

**COUNCIL**  
**12 MAY 2016****QUESTION TIME**

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**Question 1 – Hospital bus services**

1. Mr G J Vickery will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Wellbeing:

“Amongst the formal recommendations from the Transport Task & Finish Group to the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire Board Proposed Clinical Model of Care is the improvement of the 350 bus service connecting the Redditch and Worcester hospitals to a regular hourly ‘clock face’ service, and that the County Council be tasked with scoping this action. Can the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Wellbeing give an initial response?”

**Question 2 – NHS 5 year Sustainability and Transformation Plan**

2. Mr G J Vickery will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Wellbeing:

"How do you see the evolution of the Health & Wellbeing Board in the context of the NHS 5-year Sustainability and Transformation Plan defining the local unit of planning now as Herefordshire and Worcestershire together and the wishes of provider organisations to be represented at and participate in the functioning of Health & Wellbeing Boards as happens in other local authority areas?"

**Question 3 – Council Staff**

3. Mr P M McDonald will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Change:

"Would the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Change please inform me how many officers from PO5 upwards are from BAME backgrounds?"

**Question 4 – Pot holes in roads**

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

"Would the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways inform me how much the Council has paid out in compensation and in additional staff time in relation to damage caused by pot holes?"

## **Question 5 – Worcestershire Youth Music**

5. Mr R C Lunn will ask the Leader of the Council:

"Does the Leader of the Council regret the cancellation of the annual Worcestershire Youth Music concert at Symphony Hall which had run for 14 years? Why was it cancelled and what does he plan to do to restore it in 2017, and thereby provide once again a memorable and uplifting occasion for all the children involved showcasing the best of Worcestershire Youth Music?"

## **Question 6 – Redditch Library - opening hours**

6. Mr R C Lunn will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Localism and Communities:

"Will the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Localism and Communities, consider the sensible suggestion of allowing Redditch Library to open half an hour later from Monday to Friday but keeping the same evening closing times? Does she agree that this is a more reasonable alternative than simply cutting opening hours and will enable more people particularly children and working people to use the library?"

## **Question 7 – Primary School Places**

7. Mr P Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families:

"Why has the planned provision of primary school places caused such a high level of dissatisfaction this year?"

## **Question 8 – Travel Policy for 16 – 18 year olds**

8. Mr P Denham will ask the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families:

"Why does the Council's policy on subsidising the cost of travel to assist students aged 16-18 to attend college courses discriminate unreasonably against those from poor families who wish to take courses not available at their nearest college?"

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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.