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Nottingham City Council City Council

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Questions from Citizens

PQ1

A citizen has asked the following question of the Chair of the Standards and Governance Committee at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

In circumstances where one councillor is employed by another councillor, what guidance has the Standards and Governance Committee put in place to ensure that undue influence is not exerted on the employed councillors by their employer?

PQ2

A citizen has asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Does the Council wish to take the National Market Traders Federation up on their offer to act as negotiators, free of charge, compared to the £25,000 wasted on Bruton Knowles, to negotiate a fair compensation package for the Victoria Market traders, to help exit their lease from the Victoria Centre?

PQ3

A citizen has asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Planning at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

I believe that more can be done to ensure that all citizens with a mobility pass are aware of its full 24/7 scope. In March 2023 the then Portfolio Holder answered a similar question but eight months on there has been very little action. Could I ask the new Portfolio Holder to order a marketing and publicity action plan on the mobility pass scheme as a matter of urgency, to include the following low or no-cost actions:

- Arrange for the rolling bus (and tram) electronic messaging systems to promote the 24/7 benefit of the Mobility Concessionary Card, as hundreds of people with the cards are still unaware, as many wait until 9:30 to board buses and trams due to this lack of transparency.
- Request that the local Travel Concession Authority (TCA) organise a standard system email to all existing Mobility Card holders (with perhaps a braille letter where applicable) informing entitled residents of the fact that their card is valid 24/7.
- Arrange for an article in the in-house magazine *The Arrow*, explaining the additional discretionary benefits in operation, and which transport operators are covered including the Medilink service.
- Organise a topic headline with a detailed explanatory article in a forthcoming *My Nottingham News* email reiterating the 24/7 nature of the Mobility Card.

PQ4

A citizen has asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Planning at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Once a citizen with a Concessionary Mobility Pass becomes an Old Age Pensioner (OAP) they are automatically transferred to a Senior Concessionary Pass. This would be ok if both schemes delivered the same benefits under the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS), but that's not the case in Nottingham City, where the Mobility Pass allows for 24/7 travel under 'discretionary arrangements' agreed by Nottingham City Council. Neither mobility problems nor other disabilities magically disappear on reaching senior citizenship, so why should the passes? This is discriminatory and I would ask the Portfolio Holder to investigate this matter, and request that she overturns this policy with relevant Mobility passes re-issued for all those affected.

PQ5

A citizen has asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Could I ask the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture to provide an update on the re-opening of the new Sherwood Branch Library as the Sainsbury's Local on the ground floor is due to open on Thursday 09 November?

PQ6

A citizen has asked the following question of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

A recent appeal against the decision of Nottingham City Council to withhold publication of a publicly funded report conducted by Ernst Young was refused. Is it the view of the elected members of the Council that there is no 'public interest' in releasing this report? If so, why? Specifically, could the Leader of the Council explain why it might be the case that a report paid for by residents of Nottingham on the handling of finances in the city might not be of interest to the public?

Questions from Councillors

CQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Michael Savage of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Would the Leader of the Council outline his continued support for the Ukrainian community in Nottingham today, as the invasion of the country by Russia continues and on what will this month be the 90th anniversary of the terrible famine in Ukraine that led to the death of millions of Ukrainians?

CQ2

Question to be asked by Councillor Liaqat Ali of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Could the Leader of the Council please update us on the progress being made on devolution and the creation of a Combined East Midlands Authority with an elected mayor?

CQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Nick Raine of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November

Does the Leader of Council agree with many of our citizens that there should be an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, an end to the blockade and the cessation of all hostilities as a precursor to negotiations for a just peace?

CQ4

Question to be asked by Councillor Helen Kalsi of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Does the Leader of the Council agree that the Government's decision to walk back from Carbon Neutral 2030 pledge is shameful and will this decision have an impact on Nottingham City Council's ambition in reaching Carbon Neutral 2028?

CQ5

Question to be asked by Councillor Samina Riaz of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Can the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture inform the Council of plans to open the new Central Library?

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Audrey Dinnall of the Portfolio Holder for Housing at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Since 2010 rough sleeping has gone up by 75% and homelessness has vastly increased. Does the Portfolio Holder for Housing believe that this Conservative Government is serious about its promises to halve rough sleeping, build affordable houses and improve the rights of renters?

CQ7

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 13 November 2023

Does the Leader of the Council agree that it would appear that the Ernst Young report into management override of controls requires a safe space of such breadth that elected members are excluded from it?

CQ8

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Skills, Growth, Economic Development and Property at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Does the Leader of the Council agree with me that promoting and delivering a safe environment for shoppers and business owners alike is a key objective in helping the City's shopping precincts to thrive and flourish; and that the £20m recently awarded to Clifton from the Government's Town Centre Fund will provide a welcome additional resource to meet that objective?

CQ9

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Waste Services and Parks at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Could the Portfolio Holder explain the rationale and how much is anticipated to be saved from the Council stopping maintenance on parcels of land across the City, in Clifton Grove and Barton Green, it has previously maintained in some cases for the last 40 years?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Maria Watson of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Waste Services and Parks at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

The Portfolio Holder will be aware that the Council as a statutory responsibility for flood planning and prevention, can the Portfolio Holder explain how the Council discharges this duty?

CQ11

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Can the Portfolio Holder explain why he has failed to proactively source an external sponsor, from the business community, to cover the Council's share of costs of hosting the bonfire display at Forest Recreation Ground?

CQ12

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty M Jones of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Contrary to statements made by the Labour Deputy Leader at her Party's recent conference that Ultra Low Emission Zones are coming to every street, can the Leader of the Council rule out any further zoning in the City Centre or the City's neighbourhoods?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

Written question to be asked by Councillor Maria Watson of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Waste Services and Parks at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the amount spent on the provision of sandbags to prevent flooding for domestic residences and businesses by the Council split out by year since 2019?

WQ2

Written question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Housing at the meeting of the City Council to be held 13 November 2023

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a comparison of the amount spent by Nottingham Housing Services on its housing repair team versus the amount spent on external contractors?

WQ3

Written question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty Jones of the Portfolio Holder for Housing at the meeting of the City Council to be held 13 November 2023

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the number of Council tenanted properties with boilers by type i.e. electric, gas, combination that fall into the following age brackets:

- 1 – 3 years
- 4 – 6 years
- 7 – 10 years
- Over 10 years old

WQ4

Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance at the meeting of the City Council to be held 13 November 2023

Could the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of what income is generated by the Council from the 7% of Loxley House that is occupied by external parties?