

Questions from Councillors

CQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and IT at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

While under normal circumstances few people enjoy Nottingham's Christmas Market as much as I do, it is obvious that the decision to permit this year's one to open was a mistake. Can the Portfolio Holder please give an account of the advice that was received from the Safety Advisory Group and the decision making process that gave the green light to open the Market, based on that advice?

CQ2

Question to be asked by Councillor Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

In October 2020, the Government Regulator OFGEM issued Robin Hood Energy with a Final Order to pay the £12,057,879.42, (plus daily interest) it currently owes for Renewable Obligation Certificates. OFGEM has publically stated that it will "take other action" to retrieve this money if, as seems likely given the current situation, Robin Hood Energy is unable to pay. Can the Portfolio Holder explain whether, as the current "parent" of Robin Hood Energy, Nottingham City Council will be liable for this bill and will this end up being yet another multi-million pound hit to our finances?

CQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Watson of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Local Transport at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder give us any further update regarding the Council's stated intention of closing one of the City's adult day centres? We, as a Group, are disappointed that any Day Centres are under threat, believing them to provide a vital and invaluable service, however understand the financial position that this Council is in. We do not however see the value in closing Clifton's Summerwood Day Centre, which was used to full capacity prior to this pandemic and continues to be fully used now even with the much-reduced capacity. We are desperate to be able to give the users, the families and staff of Summerwood Day Centre in Clifton some good news in this difficult time. Can you help us do that today?

CQ4

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty Jones of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

While I'm sure very few people across the country had the Christmas they were expecting, we are as always amazed at people's capacity to adapt and to do the right thing in these trying times. Will the Leader of the Council join us in thanking the citizens of Nottingham, and our local communities for the sacrifices they all made and the efforts they went to ensure this was a safe, secure but nevertheless enjoyable Christmas period?

CQ5

Question to be asked by Councillor Lakey of the Deputy Leader at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

What plans are being developed with the NHS and other partners to deliver vaccinations, in terms of locations, timescale and volumes, for Nottingham City residents?

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Power of the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Heritage at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder for Housing confirm how many homeless families in Nottingham were in Bed and Breakfast accommodation over Christmas?

CQ7

Question to be asked by Councillor Edwards of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Democratic Services at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

What more might be done to boost the number of people voting in local elections?

CQ8

Question to be asked by Councillor Roberts of the Deputy Leader at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

What actions would the Deputy Leader like to see the Nottinghamshire Pension Fund take in order to ensure the long term sustainability of the Fund and to play its part in addressing climate change?

CQ9

Question to be asked by Councillor Rule of the Deputy Leader at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Does the Deputy Leader share my frustration regarding the disinformation being shared on social media and elements of the broadcast media around the pressure critical care teams in hospitals are under at present, and does she agree with me that an effective way of countering this would be to allow the media, in a Covid secure way, into hospitals to show how gravely serious the present situation is and to that end will she raise this with partners from Nottingham University Hospitals at the next Outbreak Control Engagement Board meeting to see if this can be carried out locally?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Over the next five years around £303million of the Council's debt will mature. Given the Council is unable to repay this debt, it will need to refinance it, however given the debt is largely historic the Council will be able to refinance it at a lower rate of interest to that it was originally paying which will result in a saving to the Council. On that basis, does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that it would be prudent to use this saving to pay off the Council's debt?

CQ11

Question to be asked by Councillor Rule of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Given the number of inventive and visionary proposals that propose the greening of the Broadmarsh site, how will the Leader balance the public's enthusiasm for these suggestions against making up the income gap the Council has experienced from the loss of rental income following the closure of the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

Written question to be asked by Councillor Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and IT at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder please inform us whether or not there were financial implications to Nottingham City Council in the decision to close Nottingham Christmas Market after one day, and if so how much these totalled?

WQ2

Written question to be asked by Councillor Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Heritage at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Could the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the number of complaints in relation to construction related traffic from ongoing developments and how many of those related in enforcement action being taken against developers?

WQ3

Written question to be asked by Councillor Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm how many citizens were subject to enforcement action for council tax arrears and housing benefit overpayment for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 compared to the period 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019; and can he confirm on average how much the costs of such enforcement action add to the initial debt?

WQ4

Written question to be asked by Councillor Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Employment and Community Protection at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the number of Fixed Penalty Notices and Penalty Charge Notices which required formal enforcement action for the periods 1 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 compared to the period 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2019; and can she confirm on average how much the costs of such enforcement action add to the initial debt?

WQ5

Written question to be asked by Councillor Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Growth and the City Centre at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 11 January 2021

Will the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of lending to all Council owned companies, showing its current level, any increase or decrease over the last year, the annual interest received and the date the lending is due to be repaid by?