

**Thursday, 12 May 2016**

## **Agenda item 12 – Further Questions**

### **12 Question Time 53 - 54**

To receive answers to any questions asked by Councillors (Orange pages).

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**Question 9 – Local Bus Services**

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

"Given the ongoing concerns in the Wyre Forest area about the poor performance of Diamond buses will the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways help to facilitate a meeting between councillors whose Divisions are badly affected and the local management of Diamond?"

**Question 10 – Use of public transport by students**

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

"Students living in Wyre Forest are no longer able to access land-based courses at Pershore College due to the cancellation of the bus service which they used to use. What steps is the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways able to take to allow students without their own transport to access these courses?"

**Question 11 – Commissioned Services**

11. Mrs E B Tucker will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families:

"Would the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families please state how many of our ex-employees who were transferred to Babcock Prime on 1 October last year have since left that company by reason of redundancy, how many have left for other reasons, and how many postholders are still at formal risk of redundancy.

Would he also confirm that Freedom of Information rights continue even when services have been contracted out. "Public Authorities can only withhold commercially sensitive information where the public interest in Maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing information" (Freedom of Information Act - Annexe to Awareness Guidance No 5 Commercial Interests)."

**Question 12 – Highways works**

12. Mr A T Amos will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"I would like to ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways if he will pass on my thanks to our Highways Inspectors for their valiant efforts to ensure Severn Trent Water carry out works in a professional manner.

However, would he acknowledge that all too often Severn Trent Water show no care or consideration for public or private property, leave damage and defacement, and fail to co-operate with our Inspectors, and would he not agree with me that Severn Trent would have gone out of business long ago were it not a monopoly from whom customers cannot escape?"

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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.