

COUNCIL

18 MAY 2023

QUESTION TIME

Question 1 – Support for mothers

1. Cllr Lynn Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families:

"What advice can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility give colleagues when approached on a Saturday afternoon by a mother who needs help because she has no money left to buy formula feed for her baby?"

Question 2 – 20mph review meeting date

2. Cllr Matt Jenkins will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"In January 2021 the following motion was approved by the full council:

"Requests for more 20mph speed limits, particularly in residential areas and near schools, are often made to councillors. This motion requests that a task group or member advisory group be set up to review how 20mph areas are currently considered and look at the feasibility of creating a process that would allow a 20mph area to be created within a councillor's division."

It has been well over two years since this motion was approved, but no group has met. Can I ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility to set a date for the first meeting of such a group as soon as possible, and before the full council meets again in July?"

Question 3 – Online capture of highways comments

3. Cllr Beverley Nielsen will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

"Councils up and down the country use 'Fix My Street', www.fixmystreet.com, to help residents to report pressing highways issues supplementing whatever IT solutions they have of their own, such as our 'Report It' solution.

Does Worcestershire County Council capture comments made online from 'Fix My Street' in addition to those made via 'Report It' as well as tracking time to respond to any such comments?"

Question 4 – Impact of the installation of full fibre

4. Cllr Matt Jenkins will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills:

"Concerns have been raised by residents about the impact of the installation of full fibre in their streets. For example, where cabling was installed under the footway/highway, it has been left in poor condition. Elsewhere, telegraph poles were installed with no consultation. This led to residents arguing with City Fibre staff about the location of the poles. Clearly, this is not good enough.

Can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility ensure that there is improved communication by City Fibre with residents and that we ensure that work is completed to a high standard?"

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.