

Questions from Citizens

PQ1

Question to be asked on behalf of JC of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

In 2019, the Leader of the Council responded to a question from a member of the public who was concerned that the Leader of the Opposition had described the Clifton area as being in a state of 'demise'. Now, with almost three-years having passed since this question was asked, would the Leader of the Council please provide an update regarding the work that he and the Council as a whole have undertaken to ensure the success of Clifton — in spite of the pandemic — and advance the interests of its citizens?

PQ2

Question to be asked on behalf of DC of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Schools at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

I understand that the popular 'The One Show' on BBC1 recently filmed footage at Mellers Primary School for possible broadcast over the coming days. I have spoken to some of the parents and teachers at the School, which used to walk their pupils to John Carroll but now have to hire a rickety old double-decker bus, adding to their costs, to drive their pupils on a 10-mile round journey to Harvey Hadden Leisure Centre instead. Swim England's usage data supplied to me over spring 2021 showed that figures for the swimming pool at John Carroll (at 95% capacity) were very good considering its imminent closure, and the subsequent knock-on effect on Djanogly (the closest Leisure Centre to John Carroll) means that the swimming pool there is now effectively operating at saturation point, which is probably why Mellers School now has to use Harvey Hadden. How does the situation affecting Mellers School, Swim England's Primary School of the Year 2021, align with the Council's oft-cited green credentials?

PQ3

Question to be asked on behalf of DC of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Schools at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 10 January 2022

John Carroll was initially created as a partial community centre. It was a place where seniors suffering from loneliness remained rooted in their community, and where young people, who have had opportunities stripped away after a decade of austerity, were supported by community groups to build their skills, maintain their confidence and help to avoid the risks of an alternative life of crime. This crucial community cohesion role of the leisure centre was not taken into account by Nottingham City

Council. The closure of John Carroll along with cuts to other local facilities has led to an increased sense of abandonment and social isolation within the community. Can the Council now commit to undertake a genuine equality impact assessment taking into account the disproportionate impact of the closure including on community cohesion, health inequality, loneliness, ethnic minorities, disabled citizens and anti-social behaviour.