



Coventry City Council

Council Meeting

18 March 2008

Booklet 3

Questions

1.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Clifford</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor O'Neill</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>How many outstanding invoices does the City council have outstanding and what is their value? Of these how many are outstanding for over six months and what proportion of these are longer than twelve months?</p>	

2.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Clifford</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Foster</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>How long did it take to construct the new bus gate at the Butts and how much did it cost? How long was it in operation before it had to be taken out and how much did its removal cost?</p>	

3.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Maton</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Blundell</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>How many Council Youth workers (FTE) are spending more than 75% of their time meeting and working with young people outside of schools and council run youth centres.</p>	

4.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Maton</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Ahmed</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>How many social enterprises or other trading businesses have been established through Social Services since the Report of Feb 2007 recommended the modernisation of day opportunities for people with Learning Difficulties? How many people are employed in these enterprises. Does the Council have a strategy of working with and supporting the development of Social Firms in the City?</p>	

5.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Maton

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Foster

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Following the closure of CovWise, can the Cabinet member report on the ways in which long-term unemployed people are gaining real work experience in the City. Are there plans to reestablish an ILM style operation in the City in the future and/or replicate the construction training work experience that was recently highlighted as being such a success in the WEHM New Deal area?

6.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Patton

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Ahmed

TEXT OF QUESTION:

The Cabinet member will recall that when Scrutiny Board 4 discussed the Eligibility Criteria it was agreed that Coventry should perhaps explore the possibility of becoming the first local authority in the country to set a time limit (12hrs) that any service user can be left alone in bed without being cared for. Can the Cabinet member please update me on any progress regarding this recommendation?

7.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor O'Boyle

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Blundell

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Does the Cabinet Member agree with me that the proposal to build a brand new school in the heart of Hillfields is a wonderful opportunity for pupils, parents and the community and to oppose the scheme shows a complete lack of vision for the future of our children in this City in general and in St Michael's in particular?

8.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Mrs Lucas</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Foster</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>Would the member give Council an update on the progress made towards the provision of a railway station at the Ricoh Arena?</p>	

9.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Ridley</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>Is Cllr Ridley Aware that at it's inception Coventry Homefinder had 12.000 registrations for people seeking rented housing via housing associations, I have recently been advised that the level of registrations is now at 18.000, does this not warrant urgent action to both ensure that the bulk of the proportion of affordable homes in developments should be weighted towards housing association rental and would he not agree that increasing the level of affordable homes in new developments from 25% to preferably 40% is now an increasingly urgent issue?</p>	

10.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>What is the budget in the current financial year, each of the previous two, and projected for 2008/09, to assist people with disabilities with parking bays and dropped kerbs etc; what is the current waiting list for parking bays and dropped kerbs, and what is the average and longest time spent on that waiting list?</p>	

11.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>Why the environmental improvements, under the Liveability regeneration scheme, to Colchester Street and Winchester Street in Hillfields, including for example the improvements to litter bins, Gateway features, paving and the planting of new trees etc, are taking so long?</p>	