

Paragraph 10.01 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that members of the public who live, work or study in Gloucester may submit a maximum of three questions to the meeting.

This document details the written questions submitted in accordance with the notice requirements and the 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 the Public.

No.	Question from/to	Question
1.	From Mr Randolph to Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment	Our councillors have not carried out any public consultations over net zero plans which will effect every aspect of everyone's life, from work, holidays, travel and even how our homes are heated. Does our council have plans to hold any public consultations for what they are trying to achieve?
Response:		
The Council has recently completed its new Climate Change Strategy and accompanying Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment. These documents are on the agenda for consideration by Council this evening. One of the recommendations for Council to consider is that they be issued for public and key stakeholder consultation.		
2.	From Mr Randolph to Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment	Our councillors have signed up to the great reset also known as agenda 21, or agenda 2030, this agenda is being pushed by non government organisations like the UN WHO and WEF. As the council are meant to be by the people for the people and of the people, and are meant to have the best interests of the local community at heart, will we be having public consultations where we the people can decide if we wish to go ahead with these plans or not? You know like a DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.
Response:		
Gloucester City Council has not "signed up to the great reset also known as agenda 21, or agenda 2030". Gloucester City Council's decarbonisation targets and its decarbonisation ambitions for the wider district were established by its 2019 Climate Emergency Declaration, which was democratically debated and agreed by Council, and subsequent revisions in 2021 (also democratically agreed by Council) to bring the Council into line with the higher confidence		

	thresholds of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 1.5C report and the targets of neighbouring districts.	
3.	From Mr Whitefield to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy	<p>Since 2016, 5G has significantly improved our local emergency services, enhanced communication, and streamlined operation efficiency across the police, NHS and Fire Services. This has included; The ability for police body cams to live stream to call handlers, allowing healthcare professionals to perform diagnostics remotely such as blood analysis, and facilitating the rapid deployment of services like Fire and Rescue during significant events. There are many more examples...</p> <p>Given the recent rise and disruptions by local groups/individuals who spread baseless misinformation intending to disrupt and instil fear. Would the council consider a dedicated webpage or informational campaign to educate/inform the public on how 5G benefits everyone and improves the quality of life for all?</p>
Response:		
Thank you for the question and suggestion. I can confirm we are currently working on an informational campaign.		
4.	From Mr Chilcott to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy	<p>I understand that brownfield enabling funding (Brownfield, Infrastructure and land fund, brownfield release funding) is available from Homes England & the Department for levelling up, for private sector housing developments, including homes for private sector sale, build to rent and also key worker housing.</p> <p>Have Gloucester city council submitted bids to help facilitate the proposed developments at the former Prison site, Bakers Quay and Great Western yard development?</p> <p>If not are there plans to do so? (I understand that there is no limit to the number of bids that can be submitted)</p>
Response:		
<p>The Brownfield Land Release Fund (BLRF) enables Councils to apply for funding to unlock brownfield sites for development in certain circumstances. One of the requirements is that any site is in the ownership of the council at the time of the application. Currently none of the sites mentioned are in the Council's ownership and consequently the Council has not made an application for BLRF funding for any of these sites.</p> <p>The council has had considerable success in bidding for BLRF funds which qualify (i.e., on land in the council's ownership). We have secured £2.2m for works at St Oswald's in collaboration with Rooftop housing, and £470k for the next phase of residential development at Whitefriars.</p>		
5.	From Mr Chilcott to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Strategy	The staff recruitment and retention difficulties experienced by Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, other NHS services and the wider health and care sector are well documented.

		<p>The provision of decent quality key worker housing within the central area of the city would no-doubt be a considerable benefit in recruiting and retaining staff. This would not only help reduce waiting lists for local residents, it could potentially mean the difference between life and death for some residents.</p> <p>Does the city council have plans to adopt a strategy for the supply of key worker housing, whether this be dedicated developments - the former Wessex House site in Gt Western road and the adjacent car park, former KC's site and Quayside House would be ideal - or priorities the affordable allocation of new build developments - Great Western Yard (I understand that an allocation of Eutopia Homes development in Exeter is dedicated key worker housing), Whitefriars phase 2 and the former Sainsbury sites again would be ideal?</p>
Response:		
<p>There are currently no plans to adopt a strategy relating to the supply of key worker housing as the Council's existing planning policies clearly set out a range of requirements in respect of the delivery of affordable homes (including key worker accommodation).</p> <p>When considering development opportunities for land we own, as is the case with the Wessex House site and Whitefriars, the council always explores opportunities with other parties. If a viable and timely opportunity arises, we would of course pursue this.</p>		