COUNCIL 25 MAY 2017

QUESTION TIME

Question 1 – Asbestos Removal from Council Maintained Schools

1. Mr P M McDonald will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility:

"Would the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility please inform me of the total cost of removing all asbestos from Council Maintained Schools?"

Question 2 – Bromsgrove and Redditch Highways Model

2. Mr L C R Mallett will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility:

"Would the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility please confirm the total cost of developing and implementing the now discredited BaRHAM (Bromsgrove and Redditch Highways Model)"

Question 3 – Closure of the M5 Motorway

3. Mr C J Bloore will ask the Leader of the Council:

"The leader of the Council is probably aware that despite being six months over schedule residents in my division are still facing sleepless nights as six lanes of traffic are redirected passed their homes because of closures on the M5. What steps is he taking to hold Highways England to account for causing this misery?"

Question 4 – Mowing of Roadside Verges

4. Mrs F M Oborski will ask the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility:

"Roadside verges provide valuable sites for wild flowers and are vitally important as habitats for many insects and birds particularly for bees. Whilst mowing of grass on verges is important at road junctions, at visibility splays and where pedestrian doorways might otherwise be impeded I hope the relevant Cabinet Member would agree with me that in other areas we should allow the verges to look " somewhat overgrown" to preserve their ecological value. If this is the case can the relevant Cabinet Member please explain the "heavy mowing" of the verges alongside the Bewdley By-Pass where there are no junctions and where there is no pedestrian footway?"

Question 5 – National Performance – Children's Services

5. Mr P Denham will ask the Leader of the Council:

"The Leader has stated that one of his priorities is to improve the quality of our highways and pavements so that we are in the top quartile of national performance by 2022.

Which quartile of national performance does he intend our Children's Services to reach and by which 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.