

Report title	Written Questions by Councillors	
Referring person	Councillor Craig Collingswood, Councillor Susan Roberts MBE, Councillor Clare Simm, Councillor Qaiser Azeem, Councillor Paul Singh, Councillor Wendy Thompson, Councillor Paul Appleby, Councillor Andrew McNeil, Councillor Adam Collinge, Councillor Jonathan Yardley, Councillor Wendy Dalton, Councillor Jonathan Crofts	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Stephen Simkins, Deputy Leader Inclusive City Economy Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal, Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing Councillor Steve Evans, Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change Councillor Ian Brookfield, Leader of the Council	
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Recommendation for action:

The Council is recommended to:

That Councillors respond to the questions received in accordance with Council's procedure rules.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 For Councillors to respond to the questions received:

a. Eye Infirmary

Councillor Craig Collingswood to ask the Deputy Leader Inclusive City Economy:

The former eye infirmary in my Ward at Chapel Ash has fallen into ruins and become one of the city's biggest eyesores. What is the cause of the delay and the current situation regarding the site's redevelopment?

b. Oxley Day Training Centre

Councillor Susan Roberts MBE to ask the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing:

It has been reported that the Council is exploring the option to demolish the vacant Oxley Day Training Centre, on Probert Road, to build a new health centre and homes and that there will be full consultation on these proposals using the local Tenants and Residents Association.

However, can the Cabinet Member of City Assets and Housing assure us that once the doctors move into the proposed new facility, that the old doctor's surgery building will not be left derelict, given that residents have experienced anti-social behaviour for a while?

Also, will residents be consulted on this piece of land?

c. Nelson Mandela Site

Councillor Clare Simm to ask the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing:

Can the Cabinet Member of Housing provide an update on the Nelson Mandela site?

Has the Council had any more information from the Environment Agency?

d. Wolverhampton Homes

Councillor Qaiser Azeem to ask the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing:

I have a resident living in my ward who I will call Mr X

Mr X has one son who's life changed for the worse over night after an accident.

Mr X's son has been left severely disabled and in need of constant care 24/7. They live in a property which cannot be adapted to meet their son's new requirements. His son cannot leave the house independently and a ramp cannot be fitted because of the design of the house. Mr X has to have help from his neighbours to help push the wheelchair onto the footpath.

His son is like a prisoner in his own home. The family have been bidding for a more suitable property since September 2021 and are still waiting to be re-housed. As well as suffering life changing, devastating physical effects of his accident, his mental health is greatly affected too.

Can the Cabinet member for City Housing and Assets please tell me what Wolverhampton Homes are actually doing to re-house this resident?

e. Penn Cricket Club

Councillor Paul Singh to ask the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing:

The historic Penn Cricket Club is an integral part of the Penn community providing invaluable sporting opportunities to all ages. What support can the Council offer to enhance the club's offer and vision going forwards?

f. Parking

Councillor Wendy Thompson to ask the Cabinet Member for City Assets and Housing:

Please can the portfolio holder give consideration to increasing the parking available around the Council's housing stock where there is suitable space to do so to help alleviate some of the problem parking that exists?

g. Climate Change Emergency

Councillor Paul Appleby to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change:

In 2019 Council declared a climate change emergency and pledged to become carbon neutral by 2028. Will the portfolio holder bring forward a carbon budget to set out, year-by-year, service by service how net zero will be achieved?

h. Dudley Street

Councillor Andrew McNeil to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change:

How much did the Council spend on paving Dudley Street?

i. Road Sweep Programme

Councillor Adam Collinge to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change:

The Council's full road sweep programme is planned for approximately every 12 weeks or 4 times a year, but does the portfolio holder accept that some areas of Wolverhampton do not always receive this level of service and what more will be done to support the

maintenance team in fulfilling a full street cleansing programme annually, as a service guarantee?

j. Civic Halls

Councillor Jonathan Yardley to ask the Deputy Leader Inclusive City Economy:

As strong supporters with fond memories of the Civic Halls, members of the Conservative Group are disappointed to see yet another deadline missed on this project. Please can the portfolio holder clarify how many completion dates have been set and missed for the completion of the Civic Halls?

k. Wolves at Work

Councillor Wendy Dalton to ask the Leader of the Council:

As someone keen to see both young people and small businesses succeed, will the Leader of the Council provide support through the Wolves@Work 18-24 programme to assist young people in setting up their own businesses?

l. Covid Support Grants

Councillor Jonathan Crofts to ask the Leader of the Council:

Please can the Leader of the Council advise the number of businesses supported through the various Government funded Covid support grants?