

Questions from Councillors

CQ1

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 26 April 2021

Could the Leader of the Council confirm the total anticipated cost for relocating the stock from the Central Library on Angel Row whilst the new Central Library is completed?

CQ2

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 26 April 2021

Could the Portfolio Holder confirm what action the Council is taking to prevent the illegal use of e-scooters on the City's pavements and highways?

CQ3

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 26 April 2021

Given that the economic fortunes of the City Centre rely significantly upon the support of residents living in the Greater Nottingham area and indeed the wider region to thrive, can the Leader of the Council outline the Council's vision for maintaining the City's appeal to those who live outside the City boundary?

CQ4

Question to be asked by Councillor Angharad Roberts of the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Planning and Heritage at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 26 April 2021

The fire at Grenfell Tower in 2017 led to the deaths of 72 people and exposed the scandal of poor development and fire safety standards in apartment blocks. In light of recent progress of the Fire Safety Bill in Parliament, can the Portfolio Holder advise about what the Council is doing to support the campaign to end the cladding scandal and to offer practical support to those affected?

CQ5

Question to be asked by Councillor Steve Battlemuch of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 26 April 2021

Following a key pledge in the Council Plan to turn Nottingham Castle into a world class visitor and heritage attraction, the Castle is set to reopen on Monday 21 June, after three years of major restoration work. Can the Leader explain what impact the Castle reopening will have in terms of new jobs, visitor numbers, international recognition and economic recovery?

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Audrey Dinnall of the Portfolio Holder for Employment and Community Protection at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 26 April 2021

Given the recent spotlight on misogyny, can the Portfolio Holder outline what steps have been taken in Nottingham to help women feel safer on our streets?

CQ7

Question to be asked by Councillor Carole McCulloch of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Democratic Services at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 26 April 2021

With 9.4m people in the UK not even registered to vote including many thousands of our own residents in Nottingham, does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that registering to vote and voting should be being made easier rather than more difficult and shouldn't any genuine democrat be seeking to increase voter registration and voter participation? Proposals by the Conservative Party to introduce voter ID will deter even more people from voting. Does she agree with me that every vote is equal and every vote is precious?

CQ8

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 26 April 2021

With the rejection of our cross-party budget amendment at the previous Full Council meeting, this Council accepted the maximum Council Tax rise for the rate payers in this City. With Council Tax rises consistently and repeatedly outstripping rates of inflation, the taxpayer is, year-on-year, being handed greater and greater pressures, with some councils deciding to freeze charges so as not to add to the costs and burdens of Covid-19. Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that this is a simply unsustainable model of funding, and can he outline the long-term strategy that this Council will be undertaking to stop ratepayers shouldering an ever increasing burden?

CQ9

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 26 April 2021

In the previous Full Council meeting I asked a question regarding whether extra measures should be undertaken by the Council to ensure public safety following relaxing of rules and improving weather. In a repeat of what happened with the Christmas market, we subsequently saw embarrassing scenes in our parks that made the national news and shamed this proud City. While the Christmas market fiasco could be blamed on a lack of hindsight, it cannot be argued that there was not sufficient information, opportunity or warning to make attempts to prevent it from happening this time. Can the Leader of the Council pledge that should an

opportunity to intervene like this present itself again, we as a Council won't allow this City to become a laughing stock for a third time?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty Jones of the Portfolio Holder for Energy, Environment and Democratic Services at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 26 April 2021

We recently received a letter from a constituent concerning electrical waste collection. The Council charges £10 for an electrical item plus £7.50 for any additional. As such our constituent, an elderly lady with limited other options, is forced to pay £55 for just 7 items, none larger than a vacuum cleaner. The Council's financial challenges are well documented, but this figure seems nothing more than taking advantage of those who, due to personal circumstances, have few other options. Furthermore, this incredibly high charge will only contribute to the rising levels of fly tipping as people try to avoid paying. Does the Portfolio Holder agree that these charges are overly punitive and it would be in the best interests of both the Council and the City to look at ways we can make this service more affordable to our citizens?

CQ11

Question to be asked by Councillor Maria Watson of the Adult Care and Local Transport at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 26 April 2021

Following the ending of the most recent consultation on the closure of Summerwood Day Centre in Clifton, the service users and their families are yet to receive any further information. Can the Portfolio Holder please provide them and ourselves an update on the results of the consultation and what decisions have been taken subsequently?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

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 26 April 2021

The loosening of Covid restrictions and the warmer weather has seen many citizens return to the City's parks and green spaces. It has become apparent that the City's capacity to keep the parks clean and tidy, and prevent anti-social behaviour is becoming increasingly stretched. Will the Portfolio Holder join us in a display of public thanks to those volunteers who are giving up their free time to keep the city clean and tidy, and outline what steps the City is taking so that we don't need to rely on volunteers to do what should be the Council's responsibility?

WQ2

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 26 April 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder outline what steps are being undertaken to both punish and prevent citizens abandoning the Council's e-scooters outside of the designated bays?

WQ3

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 26 April 2021

Could the Portfolio Holder confirm the cost of the recent repair work to the slabs on Market Square and how this has been funded?

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 26 April 2021

Could the Portfolio Holder confirm how much revenue has been generated from car parking in the City Centre broken down over the last 5 years by location and the number of parked vehicles this relates too?
