

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18th October 2023

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

1	<p>Question from Councillor Greaves to the Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration – Councillor Reynolds</p> <p>“Which schools have received s106 school funding in the last 5 years, and for what purposes?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
2	<p>Question from Councillor Greaves to the Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration – Councillor Reynolds</p> <p>“Ultimately, what will you do with any schools s106 funding that remains unspent after many, many years because of the Cabinet’s incorrect understanding of the legal uses to which the money can be put?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
3	<p>Question from Councillor Greaves to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration – Councillor Turner</p> <p>“What action is taken when the occupier of premises fails to declare their property as being liable for Business Rates?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
4	<p>Question from Councillor Taylor to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees – Councillor Hussain</p> <p>“In June guidance was issued by the Government to ensure that household DIY waste could be disposed of in the same way as other household waste. This is the third month I have asked this question, why does Kirklees refuse to comply with that guidance, especially as we know that DIY waste does form some of the flytipping we see which could be avoided if the Council complied with the Government’s guidance?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
5	<p>Question from Councillor Armer to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration – Councillor Turner</p> <p>“Given the current serious financial situation facing this Council, what is the status of the Huddersfield Blueprint project?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>

6	<p>Question from Councillor Bellamy to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration – Councillor Turner</p> <p>“As the Council is committed to starting the Holmfirth Blueprint, has the Cabinet Member got a date as to when works will start?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
7	<p>Question from Councillor Lees-Hamilton to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services – Councillor P Davies</p> <p>“A resident in Mirfield has been told that the provision of large vehicles to mitigate any hostile vehicle attacks on the extremely well attended Mirfield Remembrance Parade and Service will now come at significant cost.</p> <p>As this information has not been communicated to the ward members, or Town Council and to date no written costings or justification of why charges are being imposed on events to honour those whose sacrifice provides our freedom, is this a fair and equitable way to handle such things?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
8	<p>Question withdrawn</p>
9	<p>Question from Councillor Bolt to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Scott</p> <p>“The works being undertaken by Network rail are seeing key active travel routes and public rights of way closed for very long periods. This was a key issue raised in the debate at Council and ultimately the unanimous vote to formally object to the transport works order act.</p> <p>That objection was withdrawn without reference back to Council , nor without those who voted for the objection being given insight into what arrangements, promises or understanding had been secured. One presumes such action was only taken following consultation with the Cabinet? Will the Leader publish the agreement, understanding or otherwise which led to the withdrawal of the Council’s decision so all members are aware?”</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>
10	<p>Question from Councillor Bolt to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Scott</p> <p>“Kirklees Council designed and operated the café at the Spen Leisure centre, which closed due to it failing financially. What has the Leader done to understand why what should have been a popular and profitable facility reputedly lost £60,000, why was no oversight in place at, say, each quarter to monitor its performance against the business plan and cash flow forecast and to either change its model of operation and hours of opening to become profitable or pull the plug before Kirklees lost so much money?”</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>

11	<p>Question from Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Greener Kirklees – Councillor Hussain</p> <p>“What are the Council plans for the land at Ravensknowle Park that does not form part of the Tolson Estate?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
12	<p>Question from Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services – Councillor P Davies</p> <p>“I understand Almondbury Carnegie Library was gifted to the people of Almondbury as their first public library, how then can it be possible for the Cabinet member to decide to dispose of it?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
13	<p>Question from Councillor D Hall to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration – Councillor Turner</p> <p>“What is the Council’s policy on placing guardians in empty council buildings?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
14	<p>Question from Councillor D Hall to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Scott</p> <p>“What is the Cabinet’s definition of ‘unnecessary expenditure’?”</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>
15	<p>Question from Councillor D Hall to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Scott</p> <p>“Please would the Leader say whether she is satisfied that unnecessary expenditure has now ceased?”</p> <p>The Leader of the Council to respond</p>
16	<p>Question from Councillor Gregg to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services – Councillor P Davies</p> <p>“Given independent auditors have recently said, “...there was a significant weakness in how the Authority plans and managed its resources to ensure it can continue to deliver its services.” Please can the cabinet member advise what remedial action Kirklees Council is taking as a result of that report?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
17	<p>Question from Councillor Gregg to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration – Councillor Turner</p> <p>“Following the Prime Minister's announcement of billions of pounds of rail upgrades including a new £2bn train station in Bradford. What impact does the Kirklees Council cabinet think this will have on our communities,</p>

	<p>businesses and industry, particularly in places to the north of the district such as Scholes, Birstall and Cleckheaton?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>
18	<p>Question from Councillor Gregg to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration – Councillor Turner</p> <p>“Does the Kirklees Labour Cabinet disagree with the Labour MP for Huddersfield who says that the John Smith’s stadium should not go into private hands “be it club or individual”?”</p> <p>The Cabinet Member to respond</p>