

Meeting of the City Council

8 November 2023

Report title	Written Questions by Councillors	
Referring person	Councillor Rashpal Kaur, Councillor Sally Green, Councillor Mary Bateman, Councillor Paul Singh, Councillor Wendy Thompson, Councillor Andrew McNeil, Councillor Jonathan Crofts	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Bhupinder Gakhal, Cabinet Member for Visitor City Councillor Stephen Simkins, Leader of the Council Councillor Craig Collingswood, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change	
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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. Five Year Events Strategy

Councillor Rashpal Kaur to ask the Cabinet Member for Visitor City:

Can the Cabinet Member for Visitor City outline how Wolverhampton's new five year "Event City" strategy will boost footfall, increase economic and social benefit and transform the reputation of the city?

b. Business Week

Councillor Sally Green to ask the Leader of the Council:

Can the Cabinet Member for City Economy provide an update on the outcomes from the tenth annual Wolverhampton Business Week which took place at the end of September?

c. Transport Plans

Councillor Mary Bateman to ask the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change:

Is the Cabinet Member for City Environment aware of any detailed plans for transport for Wolverhampton, following the cancellation of the northern leg of HS2?

d. Kabaddi World Cup

Councillor Paul Singh to ask the Cabinet Member for Visitor City:

We have received exciting and welcoming news about hosting the Kabaddi world cup in our city.

Could the Cabinet Member please provide any update on the preparations and economic impact of this prestigious event?

e. Water Quality

Councillor Wendy Thompson to ask the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change:

Could the appropriate Cabinet Member state which checks and inspections are undertaken by the Council with regard to water quality in the Smestow Brook; or what liaison they may have with the different authorities and organisations which can inform them of water quality and the provisions made to prevent pollution entering that water course which the Environment Agency class as a river?

f. Green and Open Space Consultation

Councillor Andrew McNeil to ask the Leader of the Council:

Could the Cabinet Member explain what will happen with the findings from the green and open space consultation that has just taken place?"

g. Victoria Street

Councillor Jonathan Crofts to ask the Cabinet Member for Visitor City:

Could the appropriate Cabinet Member please state the number of events as well as the amount of footfall in Victoria Street during the period from the beginning of April 2022 to the end of March 2023?