

COUNCIL

11 JANUARY 2024

QUESTION TIME

Question 1 – Free bus pass for Veterans and Service Personnel

1. Cllr Martin Allen will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Communities:

"Twelve months ago, this council unanimously voted through the motion to provide commencing in April 2024 that members of the armed forces and veterans who reside in Worcestershire free bus travel in line with the current pensioners bus pass.

Will the Cabinet Member with responsibilities for this matter please tell me, is the Council ready to provide these bus passes and how will the council be advertising this country leading first to the brave men and woman who have served their country?"

Question 2 – LTP5

2. Cllr Mel Allcott will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills:

"What is the timetable for LTP5 from development of the draft document, commencement of the stakeholder consultation to final Cabinet sign-off of the plan?"

Question 3 – Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

3. Cllr Lynn Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Adult Social Care:

"How many cases has Worcestershire County Council had referred to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman in 22/23 and how many were upheld? How can local people access this information?"

Question 4 – Southern by-pass for Pershore

4. Cllr Dan Boatright-Greene will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills:

“Is it time to start talking about the feasibility of a southern by-pass for Pershore?”

Question 5 – Charging companies for working on the highway

5. Cllr Dan Boatright-Greene will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

“At the Council meeting in January 2022 Cllr Hardman asked a question about the highways issues faced in Eckington with a developer repeatedly causing traffic congestion as they worked on the Highway. In the answer to the question the former Cabinet Member for Highways suggested the Council was investigating the potential to charge companies for working on the highway. After two years, can we get an update on whether this is feasible and when we might see some changes?”

Question 6 – Modeshift stars accreditation scheme

6. Cllr Lynn Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport:

“Modeshift stars is an accreditation scheme supported by the Department for Transport and Active Travel England and funded by Worcestershire County Council. The scheme rewards schools over 5 levels, green, bronze, silver, gold and platinum for increasing the number of young people who regularly walk, wheel, cycle and use other forms of sustainable transport to get to and from school.

What communication has there been with schools to promote the scheme?”

Question 7 – Worcestershire Pension Fund

7. Cllr Mel Allcott will ask the Leader of the Council:

"How much of the Worcestershire Pension Fund is invested directly into fossil fuel companies?"

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.