

**15 May 2014**

## **12. QUESTION TIME - CONTINUED**

### **Question 6 – Home Education**

6. Mrs P Hill will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families:

"Would the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families please inform me how many children of compulsory school age are currently being "Home Educated" in the county, and what investigations are made to ensure that the children are receiving quality education relevant to their needs?"

Could she also confirm what advice is offered to parents, and how the opinion of the child is ascertained? Is this considered as a "Safeguarding" issue, and is this a role for councillors as 'Corporate Parents' to be checking on in their own Divisions?"

### **Question 7 – Care of the vulnerable elderly**

7. Mr A T Amos will ask the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care:

"In the light of recent horrific reports about the abuse and mistreatment of elderly people in care/nursing homes in other parts of the country, would the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care tell me what robust measures and procedures *this* Council already has in place to deal with complaints on a proactive basis from residents and/or their family and friends and:

- how many complaints have been received in the past two years,
- how the services provided by the care/nursing homes used by this Council are monitored, and
- how many establishments used by the Council have been the subject of complaints during the past two years?"

### **Question 8 – Reduction in specific health funding**

8. Mrs M Rayner will ask the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing:

"Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing comment upon the current concerns expressed in the press regarding the withdrawal of funding for incontinence pads"

### **Question 9 – Exclusion from Academies**

9. Mr A T Amos will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families

**Question 10 - Hoobrook Recycling Centre, Kidderminster**

"Will the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families tell me how many school children have been excluded from Academies in the county in the last three years; what alternative provision has been made for them, and at what schools?"

10. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Environment:

"In view of the very serious concern felt by residents in my Division and much of the rest of the east of Kidderminster about the closure of the Hoobrook Recycling Centre and the often massive overcrowding at the alternative Stourport Road Recycling Centre, will the Cabinet Member agree to join me at the Stourport Road site on a mutually agreed Saturday or Sunday afternoon to see the situation for himself?"

**Question 11 - Kidderminster Registry Office Building**

11. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Localism and Communities:

"In view of the considerable local significance of the Kidderminster Registry Office Building will the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Localism and Communities agree with me that it is really important that such a historic building should remain in either public ownership or, at the very least, in an ownership which will allow public ownership?"

**Question 12 – Hoobrook Recycling Centre, Kidderminster**

12. Mrs M Rayner will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Environment:

" Will the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Environment confirm that the waste recycling plant at Hoobrook, Kidderminster, which is currently closed, will be re-opening and when this will happen; also what is going to be the provision on that site?"

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Resources) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.