
Council Meeting

23 June 2026

Booklet 1

Written Questions

1.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor D Stainton</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J McNicholas, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Given the cancellation of the Godiva Festival was followed by a pledge to spend the savings on smaller events in the city, could the Member provide a breakdown of what events have been funded or will be funded and what level of funding has been or will be allocated for each event?”</p>	

2.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor A Bryant</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>“Woodlands Ward contains a number of important green corridors and active travel routes. The Brookstray Path corridor, which serves residents in Mount Nod and Eastern Green and connects several schools and community facilities, presents a significant opportunity for improvement. Mount Nod and Eastern Green are home to approximately 17,000 residents and six schools. The Brookstray Path Corridor is an underused community asset, and improvements to surfacing, accessibility, drainage, seating and wayfinding could create a safer walking route connecting residents and local schools to green space, whilst supporting public health, active travel, biodiversity features and opportunities for informal play area.</p> <p>Could the Cabinet Member advise what external funding opportunities may be available to support improvements to footpath infrastructure, green corridors and community recreation facilities, including children’s play provision, within the Mount Nod and Eastern Green area, and what support is available to ward councillors seeking to bring forward local improvement schemes in response to community need?”</p>	

3.	<p>QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor A Cole</p> <p>TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City Services</p>
<p>TEXT OF QUESTION:</p> <p>"Coventry has a serious problem with pollution in our rivers, of the Sherbourne and Sowe. The River Sowe, for example, has been found to have huge increases in antibiotic resistant bacteria. Clearly, it is in the interest of resident’s health, our wildlife and fauna for us to help Severn Trent and the Environment</p>	

Agency to tackle all forms of pollution of our rivers.

Please could the Cabinet Member let me know the following:-

To our knowledge, how effective have enforcement measures been in prosecuting those who pollute our rivers? Does the Environment agency or Severn Trent inform us of their efforts and if so how many prosecutions have there been over each of the last three years.?

How many times in each of the last three years have Severn Trent asked the Council for access to the inaccessible parts of our river network to test water quality?

How many successful inspections of the inaccessible parts of our river network by Severn Trent were facilitated by the City Council in each of the last three years?"

4. **QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor J Wells**

TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor L Kelly, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change

TEXT OF QUESTION:

"As Shadow Cabinet Member for Jobs and Regeneration, I recently visited devastated businesses at Baginton airfield. Long-standing tenants face upheaval with little notice or appropriate alternatives. There are currently thirty business operating there successfully.

The interests of these existing businesses and their employees seem to have been marginalised, and more consideration should be given to retaining part of the airport for general aviation, training, freight, emergency services and community use.

The current development plans risk losing this historic airport site forever for a gigafactory whose future, in today's difficult UK battery market, remains very uncertain.

Can the Cabinet Member tell us:

1. What independent, up-to-date assessment has been made of the gigafactory's deliverability, realistic job numbers and its economic benefits?
2. What is the percentage likelihood of these benefits being delivered and if so when?
3. What contingency plans does the Council have if the project fails to deliver economic benefit at the promised scale?"

5. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor M Lapsa

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor J McNicholas, Cabinet Member for
Community Safety and Cohesion**

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“Can the Cabinet Member inform us

1. How many enforcement tickets have been issued for riding in the City centre to riders of electric bikes or scooters in the last 18 months?
2. How many accidents have been reported in 18 months from collision with a EV bike or scooter.
3. How many complaints about EV bikes and scooters have been reported over the same period.”

6. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor S Gray

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City
Services**

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“Have there been any incidents in the last year where council staff or contractors have destroyed birds’ nests whilst maintaining trees and hedges? What procedures are in place to prevent this from happening?”

7. QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor B Mosterman

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor P Hetherton, Cabinet Member for City
Services**

TEXT OF QUESTION:

- i. Why is the standard delivery time for a waste bin as long as three months?
- ii. Could the CM provide us with the number of new waste bins delivered to residents over the past year, broken down by category (recycling waste, garden waste, and household waste)? Additionally, can the CM provide the average delivery time from the moment an order is placed?”.

8.

QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor P Reddy

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

TEXT OF QUESTION:

“Can I ask the Cabinet Member to consider introducing free parking in Coventry city centre, particularly during evenings, weekends, and bank holidays, as a way to support local businesses. This would be help increase footfall, encourage visitors to stay longer, and support the sustainability of city centre businesses, especially in light of recent closures. Similar approaches in areas such as central London and Leamington, where free parking is available during off-peak periods, demonstrate how targeted measures can help stimulate activity and economic vitality?”