<br/>Councillor Turner</b></p> <p>Why were all the 'property guardians' given notice to vacate, and then ugly metal sheeting put up over all the windows on the beautiful Edwardian building that was Gomersal First School?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>  |
| 31 | <p><b>Question by Councillor Armer to The Deputy Leader Regeneration–<br/>Councillor McBride</b></p> <p>The NPPF states that: "Planning policies and decisions should promote an effective use of land in meeting the need for homes and other uses, while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions. Strategic policies should set out a clear strategy for accommodating objectively assessed needs, in a way that makes as much use as possible of previously-developed or 'brownfield' land" (para 117) and should "give substantial weight to the value of using suitable brownfield land within settlements for homes and other identified needs, and support appropriate opportunities to remediate despoiled, degraded, derelict, contaminated or unstable land" (para 118(c)).<br/>The Local Plan includes a number of brownfield sites designated for development. What is this Council doing to use strategic policy to prioritise the use of brownfield land for development?</p> <p><b>The Deputy Leader to respond.</b></p> |
| 32 | <p><b>Question by Councillor McGuin to The Deputy Leader Regeneration–<br/>Councillor McBride</b></p> <p>Can the appropriate cabinet member tell me what was the consultation mechanism used to make the decision on the cycle way between Huddersfield Town Centre and Waterloo?</p> <p><b>The Deputy Leader to respond.</b></p>  |
| 33 | <p><b>Question by Councillor McGuin to The Deputy Leader Regeneration–<br/>Councillor McBride</b></p>  |

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|    | <p>How well used is the current cycle way that runs outside Huddersfield Town Hall?</p> <p><b>The Deputy Leader to respond.</b></p>   |
| 34 | <p><b>Question by Councillor D Hall to The Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy– Councillor Scott</b></p> <p>How much money is in the Housing Revenue Account reserve?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p>                       |
| 35 | <p><b>Question by Councillor D Hall to The Cabinet Member for Culture and Environment – Councillor Walker</b></p> <p>Are you satisfied with the arrangements for bin collections over Christmas?</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond.</b></p> |