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Nottingham City Council City Council

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Questions from Citizens

PQ1

Question to be asked on behalf of AM of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Planning at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

How is the City Council planning to take account of the outcomes of the library consultation and the demands of the Save Nottingham Libraries campaign group, along with the new cost of living crisis that has emerged since the consultation?

PQ2

Question to be asked on behalf of JD of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and HR at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

How are you going to fight back against the increased numbers of students going to be enrolled at the two universities? We are desperate for residential housing and we cannot keep up with demand for existing student numbers. When will enough be enough? We are in danger of our city centre in years to come becoming a student village.

PQ3

Question to be asked on behalf of EC of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and HR at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

Please could the Portfolio Holder explain clearly if the £15m+ has been paid back to the Housing Revenue fund to Nottingham City Homes to be spent on their tenants? This ring fenced money was wrongly used by Nottingham City Council. If so, when was it paid back and if not when exactly will it be paid back? Many Nottingham City Homes tenants live in cold, damp and structurally unsound properties with Nottingham City Homes saying they can do nothing to help those that live in 20th century properties built with single brick walls. Will Nottingham City Homes tenants see repair and complaint procedures improve when it is brought back under the control of Nottingham City Council?

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Agenda Item 8: Questions to the Council's lead councillor on the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority

FA1

Question to be asked by Councillor Angharad Roberts of the Council's lead councillor on the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

After some of the most unprecedented extreme weather conditions over the summer, when Fire Services across the country were stretched to the limit, properly funded fire services are essential to keep people safe. Continuing underfunding of the fire service by the Government is leaving a £2m funding gap in 2023, impacting frontline services with proposed reductions to staffing, and withdrawal of 2 fire engines, including one from London Road. What will be the impact of these cuts and how will they affect the resilience of Nottinghamshire and the City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Services in the longer term?

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Agenda Item 9: Questions to a Member of Executive Board, Chair of a Committee or Chair of any other City Council Body

CQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Parks at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

Can the Portfolio Holder address why, despite this being the hottest summer on record, the residents of our City had no paddling pool on Victoria Embankment to take their children to?

CQ2

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 31 October 2022

We asked the question at the March Full Council meeting why this Council was intending to charge residents of the City to park outside their own homes. We ask again why should residents pay for this Council's financing mistakes?

CQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Regeneration and Communications at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

As the Council claims it supports community activity, does it consider that increasing the rent of the Place Community Centre in Sherwood by 120,000% will achieve this?

CQ4

Question to be asked by Councillor Maria Watson of the Portfolio Holder for Finance at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm whether the £40m misspent ring-fenced money has now been paid back in full?

CQ5

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty Jones of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Planning at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that it is very sad that the annual firework and bonfire display has been cancelled? In a time when many are struggling, this public event, that has been a wonderful free event for families to attend and enjoy in the past, will now not be going ahead this year.

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Nick Raine of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and HR at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that the local government pay offer should be both fully funded by central government and adequate to the scale of financial crisis hitting the household budgets of our hardworking keyworkers - and that no one should work all week serving our city to go home to empty cupboards?

CQ7

Question to be asked by Councillor Graham Chapman of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

Would the Leader of the Council comment on the prospect of further net reductions in local government funding as a result of the ex-Prime Minister's botched budget?

CQ8

Question to be asked by Councillor Sam Webster of the Portfolio Holder for Finance at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

The Conservative Chair of the Local Government Association said in a letter to the Chancellor that without additional funding there is "a serious threat to the ability of Council services to function at even the most rudimentary level". Can the Portfolio Holder explain how the huge inflationary pressures might affect basic Council services in Nottingham if new money isn't forthcoming?

CQ9

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 31 October 2022

The Improvement and Assurance Board has repeatedly highlighted the Council's failure to 'move at pace' and address their concerns as a 'matter of urgency' – does the Leader of the Council agree that one way this could be improved is if decision making by the political hierarchy could be streamlined, by increasing limits to the Scheme of Delegation allowing officers to take minutia away from the political leadership and speed up the decision making, as has been done in other Core Cities?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022

Following the recent inadequate inspection finding by Ofsted, can the Portfolio Holder outline how she plans to lead improvement within the service to ensure the Council improves to a Good, if not Outstanding, rating at its next inspection, which I am sure is her aspiration for the service?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Housing and HR at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 31 October 2022 requesting a written response

Could the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown by service line of the current number of advertised vacancies in the Council, split out by grade of staff?

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