

COUNCIL
18 JANUARY 2018**QUESTION TIME**

Question 1 – Suspended employees

1. Mr P M McDonald will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning:

"How much has the Council spent over the last two years on employees who have been suspended?"

Question 2 – School crossing patrol at St Barnabas C of E Primary School, Worcester

2. Mr P Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:

"Two school crossing patrols allocated to St Barnabas and Stanley Road primary schools serving children living in Rainbow Hill division retired during recent months and have yet to be replaced. A child was injured as a consequence of a collision with a moving vehicle outside St Barnabas C of E Primary School last year.

The Road Safety (Education and Schools) Team Leader has stated in writing on 4 December 2017 that "the (St Barnabas School) site has failed a risk assessment for future provision of a patrol at this location. This is mainly due to the volume of vehicles not stopping and the duty of care for any individual we were to place in the live carriageway."

Is the Cabinet Member with Responsibility prepared to risk potential injuries to young children attempting to cross a busy road where it is deemed to be too great a risk to employ an adult crossing patrol? If not, what does the Cabinet Member with Responsibility intend to do to reduce this risk as a matter of urgency?"

Question 3 – Carillion contracts

3. Mr R C Lunn will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning:

"In view of the announcement of Carillion going into administration, can the Leader inform Council of the degree of our current and ongoing contract involvement with this company."

Question 4 – Facilities for disabled people at Worcester Parkway Station

4. Dr C Hotham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy and Infrastructure:

"As Network Rail have failed to abide by planning conditions at Alvechurch station and legal obligations at Barnt Green station, both to the detriment of the less able. How can this Council be confident that Network Rail have any intention of providing adequate facilities for disabled people at the new Worcester Parkway station?"

Question 5 – Diamond Buses

5. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Sadly Diamond Buses seem to be continuing to breakdown regularly within Wyre Forest. Can the Cabinet Member inform me of what steps he is prepared to take to improve the situation?"

Question 6 – Education standards

6. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education and Skills:

"Parents often base a choice of school on the most recent OFSTED Report. When the most recent OFSTED Rates a school as "Good" and yet Progress 8 scores show the school's performance as "well below average" and the Key Stage 2 SATs Results are well below the Worcestershire Average, what steps is he intending to take to alert OFSTED to the anomalous situation which has arisen and the desirability of their revisiting these schools?"

Question 7 – Prevention of avoidable ill health

7. Mr R M Udall will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being:

"Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing confirm how he determines his priorities for preventative work in order to prevent avoidable ill health and what campaigns he plans to promote in the year ahead?"

Question 8 – Gritting of roads and paths outside schools

8. Mr C J Bloore will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Would the Cabinet Member for Highways join me in thanking the parents and guardians of children attending Charford First School in my division who gritted and cleared paths before Christmas to ensure children could safely attend school. However, would he agree with me that lost school days because of treacherous paths are not fair on the children, teachers and parents and agree to meet with them and me to put a plan in place to ensure that both roads and paths outside schools are gritted during snowy conditions?"

Question 9 – Pedestrian access to Bromsgrove Railway Station

9. Mr C J Bloore will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy and Infrastructure:

"Would the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy and Infrastructure agree with me that safety for commuters and pedestrians at Bromsgrove Railway Station is paramount? If he does would he agree to meet with me and officers to discuss the ongoing problems of single side pedestrian access along the Stoke Road entrance and exit that has been and continues to be the subject of much public concern?"

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.