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Public and Member Questions  
and Responses



Derby City Council



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# Public Questions



**a) Question from Gaurav Pandey to Councillor Smale**

**How much money was spent on the Sinfin Rain Garden project? What are the future plans for that garden?**

Thank you for your question Mr Pandey

Phase 1 of the Rain Garden Project was completed in August 2018 at a cost £100 thousand.

The £100 thousand cost of the works was 50 per cent externally funded by the European Regional Development Fund. Further funding from the EU has been made available for the current year with the intention for there to be second phase, extending the works as far as the Rolls Royce test bed facility building.

There is another follow on phase two scheme which needs to be completed before the end of summer.

The Wilmore Road Rain Gardens have been designed in such a way as to make them readily maintainable.

In theory the only maintenance required would include mowing at the start of the season, before growth has established, and at the end of the season after final flowering.

The areas should be mowed when the existing grass verges are maintained - which generally happens 6 times per year.

As the first phase was completed during last years extended hot period, some of the planting didn't establish itself as intended. This will be addressed as part of the phase two works.

The intention will be to review the performance of the planting over an extended period of time, in order to establish the types of planting that is best sustained adjacent to the carriageway.

The aim of the project is to provide the most beneficial area which will support pollinators and other invertebrates, whilst also at the same time providing an aesthetically pleasing flower bed for local residents.

**b) Question from Chris Tuckwood to Councillor Barker**

**Why is a political party being allowed to access the electoral register to access our private information for the use of random political mailings and when will political parties be stopped from being able to abuse the full registers use in this way?**

Thank you for your question Mr Tuckwood.

Each local authority is required to maintain the Electoral Register for the administrative area that it covers. There are restrictions to its use which are contained in the Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations (2002)

Political parties, elected representatives, candidates and their agents are able to access, and be supplied with on request, a copy of the full electoral register and updates under the regulations. Data supplied in these circumstances is to be used for electoral purposes only.

The Electoral Registration Officer manages requests for information from the electoral register. All requests are dealt with in line with the above regulations, data protection guidance and guidance from the Electoral Commission.

There are no current plans to change the arrangements for supply and access to the Electoral Register.

**c) Question from Reg Hand to Councillor M Holmes**

**The proposed Clean Air Incentive Scheme is the council's air quality bid to DEFRA which contained some positive proposals for helping people switch to cleaner modes of transport, such as a local scrappage scheme and mobility credits. What is the current position on this bid?**

Thank you for your question Mr Hand.

The Minister approved the council scheme for achieving Nitrogen Dioxide compliance; however the Clean Air Fund bid was not supported in the Ministerial Direction.

**d) Question from Gaurav Pandey (i) and Malcolm Holden (ii) to Councillor M Holmes**

- (i) Is the Council looking to restore the historic Friar Gate Bridge in Derby? The site is a heritage and of historic importance, restoring it could generate tourism to Derby and will also give a lift to the surrounding area.**
- (ii) Friar Gate Bridge is a Grade II listed structure, which was acquired by the Council from British Rail in 1985. Since that time the Bridge has been allowed to deteriorate. The Council has a legal obligation to maintain it. What is planned?**

Thank you for your questions Mr Pandey and Mr Holden

The Friar Gate Bridge is indeed a striking and important landmark at the gateway of our city centre.

The council has invested £110 thousand in recent years ensuring that the structure is safe and secure.

We have been working with the Friends of Friar Gate Bridge who recently secured Heritage Lottery Funding to fund an options and viability report to support a future Heritage Lottery Fund bid. I was very impressed with the report.

We now understand exactly what works are needed to the bridge structure and we are therefore in a good position to respond to any external funding opportunities that may come forward in the future.

However, due to the project portfolio we are committed to delivering, the council does not currently have the capital funding to commit to a restoration project on the bridge; therefore the focus needs to be on external funding from some other source.

**e) Question from Dorothy Skrytek to Councillor M Holmes**

**Well done declaring a climate emergency. DCC are now in step with the rest of the world. On related matters, can you explain how:**

**1- Destroying a public park and trees, Stanhope, for a car park, in an area lacking in public open space, next to playground/school, in UK Government designated Derby Clean Air Zone and which will induce up to 1000 extra cars daily into an already polluted Normanton, assists in the above?**

**2 - Applying to DEFRA to remove a bus/cycle lane in Friargate, inducing more cars/pollution/NO2 into an already polluted Air Quality Management Area, assists with the above?**

**3 - Continuing with the Derby/Derbyshire incineration contract, and the 4.3 MILLION tonnes of carbon dioxide emitted, (+ related NO2 etc)& how this assists with the above 'climate emergency' DCC has declared?**

Thank you for your question Ms Skrytek.

1- In 2017 the Council's Planning Control Committee that is made up of cross party councillors felt that the public benefits of the proposal outweighed the harm of the loss of this part of the existing public open space.

2- The council is required to achieve compliance with the roadside NO2 levels in Stafford Street. The proposals include provision for cyclists as part of the scheme. Our work to support and secure major investment in public transport also continues.

3 - The Environment Agency is responsible for ensuring strict compliance with air quality standards.

**f) Question from Simon Bacon to Councillor Smale**

**Is the city council paying the agreed cost per tonne for waste disposal via the Sinfen incinerator now that the Environment Agency considers it to be operational as of 1 June 2019?**

Thank you for your question Mr Bacon.

The move to operational phase by the Environment Agency has no impact on the amount the council pays per tonne for waste disposal.

**g) Question from Andy Findlay to Councillor Barker**

**In 2001 a decision was taken that all hackney carriage vehicles should be coloured yellow. One of the reasons for this was that partially sighted customers in particular would be able to pick these vehicles out. It was also easier for everybody to see which vehicles had a full hackney carriage licence rather than a private hire licence. This is an important factor for disabled people with regard to accessibility as this is a criteria for the hackney carriage licence. As a by-product of this decision it also gave Derby an image and, having travelled extensively over the rest of the UK, I think a very positive image.**

**There has recently been a consultation regarding the introduction of new environmentally friendly hackney carriage vehicles and one of the proposals in this consultation was that the colour of these be returned to black. Having been a party to this consultation it has been pointed out that this would have a detrimental effect to visually impaired and other disabled people. The results of this consultation have not been shared with the general public and in particular the protected characteristic groups who took part in the process.**

**I have now seen one of these new vehicles operating in Derby and, bearing in mind that I would anticipate delivery time on any new vehicle to be at least three months and possibly longer, this would give an indication that the go ahead for this operator to order the vehicle was given before the consultation process had been completed and fully analysed. This drives a coach and horses through the whole consultation process and the image of Derby.**

**How has the decision been made to licence this vehicle and make a mockery of the whole consultation and EIA process?**

Thank you for your question Mr Findlay.

The colour change is simply a short term pragmatic solution to allow taxi drivers to purchase new vehicles whilst the licensing committee has an opportunity to be presented with the outcome of the recent consultation. I can assure you that this is not pre-determining the outcome of the committee's decision but it would not be fair or pragmatic at this stage in the process to insist on any taxi driver to have to spray or even wrap their new vehicles in the short term, should it be decided that the colour will change.

The impact to date has been minimal with only four cabs so far, and we are very much aware of the need to have a contrast colour on these vehicles - likely to be yellow to meet the needs of partially sighted members of the public. This will be part the Equality Impact Assessment process and we will ensure this critical requirement is fed into any future recommendations to the Licensing Committee.

## **h) Question from Michael Plunkett to Councillor Smale**

**What is the council going to do about the appalling state of the roads within the boundary control of Derby City Council?**

Thank you for your question Mr Plunkett.

The council has an extensive and challenging programme of treatments of our road network in 2019/20 that will see us spend £5.3 million.

This includes completion of new surfacing works as well as planned resurfacing across the city on both major roads as well as estate roads. A high volume of pot hole repairs will also be carried out.

A number of strategic locations are also being targeted covering significant areas.

Our paramount aim is to keep our network safe and moving.

Meanwhile, officers are working closely with the Department for Transport to maximise the available funding for treating Derby's highway network.

Through our work on applying asset management principles to the network and working with local Neighbourhood Boards, we are targeting the available resource to the locations that matter.

Our aim is to treat the right asset, with the right treatment at the right time.

I would be happy to provide you with a full list of our planned works if you leave me with your email address.

**i) Question from Kate Mosley to Councillor Holmes**

**Can we have a vote by councillors to approve a Public Enquiry into A52 Road Improvement Contract? Derby City Council needs to take stock of their responsibility and failure to meet initial budget.**

Thank you for your question Ms Mosley.

On inheriting the project from the previous Labour administration, an investigation was launched. This was carried out by the Central Midlands Audit Partnership and its findings published on 7th February 2019.

The investigation report, as promised, was made public and also brought to this chamber for debate.

The purpose of the investigation was to determine what happened, and to establish what must be done to prevent it from happening again.

I am not aware of any intention by councillors to have a vote to call for or pursue a public inquiry.

**j) Question from Charles Bridges to Councillor Smale**

**The Derby Telegraph reported recently that Derby City and Derbyshire County councils have received 3.2 million pounds from the Sinfin waste plant. Can you explain how this money is going to be spent?**

Thank you for your question Mr Bridges.

As part of contractual arrangements with RRS (Derbyshire) Limited, the two councils receive an electricity rebate based upon assumed electricity generated from the waste gasification process at the plant.

The £3.2 million rebate that you refer to is for the period 2018 to 2019 financial year and is netted off the amount we are paying RRS for operating the plant.

**k) Council Question from Doug Lumley to Councillor M Holmes**

**There was an article in "Derby News" outlining concerns regarding the contractor that has been granted the project known as "Landmark" - "Godwin Group".**

**Can Council please confirm that these concerns have been investigated and that we are satisfied that "Godwin Group" are a stable organisation to whom we can entrust this £30 Million project.**

**Since "Landmark" is destined to become the tallest building in Derby city centre, do we consider that Godwin Group have the necessary experience and are financially sufficiently stable to be able to take on such a project?**

**What safeguards are in place in the event of this proving not to be the case?**

Thank you for your question Mr Lumley.

As you know, the council's Planning Control Committee granted planning consent for the Landmark building and it will form a much needed addition to our 'city living offer'.

In law, planning consent is attached to the land and not the applicant. The financial robustness of an applicant is therefore not a planning matter.

This building is not being delivered for the council nor is the council involved outside of the planning process.

**I) Question from Tom Banks to Councillor Holmes**

**What is the timescale to complete the repairs to the roof of the Guildhall Theatre and will the Cabinet Member give an assurance that the Guildhall Theatre will reopen after these repairs are completed?**

Thank you for your question Mr Banks.

The council's contractor and consultant teams continue to undertake structural investigations and remedial works with the aim of completing repairs as soon as possible to allow the venue to reopen.

**m) Question from Adam Link to Councillor M Holmes**

**It is my understanding that a large sum of money (in the millions of pounds) was recently returned to central government unspent having been provided to Derby to renovate our city's bus fleets to Euro 6 standards. I am informed this money was refused by the private bus companies who operate in Derby. Given the privatisation of our bus providers, what can the council do to ensure that Derby has a modern fleet of busses that meet resident's needs and also comply with emissions standards to help combat the air quality problems we face in the city?**

**How can the city's public transport policy be part of the action the council take to tackle the unanimously decided state of emergency regarding the climate?**

Thank you for your question Mr Link

The government's Clean Bus Technology Fund was set up to provide funding for bus companies to retro-fit equipment to older buses and achieve Euro 6 emission standards.

The bus operators had to bid for funding for their fleets. The role of the local authority was to collate the bus company bids and administer the funding. The decision not to take up the Clean Bus Technology Fund was therefore made by bus operators not the council. Across the country bus and coach operators have been lobbying for funding for fleet replacement rather than retro-fit.

All our local operators have been continually investing in their fleet which is improving every year. In Derby around 70 per cent of the bus fleet is compliant with the Euro 6 standard. Derby also has a Strategic Bus Partnership, which brings together all the bus operators to improve public transport.

The £185million Derby / Nottingham Transforming Cities bid, has a strong focus on public transport. I anticipate that there will be exciting developments over the next four years which should provide a greater range of choice and flexibility of services.

This will be delivered by the Council and the Partnership, to provide reliable, clean and sustainable public transport for our city.

**n) Questions from Keith Burchell (i) & (ii) and Peter Robinson (iii) to Councillor M Holmes**

- (i) Given the need to address the climate emergency will a member of the cabinet be allocated this as part of their brief?**
- (ii) Will it be possible to draw upon the 'Delivering Differently' reserve fund and appoint a senior member of staff, with corporate responsibility, to help develop a council and city-wide response to the climate emergency?**
- (iii) Given that the last council meeting agreed overwhelmingly that there is a climate emergency what has been done to start developing a plan for the city and how might the council involve other partners?**

Thank you for your questions Mr Burchell and Mr Robinson.

Whilst the council have a leadership role in this agenda in Derby, we need to recognise that every one of us has a duty to change the way we approach this. Individuals, communities, businesses and government all need to play their part.

Since this council declared a 'Climate Emergency' on 22 May we have moved forward in a number of ways. Officers have been taking stock on the many contributing pieces of work and policies that already exist or are emerging.

We have updated our website with a dedicated page and have committed to funding a Climate Change Coordinator who will report to one of our Directors.

This agenda has been adopted into the delivery plan and contained within our Council Plan. We also continue to seek and secure significant funding from Government.

We recognise that the council is not always best placed to lead and we need to use a variety of skills and knowledge via a 'working group'. With this in mind, we are currently considering options to support a variety of community groups engaged in this agenda.

**o) Question from Marcus James to Councillor Roulstone**

**Does the council agree with the assessment made by Philip Alston, the UN rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights that the Government's policy changes in social security has led to the "systematic immiserating of a significant part of the British population" and what the impact of these changes has been on the people of Derby.**

Thank you for your question Mr James.

Derby City Council continues to be proactive in supporting Derby residents following the implementation of changes in the government's welfare policy.

Residents who find themselves in financial crisis, can access our welfare service where a case worker will put together a personalised programme of support that combines short term financial help with access to support services, helping residents to address their circumstances in a sustainable way. The support services in this programme are delivered by a range of council services and organisations across the city working in partnership.

The co-location of the DWP in the Council House has encouraged close collaborative working which has resulted in residents accessing multiple services in one location in one visit, including support with developing their digital skills and confidence.

The council also continues to promote Council Tax Support which provides help to households on a low income pay their Council Tax bill to ensure the numbers of households accessing this support continues to be as high as possible.

**p) Question from Helen Hitchcock to Councillor Smale**

**As part of the council's climate emergency plan with a commitment to lowering Derby's carbon footprint, can they agree in principle to support an ambitious Derby wide tree planting scheme, where one tree is planted for every resident by 2025? Or in other words, a quarter of a million trees planted across Derby within the next five years? If so, would they, in principle, agree to facilitate a meeting between relevant tree-planting council departments (such as Street Pride, Neighbourhoods, Planning etc.) and the new community based charity - Trees for Derby - a rapidly growing group of residents who have a passion to tackle climate change on our doorsteps, while regenerating our city?**

Thank you for your question Ms Hitchcock.

I am more than happy to enter these discussions with various partners inside the council departments. I think this is a fantastic initiative and I think everyone in the council would support such a scheme to help improve our environment in the city. I will exchange details with you and we can then set these meetings in motion.

**q) Question from Carole Fenton to Councillor Holmes**

**I don't believe, yet again, my question on blue badge parking on Keldholme Lane Estate has ever been answered? There is nothing in place to deter able bodied people from using the bays. It is no good investing significant amounts in environmental improvements, including disabled bays, when the disabled still cannot use them. Do you understand you are still in breach of the equality act 2010 for such action?**

**I have not spent five years questioning this problem for myself; it is for the many blue badge holders in the same position as me. I'm dismayed after all this time none of the answers I have received have addressed the problems.**

Thank you for your question Mrs Fenton.

I understand your frustration at abuse of the marked disabled parking bays.

I have asked our parking and highways teams to make an initial investigation and it appears that the parking areas where disabled markings have been painted are not on adopted public roads and have not been implemented to make them enforceable by the land owners.

Most of the disabled bays are painted on private land or that in the control of housing associations.

Unfortunately, therefore, the Council highways and parking teams have no control or enforcement powers over most of the bays.

**r) Question from Reg Hand to Councillor M Holmes**

**What plans does Derby City Council have for introducing a work place parking levy – which could be a game changer in funding substantial improvements in public transport in Derby, as it has been in Nottingham.**

Thank you for your question Mr Hand.

The council has no plans to introduce a work place parking levy.

**s) Question from Dorothy Skrytek (i) and Kate Mosley (ii) to Councillor Holmes**

- (i) When & how will the council be calculating the cumulative pollution/CO2 caused by terrible planning decisions and when will air quality standards be taken seriously?**
- (ii) What is Derby City Council's plan to cut air pollution? Chellaston are having a new Lidl and now have an Aldi both on A514. Will pollution rates be monitored in conjunction with South Derbyshire? Also, have Lidl and Aldi shown any commitment to reduce air pollution in planning permissions given?**

Thank you for your questions Ms Mosley and Ms Skrytek

Consideration of any potential air quality impacts form part of the planning application and determination process in accordance with Local and National Planning Policy.

Where impacts could be significant, the council requires detailed assessment and where impacts are identified, will secure mitigation through conditions and/or Section 106 agreements.

The council is currently investing in a wide range of measures designed to improve air quality, under the council's Low Emission Strategy, Local Roadside Nitrogen Dioxide Plan and emerging Air Quality Action Plan.

**t) Question to Simon Bacon to Councillor Smale**

**Biffa, the blue bin recycling contractor, was recently found guilty of exporting nappies, laminate flooring and coat hangers to China in shipments claiming to be mixed waste paper. How does the council know it is getting best value for money when its contractor takes part in illegal activity which may have led to increased costs placed on the public of Derby noting that the payment to Biffa has been increased in recent months?**

Thank you for your question Mr Bacon.

We are not in a position to discuss the case with Biffa, however from discussions with waste advisory groups it is clear that the council still benefits from a gate fee which is advantageous for the council. This contract is due for renewal in April 2020 and we are currently exploring the options available.

**u) Question from Michael Plunkett to Councillor Holmes**

**What is the council going to do about the traffic gridlock caused by parents and children crossing the road to Lakeside school? Traffic congestion is appalling and the lights change every two minutes which affects the traffic flow.**

Thank you for your question Mr Plunkett.

The council has a legal duty to ensure the safety of all road users, particularly vulnerable people. This would obviously include children and particularly where there are a high number of children travelling, for example, to and from a school.

At peak times the crossing will be used repeatedly in line with regulations for crossings that include the maximum amount of time pedestrians are expected to wait.

**v) Question from Carole Fenton to Councillor Holmes**

**Why are people allowed to park on the pavement between Queens Hall and Midland Road? – a lot of these cars are taxis.**

**I managed to avert an accident when a car pulled off the pavement in front of me and turned into Midland Road, this must be illegal.**

Thank you for your question Ms Fenton.

Where there are double yellow lines on the adjacent road we can enforce parking on the footway and do so.

There are regular patrols of this area and penalty charge notices are issued.

The council is also working with the businesses, including making visits at different times of the evening to encourage them to remove vehicles from the footway.



# Councillor Questions



**w) Question from Councillor Hezelgrave to Councillor Williams**

**The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People will no doubt be aware that at a time when the council is making strenuous efforts to recruit more foster carers, a strategy which the Labour Group wholeheartedly supports, one new recruit discovered that by giving up work on hosting her first foster child, her own child lost their entitlement to the full 30 hours' free child care, dropping down to just 15 hours per week.**

**Whilst this case has now been fully resolved, what reassurance can the Cabinet Member give us as Corporate Parents that future prospective carers will be fully informed of any possible impact on their own family circumstances should they join the city's team of foster parents? Are efforts being made to draw to the Government's attention this potential disincentive for prospective foster carers, with a call to rectify it as soon as possible?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Hezelgrave.

Yes, the matter has been resolved to a successful conclusion. This has been an interesting issue as technically the available HMRC advice and guidance regarding foster carer entitlement negates their eligibility over and above the standard 15 hours. The Fostering Service took advice at the time from the national Fostering Network, the recognised body for foster carers, who also confirmed the same position.

However, officers in Derby were tenacious and were able to secure a legitimate solution. In addition, Derby City Council has subsequently written formally to the Fostering Network to inform them of this outcome so they can advise accordingly on a national basis. This will now stand as precedence for any future families considering fostering for Derby who are in a similar circumstance.

In respect of this case, I can re-assure you that the Fostering Recruitment Team undertake thorough and intensive assessments over a period of four months where all aspects of fostering and financial implications are discussed in detail as a matter of course. Advice regarding national policy is provided from the available information on the HMRC official website. In this case, those specific implications were highlighted to the prospective foster carer to

enable an informed decision by them whether to continue or not, as would be the case for any prospective carer.

In a significant way, this case has brought about change for the better and I thank the Foster Carer's, Head Teacher and Fostering Team.

**x) Question from Councillor Eldret to Councillor M Holmes**

**After an initial Climate Emergency discussion between Democratic Services and Councillors Eldret, Peatfield and Care, it was agreed that a set up meeting should happen by late June. We have since been informed that “discussions are ongoing as to the best way to take the resolution of Council forward and co-ordinate with work that is already taking place.”**

**There appears to be a lack of understanding by the administration of the word “Emergency” and “Working Group”. Can you confirm that a cross party working group initial meeting will be organised imminently?**

Verbal response to be provided.

**y) Question from Councillor Froggatt to Councillor M Holmes**

**Can you assure councillors that projects currently funded by the European Social Fund are protected if we leave with a no deal Brexit?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Froggatt

The Treasury will honour existing European Union funded projects beyond the date of our departure from the European Union. All contracted European Social Fund programmes will be underwritten by the UK Treasury and will conclude in December 2023.

**z) Question from Councillor Shanker to Councillor M Holmes**

**As the old Debenhams site is a key city centre regeneration project can the Cabinet Member confirm when the old Debenhams building demolition will start as it was previously stated it would happen this month?**

Thank you for question Councillor Shanker.

Becketwell Regeneration is a priority scheme in our City Centre Masterplan and we have been working hard on negotiations and procurement since the March Cabinet meeting to progress delivery.

I am delighted that the recent tender exercise for the demolition of Debenhams generated huge interest from the market and we are about to award the contract with a view to starting on site in around six weeks time.

**aa) Question from Councillor Lind to Councillor Smale**

**When will flats and maisonettes be provided with smaller bins for kitchen waste recycling as an alternative to the 240 litre brown wheeled bins?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Lind.

We currently have no plans to provide widespread food waste recycling to flats and maisonettes.

However, we'd be happy to consider requests from customers who are keen to recycle food and garden waste on a case by case basis.

In order to supply a bin, we'd need to make sure there is somewhere suitable to store it, minimising any opportunities for misuse by others, and present it for collection.

Longer term we are awaiting the outcome of DEFRA's Resources and Waste Strategy consultation which is likely to have a major impact on local authorities waste policy in the future. As an example, this may well include requirements for the recycling of food waste. Once the outcomes are known, we will be in a better position to review our services and make an informed decision regarding any potential service changes.

**bb) Question from Councillor West to Councillor Wood**

**Almost three years ago, following his gold medal success at the Rio Olympics, Adam Peaty was granted Freedom of the City. At that time Moorways Swimming Pool was shut pending demolition and a new pool being planned. That pool was due to open next Spring.**

**On Sunday Adam Peaty broke a world record in the men's 100m breaststroke. Moorways has been demolished, new pool plans have been drawn up, at least an additional £9 million needed but we are no nearer a pool being built for future Olympians and World Record breakers to train.**

**Can the Cabinet Member please give an updated timeline for the new Moorways pool, including a suggestion of when it might open?**

Thank you for your question Councillor West.

The previously agreed £33 million Swimming Pool Complex was due to open in late 2020.

As you know, in February 2019, Cabinet and Council approved a bigger vision for a new £42 million Swimming Pool Complex with an exciting enhanced leisure water facility. Practical completion for our new facility is due to be achieved in late 2021, and this will be worth waiting for in our opinion.

Design workshops to develop the designs for the enhanced leisure water are currently being finalised on time and look really good.

The planning application is due to be submitted in the next few weeks in August 2019, with our building contractor appointed and a start on site expected late 2019. I am very pleased to confirm that the project is progressing very well indeed.

You mention Adam Peaty who has just set an incredible world record time of 56.88 in the 100m breaststroke at the World Swimming Championships; massive congratulations go to him and his coach Mel – a real inspiration for our future swimmers.

**cc) Question from Councillor Ashburner to Councillor Smale**

**When is it expected that the plan to distribute blue and brown bins to all households in Derby will be completed?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Ashburner

The council has reintroduced a free Garden Waste Service. The bins that have been requested before the 1 July 2019 have now been delivered. We will continue to push the level of sign-ups and deliver these bins as and when requested.

The council signed off a report at Cabinet on 17 July 2019 to reintroduce dry recyclable collections, providing blue bins within areas of Normanton, Arboretum and Mackworth.

This service requires residents to register for the free service for which bins will then be delivered. The target is to deliver everybody who registers for this service a bin this year.

**dd) Question from Councillor Care to Councillor Webb**

**When an elderly person (or other person requiring care) has a 15 minute visit scheduled but the work is completed in 10 minutes, what payment is made and received (and by whom) for the care delivered?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Care.

In the scenario described the council would have contracted with the care provider to deliver a 15 minute call. The provider shall invoice on a four weekly basis itemising the standard call. The provider shall also provide a schedule of actual times of the call duration. Credits and Debits are then generated. The minimum the council can pay a provider for a call under its current terms and conditions and systems is 15 minutes. It would not be financially viable for a provider to accept a call that is paid for less than 15 minutes.

**ee) Question Councillor Hezelgrave to Councillor Barker**

**In light of the scandal that in 2019 it is estimated that about 90 per cent of school buildings in England still contain asbestos, often around pipes and boilers, and in wall and ceiling tiles, leading to the deaths of long-serving teachers in affected schools through mesothelioma, what reassurance can the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Public Protection give councillors and the public that all our children in all schools within the City, along with staff, have nothing to fear from asbestos in their school ?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Hezelgrave

Asbestos in all council buildings is managed in accordance with guidance from the Health and Safety Executive.

All the community schools which are still managed by the council have received asbestos management surveys.

Following these surveys an asbestos register has been compiled. This register is re-inspected either by the council asbestos service manager or by the schools independent professional adviser where the school chooses not to buy the council maintenance service.

On an annual basis asbestos checks are carried out to ensure that the condition of any identified asbestos has not deteriorated and the asbestos management regime for the school is being followed by visitors and contractors.

Where the community school does not buy the council maintenance package they are obliged to buy the council's compliance check to ensure all checks are being carried out.

Where project works are carried out in the schools an asbestos refurbishment survey is carried out and any asbestos is removed and the work is done by utilising licensed asbestos contractors.

To give you the assurance you are looking for, it will please you to know that the council took part in the Department for Education Asbestos Management Assurance Process in 2018 which independently confirmed that the community schools managed by the council are compliant and no additional action was required.

**ff) Question from Councillor Eldret to Councillor Poulter**

**Does the switch of all five UKIP councillors to the Brexit Party have any impact on your coalition agreement with them?**

Verbal response to be provided.

**gg) Questions from Councillor Naitta (i) and Councillor West (ii) to Councillor M Holmes**

**i) Can the Cabinet member give an update on the current state of the Guildhall project? Are we on the correct timescales and on track with the budget?**

**ii) Given ASK has now left Derby due to a decrease in evening trade, can the Cabinet Member give any update as to the reopening of the Guildhall Theatre?**

Thank you for your questions Councillor Naitta and Councillor West

The council's contractor and consultant teams continue to undertake structural investigations and remedial works with the aim of completing repairs as soon as possible to allow the venue to reopen.

**hh) Question from Councillor Shanker to Councillor Smale**

**Sinfin residents in the immediate vicinity of the incinerator are suffering from the fly infestation. The Environment Agency have dismissed any link to the incinerator and the council's Environmental Health department are 'racking' reports. Do you think this is an acceptable response?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Shanker.

The Environment Agency has investigated the reports of fly infestation in the Sinfin and Normanton areas and has found no evidence to say that this was connected to the waste plant.

Indications show that the waste plant has a good system in place for treating flies with low numbers being captured on the counts that are conducted by the Plant Operating Company.

As you know, our environmental health teams have continued to liaise with the Environment Agency, the operating company at the plant and ward Councillors. They have also requested that residents contact them directly with any concerns they have so they can be investigated.

**ii) Question from Councillor Care to Councillor Holmes**

**One of Littleover ward's agreed highways priorities was for extra hubs for the ebike scheme. Given that the ebikes are gone (for now), can Littleover ward have their reserve highway priority delivered this year (which was to add more cycle lanes to and reduce the speed limit to 30mph on more of Rykneld Road)?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Care

The suitability and feasibility of cycle lanes and a change in speed limit will be something that requires further discussion with officers.

Any alternative scheme would also need to work within the respective capital budget.

**jj) Question from Councillor Hezelgrave to Councillor Lind**

**As Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board how do you plan to support the recently announced joint bid to the European Social Fund with Nottingham Futures to create and develop a careers and employability hub which aims to support young people into employment**

Thank you for your question Councillor Hezelgrave.

Assuming the bid is successful I will monitor the inclusion of vulnerable groups of young people including those with SEND, from disadvantaged backgrounds and particular ethnic groups. I will celebrate the employers who become involved by giving positive feedback to them about their engagement. I will monitor the engagement of schools in the programme and get regular updates from officers on progress. The agreement to match fund using existing Derby City Council resources will also be confirmed once the project is underway.

**kk) Question from Councillor Care to Councillor M Holmes**

**I welcome the inclusion of the need to reduce Derby's carbon footprint within the Council Plan at Cabinet last week, has action on this been added to the dynamic Council Delivery Plan that accompanies it (and not just mitigating actions)?**

Thank you for your question Councillor Care.

Work to both formalise and implement actions to pursue our commitment are ongoing and will progress through to cabinet and/or council via the overview and scrutiny process.