

Paragraph 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 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 recommended to

- (a) Note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.
- (b) 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 A. Chambers to the Cabinet Member for Environment	<p>The Council's website shows no documents for the Climate Change Member Working Group? Has it met?</p> <p>The website also shows under its Environmental Policy & Monitoring Page, a Climate Change Strategy from 2009 and a Green Travel Plan from 2010. When will more up to date documents be available?</p>
	Response:	<p>The Climate Change Member Working Group has not met since the new administration was formed. Its next meeting will be held once an external consultant has been appointed to assist with the delivery of the forthcoming Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. The tender for the Plan is currently with One Legal and is due to be issued imminently. The Climate Change Member Working Group will play an important role in shaping and delivering the Plan.</p> <p>The latest Green Travel Plan was reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny on 31 October 2022. The Plan is based on a Travel Survey that was conducted between 28 June and 31 August 2022, and achieved a 59% response rate from Council staff. It contains 15 recommendations on supply and demand-side decarbonisation measures for implementation or further exploration. The Plan will be considered at Cabinet on 9 November 2022.</p>
2.	From Councillor A. Chambers to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	<p>The Full Council meeting in January 2022 resolved to commence a review on restarting a car boot sale somewhere in the city, whether at Hempsted Meadows or elsewhere. How is the review progressing, what sites are under consideration and when does it expect to report back?</p>

	<p>Response:</p> <p>A number of sites across the City, in the City's ownership, have been considered and dismissed, predominately due the size of the sites being insufficient to support both traders and customer parking.</p> <p>Hempstead Meadow is the only potential site capable of supporting a car boot at this time. However, the condition and make up of this land, its setting, security considerations, and other community supporting organisations using the site need to be considered and a balance struck for it to be a viable and successful car boot opportunity for all. We are working on a specification taking this into account in order to procure (through competitive tender) a car boot operator in the new year.</p>	
3.	<p>From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy</p>	<p>The County Council has received a planning application for permanent permission to allow the crushing and screening of inert waste materials to produce secondary aggregates including retention of concrete storage bays and covers, and the erection of new storage bays, on land off Myers Road. This application is opposed by local residents, by myself and also Elmbridge ward councillors. The reference number is: 22/0033/GLMAJW. The applicant is Allstone Sand and Gravel Centre.</p> <p>The County Council website suggests that the City Council hasn't commented on the application.</p> <p>Will the City Council be commenting and will they support local residents in objecting to the granting of permission?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>The planning application has been reviewed by the City Council's expert environmental consultants. They have concluded that, based on the information submitted, and subject to the implementation of mitigation measures, the proposal is acceptable. Officers have responded to the consultation on this basis, but recommended that a temporary consent for three years is granted, to allow further particulate monitoring to take place. The response will be viewable on the County Council's website.</p>	
4.	<p>From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Environment</p>	<p>In relation to agenda item 8 the Green Travel Plan, could the Cabinet Member provide me with the details of the following, based on a previous answer that we employ 168 full-time office based staff.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of them live in the city of Gloucester? b. How many of them live outside the city of Gloucester, but are residents within the county of Gloucestershire? c. How many of them live outside the County of Gloucestershire?

	<p>Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resident of City of Gloucester 32 persons (19%) b. Resident of Gloucestershire 102 persons (61%) c. Resident outside of Gloucestershire 34 persons (20%) 	
5.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Environment	In relation to agenda item 8 the Green Travel Plan, could the Cabinet Member provide me with details of relocation allowances that are paid to staff joining the City Council as full time permanent employees?
	<p>Response: Gloucester City Council does not offer a relocation allowance.</p>	
6.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy	<p>The City Council no-longer employs a planning enforcement officer, to deal with breaches of planning regulations. This is because the previous officer holder resigned.</p> <p>What is the Cabinet Member doing to expedite a permanent replacement and what are the current interim measures being taken to progress planning enforcement matters?</p>
	<p>Response: The recruitment for a permanent replacement for the enforcement officer post has been approved and an advert will be going live in November. In the interim, any planning enforcement cases or new enquires are being dealt with by the planning officers, who have responsibility for enforcement included in their Job Descriptions.</p>	
7.	From Councillor Hilton to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy	How many planning enforcement issues are pending, either to be started or in progress?
	<p>Response: We currently have 38 open enforcement cases.</p>	