
Council Meeting

24 June 2025

Booklet 1

Written Questions and Responses

1.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Ridley</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor N Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>"Could the Cabinet Member provide us with an update on the progress of planning application PL/2023/0002662/OUT which was made over a year ago and has not yet been determined despite numerous objections, and a petition from Woodlands Ward Councillors and residents?"</p> <p>ANSWER:</p> <p>"An extension of time was agreed with the applicants to give them the opportunity to respond to the concerns raised by Highways and the Public Rights of Way Officer. They then submitted further information which is currently under consideration by Highways."</p>

2.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor E Reeves</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor N Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>"Keresley Jubilee Woods is designated as a protected woodland within the Keresley SUE and on the associated map it is clearly defined as including the more open area bordering Watery Lane as well as the more densely wooded area. Given this could the Cabinet Member explain why the Council raised two planning applications for housing on this land to the dismay of local residents? These applications have now been withdrawn, can the Cabinet Member confirm that they will not be reinstated?"</p> <p>ANSWER:</p> <p>"The woodland does not have formal designation or statutory protection but the Keresley SUE identifies the Jubilee Woods within the masterplan and seeks its retention as part of the green space within the residential design guidance for the SUE. The open area was incorrectly considered as being outside of the area defined as Jubilee Woods but when this became apparent the applications were withdrawn. I can confirm that they will not be reinstated."</p>

3.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor P Male</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor K Caan, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Sport and Wellbeing /Cabinet Member for City Services, Councillor P Hetherton/ Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change, Councillor J O'Boyle</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member share air quality data for the Holyhead Road?”</p> <p>ANSWER:</p> <p>“The attached table shows the air quality data (for nitrogen dioxide) for Holyhead Road for 2017 to 2024. This shows that the Local Air Quality Action Plan implemented by the Council has resulted in consistent reduction of nitrogen dioxide levels along the full length of Holyhead Road.”</p>

4.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor J Gardiner</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor R Brown, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources</p>						
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member provide the Council’s total staffing costs over the last three years, the salary brackets and how many employees there are in each salary bracket?”</p> <p>ANSWER:</p> <p>Staffing costs for last 3 years are as follows: please note these costs relate to the costs of staffing ; it does include casual workers but not schools. The 2024/5 is draft as we have not published accounts yet.</p> <p>Staffing costs by year</p> <table data-bbox="321 1665 675 1816"> <tr> <td>22/23</td><td>£195.9m</td></tr> <tr> <td>23/24</td><td>£206.1m</td></tr> <tr> <td>24/25</td><td>£221.1m (draft)</td></tr> </table> <p>Below are the full range of grades within the Council and numbers of employees on those grades/terms and conditions. The salary ranges are attached.</p>	22/23	£195.9m	23/24	£206.1m	24/25	£221.1m (draft)
22/23	£195.9m						
23/24	£206.1m						
24/25	£221.1m (draft)						

Job Number	Pay Grade	Headcount
JNCCHIEF	CX1	1
JNCCHIEF	D1	3
JNCCHIEF	D2	9
JNCCHIEF	AD1	2
JNCCHIEF	AD2	15
JNCCHIEF	SM1	26
JNCCHIEF	SM2	56
NJCSSTATUS	GRD10	171
NJCSSTATUS	GRD9	139
NJCSSTATUS	GRD8	384
NJCSSTATUS	GRD7	492
NJCSSTATUS	GRD6	545
NJCSSTATUS	GRD5	957
NJCSSTATUS	GRD4	799
NJCSSTATUS	GRD3	1,176
NJCSSTATUS	GRD2	128
NJCSSTATUS	GRD1	126
NJCSSTATUS	NGDP	2
NJCSSTATUS	REGCAS	23
CCELPS	LL1Q	46
CCELPS	LL1QTLS	45
CCELPS	LL1U	7
CCELPS	LQCS	3
CCELPS	PMU	1
CRAFTCC	APP E&ELEC	2
INTERN	MIN WAGE	1
JNCCOMWORK	PROF1	3
JNCCOMWORK	PROF2	1
JNCCOMWORK	YCW1	1
MISC	CSMB	2
MISC	TUPE	3
SOULBURY	SEP	4
SOULBURY	AEP	1
SOULBURY	APEP	2
SOULBURY	ED PSY	15
SOULBURY	EIP01-04	16
SOULBURY	EIP06-09	1
SOULBURY	EIP08-11	6
SOULBURY	EIP13-16	1
SOULBURY	EIP24-27	1
SOULBURY	ELEAD12-15	1
SOULBURY	LDLEAD5-08	2
SOULBURY	PEIP23-26	3
SOULBURY	SEIP14-17	1
TEACHERHRS	LAH	3
TEACHERHRS	LDH	1
TEACHERHRS	LHT	6
TEACHERHRS	TMS	5
TEACHERHRS	UPS	88
TEACHERS	UPSCS	1
YPPS	ENTRY2EMPL	30
Total Headcount		5,357

5.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor J Gardiner</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor N Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Please could the Cabinet Member tell me when Coventry City Council became aware of the possibility of charging a Community Infrastructure Levy?”</p> <p>ANSWER:</p> <p>“The Council became aware of the Community Infrastructure Levy when it was introduced in the 2008 Planning Act. It came into force on 6th April 2010 through the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010. This is set out on the Council’s website at Developer contributions – Coventry City Council where it notes that Coventry City Council has decided not to implement a CIL regime at this time. It also says, in coming to this decision, the City Council commissioned several CIL Viability Reports which were presented at a Cabinet Member meeting on 9th July 2021.”</p>

6.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor J Gardiner</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor AS Khan, Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“We live in a free country that allows for licences for Sex Entertainment Venues. Coventry City Council has a policy to allow only one such licenced venue in the city. Please could the Cabinet Member for Licencing explain how under his portfolio oversight a second SEV licence was granted recently”</p> <p>ANSWER:</p> <p>“The Council maintains a Nil Policy regarding Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEV). This policy does not preclude the making of an application for an SEV licence by any other Operator. An individual is entitled to make such an application, which would be considered by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee. The Licensing and Regulatory Committee is an administrative body which is guided by the policy but not bound by it. All applications are determined on their own merits having regard to the policy and any other criteria relevant to the application.</p> <p>When the Nil Policy was adopted by the Council, a decision was taken that the policy would not apply to the existing Operator, recognising the long-standing operation of an established SEV in Coventry without significant public concern. Applications related to this established venue are therefore judged on their own merits without reference to the Nil Policy.</p> <p>In April 2024, a new SEV licence application was submitted by the existing SEV</p>

Operator. This SEV Operator had, at the time of the application, operated the SEV for over 12 years without significant concern or issues raised by the public. However, due to the City Centre South Redevelopment Programme, Coventry City Council had issued a Compulsory Purchase Order for the original venue which was located in the City Arcade.

Consequently, the Operator stated that he was seeking to relocate to another venue within the city. The application requested permission to continue operating in the same manner and under the same licence conditions that had governed their activities for over a decade. The initial application was approved by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and the annual renewal application was processed administratively, having received no objections.

This relocation does not constitute the establishment of a new SEV and there remains only one SEV operating in the city.”

7. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor M Lapsa**

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor L Bigham, Cabinet Member for Adult Services

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“How effectively is Coventry City Council fulfilling its Armed Forces Covenant commitments, particularly when addressing the housing needs of British veterans.”

ANSWER:

“The Council takes its responsibility to support British veterans to secure Housing and meets the obligations sent out in the Armed Forces covenant.

The Councils Allocations Scheme has been devised and approved so that anybody who fits into one of the below categories is given additional preference;

- Is a former member of the regular armed forces, or
- Is serving in the regular armed forces and is suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability as a result of the person’s service, or
- Is a bereaved spouse or civil partner of a member of the regular armed forces who is leaving services family accommodation following the death of their spouse or partner in service, or
- Serving or former members of the reserve forces suffering from a serious injury, illness or disability as a result of their service.

This means we place the applicant (who meets the criteria above) one band higher than other applicants with the same housing need, for example if in band 3 they will be placed into band 2 etc. Where their housing need would place them in band 1, which is the highest band, the priority band date will be adjusted to give one additional year of priority.

Alongside the above we will of course also ensure that they are referred into support services including the British Legion, SSAFA, Help for Heroes etc.”

Diffusion Tube ID	Site Name	Site Type	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Y OS Grid Ref (Northing)	Pollutant Monitored	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
HR1	Holyhead Road	Roadside	432683	279240	NO2	52.8	47.1	49.4	33.9	39.7	38.7	33.7	30.9
HR1C	73 Holyhead Road	Roadside	432712	279227	NO2	79.2	71.5	69.7	46.6	54.6	53.5	48.0	42.8
HR2C	104 Holyhead Road	Roadside	432525	279345	NO2	26.9	27.5	28.8	17.4	22.9	23.4	20.2	18.9
HR4	89 Holyhead Road	Roadside	432639	279258	NO2	-	46.3	44.1	24.5	28.7	28.5	24.0	24.9
HR5	St Osburg's playing field, Holyhead Road	Roadside	432730	279238	NO2	-	53.9	48.4	31.0	38.8	39.5	32.9	28.8
HR6	75 Holyhead Rd	Roadside	432706	279228	NO2	-	55.5	49.6	33.4	39.1	40.9	35.5	33.6
HR7	Opposite 378 Holyhead Road	Roadside	431434	279948	NO2	-	-	-	18.5	22.7	20.1	18.5	16.8