

Questions from Councillors

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WQ1

WRITTEN 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 18 MAY 2020

The Leader of the Council will be aware that literature has recently been circulated encouraging public gatherings to take place at the Forest Recreation Ground and Wollaton Park to protest against lockdown measures in place to prevent the spread of Coronavirus. Will the Leader of the Council take the opportunity to unequivocally advise residents not to take part in such gatherings and outline what measures the Council will employ to ensure such gatherings do not take place on Council owned land?

WQ2

WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW RULE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

The Portfolio Holder will be aware that garden waste collection will restart from 26 May 2020 following its earlier suspension. As Monday 25 May is a Bank Holiday this means that for those areas of the City with a Monday collection, including large parts of Clifton, Wilford and Silverdale, the first collection will not in fact take place until 8 June. She will appreciate that for a number of residents, particularly the elderly, who have no other means of disposing of garden waste this means another three weeks of waste build up. Will she therefore give consideration to residents being able to utilise the bulky waste service as a means of disposing of garden waste in the interim until 8 June?

WQ3

WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW RULE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ADULT CARE AND LOCAL TRANSPORT AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

The Portfolio Holder will be aware that the Council has a number of contracts with taxi operators across the City, including those based in the Clifton area, to assist in the transportation of vulnerable children and adults to day care centres and schools. In line with national guidance these firms have retained drivers and staff who chaperoned vulnerable service users to and from their destination. Can the Portfolio Holder therefore confirm that the Council will follow Government procurement guidance ("Supplier relief due to Covid-19" – PPN 02/20) issued in March and honour payments due to these firms up to June (in line with the guidance) to avoid the risk of job losses?

WQ4

WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW RULE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE, GROWTH AND THE CITY CENTRE AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

I'm sure the Portfolio Holder will join me in commending the efforts of those colleagues who have been involved in the processing of business grants and who have now processed over 62% (as at 10 May) of applications received by the Council. However, can he urgently look into the processes involved in physically paying out grants to businesses once an application has been approved, as I am aware of a number of businesses who, despite being approved for a grant payment a number of weeks ago, are still waiting to receive the funding itself?

WQ5

WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR MARIA WATSON OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

As of the time of writing this question (14 May) and despite Government advice to be that it is now possible to do so, construction work on the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre development has yet to restart. While we understand that Intu's public statements have indicated construction will only recommence when it is safe to do so, and that with the current Covid-19 situation these concerns are absolutely legitimate, there is obviously also speculation that the delays have as much to do with Intu's very public financial issues as they do with social distancing. Can the Leader of the Council provide us any updated information they have received from Intu regarding the future of the Broadmarsh development and reassure us that it remains, understandable delays notwithstanding, on track for completion?

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR KIRSTY JONES OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ADULT CARE AND LOCAL TRANSPORT AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

Could the Portfolio Holder provide us with an update about the progression of repair works to the A52, and how the current crisis has impacted the expected timeframe?

WQ7

WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR KEVIN CLARKE OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE, GROWTH AND THE CITY CENTRE AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

Considering that there were already some public concerns regarding the state of our high streets before the Covid-19 situation arose, which will only be compounded by the long term effects of the crisis, could the Portfolio Holder provide us with any strategies currently being discussed by the leadership group to encourage revitalisation of the high street once retail and hospitality businesses are allowed to reopen?

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WRITTEN 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 18 MAY 2020

While we of course understand the crucial need for social distancing at this time, we were disappointed that no members of the Opposition were invited to take part in the recent wreath-laying at Nottingham War Memorial Gardens, on VE day. As a former serving soldier and holder of the General Service Medal for active service myself, it is well recognised throughout the forces that these events should not be politicised and a cross-party invitation should have been put in place. Can the Leader of the Council explain to us why, despite four members of the Labour Group being in attendance, no Opposition Members were invited? Can the Leader reassure us that for future such events, members of the Opposition will be included?

WQ9

WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR ANGHARAD ROBERTS OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE, GROWTH AND THE CITY CENTRE AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

Can the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre tell me how Nottingham City Council has financially supported residents and businesses during the Coronavirus lock down?

WQ10

WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR AUDRA WYNTER OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE, GROWTH AND THE CITY CENTRE AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

Can the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre tell us whether the Government has stuck to the promise made to fund additional costs incurred due to

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WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR LESLIE AYOOLA OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

Does the Portfolio Holder for Communities share the same concerns I do about the damning reports and data showing that COVID-19 disproportionately impacts on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities and is she concerned that not enough has been done by Government to protect them? What further steps does she think the Council needs to take along with its partners, such as conducting its own research and carrying out equality impact assessments?

WQ12

WRITTEN QUESTION TO BE ASKED BY COUNCILLOR TOBY NEAL OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HEALTH, HR AND EQUALITIES AT THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 18 MAY 2020

Can the Portfolio Holder for Health, HR and Equalities please tell me what steps the Council has taken to protect its Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) staff from COVID-19, given the disproportionate impact COVID-19 is having on BAME communities?
