
Council Meeting

14 January 2020

Booklet 1

Answers to Written Questions

1.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J Mutton, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member be able to tell me how times the planning portal has been down, from 1st January 2018 to 1st January 2020?”</p> <p><u>Answer</u></p> <p>“This question, in part, is already a matter for the public record as it was the subject of an FOI request in November of last year.</p> <p>Advanced monitoring of the planning portal was only put in place in July 2019 and therefore we can only provide information from that date. Between 4th July 2019 and 1st January 2020 there have been 916 instances of downtime. The reason for these issues is as a result of the planning portal website using an ageing system. Several fixes have been put in place recently and availability of the planning portal has improved as a result.</p> <p>When we do have issues, the outage is for less than 5 minutes in the majority of cases. It is important to note that between July 2019 and January 2020 the planning portal has an uptime availability of 94%.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with the system supplier to provide further stability alongside a larger piece of work that is looking to replace the site altogether to ensure the long-term performance of the website in the future.”</p>

2.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member tell me when residents can expect to see new weight restriction signs on Waste Lane; and new 30mph signs on Wall Hill Road?”</p> <p><u>Answer</u></p> <p>“Waste Lane is programmed for install on 22nd & 23rd January. We are still waiting for an install date for Wall Hill Road”.</p>

3.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Would the Cabinet Member tell me how much was spent by this Council on the production and delivery of new <i>waste & recycling calendars</i> and clear bags for each household?”</p> <p><u>Answer</u></p> <p>“A total of £65,194 was spent on the production and delivery of calendars and clear bags. These costs were made up of £3,469.00 for the production of calendars, £13,725.00 for the clear sacks and £48,000 for the distribution”.</p>

4.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Williams</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor K Maton, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“With regard to the proposed ‘Relationship Education’ in Primary Schools being introduced in September 2020, would the Cabinet Member confirm that Coventry schools will teach <i>only</i> what is set out in the basic Government guidelines and not be influenced by external pressure groups?”</p> <p><u>Answer</u></p> <p>“Schools must follow the New National PSHE and RSE guidelines from the DFE. These guidelines are very clear on what should be taught at what age. The Local Authority are supporting schools with their implementation of the guidance. Public Health are leading on this by holding workshops and setting up a PSHE Forum for school representatives. They are also making schools aware of the CCG/Brook advisory materials that are freely available for schools to use. Schools are also supporting each other by discussing what is taught and how. They are not responding to pressure groups.”</p>