

# Meeting of the City Council

## 24 January 2024

<b>Report title</b>	Written Questions by Councillors	
<b>Referring person</b>	Councillor Ciaran Brackenridge, Councillor Sally Green, Councillor Paul Sweet, Councillor Celia Hibbert, Councillor Wendy Thompson, Councillor Wendy Dalton	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All Wards	
<b>Cabinet Member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Craig Collingswood, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change Councillor Chris Burden, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Councillor Jasbir Jaspal, Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing Councillor Stephen Simkins, Leader of the Council Councillor Obaida Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Digital and Community Inclusion	
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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. Green Innovation Corridor – Opportunities for Wednesfield and the City**

Councillor Ciaran Brackenridge to ask the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change:

*Delivery of the first phase of the Green Innovation Corridor (GIC) is moving closer to reality, following the provisional award of Levelling Up Round 3 funding.*

*How did the Council manage to secure this funding and what opportunities will the GIC bring to the people of Wednesfield and the wider city?*

### **b. Green Innovation Corridor – Education Standards**

Councillor Sally Green to ask the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:

*What impact will the Green Innovation Corridor have on education standards in the city?*

### **c. Green Innovation Corridor – 2041 Climate Strategy**

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

*In July 2021, City of Wolverhampton Council became the first Black Country local authority to declare a climate emergency and publish an action plan setting out how it would achieve net carbon zero by 2028.*

*How will the Green Innovation Corridor enhance the Council's forthcoming 2041 Climate Strategy?*

### **d. Physical Inactivity**

Councillor Celia Hibbert to ask the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing:

*In December, members of Wolverhampton's Health and Wellbeing Board gave their backing to a new strategy designed to help more people in Wolverhampton get active. Rightly so because available data show that physical activity levels among adults and children in Wolverhampton remain low.*

*Wolverhampton has only recently moved from being ranked the third worst Local Authority for physical activity among children and young people in 2021-22 to being ranked 61st in 2022-23.*

*Whilst this is a welcomed improvement, we do not want our city to fall behind again but rather we want to build on this momentum, to join the top-ranked Local Authorities in this positive area.*

*In fact, it is very important we do because whilst receiving the launch of this strategy, the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing was quoted as saying, "Physical inactivity is responsible for a staggering ONE IN SIX DEATHS in our city".*

*So given the seriousness of this situation, can the Cabinet Member briefly describe what the implementation of this strategy will look like and how can Councillors measure and track the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) of this strategy?*

**e. Former Eye Infirmary**

Councillor Wendy Thompson to ask the Leader of the Council:

*Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the transformation of the former eye infirmary in Chapel Ash?*

**f. Customer Service Access Points**

Councillor Wendy Dalton to ask the Cabinet Member for Digital and Community Inclusion:

*Can the Cabinet Member for Digital and Community Inclusion provide a list of Customer Service Access Points in the city?*