

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 07 September 2022

AGENDA ITEM 15 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

1	<p>Question from Councillor Smith to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</p> <p>"Are Kirklees residents struggling to pay their energy bills?"</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>
2	<p>Question from Councillor Armer to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</p> <p>"A number of concerned residents of my ward of Kirkburton have contacted me about an ongoing Planning Enforcement complaint, COMP/21/0460. This complaint was opened in October last year but, to the consternation of my residents, nothing more appears to have been done.</p> <p>What can I tell them to reassure them that their complaint is being properly and expeditiously dealt with?"</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>
3	<p>Question from Councillor Armer to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</p> <p>"How many unfilled vacancies are there currently within the Planning (including planning enforcement) Department?"</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>
4	<p>Question from Councillor Armer to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</p> <p>"Is the Administration confident that the Planning Department is currently providing an adequate level of service to our residents?"</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>
5	<p>Question from Councillor Gregg to The Cabinet Member for Transport – Councillor E Firth</p> <p>"Has any assessment been undertaken in relation to establishing the future lifespan of the Huddersfield bus station car park, which opened in 1974?"</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>

6	<p>Question from Councillor Lukic to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Pandor</p> <p>“Why did your administration fail to provide any response to my questions sent to you on 14th July about the cost of living emergency, despite your assurance on 8th August that you would do so?”</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>
7	<p>Question from Councillor Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Transport Councillor E Firth</p> <p>“Daisy Hill was supposed to be a key focus area for Dewsbury regeneration, but the conditions there have been deteriorating further rather than improving. What is being done to address the blight on the town centre, and when can we expect to see results?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
8	<p>Question from Councillor Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Environment - Councillor Mather</p> <p>“Following further road traffic incidents at Chidswell on the A653 Leeds Road dual carriageway, can you please explain why there has been no apparent progress made in improving the safety of this road?</p> <p>A residents’ petition was handed in 12 months ago asking for speed cameras, which was refused but they were at least promised some new hard standing for police vans. Vehicle-activated signage would be also be useful to remind drivers of the speed limit.”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
9	<p>Question from Councillor Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy - Councillor Scott</p> <p>“At the time of the next Local Government Boundary Commission review in Kirklees will the cabinet seek to switch to all-out local elections? This would enable much-needed funds to be reprioritised through a significant reduction in election administration, and enable wards to vary in size in order to better reflect local community ties around the district.”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
10	<p>Question from Councillor Thompson to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services - Councillor P Davies</p> <p>“Why are there individuals (officers) that are in ‘qualified’ roles with no qualifications for that role, that are making decisions that they aren’t qualified to make within that department?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>