

Questions from Councillors

CQ1

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 13 September 2021

As everyone in this Council is no doubt aware, we have long championed and supported the continued operation of Summerwood Day Centre in Clifton. The work that Summerwood undertook was invaluable and we can say from personal experience that the staff that worked there are utterly incredible. The excellent service provided by the staff created a safe and supportive environment for dozens of users, empowered them to explore their aspirations, granted them independence and helped them flourish, and helped their families cope in otherwise extremely difficult circumstances. Will the Leader of the Council join us in saying a massive thank you for all the years dedicated to the people of Clifton and for all of the positive differences they've made in the lives of both service users and their families?

CQ2

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty Jones of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Cleansing Services at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

While we applaud the work that the City's tireless cleansing teams and the volunteer clean champions do in trying to keep Nottingham looking its best, it seems that rubbish and fly tipping especially are out of control. As Nottingham Clean Champions ourselves, I am sad to say that many are beginning to feel disheartened about the whole situation. While we recognise the increase in prosecutions for fly-tipping, this just goes to show that offences are increasing at a time when resources are steadily decreasing. The reductions in numbers of frontline Community Protection Officers is a particular concern in this area. Can the Portfolio Holder reassure us that actions are being taken not just to prosecute offenders, but also to prevent these offences from happening in the first place?

CQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Less than 12 months ago Robin Hood Energy collapsed leaving taxpayers to pick up anticipated losses of more than £38m. In the years approaching this collapse, Nottingham City Council lent the company loan after loan in attempts to prop up what was clearly a lost cause, and despite repeated requests from the Opposition to re-evaluate this approach. The Council is now advocating borrowing money to fund the upgrade of Enviroenergy's aging district heating system, upgrades estimated to cost at least £17.5m. This borrowing is on top of the £11m loans to EnviroEnergy that its most recent accounts show remain unpaid, AND the nearly £1bn worth of debt Nottingham City Council already holds. Can the Portfolio Holder guarantee that we are not seeing the slow death of Robin Hood Energy being repeated with EnviroEnergy?

CQ4

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 13 September 2021

Does the Leader share my concern that the recent adverse media coverage in relation to the cost of entry to Nottingham Castle suggests Nottingham families will be priced out of visiting one of the main attractions in their City?

CQ5

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Cleansing Services at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm whether she will ensure the restoration plans for the Memorial Gardens at the Embankment include plans to restore the paddling pool at the Victoria Embankment Playground?

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Does the Portfolio Holder agree that the current staffing pressures in Adult Social Care could be alleviated in part by developing a closer relationship with the City's universities and further education institutions to develop placement programmes allowing students to gain first-hand experience of social work in the hope that persuades them to take up a role on completion of their studies?

CQ7

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 13 September 2021

Does the Leader of the Council support the Conservative County Council Leader's push for greater East Midlands devolution, and what impact does he believe this would have on the City Council's improvement journey?

CQ8

Question to be asked by Councillor Jay Hayes of the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Does the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health believe the 1.25% increase in National Insurance is a sustainable way to fund social care in Nottingham and what impact does she believe the increase will have on working families in Nottingham?

CQ9

Question to be asked by Councillor Audrey Dinnall of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Does the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources know how many people, by ward, will be affected by the Government's cut to Universal Credit and is there any assessment of the impact this would have on Nottingham children?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Ankunda Joel Matsiko of the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Inclusion at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Many residents have seen the unfolding evacuation crisis in Afghanistan and many in the City have raised concerns with councillors and MPs about loved ones seeking evacuation or ways in which to help Afghan refugees once they are in the UK. What provisions and actions have the Council done to assist those affected and those seeking to help Afghan refugee arrivals in Nottingham, including any progress with the County for plans to resettle Afghan refugees in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire?

CQ11

Question to be asked by Councillor Georgia Power of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Is the Leader aware about Government plans to scrap the BTEC qualification and what does he think the impact will be on young people in Nottingham?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of individual loans to all Council owned companies that are currently outstanding, including total amount advanced, repayments made (split by capital and interest) and estimated repayment date?

WQ2

Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the number of play and youth sessions being delivered in the Council's Children's Centres across the City?

WQ3

Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

The Portfolio Holder will recall as part of the budget proposals their department was planning to return looked after children to their birth families to reduce departmental costs. Can they confirm how many children to date have returned under this proposal, the budget saving generated and whether children who have been returned to their families under this proposal have subsequently had to re-enter the care system?

WQ4

Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 September 2021

In their capacity as a member of the Transformation Board, can the Portfolio Holder confirm how many transformation proposals have been received to date by service line, their estimate cost, estimated savings generated and how many have been accepted by the Board?
