Questions from Councillors

CQ1

Question to be asked by Councillor Samina Riaz of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

Does the Leader of the Council agree that Nottingham needs emergency no-string funding from Central Government to enable us to maintain services for all our citizens as asked by the City's MPs and would he thank Resolve Nottingham, a coalition of 140 city organisations, for their support for the Council in asking Government for additional funding?

CQ2

Question to be asked by Councillor Nayab Patel of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

Could the Leader of the Council confirm that with the appointment of unelected commissioners by the Government, what the implications of this are including cost on our residents and Nottingham?

CQ3

Question to be asked by Councillor Devontay Okure of the Portfolio Holder for Housing at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

As of 20 February there were 208 households in bed and breakfast accommodation in Nottingham due to homelessness, and over 2,000 live homelessness cases reported to the City Council. Does the Portfolio Holder for Housing agree that sufficient support has not been forthcoming from the Government and can they inform Council of what actions are being taken to support those who are homeless and to reduce the council house waiting list?

CQ4

Question to be asked by Councillor Michael Savage of the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

Can the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health confirm the number of Nottingham people who are currently receiving support from our adult social services and do we have a higher proportion of our elderly residents not being able to contribute to their own care compared to national averages? What actions are we taking to help support those most in need?

Question to be asked by Councillor Leslie Ayoola of the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

At the BAFTAs Nottingham-born Samantha Morton dedicated her BAFTA fellowship to children in care, like she was. She also highlighted the broken care system which "costs the taxpayer a huge amount of money to keep a child in care, to take care of them". The costs of child social care are spiralling far beyond the rate of inflation, in part due to a broken market. Can the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education give the number of children currently in care in the system and the length and cost of journeys to take children to schools? Can they confirm the actions the Council is taking to reduce costs while supporting those in need?

CQ6

Question to be asked by Councillor Georgia Power of the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Education at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

Local authorities across England increased their spending on children's services by £800 million for 2021 – 2022 but 81% of the recent increase was funnelled into crisis intervention services, a rise from the 67% seen a decade ago. Of this additional spending £4 in every £5 went on late intervention services. Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that the Government has failed children and pushed children's services to breaking point?

CQ7

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Transport and Planning at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

Given the Council's financial pressures, does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that the developers and operators of student accommodation in the City should make an ongoing revenue contribution towards the Council's budget?

CQ8

Question to be asked by Councillor Kevin Clarke of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

The Leader will be aware that the Council Plan is now being revised. Given the depth of cuts proposed in this budget how does the Leader have any confidence that the plan can be delivered?

Question to be asked by Councillor Kirsty M Jones of the Leader of the Council at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

Will the Leader of the Council agree with me that the proposed budget reductions to councillors' ward budgets, together with proposed changes to the Resident Development Officer team will have a huge and detrimental impact on the support councillors provide to the tireless work of voluntary groups in their communities, and comment on how they plan to mitigate this?

CQ10

Question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

Given the tendering process for Splendour has resulted in its cancellation, can the Portfolio Holder comment on how the process has demonstrated value for money for the residents of the City?

Questions from Councillors requiring a written response

WQ1

Written question to be asked by Councillor Andrew Rule of the Portfolio Holder for Housing at the meeting of the City Council to be held on 4 March 2024

Can the Portfolio Holder provide a breakdown of the grants the Council has received since 2019 toward tackling homelessness in City and detail how they have been utilised?