

Questions from Citizens – 9 September 2024

PQ1

A citizen has asked the following question of the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), gas-powered lawnmowers can emit as much pollution in one hour as a car driven for 100 miles. These pollutants include carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Also, gardens that are heavily landscaped are bad for the environment. Would the Council consider the way they manage council gardens contributes to global warming, or might they adopt policies, like 'wilding' or using a lawn mower that causes so much damage?

PQ2

A citizen has asked the following question of the Executive Member for Housing and Planning

How can the Council justify kicking people out of their homes when they pay all their bills and don't cause trouble, and then selling the houses on. It's not their fault that the Council took money from a ring-fenced pot and spent it on something else. Where are they supposed to live when the Council sells these homes?

PQ3

A citizen has asked the following question of the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture

The science is clear that meat and dairy are major contributors to the climate and ecological emergencies. Other councils, for example Oxfordshire County, Oxford City, Cambridge City, Exeter City and Calderdale Borough, are ensuring that all food served at internal events is plant-based, and I'd like Nottingham City to do the same. Therefore, given the climate emergency and Nottingham's stated aim to reduce their emissions and be net zero by 2028, will Nottingham City Council ensure that all food and drink provided at internal events is plant-based, as other councils have done?

PQ4

A citizen has asked the following question of the Executive Member for Carbon Reduction, Leisure and Culture

In a recent newspaper article, the Local Democracy Reporter revealed a total of '134' outstanding defects or snags, which still need to be rectified before the much-delayed Sherwood Library can safely open. Given this, can the Executive Member outline what urgent actions she has taken with Hockley Developments, including the use of any redemption penalties, to get this contractual debacle resolved in the

interests of local residents and families. In the spirit of transparency, can she please provide more details on the nature of the defects, an update on any progress in relation to fixing them, as Sherwood residents like me, are desperate for their local library to re-open.