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Questions from Citizens

PQ1

Question to be asked on behalf of JC of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

In 2019, the Leader of the Council responded to a question from a member of the public who was concerned that the Leader of the Opposition had described the Clifton area as being in a state of 'demise'. Now, with almost three-years having passed since this question was asked, would the Leader of the Council please provide an update regarding the work that he and the Council as a whole have undertaken to ensure the success of Clifton — in spite of the pandemic — and advance the interests of its citizens?

PQ2

Question to be asked on behalf of DC of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Schools at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

I understand that the popular 'The One Show' on BBC1 recently filmed footage at Mellers Primary School for possible broadcast over the coming days. I have spoken to some of the parents and teachers at the School, which used to walk their pupils to John Carroll but now have to hire a rickety old double-decker bus, adding to their costs, to drive their pupils on a 10-mile round journey to Harvey Hadden Leisure Centre instead. Swim England's usage data supplied to me over spring 2021 showed that figures for the swimming pool at John Carroll (at 95% capacity) were very good considering its imminent closure, and the subsequent knock-on effect on Djanogly (the closest Leisure Centre to John Carroll) means that the swimming pool there is now effectively operating at saturation point, which is probably why Mellers School now has to use Harvey Hadden. How does the situation affecting Mellers School, Swim England's Primary School of the Year 2021, align with the Council's oft-cited green credentials?

PQ3

Question to be asked on behalf of DC of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Schools at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

John Carroll was initially created as a partial community centre. It was a place where seniors suffering from loneliness remained rooted in their community, and where young people, who have had opportunities stripped away after a decade of austerity, were supported by community groups to build their skills, maintain their confidence and help to avoid the risks of an alternative life of crime. This crucial community cohesion role of the leisure centre was not taken into account by Nottingham City

Council. The closure of John Carroll along with cuts to other local facilities has led to an increased sense of abandonment and social isolation within the community. Can the Council now commit to undertake a genuine equality impact assessment taking into account the disproportionate impact of the closure including on community cohesion, health inequality, loneliness, ethnic minorities, disabled citizens and anti-social behaviour.

Questions from Councillors

CQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

It has come to our attention that there is a proposal for a significant increase in the rent charged by the Council for Nottingham's Community Centres, including Highbank Community Centre in Clifton. Can the Portfolio Holder inform us whether it is true that the Council is proposing this policy to hugely increase the rents charged to Nottingham's few remaining Community Centres, and if so, how does she expect them to continue to operate under these conditions?

CQ2

Question to be asked by Councillor Maria Watson of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

While the precarious nature of this Authority's finances is clear, it is with sadness that we see the proposals to cut youth services in the city. These services are essential for the wellbeing and development of thousands of young people across Nottingham and we firmly believe that we should be investing in youth, not stripping them of yet further resources. Can the Portfolio Holder give details on how the City proposes to meet the very real needs of its young people in the face of such drastic cuts?

CQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty Jones of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Cleansing Services at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

At the Full Council meeting in July, we asked a question of the Portfolio Holder regarding Clifton's Green Lane and its level of traffic. The Portfolio Holder committed that we as a Council could undertake a new traffic survey once the expected powers to enforce moving traffic offences are granted to Local Authorities. With these powers expected to be implemented shortly, can we get confirmation from the Portfolio Holder that she will support this move?

CQ4

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

Can the Leader of the Council provide an update on the progress of Nottingham Central Library? Can he provide a firm opening date and if not, can he inform us when he expects to be able to?

CQ5

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

The Leader of the Council will recall that, at the Extraordinary Council meeting last week I called for a forensic analysis into the transactions between the Council owned companies and the Council to ensure that there had been no misapplication of capital spend to supplement revenue spend, together with providing reassurance that value for money has been achieved. Can he confirm when this will be carried out?

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

Given the scale of what is proposed for Broadmarsh and given the strains on the Council's capital budget, if sufficient external funding cannot be sourced does the Leader of the Council agree that the Council further approaches to (or indeed from) a private delivery should not be ruled out?

CQ7

Question to be asked by Councillor Jay Hayes of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

Would the Portfolio holder for Children and Young People like to comment on the recent SEND inspection?

CQ8

Question to be asked by Councillor Angharad Roberts of the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

Can the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health provide an update on the progress of vaccination rollout in the City (including take up of booster jabs), availability of tests,

preparedness of Nottingham University Hospitals for any potential surge in hospitalisations due to Omicron and action being taken by the Council with partners in relation to these aspects of managing the continuing COVID pandemic?

CQ9

Question to be asked by Councillor Georgia Power of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

Given the ongoing squeeze on people's incomes and the continuing austerity in local government due to Government cuts, what is the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources' assessment of the Government's levelling up agenda?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Sam Gardiner of the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

How does the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health feel about the Government holding a Christmas Party at Number 10 Downing Street when the rest of the country was told to stay at home, protect the NHS and Save Lives and what can we do as a city to strengthen the public messaging when the government has undermined itself? Is the Government's internal investigation satisfactory when other residents got taken to court, prosecuted and order to pay £10,000?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

Written question to be asked by Councillor Maria Watson of the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

Can the Portfolio Holder clarify whether already approved and committed funds from Ward Budgets are able to be spent or if the Council's current situation means that they are unable to be accessed despite existing approval?

