

Meeting of the City Council 7 December 2022

Report title	Written Questions by Councillors	
Referring person	Councillor Clare Simm, Councillor Udey Singh, Councillor Simon Bennett, Councillor Jonathan Crofts, Councillor Andrew Randle, Councillor Adam Collinge, Councillor Wendy Thompson	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Chris Burden, Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work Councillor Stephen Simkins, Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy Councillor Steve Evans, Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change Councillor Beverley Momenabadi, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People	
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Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

That the relevant Executive Members respond to the questions received in accordance with Council's procedure rules for a maximum of 30 minutes.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 For the Cabinet Members to respond to the questions received:

a. Education Arts and Culture

Councillor Simm to ask the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Work:

Does the Council recognise that Arts & Culture in education are important to the fabric of Wolverhampton as a city, our culture and our contribution to the wider world?

b. Victoria Street

Councillor Udey Singh to ask the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy:

Based on the decline in turnover prior to the Covid lockdown, will the Council confirm they will soon be paying compensation to businesses in Victoria Street due to the long running roadworks?

c. North Street

Councillor Simon Bennett to ask the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy:

Please can clarification be given to whether businesses on North Street will receive the same business support as those on Victoria Street and why they were excluded when it was first offered?

d. Bird Flu

Councillor Jonathan Crofts to ask the Cabinet Member for City Environment and Climate Change:

How many cases of Bird Flu have been reported in Wolverhampton, and what information and safeguards have been taken in relation to Bird Flu?

e. Parking Ticket Machines

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

The parking ticket machines in Wednesfield village have been out of use recently on several occasions, and some people are also struggling to operate them. Can the portfolio holder commit to reviewing the current system and investigate potential upgrades or changes required to make shopper parking easier?

f. Youth Sports Clubs

Councillor Adam Collinge to ask the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:

Local community children's and youth sports clubs and teams (outside of any directly provided Council activities) provide vital support for young people within Wolverhampton but are also facing pressures relating to rising costs. I have recently supported a local team facing pressures with some ward funds. Notwithstanding the financial support offered by the Government Holiday Activities and Food programme and wider Council support during non-eligible half-term periods, can the portfolio holder confirm what support, financial or otherwise, the Council is able to offer at this time to local children's and youth sports teams for year-round support.

g. Mander House

Councillor Wendy Thompson to ask the Deputy Leader: Inclusive City Economy:

Is the council aware of any proposals for the future usage of Mander House in the Mander Centre, which presently appears to be empty?