

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 7 November 2018

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

**(1) Question by Councillor Holmes to the Leader of the Council
(Councillor Pandor)**

"Is Kirklees Council the country's biggest user of meat from animals that have their throats slit while fully conscious – despite 80% of all UK halal meat being humanely stunned first, which is accepted by the Halal Food Authority?"

The Leader of the Council to respond

**(2) Question by Councillor Armer to the Deputy Chair of West Yorkshire
Combined Authority Transport Committee (Councillor E Firth)**

"I have received an anguished communication from a resident of Shelley in my Ward to the effect that she is at risk of losing her job due to the abysmal level of service supplied by the local bus company. This woman has a poorly-paid but socially vital job as a carer for dementia sufferers. In his role as Portfolio Holder for Economy, what help can the Cabinet Member offer to her?"

The Committee Member to respond

**(3) Question by Councillor Armer to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services
(Councillor Kendrick)**

"Will the Leader please inform this Council as to the legal definition of a child in England within the terms of the Children Acts 1989 and 2004?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(4) Question by Councillor Armer to the Leader of the Council
(Councillor Pandor)**

"Is the Leader confident that this Council has, from 2000 to date, consistently discharged its duties under the relevant Children Acts?"

The Leader of the Council to respond

(5) Question by Councillor Armer to Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration (Councillor Ahmed)

"Can the Leader or Cabinet Member confirm that the Council's Education Department shares the Council's responsibilities under the Children Acts 1989 and 2004, and that individual schools must be compliant?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(6) Question by Councillor Armer to the Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration (Councillor Ahmed)

"Can the Leader or Cabinet Member clarify whether or not schools have duties under the Children Acts 1989 and 2004 with regard to all children on their premises with their permission, rather than just to their enrolled pupils. Specifically, do these duties extend to children who are on school premises as part of a work experience programme sponsored by another school?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(7) Question by Councillor Armer to the Cabinet Member for Learning and Aspiration (Councillor Ahmed)

"Can the Leader or Cabinet Member explain what, if any, responsibility this Council had for the actions or inactions of Faith Schools within Kirklees with regard to compliance with the respective Children Acts responsibilities during the period 2000 to date?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(8) Question by Councillor Armer to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)

"Can the Leader or Cabinet Member please inform Council how many tenancies Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing has granted to persons under the age of 18 years in each year between 2002 to date?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(9) Question by Councillor Armer to Cabinet Member for Housing and Democracy (Councillor Scott)

"Can the Leader or Cabinet Member confirm that since its inception in 2002 Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing has fully complied with the terms of the Children Act 1989?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(10) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor Turner)

"On Saturday the volunteers at Almondbury Library were told a consultation on a move, for the library, to the Surestart building would start on Monday 5th. Is this adequate notice for them and for the councillors?"

74% of people in the last consultation said that they wanted to stay in the present building. Is there an expectation of a different result in this consultation?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(11) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care (Councillor Khan)

"How quickly will the council move to close the Homestead Day Care/Dementia centre and move it to the Surestart Centre?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(12) Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor Turner)

"Is the Cabinet aware that decisions made by Kirklees whether it be by them or officers of the council, particularly as regards public buildings, has had a profound effect on the people of Almondbury, Lepton, and Moldgreen?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(13) Question by Question by Councillor McGuin to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor Turner)

"Have the Clergy House garages in Almondbury been removed from the disposal of asset list agreed on August 21st by the Cabinet?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(14) Question by Councillor Light to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Pandor)

"Given that there are now a number of air quality improvement areas across the borough and that recent research is now clearly linking poor air quality with poor health, will the Leader make a policy commitment to make improving air quality a key priority for the Council and in doing so commit the Council to introduce a Moss Tree in every air quality improvement area?"

The Leader of the Council to respond

(15) Question by Councillor Bellamy to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment (Councillor Mather)

"What help and assistance do we give to charities and businesses to help them dispose of waste that has been fly tipped onto their land, that the land owners and volunteers have removed?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(16) Question by Councillor Iredale to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

"In the last fortnight, several stalls have closed at Queensgate Market, and there are a lot of empty stalls now. The market is uninviting. What is the Council doing to rectify this?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(17) Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

"The Council has an ambitious target of delivering 10,000 new homes by 2023. What is the Council doing to make sure that its planning office has enough capacity to meet this challenge?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(18) Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services (Councillor Turner)

"We have a great library in Almondbury which is in an historic purpose-built Carnegie library building, for which there is overwhelming local support for the service to remain there. So why are the Council intent on moving it to the Sure Start Centre which will only dilute the service?"

The Cabinet Member to respond

(19) Question by Councillor Munro to the Cabinet Member for Economy (Councillor McBride)

"My question concerns the Local Plan. The time for responding to the additional modifications proposed by the Inspector closed on October 1st. I note that on all Council owned land across Kirklees, the wording: "This site is owned by Kirklees and as such could deliver enhanced affordable housing and green infrastructure and offer design and quality that is of a high standard" has been deleted. I have not seen any recorded comments from Cabinet to suggest that they do not agree with the Inspectors proposed modification. My question therefore is: How can the Cabinet justify this when there is a backlog of over 6,000 affordable homes required to be built over the next few years to clear the backlog according to the Strategic Housing Market assessment 2016."

The Cabinet Member to respond