

COUNCIL
19 JULY 2018**QUESTION TIME**

Question 1 – School Crossing Patrols in the St Chads Division of Kidderminster

1. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:

"In view of the high numbers of concerned parents signing petitions against the removal of school crossing patrols will she agree to visit the two sites in my Division catering for Comberton Primary School with me and the Crossing Patrol for St George's CE Primary and St Ambrose RC School with the Chair of Governors of St George's and a representative from St Ambrose before implementing a final decision?"

Question 2 – Emergency Planning response to floods in Wythall

2. Mr A D Kent will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being:

"Following the severe storm and subsequent massive flooding that affected Wythall recently, which saw over 300 houses flooded, can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility advise whether the implementation of the emergency plan met expectations?"

Question 3 – Funding for the Riversides School, Worcester

3. Mr P Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education:

"In May, the Cabinet Member was aware that Nadhim Zahawi, Minister for Children and Families, made the welcome announcement that an additional £252,000 was to be made available to Worcestershire to provide improved facilities for the education of children with special needs in our county.

At the time of this announcement, Mr Zahawi said, "All parents want to send their child to a good local school, one that meets their individual needs and supports them to achieve their full potential, regardless of the challenges they may face."

The parents of special needs children attending Riversides Special School in my division will share this aspiration, especially since these children continue to occupy totally inadequate premises leased to the school by this authority,

Does the Cabinet Member intend to spend any of this new money at Riversides School?"

Question 4 – Mercury HR/Finance System

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

"Can the Cabinet Member update us on the progress of the "rolling" 100 day turnaround plan to rectify errors with the Liberata E5 School finance system. What amount of compensation has been paid to schools impacted in the 2017-2018 financial year?"

Question 5 – School Crossing Patrols

5. Mrs M A Rayner will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:

"I would like to ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities if the criteria for the school crossing patrols is a one size fits all and why?"

Question 6 – Resourcing the NHS to meet the growing demands of an ageing population

6. Mr C J Bloore will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being:

"Would the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being join me in congratulating the NHS on its 70th Birthday and would they agree with me that the public will not forgive any government that fails to ensure our NHS and its staff are adequately resourced to meet the growing demands of our ageing population?"

Question 7 – Sale of YMCA field in St John's, Worcester

7. Mr R M Udall will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning:

"Further to my question at the last meeting of the County Council, can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility confirm that she will not sell the land in the ownership of the County Council at the former St John's YMCA for development; not until she has fully explored all the potential options to preserve the land as a sporting venue for the local community. Furthermore, can I invite her to join me and the County Councillor for the neighbouring Riversides Division, to visit the St John's YMCA Field, so we can jointly show her how important it is to the local community?"

Question 8 – Flood drainage system in Wythall

8. Dr C Hotham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for the Environment:

"The recent disastrous flooding in Wythall has highlighted the need for significant improvement in the drainage system. Can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for the Environment please confirm what additional funding is to be made available to facilitate these works?"

Question 9 – A456 junctions with Husum Way and Hurcott Lane, Kidderminster

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

"At a previous Council meeting you assured me that the speed limit at the A456 junctions with Husum Way and Hurcott Lane was appropriate but improvement to signage was being implemented.

Since that answer there has been at least one further accident (at the time of writing this question!). Will you, with appropriate Officers, come to a site meeting at peak traffic time to actually see the situation as experienced by local residents?"

Question 10 – General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) costs

10. Mr A D Kent will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning:

"GDPR is an EU initiative that had to be implemented by 20 May 2018. Can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility advise what the cost has been to Worcestershire County Council to implement GDPR and what is the perceived cost of future subject access requests?"

Question 11 – Applications for dropped kerbs

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

"Could the Cabinet Member for Highways explain to me why residents living on the same street in my division are treated differently by Ringway when applying for a dropped kerb?"

Question 12 – Spending on new library books

12. Mr R C Lunn will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:

"Can the Cabinet Member inform me as to what amount of money was spent on new library books across the County in 2017-18? How did this compare with the previous year?"

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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.