

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 Gravells to the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources	In the case of cardiac arrest or a heart attack, speed is of the essence. How long does the Cabinet Member think it would take, during a Full council meeting like this evenings, to find a custodian, open up the Herbert Warehouse to bring the defibrillator over here, and then find somebody who is willing and confident to use the defibrillator, to possibly help save a life?
<b>Response:</b>		
It would take approximately 5-10 minutes from the call to the on duty custodian for them collect the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) from Herbert Warehouse reception, return to North Warehouse and for someone to operate it.		
2.*	From Councillor Gravells to the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources	Is there a defibrillator in this Warehouse which we can easily access and use?
<b>Response:</b>		
We have approached Regus to see if they would like to share the cost if a separate AED was purchased for North Warehouse, but at present there is no AED permanently situated in North Warehouse. In the meantime, pending the accommodation move, we believe that the AED installed at Herbert Warehouse could be brought over for public Council and committee meeting and that this will satisfy requirements. There are AEDs at GL1 and the Oxstalls Centre and we are looking into the acquisition of further units for the other major operational properties.		
3.*	From Councillor Gravells to the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources	How many people are on duty at Council meetings like this one, who feel confident enough to use a defibrillator?
<b>Response:</b>		
AEDs do not require a trained First Aider in order to operate them safely. They guide the user using a series of voice prompts. However, there will be a custodian on duty in the Docks Complex during all council and committee meetings, both are first aid trained and either knows how to access the defibrillator and is able to use it. To ensure that they can always be contacted quickly we will arrange for their mobile number to be on display in a prominent		

	position in the Civic Suite.	
4.*	From Councillor Gravells to the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources	Is it only some custodians who can use defibrillators?
	<b>Response:</b>	
	See answer to question 3.	
5.	From Councillor Gravells to the Cabinet Member for Environment	I'm reliably informed that the River Twyver is around 5kms long as it passes through Gloucester. In the floods of 2007, the river rose and flooded the Abbeydale Community Centre, and the Centre was out of action for several months, which meant that many many local Clubs and Organisations were unable to meet. Please can the Cabinet Member tell me how many times a year the banks of the river are inspected by our staff or Amey to ensure they're not clogged up with debris , or is that done on a reactive basis?
	<b>Response</b>	
	<p>Amey carryout pinch point inspections to around 40 locations across the city on a monthly basis including several on the River Twyver at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Stewarts Mill Lane</li> <li>· Abbeydale Community Centre – bridge to splitter structure</li> <li>· Curlew Road – Saintbridge Pond</li> </ul> <p>In addition to the above when we receive severe weather warnings Amey are instructed to carryout additional pinch point inspections. Works are also carried out on a reactive basis when we become aware of an issue/potential issue which could be reported to us by a member of the public, other agency or a City Council officer.</p> <p>Maintenance clearance works are carried out annually/or as and when required. The Environment Agency also carry out an annual inspection of watercourses classified as Main River and report any relevant issues to us or may carry out the works themselves depending upon the severity of the issue and their resources at the time.</p> <p>The Community Centre has benefited from a grant to install their own flood defences which they have done and those at flood risk are advised to sign up to the Environment Agency's free flood Warning Service please follow link - <a href="https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings">https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings</a></p>	

\*Councillor Gravells advises "I should declare a personal interest here, as I have an Implanted Cardiac Defibrillator (ICD) in my chest, which monitors and controls a serious heart arrhythmia."