
Council Meeting

5 December 2017

Booklet 1

Written Questions

NOTE: Questions 1 and 2 below were deferred from the Council Meeting held on 10 October, 2017

1.	QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Crookes TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Bigham, Cabinet Member for Community Development
TEXT OF QUESTION: “Would the Cabinet Member please supply the following information on the Council's official Travellers Site at Tollbar End: The number of pitches on the site? The number of pitches currently occupied? The figures for pitches occupied over the last 3 years? Whether any of the currently unoccupied pitches are fit for renting?”	

2.	QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Crookes TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Bigham, Cabinet Member for Community Development
TEXT OF QUESTION: “What has been the cost of cleaning up and repairing/upgrading defences after Traveller incursions onto Council owned land in the last 12 months? It would be appreciated if these figures could be broken down per incursion”	

3.	QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Mayer TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services
TEXT OF QUESTION: “Following recent press articles claiming our PCN’s deter the public from appealing because they state that all representations are on the full £60, the Coventry Council website that had 8 headings at the top was changed to 9 in the last week in October 2017. A new point entitled ‘How to challenge a bus lane / bus gate PCN) has been added, and you will see that all representations are on the full £60 has been removed. Traffic officers have also recently confirmed in writing to a member of public that they admit the Council website was ‘unclear’ on the process and that they would arrange the website to be changed as soon as possible. They also both confirmed that despite the statement “All representations are on the full amount, not the discounted rate’ being used by the Council, it is in fact incorrect. Both officers confirmed that representations received within 14 days are NOT on the full £60, but in fact on the reduced £30.	

Would the cabinet member agree that as the website contained no advisement, and neither do the bus gate / bus lane PCNs sent via post, therefore the public have not been informed of the opportunity to appeal within 14 days on the reduced amount, and have in fact been misled by the statement "All representations are on £60"?

4. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Mayer**

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services

TEXT OF QUESTION:

"There have been 3 separate rulings by the Tribunal, going back nearly 2 years. The tribunal have been asking Coventry to alter the statement on Coventry's PCN's **"You cannot pay the discounted rate and make representations at the same time"** This statement is incorrect. Why did the council take nearly 2 years to make these amendments? Why have the Council only acted on this in October 2017."

5. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Mayer**

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services

TEXT OF QUESTION:

"The current Coventry PCN confirms that any sums already paid to Coventry Council will be refunded. Senior officers have very recently told an elected member that the public cannot pay and appeal. Why would the PCN state this if you cannot pay and appeal? Can the Cabinet member confirm whether residents can pay the discounted rate and make representations at the same time?"

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

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services

TEXT OF QUESTION:

"The cabinet member informed BBC C&W that only a tiny, tiny amount of PCNs out of thousands had not been collected due to 'issues' at Whittle Arch. Can the cabinet member please advise why over 2000 PCNs at Whittle Arch have been cancelled by the Council in the last few years if there was no issues at the location? Especially as the lion share of them were due to missing / hidden signage. This figure does not include appeals upheld by the TPT."

7.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Mayer</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“In the last full council Meeting October 10th I asked – “If the council have stated the bus gate signage was stolen why was a drawing produced in May 2014 with the signage removed?” This drawing would have had the signage present if officers thought we needed them. The drawing from Feb 2014 have the signs present. The worry is though these signs were actually missing from 2012.</p> <p>This information was emailed to Cllr Innes on the 10th October. Can the Cabinet Member please respond to this question?”</p>	

8.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Mayer</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“On the 22nd November, a link in the PCN page of the website was removed. This link told people about the refunds for Park Road, Warwick Road and Gosford Street. How are the public supposed to know they can claim a refund if the link is missing or hidden? Was there a reason why it was removed on the 22nd November?”</p>	

9.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Ridley</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J Mutton, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Should the council have an ethical investment policy?”</p>	

10.	QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Ridley TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor O’Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration
TEXT OF QUESTION: “Could the cabinet member confirm when he plans to bring forward a public report about the purchase of Coombe Abbey?”	

11.	QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Lapsa TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor K Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport
TEXT OF QUESTION: “Can the Cabinet Member inform the chamber what facilities for disabled swimmers there are in Coventry?”	

12.	QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Williams TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services
TEXT OF QUESTION: “Would the Cabinet Member confirm how many traffic accidents there have been on Keresley Road over the past 4 years?”	