

COUNCIL
11 FEBRUARY 2016**QUESTION TIME - CONTINUED**

Question 4 – City centre road layout

4. Mr P Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways please confirm whether or not fire engines are able to negotiate the turning space provided at the new highway layout in front of Worcester Cathedral?"

Question 5 – Specific highways contracts

5. Mr P Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"I have been given dates by highways officers starting on 3 December last year for the installation of double yellow lines at the western end of Rainbow Hill, Worcester. Last week I was told that the contractor had advised highways that the job had been completed in early January. I personally inspected the location on 4 February and there are no yellow lines to be seen! Will the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways please tell me is the contract between highways and Ringway preventing accurate communication between the two, and is it being properly managed and monitored?"

Question 6 – Elective Home Education

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

"As Corporate Parent the County Council is ultimately responsible for educational placements of Worcestershire Looked After Children (LAC).

Can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families please tell me under what circumstances, if any, would we allow LAC to be the subject of Elective Home Education and if any current LAC are educated in this way, how many?"

Question 7 – Educational outcomes in Worcestershire

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

"Recently the Sunday Times exposed Worcestershire in general and Wychavon in particular as one of the worst areas in the country as far as social mobility, life chances and educational outcomes for children from deprived backgrounds are concerned.

What steps is the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families initiating to rectify this awful situation?"

Question 8 – West Midlands Rail Partnership

8. Ms P Agar will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"What is your purpose in joining the West Midlands Rail Partnership and how will this improve rail services within Worcestershire and inter-regional rail links?"

Question 9 – Concessionary rail fares for pensioners

9. Ms P Agar will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways:

"Now that the Council has joined the West Midlands Rail Partnership, are there any plans to extend the West Midlands concessionary rail fares for pensioners scheme to Worcestershire?"

Question 10 – Joint delivery, social care and health care

10. Mrs E B Tucker will ask the Leader of the Council:

"A plan for joint delivery of social care and health care in Worcestershire must be in place and agreed with the NHS in 2017 for implementation in 2020. Could the Leader of the Council and/or cabinet members with responsibility indicate what parts of the Children, Families and Communities budget and the Adult Social Care and Public Health budget will remain with the County Council as at present and how much of those budgets will move to joint decision making under the new proposals. Can they assure us that all councillors will be kept informed of progress as this plan is prepared and that the new plan will include mechanisms to ensure that all members are kept up to date on future service policies and developments and are able follow up local issues and casework with regard to this major area of county council responsibilities?"

Question 11 – Obesity

11. Mr G J Vickery will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being:

"In the light of the Health and Well-being Board report on the impact of the Obesity Plan, does the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being feel that there is further scope for intervention by any organisations to address the fact that over 50% of the adult population of Worcestershire is overweight or obese?"

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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.