

Paragraph 12.02 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that a Member of the Council may submit a written question to any Cabinet Member.

This document informs Members of Council of written questions put to Cabinet Members and written replies thereto.

Council is recommended to RESOLVE to note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.

No.	Question from/to	Question
1.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources	<p>Is the City Council providing free tea and coffee to staff working in Shire Hall?</p> <p>Are staff at other Council buildings provided with free hot beverages?</p> <p>What is the estimated annual cost?</p>
Response:		
<p>The City Council is planning to provide tea, coffee and milk for staff relocating to from HKP to Shire Hall. The proposal is a pragmatic response to the need to manage the number of refrigerators in Shire Hall and the space in those refrigerators. At HKP there are scores of groups of staff who each provide their own beverages and store milk etc. in dozens of fridges dotted across the three warehouses and 5 floors. It was not practical or beneficial to replicate that arrangement in Shire Hall.</p> <p>Staff in other Council buildings are not provided with free hot beverages.</p> <p>The facilities provided to City Council staff do vary across the City's work spaces and venues according to the age, location and layout of those venues. For example, access to paid-for or free car parking, cycle racks and showers, staff rooms will vary from location to location.</p> <p>The estimated cost of providing free tea, coffee and milk in bulk is 4.5p per cup. We estimate the annual cost will be £3,000. No estimate has been made of the alternative cost of providing the space and refrigeration necessary for alternative arrangements.</p>		
2.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources	The provision of hot drinks at the new Council accommodation in Shire Hall is at an approximate cost of £3000pa. Where in the budget set in February by the City Council was that cost allocated and how is it being funded?
Response:		
The estimated cost is being met from within existing budgets and will be allocated to, and spread across, appropriate service budgets.		
3.	From Councillor Haigh to the Cabinet Member for	At the recent budget Councillor Watkins opposed the provision of sanitary products in Council

	Communities and Neighbourhoods	buildings for staff and visitors on the basis that taxpayers would not favour spending public money on such items. Given that sanitary products are a necessity and hot drinks are a perk why can they not be provided and funded in the same fashion?
	Response:	
	It is important to draw a distinction between what we provide for the welfare of our staff and what we provide universally for residents of the city. The budget amendment from Councillor Haigh sought to provide free sanitary products to all regardless of need and we could not support it on this basis. Prior to this and following the motion on this subject debated at Full Council, we agreed to raise awareness of where sanitary products could be accessed for those in need and that we would be proactive in referring people to the food bank who also offer free sanitary products. This we are doing and therefore we are working to address period poverty. I have agreed to discuss further with the Labour Group what other partnership opportunities we could explore to help address this issue.	
4.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Environment	<p>Could you please provide me with a schedule of litter picking in Kingsholm & Wotton for each road listed on the attached list of streets. They are ordered in the polling districts they belong.</p> <p>Please indicate how often each street receives a litter pick; daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly for example.</p>
	Response:	
	Streets in Kingsholm as across the rest of City are picked on a fortnightly schedule. However, the contract does respond to need and if street is clean as is often the case it will not be litter picked. The Schedule broadly follows the waste collection round. Some streets in Kingsholm due to specific problems are picked on a daily basis for example London road and Oxford street. Kingsholm road due to the unique issue of the Rugby Club is picked after match day and when there are large events held there. Following on from a meeting with the Kingsholm and Wotton Neighbourhood Partnership Amey are now scheduling a small mechanical sweeper along Kingsholm road on a weekly basis.	
5.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Environment	Can you please provide me with a schedule on how often each litter bin situated in Kingsholm and Wotton is emptied?
	Response:	
	Bins are emptied according to need but all are emptied at least once a week. Where bins are abused (for example for the deposit of Commercial or household waste) they are investigated and if a breach is found will be passed on to 3GS to see if enforcement is appropriate. The Chip shop is provided with 2 additional bins for match days to cope with increased demand.	
6.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Environment	<p>Can you please provide me with a schedule on how often each public open space situated in Kingsholm and Wotton receives a litter pick?</p> <p>For example; Sebert Street Recreational Ground, Deans Way Meadow, Great Western Road and Hillfield Gardens.</p>
	Response:	
	Each public open space is litter picked on a 2 weekly schedule. Absolute co-ordination would prove prohibitively expensive (picking just before the grass	

	cutters) however there is now an increased level of co-ordination between the 2 services.	
7.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Environment	Can you confirm according to the schedule of works how often each alleyway in Kingsholm and Wotton receives a litter pick?
	Response:	
	If the alleyway is a highway or under ownership of the City Council, this will be picked on a 2-weekly schedule.	
8.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Environment	What arrangements are in place, with the organisers and Amey PLC, to clear litter from the streets of Kingsholm near to the stadium shortly after a match or pop event?
	Response:	
	During the Rugby season this is well understood and for a Match day the environs of the ground will be cleaned the morning after the game. For special events such as the recent concerts the expectation is that will be cleaned the morning after the event.	