

Questions from Citizens

PQ1

A citizen has asked the following question of the Chair of the Standards and Governance Committee at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

In circumstances where one councillor is employed by another councillor, what guidance has the Standards and Governance Committee put in place to ensure that undue influence is not exerted on the employed councillors by their employer?

PQ2

A citizen has asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Does the Council wish to take the National Market Traders Federation up on their offer to act as negotiators, free of charge, compared to the £25,000 wasted on Bruton Knowles, to negotiate a fair compensation package for the Victoria Market traders, to help exit their lease from the Victoria Centre?

PQ3

A citizen has asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Planning at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

I believe that more can be done to ensure that all citizens with a mobility pass are aware of its full 24/7 scope. In March 2023 the then Portfolio Holder answered a similar question but eight months on there has been very little action. Could I ask the new Portfolio Holder to order a marketing and publicity action plan on the mobility pass scheme as a matter of urgency, to include the following low or no-cost actions:

- Arrange for the rolling bus (and tram) electronic messaging systems to promote the 24/7 benefit of the Mobility Concessionary Card, as hundreds of people with the cards are still unaware, as many wait until 9:30 to board buses and trams due to this lack of transparency.
- Request that the local Travel Concession Authority (TCA) organise a standard system email to all existing Mobility Card holders (with perhaps a braille letter where applicable) informing entitled residents of the fact that their card is valid 24/7.
- Arrange for an article in the in-house magazine *The Arrow*, explaining the additional discretionary benefits in operation, and which transport operators are covered including the Medilink service.
- Organise a topic headline with a detailed explanatory article in a forthcoming *My Nottingham News* email reiterating the 24/7 nature of the Mobility Card.

PQ4

A citizen has asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Planning at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Once a citizen with a Concessionary Mobility Pass becomes an Old Age Pensioner (OAP) they are automatically transferred to a Senior Concessionary Pass. This would be ok if both schemes delivered the same benefits under the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS), but that's not the case in Nottingham City, where the Mobility Pass allows for 24/7 travel under 'discretionary arrangements' agreed by Nottingham City Council. Neither mobility problems nor other disabilities magically disappear on reaching senior citizenship, so why should the passes? This is discriminatory and I would ask the Portfolio Holder to investigate this matter, and request that she overturns this policy with relevant Mobility passes re-issued for all those affected.

PQ5

A citizen has asked the following question of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

Could I ask the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture to provide an update on the re-opening of the new Sherwood Branch Library as the Sainsbury's Local on the ground floor is due to open on Thursday 09 November?

PQ6

A citizen has asked the following question of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 13 November 2023

A recent appeal against the decision of Nottingham City Council to withhold publication of a publicly funded report conducted by Ernst Young was refused. Is it the view of the elected members of the Council that there is no 'public interest' in releasing this report? If so, why? Specifically, could the Leader of the Council explain why it might be the case that a report paid for by residents of Nottingham on the handling of finances in the city might not be of interest to the public?