



Coventry City Council

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## **Council Meeting**

28<sup>th</sup> June, 2011

**Booklet 2**

Questions

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Duggins (Cabinet Member - Strategic Finance and Resources)</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>How and when the decision was taken to "deliberately create(d) a significant underspend" in the 2010/11 budget (quoted in the Executive Summary of Public Report 11 to the Cabinet meeting on June 21) which has resulted in £5.7 million underspend for that financial year?</p>	

<b>2.</b>	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Clifford (Cabinet Member – Health and Community Services)</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Will he make a statement on the latest position regarding Southern Cross Care Homes?</p>	

<b>3.</b>	<p><b>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Mrs Dixon</b></p> <p><b>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Kelly (Cabinet Member – Education)</b></p>
<p><b>TEXT OF QUESTION:</b></p> <p>Would the Cabinet Member explain, apart from the OFSTED category of school eligible to convert, what differences there are between academy status under the present government and that of the previous labour government?</p>	

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**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Field**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Townshend (Cabinet Member –  
Community Safety and Equalities)**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

Car sales on residential streets is a continuing problem in a number of places in Coventry and those selling them are finding ways around existing legislation restricting sales to one every 500 metres.

I have been informed that there are plans to look into restricting car sales across the City using schedule 4 the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Local Authorities, which allows the Council to impose restrictions on street trading and could restrict car sales to permit holders across Coventry.

Can the Cabinet Member please confirm what progress is being made on this possible solution to a problem that is causing a nuisance for a number of residents in Sewall Highway, Upper Stoke, and other areas of the City.

5.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Foster**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Townshend (Cabinet Member –  
Community Safety and Equalities)**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

What action will the Cabinet Member be taking in response to the problems that surrounded the election count on the evening of 5th/6th May 2011, in particular those in the count for Cheylesmore Ward?

6.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Foster**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Townshend (Cabinet Member –  
Community Safety and Equalities)**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

Can the Cabinet Member update Council as to the current state of progress with the refurbishment work in the War Memorial Park. In particular how do the currently expected completion dates for work contrast with the original estimated time for completion and are any further delays expected?

7.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Noonan**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Townshend (Cabinet Member –  
Community Safety and Equalities)**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

The Council's Plan 2011/12 - 2013/14 states; "Information will be readily available and easy to understand". How does this statement fit in with the refusal of my request for a detailed breakdown of Councillor's service request enquiries made with the contact centre for the last 12 months given that this information has been available in the past?

8.

**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Nellist**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Walsh (as Lead Member for questions  
on West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority,**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

Are there are plans for a review of staffing levels in the Coventry Fire Service to ensure all major items of equipment are fully staffed when required?