

Council Meeting

16th September 2008

Booklet 2

Questions

1. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Ruane

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan

TEXT OF QUESTION:

In 2005, there was a total of 2,064 incidents of fly-tipping escalating to a rise of 3,282 incidents of fly-tipping in 2008, with over a 30% increase of fly-tipping incidents during this period would the Council consider reintroducing the free bulky waste service in order to reduce the increase in fly-tipping across Coventry, as 70% of all fly-tipping is bulky waste items. If not, please inform me what new measures will be put in place to tackle this ongoing and recent rise in fly-tipping?

2. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor O'Boyle

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Ridley

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Could the Cabinet Member tell me what consideration has been given to the cleaning of Lady Godiva Statue after the removal of the canopy and how much money has been put aside to carry out this cleaning?

3. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor O'Boyle

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Blundell

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Would the Cabinet Member join me in congratulating Coventry school children who have not only improved their GCSE results from last year but have also beaten the percentage increase across the country?

4. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor O'Boyle

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Noonan

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Following recent media reports about the unavailability of wheelie bins due to demand on the continent, could the cabinet member tell me what she proposes to do in the event Coventry can't either get an order on time or get the bins at all for the proposed third bin for recycling of glass and cans etc?

5. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Williams

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Given the success of the recent trip to Weston Super Mare, organised in the main by WATCH in Hillfields, where 900 local residents on 19 coaches enjoyed a day out by the sea and acted as ambassadors for Coventry to the Mayor of Weston and the South West and indeed national media, will the Cabinet Member now seriously consider mainstream funding of this agency in recognition of their sterling work and representation of all that is best about Coventry?

6. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Lee

TEXT OF QUESTION:

What are the latest Coventry Homefinder registrations broken down into Bands 1, 2 and 3?

7. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Lee

TEXT OF QUESTION:

What was the amount spent on Bed and Breakfast accommodation for families to which the City Council owed a statutory duty to house for 2006-2007 and also 2007-2008?

8. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Windsor

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Lee

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Given the shortage of rented homes, what approaches has the City Council made to developers to acquire, in conjunction with housing associations, property that these bodies cannot sell given the current economic situation; and is the Council adopting a pro-active approach to this issue given the increased demand for decent affordable rented housing?

9. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Taylor

TEXT OF QUESTION:

Would the Council Leader not agree that the response of Malcolm Wickes of the New Labour Government to a motion requesting a meeting with him regarding the urgent issue of fuel poverty was nothing but a fob-off and a diversion, and will he communicate with this minister further to demand a meeting regarding utility price rises and fuel poverty to which representatives of the privatised utility companies should be invited to meet an all party delegation regarding the effects of steep fuel price hikes in our city?

10. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Foster

TEXT OF QUESTION:

If, in the light of his admittance in the Coventry Telegraph of August 7th that at the same time city councillors were campaigning against post office closures City Council officers were investigating transferring the Council's mail to private mail companies, there are any other investigations taking place by officers into transferring other procurement of services?

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Lee

TEXT OF QUESTION:

How the Council was able to satisfy the requirements of performance indicator BV 202, as recorded in the report to Cabinet 'Performance Report 2007/08', when the rough sleepers count relied upon seems to be both out of date and at variance with significant increases in street homelessness reported by, amongst others, City Council officers?

12. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Ridley

TEXT OF QUESTION:

If he is satisfied that the requirement for a license, from the Council as the Highway Authority, to put tables and chairs out on a public highway, whether it be on the street or a pavement or a pedestrian area, is working well; and whether some sort of identification should be considered for barriers saying that the Council has given permission for the table and chairs to be on that part of the highway?