

Paragraph 12.01 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that a Member of the Council may submit questions to Chairs of Meetings.

This document informs Members of Council of written questions put to the Chairs of Meeting and written replies thereto.

Council 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 Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Will you take to O&S committee to look at why the safety issues I raised at Eastgate Market/ Kingswalk and Eastgate Shopping centre as well as the Guildhall have not fully complied with their legal health and safety obligations?
	Response:	
	As a result of the notice of motion brought to full council in September last year, I understand that these issues are currently being addressed and that the majority have been completed in line with building and fire regulations. Where there are ongoing issues these are being addressed and plans are in place for completion. We have a standing item on Overview & Scrutiny which is to ask for updates on notices of motion from previous council meetings. Our standard practice is to allow at least six months to pass from a notice of motion being carried at full council, to allow officers to carry out the necessary actions. Notwithstanding this, I have asked for an update on this matter at the February 26th meeting of Overview & Scrutiny. Members are also welcome to suggest items for consideration on our work programme, at any time.	
2.	From Councillor A. Chambers to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Will O&S committee look into the safety failures of Longsmith Carpark and how a dangerous carpark was left open for such a long time putting the public in danger?
	Response:	
	I have asked for an update on this issue at the same February 26th meeting, as above.	
3.	From Councillor A. Chambers to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Will the O&S committee debate the Club At Tuffley contract and how the business that operated there did so at a cost to the city council tax payers for such a long time in challenged, costing Gloucester city council well in excess of £100,000 and if this has been logged down as a debt to the liquidator?
	Response:	
	The arrangement between the Club at Tuffley Park and the council was not a contract, but rather a tenant and landlord relationship. The council as landlord	

	used all available powers under property law, firstly to pursue rent arrears and then to regain possession of the asset. I understand that the liquidation process has now started, and the council is currently awaiting correspondence from the liquidator once appointed. The debt will then be logged and pursued in the normal way. A process is underway to find a new tenant for the Club.	
4.	From Councillor A. Chambers to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Will the O&S committee look into the carpark charging mismanagement and how the fees went out so incorrectly and that they are already being changed and adapted after such a significant failure to the Gloucester residents.
Response:		
We discussed the new car parking fees at Overview & Scrutiny in January 2023. At that meeting the cabinet member undertook to keep the committee informed of how the fees were working, via the financial monitoring reports which we receive. I understand that some errors were made in the fees which have now been corrected, and that this was discussed and minuted at December cabinet. If it feels necessary to look at these fees again we will add it to the committee's work programme.		
5.	From Councillor A. Chambers to the Chair of Licensing and Enforcement Committee	What is the licencing process of a complaint against a taxi driver?
Response:		
Once a complaint has been received, Licensing Officers will investigate and depending on the severity of the complaint (if backed up with evidence) the options available are either Council internal penalty points, prosecution or put before a Licensing and Enforcement Sub-Committee.		
6.	From Councillor A. Chambers to the Chair of Licensing and Enforcement Committee	What is the licensing disciplinary process for taxi drivers for sexual offences?
Response:		
Referred to the Licensing and Enforcement Sub-Committee for consideration.		
7.	From Councillor A. Chambers to the Chair of Licensing and Enforcement Committee	How many taxi drivers have been banned in Jan 2023 to Jan 2024 for indecent and unwanted sexual advances against women?
Response:		
No Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers have been banned.		
8.	From Councillor A. Chambers to the Chair of Licensing and Enforcement Committee	What is the disciplinary process for taxi drivers not displaying a taxi plate on the vehicle?
Response:		
Licensing Officers can award Council internal penalty points to a maximum of 4 points.		