

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 21 February 2019

AGENDA ITEM 6

Questions from Members

1. Question from Councillor R Raja to the Leader of the Council

Whilst it is true that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has scored an own goal by imposing a leader on the shadow authority and devalued the unitary process and made it less democratic and less transparent.

Even so would the Leader like to tell us the benefits to the local residents of the waste of Council Tax payers' money in seeking a Judicial Review to sort out incompetent Tory bungling?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).

2. Question from Councillor A Hill to the Cabinet Member for Environment

As the High Street is dying. Has the Cabinet Member for the Environment ever considered trialing one hours free parking, once a week in the Swan car park to try and encourage people back to the town?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J Adey (Cabinet Member for Environment).

3. Question from Councillor S Graham to the Cabinet Member for Community

Would the Cabinet Member for Community like to give a progress report (current state of works) regarding the Queensway cemetery?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor G Peart (Cabinet Member for Community).

4. Question from Councillor K Ahmed to the Leader of the Council

Can the Leader please share with us the strategy behind the decision of her Cabinet to raise car park charges at a time when businesses are struggling to make ends meet, especially in the East side of the town namely High Street and Frogmoor?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).

5. Question from Councillor R Raja to the Leader of the Council

The cabinet has taken on the recommendations of the Remaking of the River Wye Task & Finish Group, yet it is less than enthusiastic adoption of the idea and lack of a clear outline of when this work may be undertaken is disappointing not only to the members of the T&F group but to a great many residents of Wycombe who wish to see some life brought back to the Town along with the environmental, economic and psychological benefits a stretch of river through the town can deliver.

Would the leader accept that it is better for WDC reserves to be used to uplift the town than be thrown into the black hole which exists at the County council at the moment and thereby ensuring a reasonable legacy for our future generations?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).

6. Question from Councillor K Ahmed to the Leader of the Council

As most Members will be aware, last year the Council announced an exciting new project called 'Desbox', a shipping container hub for artists.

It is due to open for business this month, judging by the state of the area I hardly think that it will open on time.

Can the Leader please update us on its actual progress, including how many containers have been actually snapped up by budding artists?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).

7. Question from Councillor R Raja to the Cabinet Member for Environment

Is the Cabinet Member for the Environment aware that unfortunately, some of the residents in Bowerdean have had rubbish piling up in and around their houses because the bin lorries were unable to gain access to the streets.

Would she like to tell us how often bins have not been emptied, for a period of over a week, in the last 12 months?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J Adey (Cabinet Member for Environment).