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# **Council Meeting**

15 October 2019

**Booklet 1**

Written Questions

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**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor K Maton, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

“Some Councils across the UK have suggested that nutritional standards in school meals will be drastically reduced after a ‘no-deal’ Brexit. Could the Cabinet Member confirm that school meals in Coventry are already of a high nutritional standard and, deal or no-deal, will remain so after Brexit? Does he also agree with me that this is another example of ‘Project Fear’ something which local authorities should avoid promoting at all costs?”

2.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor T Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

Would the Cabinet Member tell me when he expects this Council to stop using the Allesley Hotel as temporary accommodation?”

3.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetheron, Cabinet Member for City Services**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

“How confident is she that bin collections over the coming Christmas period will be up to the standards that residents should expect?”

4.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetheron, Cabinet Member for City Services**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

“Does the Cabinet Member agree with the Local Government Association that Councils in England (outside London) should have the authority to fine lorry drivers who use rural roads, or suburban roads, against weight restriction limits? Would she also tell me what existing powers this Council can use to discourage HGVs from using residential roads, such as those lorries going to the Amazon warehouse?”

5. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor K Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

“With regards to the £2.05m that this Council approved for building a new indoor bowls facility in January 2018, would the Cabinet Member tell me how much of that money has been spent so far and on what has it been spent?”

6. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor T Mayer**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor T Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

Given the, I'm sure innocent mistakes made by elected members, planning matters have gone via delegated authority rather than being scrutinised at the Planning Committee. Recent clarification from the ICO states that GDPR DOES NOT prevent planning authorities from publishing applicant details. Will Coventry City Council join other councils like Warwick, Manchester City, Ashford, New Forest, Leicester, Welwyn Hatfield, Reading, Worcester, Northampton, Bedford, Leeds, Corby, Sheffield and many more including the National Planning Portal and The official Planning Advisory Service whom also confirm they DO NOT redact applicant name and addresses?

7. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor T Mayer**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherington, Cabinet Member for City Services**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

WCC approved the A46 Strategic link road on the 12th September with details

showing a more defined route. Despite various requests, Westwood Councillors and residents have not had an opportunity to input into the process despite being promised otherwise. Please can the Cabinet Member provide a full briefing about any public consultation in regards the A46 Strategic link road and what the plans are?

8. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor T Mayer**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

The Coventry Telegraph are blaming Coventry City Council for errors contained within its publication in reference to parking in Spon Street and Lower Hollyhead Road. The newspaper have admitted that the information that they posted in their article was inaccurate, ie cars can't actually park here after 18.00. They say there basis of this was due to the times being incorrect on Coventry City Council's website.

Additionally, they mention that they do not want to post a correction without the Council confirming what the correct information is. Can the cabinet member reassure us this will be rectified as this complaint has been going on for 9 months with no response from the council?

9. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor T Mayer**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

In relation to the above question can the cabinet member confirm whether or not the website was incorrect, what the correct information is, how long the website stated the wrong information, if not correct now when it will be corrected?

10. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor T Mayer**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor A Khan, Cabinet Member Policing and Equalities**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

In 2016 Coventry City Council repeatedly committed publicly to refunding

13,282 members of the public if they requested it. This was up to a total £796,920 (@ original £60 per PCN) in PCNs at three of Coventry's bus gates. It was further confirmed that the council would not put a time-limit on this refund process. Why has this significant potential outflow not been disclosed as a contingent liability in the council's year-end financial statements?