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COUNCIL
12 JANUARY 2017**QUESTION TIME - Continued**

Question 4 – Bewdley Hill/Sutton Park Road junction, Kidderminster

1. Mr F M Oborski will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"In February 2003, as a District Councillor for the then Sutton Park Ward of Wyre Forest DC, you presented a 2,000 signature petition to the Wyre Forest Highways Partnership Forum calling for either traffic lights or a roundabout to be installed at the Bewdley Hill/Sutton Park Road junction. You are quoted in the Kidderminster Shuttle as saying that, whilst you felt that £500,000 for a roundabout was probably unachievable, £50,000 for traffic lights could probably be found at County Hall. The LTP4 Consultation Document describes the A456 Bewdley Hill as a Key Corridor for Improvement. Will the installation of either traffic lights or a roundabout at this dangerous junction be part of the improvements planned for this Key Corridor?"

Question 5 – Worcestershire Parkway Station

2. Mr T A L Wells will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure:

"Could the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure inform me which rail operators have formally stated they will use the new Worcestershire Parkway Station?"

Question 6 – Speed Activated Signs

3. Mr R C Lunn will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Could the Cabinet Member responsible for Highways confirm the cost of Speed Activated Signs, and how much the cost has risen in the last 12 months?"

Question 7 – ASHA Women's House Group

4. Mr R M Udall will ask the Leader of the Council:

"Will the Leader of the Council instigate emergency discussions with the ASHA Women's House Group to investigate how the County Council can help, with the use of balances, to help prevent closure. The ASHA House Group provides essential help and support to families across the county; its closure would be devastating and will leave vulnerable families and children with reduced support. Will he work with the Group and other agencies to secure funding which will enable their work to continue?"

Question 8 – Local Transport Plan – public events

5. Mr R C Lunn will ask the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure:

"Can the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure explain why in the consultations on the Local Transport Plan, public events have been organised in Malvern, Evesham, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster and Pershore, but not in Redditch? Will he work with Local Members to organise a Redditch based event during February, so that as many Redditch people as possible can take part in person as in the other districts of the county"

Question 9 – A46 Improvement

6. Mr R W Banks will ask the Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure:

"What progress has been made on getting Highways England to improve the A46 as part of the Midland Connect Long Term Transport Plan?"

Question 10 – Education Provision in Redditch

7. Mr G J Vickery will ask the Cabinet Member for Children and Families:

"Redditch is set to gain a fifth secondary school in 2017. In view of the current under population of at least one of the existing four, in the context of unilateral moves by an Academy to create a two tier system alongside the existing three tier structure, what implications for the future stability of the Redditch provision do you foresee?"

Question 11 – Vulnerable Children

8. Mr G J Vickery will ask the Cabinet Member for Children and Families:

"The former Social Services Director of Hackney Council, Sharon Shoemith, has recently alleged that deaths of children identified as vulnerable by Social Services Authorities in England and Wales as a whole number in their hundreds each year. Would the Cabinet Member for Children and Families comment on the credibility of these statements and give the recent years' statistics for Worcestershire?"

Question 12 – First Bus

9. Mr R M Udall will ask the Cabinet Member for Highways:

"Will the Cabinet Member for Highways comment on the relationship between the County Council and First Bus?"

Question 13 – Members' Allowances

10. Mr T A L Wells will ask the Leader of the Council:

"Does the Conservative administration have any plans to increase members' allowances in 2017?"

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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.

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