

## COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 12 October 2022

### AGENDA ITEM 11 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12

1	<p><b>Question from Cllr R Smith to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Pandor</b></p> <p>“What are you doing to assist Kirklees residents with the cost of living?”</p> <p><b>The Leader of the Council to respond</b></p>
2	<p><b>Question from Cllr McGuin to the Cabinet member for Culture and Greener Kirklees, Cllr Simpson</b></p> <p>" I asked a question about the capacity of Huddersfield Crematorium at July's meeting. After checking on the booking system on Wednesday 5th October, there were only bookings until 12:15 being taken. Will Councillor Simpson amend his answer given at July's meeting?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
3	<p><b>Question from Councillor Andrew Pinnock to the WYCA Transport Committee Spokesperson, Councillor Butt</b></p> <p>There have recently been considerable cuts in bus services by Arriva in North Kirklees, about which I have had a number of complaints from local residents. What is the Combined Authority able to do to ensure that our public transport system is capable of providing users with ample opportunity to take advantage of the Mayor's recent fare offers?</p>
4	<p><b>Question from Cllr Paola Davies to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Cllr Turner</b></p> <p>" Have the Council fully assessed the impact of rising Capital borrowing costs and of their impact on the costs of the Huddersfield Blue Print and the Cultural Heart. Especially as these will be in addition to the spiralling inflation construction costs that are being felt in all sectors."</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
5	<p><b>Question from Cllr Paola Davies to the Cabinet Member for Corporate, Cllr Paul Davies</b></p> <p>" Have the Council fully assessed the impact of rising energy costs and their impact on bills faced by the Council in the running of Council properties and public buildings?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
6	<p><b>Question from Cllr A Smith, Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Councillor Turner</b></p> <p>"Are any Kirklees West Yorkshire Combined Authority funded projects at risk due to funding changes or gaps due to inflationary or other pressures?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>

7	<p><b>Question from Cllr A Smith to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Mather</b></p> <p>“Could you clarify the Council’s policy on materials used to replace and repair road pavement surfaces in high-profile public and conservation areas?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
8	<p><b>Question from Cllr Lukic to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Pandor</b></p> <p>"I am concerned that this year’s increase to councillors’ allowances, despite warnings at the time, may be in excess of some members’ expectations when the matter was considered last month. Will you please confirm the percentage increase to councillors’ basic allowances that is currently expected, and whether you would consider that amount to be appropriate given the severe financial pressures the council is facing?”</p> <p><b>The Leader of the Council to respond</b></p>
9	<p><b>Question from Cllr Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Mather</b></p> <p>"Last week I received a letter from the Department for Transport that confirms its guidance for speed camera site selection is not mandatory, and that non-compliance by local authorities does not provide any defence for speeding offences. The DfT has also confirmed that its guidance supports camera installation on roads that don’t meet casualty limits but are still of community concern, and that our Local Casualty Prevention Partnership is free to set its own speed camera site criteria. Will you therefore please acknowledge that the A653 Leeds Road dual carriageway at Chidswell is a site of long-standing significant community concern over speeding, and agree that it should have permanent speed cameras installed?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
10	<p><b>Question from Cllr Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Corporate, Cllr Paul Davies</b></p> <p>"As I have discussed with you previously, would you please provide an update on whether the council will enable online reporting of traffic signal faults to help relieve some of the demand on the phone lines, and whether there are any other extensions planned to online reporting for common issues?”</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
11	<p><b>Question from Cllr Lukic to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Pandor</b></p> <p>"Will you please provide details of any proposals or suggestions that any members of your administration might have been aware of for accommodation to be provided within Dewsbury Town Centre for people who have entered the country illegally?”</p> <p><b>The Leader of the Council to respond</b></p>

12	<p><b>Question from Cllr Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Cllr Turner</b></p> <p>" In your position of responsibility over planning, is our planning service properly prepared to stop any potential changes of use of buildings in breach of planning control to provide accommodation for people who have entered the country illegally?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
13	<p><b>Question from Cllr Lukic to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Cllr Firth</b></p> <p>" In your position of responsibility for Dewsbury Town Centre regeneration, do you consider that the town centre is an appropriate location for accommodation to be provided for people who have entered the country illegally?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
14	<p><b>Question from Councillor Munro to the WYCA Transport Committee Spokesperson, Cllr Butt</b></p> <p>Recently Arriva announced cuts to bus services across Kirklees including the 231 and 232 which serve Lepton. What is the Council doing about these cuts?</p>
15	<p><b>Question from Cllr McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy, Cllr Scott</b></p> <p>"Can the Cabinet member for Housing explain why the flats in Lepton have still not had their porches repaired after I was promised they would be done by February?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
16	<p><b>Question from Cllr McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Cllr Turner</b></p> <p>"Can the cabinet member for Economic Regeneration tell me if the council supports planning applications that do not want Section 106 payments or affordable housing as part of their conditions for approving building?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
17	<p><b>Question from Cllr Hall to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, Cllr Khan</b></p> <p>" What action can or will you take against care providers who are not carrying out their duties satisfactorily?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
18	<p><b>Question from Cllr Hall to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Cllr Turner</b></p> <p>"What is now the average time to determine a minor planning application in Kirklees?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>

19	<p><b>Question from Cllr Hall to the Cabinet Member for Corporate, Cllr Paul Davies</b></p> <p>" What is the target for asset and land disposals this year, and are we going to meet it?"</p> <p><b>The Cabinet Member to respond</b></p>
20	<p><b>Question from Cllr Hall to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Pandor</b></p> <p>" How many officer vacancies have we, and what is this as a proportion of our workforce?"</p> <p><b>The Leader of the Council to respond</b></p>