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Question 6 – Highways maintenance provider

6. Mr R M Udall will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Will the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways confirm if he is satisfied with the service provided by the Council's highways maintenance provider Ringway."

Question 7 – EU membership

7. Mr R C Lunn will ask the Leader of the Council:

"What effect does the Leader of the Council think that the EU Referendum result will have on the County Council and its provision of services over the next 5 years?"

Question 8 – Contacting the County Council

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

"Does the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning agree that it makes sense for a person looking to contact the County Council online, to be able to use one general enquiry email address?"

Question 9 – Safe Scheme

9. Mr J Baker will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Wellbeing:

"Could the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being ensure that the pre-existing safe scheme initiative be promoted throughout the whole of Worcestershire as it is proving successful in the current areas where it is being run. This in turn will provide help and reassurance to those who may be feeling threatened by hate and racism."

Question 10 – Sustainable Travel

10. Mr G J Vickery will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"The Government has announced a £60million fund for sustainable travel. Councils are invited to bid for a share of this money. Would the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways please tell us the content of this Council's bid?"

Question 11 – West Midlands Combined Authority

11. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Leader of the Council:

"Preparations for the elected Mayor for the West Midlands Combined Authority are proceeding apace.

Can the Leader of the Council tell me:

- (a) what relationship he expects Worcestershire County Council to have with the Combined Authority, and
- (b) what prospects, if any, he sees for any devolved powers to Worcestershire?"

Question 12 – Social Work Teams dealing with children

12. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families:

"Is the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families confident that the new arrangements within Children's Services Social Work Teams which will see, within the Early Help Service, only one Community Social Worker in a District, will be adequate to deal with necessary referrals from partner agencies in a timely manner so as to protect vulnerable children?"

Question 13 – Eckington Bridge

13. Mr A I Hardman will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"In view that the Eckington Bridge is at least twice as old as the Eastham Bridge and a vital link for Bredon Division road users, can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways reassure users it is safe, and state when it was last inspected by his bridge department?"

Question 14 – Kemerton Parish Council

14. Mr A I Hardman will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Kemerton Parish Council submitted its own traffic calming scheme last year to the County Council. Can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways please ensure that a formal reply is sent to the Parish Council, which includes reasons for its non-compliance to County regulations and costs for the work?"

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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.