



Rule 12 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 the Leader of the Council or any Cabinet Member.

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

Cabinet is asked to:

(1) Note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.

(2) Note the supplementary questions and corresponding responses delivered verbally within the 15 minutes available for Questions by Members.

No.	Question from/to	Question
1.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Planning & Housing Strategy (Submitted on 03/12/21)	How many planning applications has the City Council processed since the beginning of March 2020?
	Response:	
	1,665 planning applications were made valid between 1 st March 2020 and 6 th December 2021.	
2.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Submitted on 03/12/21)	How many planning applications have been determined since the beginning of March 2020? Please break down by those determined by the planning committee or those determined by an officer under delegated powers.
	Response:	
	1,094 planning applications were determined between 1 st March 2020 and 6 th December 2021.	
	29 of the planning applications were determined by planning committee, 1,065 were determined by planning officers under delegated powers.	
3.	From Councillor Pullen to the Leader of the Council (Submitted on 03/12/21)	Why did the Leader of the Council not carry out his commitment (at Council in July 2021) that residents would be asked for their thoughts regarding Lord Mayor status as part of the Jubilee Civic Honours Competition?

	Response:	
	While I said that I thought it should be possible to carry out some form of public consultation, Council did not vote to make our participation in the competition subject to the outcome of a public consultation; Council voted to proceed with an application with no conditions attached. Any public consultation undertaken could only have sought to obtain comments on the application itself and could not have reversed the decision of full Council. We have been unable to ask the public for comments on our draft application in the time available, as the draft has taken some time to pull together. In any case, the clear expectation from both the Government and the Council was that the authority should not incur any additional expense. We have however carried out Council's express wishes by preparing and submitting an application by the deadline.	
4.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy (Submitted on 03/12/21)	Considering those planning applications that were determined by officers, how many were approved despite receiving at least one written objection?
	Response:	
	125 applications determined by planning officers under delegated powers had one or more written objection.	
5.	From Councillor Hilton to the Leader of the Council (Submitted on 03/12/21)	Agenda Item 12 Estate Management Kings Quarter Please confirm how the proposed estate management board will benefit from democratic oversight by elected members of Gloucester City Council?
	Response:	
	The Chair of the Company will present an annual report to Cabinet which will then be available to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This is in addition to the fact that the company will be required to publish its accounts and associated documents on line (Companies House) in the same way that Gloucester Docks Estate Co Ltd. currently does. Furthermore a Council Member will also be appointed to the Board, similar to the situation with GDECL.	
6.	From Councillor Hilton to the Leader of the Council (Submitted on 03/12/21)	Agenda Item 12 Estate Management Kings Quarter In paragraph 5.5 of the report it suggests the council could have a "golden vote" in the early years to give it a veto over such matters as the events programme, expenditure over agreed limits and the appointment of directors. Do you propose insist that the council has a golden vote secured in the constitution of the estate management company?

	<p>Response:</p>
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Yes. A number of issues will be reserved to the Council including the events programme, which will be managed by the Council's Events management team. Other issues to be reserved to the Council will be appointment of directors and expenditure in excess of agreed limits. These will be determined in accordance with the recommendation (i) of the report i.e. in consultation with the Leader, Cabinet Member for Environment and the Head of Place or Head of Policy and Resources.

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