

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 12 December 2018

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

**(1) Question by Councillor Smith to The Cabinet Member for Economy -
Councillor McBride**

“What has Kirklees done this year or planning to do next year to help retailers in our Town Centres?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(2) Question by Councillor Smith to The Cabinet Member for Economy -
Councillor McBride**

“Can you update Council on plans for the North Kirklees Orbital Route, including timescales please?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(3) Question by Councillor Smith to The Cabinet Member for Economy -
Councillor McBride**

“What is your view on the impact of the Cooper Bridge scheme on the B6118 to Grange Moor and Barnsley Road through Flockton?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

**(4) Question by Councillor J Taylor to The Spokesperson for WYCA Transport
Committee - Councillor Kaushik**

“Can the Member tell me what work is/has been done to promote, improve and enhance passenger access and uptake to the stations in the Kirkburton ward on the Penistone Line, given that this is Kirklees sole rail access to the key South Yorkshire connections at Barnsley & Sheffield & in preparation for HS2?”

The Spokesperson to respond

**(5) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to The Leader of the Council -
Councillor Pandor**

‘How will a Brexit deal, or no deal, impact on the Council and local people?’

The Leader of the Council to respond

(6) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to The Leader of the Council - Councillor Pandor

'Is the Leader of the Council satisfied that Kirklees will retain good rail connectivity with the rest of the country, given that proposed infrastructure projects have been either cancelled or cut back?'

The Leader of the Council to respond

(7) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to The Cabinet Member for Communities & Environment - Councillor Mather

'Does the Council's waste disposal contractor ship recycled waste materials to other countries; what are they and to which countries?'

The Cabinet Member to respond

(8) Question by Councillor Armer to The Leader of the Council – Councillor S Pandor

'Previous practice regarding written questions which have not been responded to in Council due to time constraints has been to email a response to the questioner, copied to all Councillors, shortly after the relevant meeting. Why has this practice been abandoned without prior notice?'

The Leader of the Council to respond

(9) Question by Councillor Bellamy to the Spokesperson for WYCA Transport Committee - Councillor M Kaushik

'Given the continuing problems for public transport users in Kirklees but the Colne Valley in particular will you call a meeting of the Kirklees District Consultation Sub Committee (DCSC) to discuss these matters and ensure that in order to have a full and frank discussion all partners are invited?'

The Spokesperson to respond

(10) Question by Councillor J Taylor to the Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride

'Would Cllr Mc Bride like to join me in welcoming the Government's support for the High St with the reduction in Business Rates by one third for Retail Properties for two years?'

The Cabinet Member to respond

(11) Question by Councillor J Taylor to The Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride

‘Market stallholders, like Retail shop owners, are finding times tough. Could Cllr McBride update the Council on its plans for markets and when the details regarding the consultant led assessment of Dewsbury Market will be made available to members?’

The Cabinet Member to respond

(12) Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Children - Councillor Kendrick

‘Fostering children is a vocation which can be both rewarding and challenging and it is understandable that it may not be for everyone. I have seen reports that suggest that Kirklees was struggling to fill a hole in foster care provision and is spending increasing amounts on agency carers because of the inability to recruit carers. How many Kirklees Children are currently placed in foster care and of those how many are placed with Kirklees Council Foster carers and how many are out of area or with agency carers?’

The Cabinet Member to respond

(13) Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Children - Councillor Kendrick

‘What is the weekly cost of a Kirklees foster child placed with a Kirklees Council foster carer and the cost of placing a child with an agency or out of area carer?’

The Cabinet Member to respond

(14) Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Communities & Environment - Councillor Mather

‘Have recently purchased a small trailer off eBay which means I can take rubbish to Bromley Farm tip and avoid messing up the car. I am told I can only use it 12 times per year. Why is this?’

The Cabinet Member to respond

(15) Question by Councillor Watson to The Cabinet Member for Communities & Environment – Councillor Mather

‘Concerns have been raised with me by a resident of Upper Cumberworth as to the provision of refuse service over the Christmas period in the following terms:

“I write to you in astonishment regarding the appalling lack of service over the Christmas period. After receiving an email alert yesterday, I checked the council website and discovered that there would be no black bin collection after 11th December until 4th January – an extra ten days on top of the usual two-week period. This is at a time when the majority of people, I would imagine, produce more waste than usual.

Contrast this to Leeds, where we used to live, where collections are either only one day earlier or later, with collections occurring on the Sundays to keep up during the holiday period.

In Leeds of course, there is a weekly food waste collection, regardless of whether it is green or black bin week. As I have previously raised a far greater variety of items can be placed in green bins and brown bin garden waste collections occur over the Spring to Autumn period.

Neighbouring Barnsley and Calderdale also seem to have a much more up to date service.

- i) Why is the Kirklees waste collection service, and I use the term loosely, so backward?
- ii) Please can you advise what we should do with an extra 10 day's worth of potentially very smelly food waste which is likely to attract unwanted attention from cats, foxes mice and rats?
- iii) Will extra bags left with the bin be collected?
- iv) Are there any plans to improve and modernise the service, and if not – why not?

The Cabinet Member to respond

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

“What are the long-term plans for Huddersfield and Dewsbury markets?”

The Cabinet Member to respond

(17) Question by Councillor Eastwood to The Cabinet Member for Economy - Councillor McBride

‘Why is the free parking on Saturdays in Huddersfield in the lead up to Xmas restricted to after 2pm?’

The Cabinet Member to respond

(18) Question by Councillor Eastwood to The Cabinet Member for Communities & Environment - Councillor Mather

‘What is the Council doing to promote domestic recycling efficiency?’

The Cabinet Member to respond

(19) Question by Councillor Burke to The Leader of the Council - Councillor Pandor

'Could you provide an update on the Council's £5m Regeneration Masterplan for Huddersfield Town Centre?'

The Leader of the Council to respond

(20) Question by Councillor Burke to The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care - Councillor Khan

'How are our plans for a new hospital in Kirklees affected by the recent announcement that the Health Secretary has made a decision on Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and that Calderdale and Huddersfield trust would be given £197m to go ahead with their Plan B?'

The Cabinet Member to respond