
Council Meeting

2 September 2025

Booklet 1

Written Questions

1.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor J Lepoidevin</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor G Duggins, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>"Many of our constituents are concerned about the apparent lack of information as to the number of asylum seekers in the city and the inevitable speculation that arises leading to community tension. Would the Leader be prepared to clarify how he proposes to deal with these concerns?"</p>	

2.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor E Reeves</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor O'Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>"We live in one of the most nature deprived cities in one of the most nature deprived countries in the world so Rachel Reeves comments about councils being allowed to build on allotments is alarming. This council has committed to protecting green spaces and biodiversity in the climate change strategy and to the 30by30 pledge. Allotments are a haven for biodiversity and important for peoples physical and mental health. As yet we do not have a working metric in the One Coventry plan to measure biodiversity loss in the city and so it is vital we protect what green spaces we have while we get that up and running.</p> <p>With that in mind will the Cabinet member commit to protecting all allotments and not allow any more to be put forward for planning?</p>	

3.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Lewis</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor R Brown, Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>"In February, Coventry City Council signed a £500,000 contract with Palantir, a company that has attracted significant public concern over its work in defence, surveillance and policing, including its role in Israel's Genocide in Palestine. When the council has previously enacted cuts to vital organisations and services across the city including libraries, will the cabinet member for finance state on record that this contract will not be renewed, and instead the money be reappropriated to public and community services which the people of Coventry deeply value and rely on?"</p>	

4.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor G Lewis</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Cllr G Duggins, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member justify why Coventry City Council, through its wholly-owned company Tom White Waste, is breaking the strike in Birmingham, thereby undermining the workers fight for fair pay and conditions, weakening the pressure for a fair local government settlement offer and effectively prolonging the dispute to the detriment of residents?”</p>	

5.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor J Gardiner</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J O’Boyle, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“What is the current status of the Riley Square redevelopment following IRD’s administration?</p> <p>Can the council provide a timeline for resuming the project, and will it seek new developers or take direct control of the regeneration to ensure it meets community needs?</p> <p>How much public funding has been allocated to the Riley Square project to date, and how will the council ensure that future redevelopment prioritizes affordable housing and public benefit over private profit, especially given IRD’s failure?”</p>	

6.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor M Lapsa</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Seaman, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member please confirm:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Whether any children in the care of Coventry City Council were identified among the victims of the grooming and sexual abuse crimes committed by the individuals convicted in 2017 in relation to the Coventry rape gang case? 2. How many children currently or previously in the care of the Council have reported concerns or made complaints regarding grooming or sexual abuse over the past twenty years?” 	

7.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor M Lapsa</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Cllr N Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Could the Cabinet Member confirm how many hotels and how many houses of multiple occupancy are currently being used within the Coventry boundary to house illegal migrants/asylum seekers and how many bed spaces they provide?</p> <p>How many of these premises have received planning permission for a material change of use to facilitate the housing of migrant/ asylum seekers and how many are awaiting a planning decision?”</p>

8.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor M Lapsa</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
	<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Can the Cabinet Member for City Services inform us how many skips have been supplied to housing estates and other areas where there has been an issue with fly tipping for large items to be disposed of within the last 3 years?</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member also give us a breakdown for specific wards with the associated cost?”</p>