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Nottingham City Council City Council

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Questions from Citizens – 9 September 2024

PQ1

A citizen has asked the following question of the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), gas-powered lawnmowers can emit as much pollution in one hour as a car driven for 100 miles. These pollutants include carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Also, gardens that are heavily landscaped are bad for the environment. Would the Council consider the way they manage council gardens contributes to global warming, or might they adopt policies, like 'wilding' or using a lawn mower that causes so much damage?

PQ2

A citizen has asked the following question of the Executive Member for Housing and Planning

How can the Council justify kicking people out of their homes when they pay all their bills and don't cause trouble, and then selling the houses on. It's not their fault that the Council took money from a ring-fenced pot and spent it on something else. Where are they supposed to live when the Council sells these homes?

PQ3

A citizen has asked the following question of the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture

The science is clear that meat and dairy are major contributors to the climate and ecological emergencies. Other councils, for example Oxfordshire County, Oxford City, Cambridge City, Exeter City and Calderdale Borough, are ensuring that all food served at internal events is plant-based, and I'd like Nottingham City to do the same. Therefore, given the climate emergency and Nottingham's stated aim to reduce their emissions and be net zero by 2028, will Nottingham City Council ensure that all food and drink provided at internal events is plant-based, as other councils have done?

PQ4

A citizen has asked the following question of the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture

In a recent newspaper article, the Local Democracy Reporter revealed a total of '134' outstanding defects or snags, which still need to be rectified before the much-delayed Sherwood Library can safely open. Given this, can the Executive Member outline what urgent actions she has taken with Hockley Developments, including the use of any redemption penalties, to get this contractual debacle resolved in the

interests of local residents and families. In the spirit of transparency, can she please provide more details on the nature of the defects, an update on any progress in relation to fixing them, as Sherwood residents like me, are desperate for their local library to re-open.

Questions from Councillors – 9 September 2024

CQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Executive Member for Skills, Growth and Economic Development

Could the Executive Member update the Chamber on when the £20 million pledged by the last Government for Clifton will be allocated to the Town Board?

CQ2

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Leader of the Council

Could the Leader of the Council outline what she believes the biggest challenge will be in delivering the Improvement Plan and how the Council will overcome it?

CQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Executive Member for Housing and Planning

Following reports in the local media regarding the condition of the former “Brass Monkey” building on High Pavement, could the Executive Member confirm whether the Council has any additional concerns about subsidence affecting any of the other historic buildings on that road?

CQ4

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Leader of the Council

The Leader will be aware that the Chancellor’s decision to remove the automatic entitlement for winter fuel allowance has caused some considerable anxiety to those pensioners in the City who be affected by it. Does she share the view of the Labour Leader of the Local Government Association that the Chancellor should, alongside this, scrap the 25% single person’s discount for council tax and remove the cap, the Council is currently subject to, restricting increases in Council tax?

CQ5

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty M Jones of the Executive Member for Skills, Growth and Economic Development

Could the Executive Member confirm whether or not the in-principle deal with Nottingham Forest referred to at the last Full Council meeting is dependent on the Club successfully obtaining planning permission from Rushcliffe Borough Council?

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Anwar Khan of the Executive Member for Housing and Planning

Could the Executive Member explain what new Labour Government's changes to Right To Buy means for the city?

CQ7

Question to be asked by Councillor Fozia Mubashar of the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture

Could the Executive Member please provide us with an update on the Library Consultation, which closed on 19 August 2024?

CQ8

Question to be asked by Councillor Georgia Power of the Executive Member for Finance and Resources

Can the Executive Member give an update on the extension of the Household Support Fund and what this will mean for Nottingham?

CQ9

Question to be asked by Councillor Maria Joannou of the Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

Could the Committee Chair give an update on the Committee's decision to make a referral to the Secretary of State regarding the loss of the Nottingham Centre for Trauma, Resilience and Growth?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Audra Wynter of the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture

Now that the Nottingham Beach has closed for 2024 and with Goose Fair returning for 10 days on 27 September, does the Executive Member agree that providing these types of events is important for Nottingham not just for local families but for the local economy too, and can they detail any steps taken to minimise disruption for those who live near the Goose Fair site?

CQ11

Question to be asked by Councillor Matt Shannon of the Executive Member for Strategic Regeneration, Transport and Communications

Work is nearing completion on the Green Heart at the former Broadmarsh site, does the Executive Member share my excitement for the work finishing, and do they agree

that the Green Heart is only one of the many positive constructions happening in the Broadmarsh area and across the city as a whole?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule requesting a written response from the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education

Could the Executive Member provide a breakdown of the total fines for unauthorised school absences imposed by the Council over the last three years and confirm how these penalties have been utilised by the Council?

WQ2

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke requesting a written response from the Executive Member for Finance and Resources

Could the Executive Member provide a breakdown of the total number of calls to the Council's customer service hotline by month over the last three years; together with the average wait time for a call to be answered, the number of calls that led to a successful outcome and the number of aborted calls?

WQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty M Jones requesting a written response from the Executive Member for Housing and Planning

Could the Executive Member provide the total number of calls to the Housing Services Repair Line broken down by month, over the last three years and provide the average wait time for a call to be answered, the number of calls dealt with successfully and the number of aborted calls?