



Coventry City Council

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## **Council Meeting**

30<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**Booklet 3**

Questions

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| <b>1.</b>  | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Field</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Williams</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Can the Cabinet Member confirm what consultation took place with this Council before a Bail Hostel was established in Coventry by Clearsprings, if any, and what arrangements are in place for consultation on any future Bail Hostels, if any?</p> |  |

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| <b>2.</b>  | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Field</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Sawdon</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Question to representative on the Police Authority:</p> <p>Is the representative aware that the Police Divide of Upper Stoke between Stoney Stanton Road and Chase Avenue is not working and that residents in the worst effected area, around North Street, are finding it increasingly difficult to get a co-ordinated approach to anti-social behaviour problems in their area? Will the representative agree to lobby Coventry Police to change the boundaries so that the people of Upper Stoke are serviced by just one Police station?</p> |  |

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| <b>3.</b>   | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Lee</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member confirm that Coventry Homefinder registrations are now at around 26.000 compared to 22.000 last month and what further action does he propose, in light of these figures, to increase the supply of affordable housing?</p> |   |

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| <b>4.</b>  | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Would Cllr Noonan agree that the high number of reported fly tipping incidents both in St Michaels and Foleshill Wards requires more resources to deal with this issue?</p> |  |

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| <b>5.</b>  | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Could Cllr Noonan give an assurance that the long overdue road resurfacing and safety measures in Harnall Lane East will definitely commence in 2009 especially given the increased use of this important road due to the Swanswell Developments?</p> |  |

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| <b>6.</b>  | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Maton</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Ridley</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet Member (City Development), Cllr Ridley, explain his remarks regarding private sector housing investment in Warwickshire diverting resources away from Coventry at a time when many of us are struggling to (a) see where vast numbers of new private houses can be built without diminishing our limited City Green Space and (b) there is a massive demand for a social and affordable housing in Coventry.</p> |  |

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| <b>6.</b>   | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Maton</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Williams</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Will the Cabinet member tell us the number of approaches made by community organisations to the Council regarding the transfer of community assets following the recommendations in the Jan 2008 Cabinet Report? What publicity has been given to this policy and can he report on the Coventry Council's involvement in the 'Advancing Assets for Communities: Demonstration Programme Rounds'.</p> |  |

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| <b>7.</b>  | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Maton</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Does the Cabinet member agree with the view of Council Officers that "It is best to keep the bus lanes effective for 24 hours 7 days a week to avoid confusion for the motorist"? Would he agree that there are many parts of the City where it would be advantageous in reducing congestion and improving public safety if bus lanes were only operational at times when the public transport need justifies them operating?</p> |  |

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| <b>8.</b>   | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Maton</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Williams</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Following the campaign by David Davis MP against what he sees as moves towards a "surveillance society" citing the number of CCTV cameras in Britain, will the Cabinet member be undertaking moves to remove cameras from across Coventry?</p> |  |

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| <b>9.</b>  | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Bigham</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>The Swiftlink service will cease on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008. The finish time of NRF is known at its start. Why has there been failure to ensure that this essential service would be sustained beyond NRF?</p> <p>People in our priority neighbourhoods have taken up employment on the assurance of safe travel. Indeed a Swiftlink brochure reads, 'we run services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so there's no worry if you work nightshifts!'</p> <p>Where does it leave those who are dependent on Swiftlink in order to get safely to work?</p> |   |

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| <b>10.</b>   | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Taylor</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>If he will review the frequency of council meetings which has led to there being only one 'ordinary' Council meeting (at which Coventry citizens can ask for petitions to be heard, or questions asked on their behalf to ruling councillors) between March and September 2008?</p> |  |

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| <b>11.</b>  | <p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Foster</b></p> |
| <p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>If he will review the 40% rise in the prices of sandwiches for Council House staff recently imposed, particularly in the light of the Council's insistence that inflation is so low that staff do not need more than a 2 1/2 percent wage increase to cope with inflation?</p> |  |