

Questions to Council

Submitted by Cllr Alasdair Ibbotson – 7th July

To ask the Cabinet Member for Finance and Social Value, pursuant to his remarks at the council meeting on 14th May that the cabinet would comply with the council's requests for a scheme to be provided to support, during the school Summer holidays, children eligible for free school meals, to provide (a) details of the support in place, (b) the date that cabinet approved this support, and (c) the date that information on the support available was first made available to eligible families.

Submitted by Cllr David Coggins-Cogan – 7th July

Child Holiday Hunger

At the meeting of Full Council on 14.5.24 it was agreed to:

1. Request the cabinet to draw up plans to provide payments during the school Summer holiday to parents of children eligible for free school meals.
2. Request that the cabinet approves such plans no later than 3rd June, to allow them to be implemented in good time.
3. Leaves the amount of payment to the cabinet's discretion, subject to a requirement that it not be less than £50 per eligible child.

Would the Cabinet member for Finance & Social Value please inform Council what measures are being implemented to comply with these requests so that children do not go hungry over the summer holidays?

Aura

At the meeting of the Education Youth & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee (EY&C OSC) on 10.5.24 Cllr Roberts made a comment to members about the willingness or otherwise of Aura to address a meeting of the EY&C OSC.

As this statement was subsequently contradicted by Officers at the EYC OSC on 28.5.24 would the Leader now put the record straight and advise members whether in actual fact Aura had been willing to address the EY&C OSC?

Submitted by Cllr Andrew Parkhurst – 7th July

Dog Control Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) - Mold Ornamental Gardens

At the meeting of Full Council on 6.12.23, the Cabinet member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection was asked to explain why he told Cabinet on 17.10.23 that Mold Town Council had requested that dogs be excluded from Mold Memorial Gardens, and why the Environment & Economy Overview & Scrutiny Committee (E&E OSC) was told the same thing on 12.9.23 when in fact Mold Town Council had requested that "Dogs must be on a lead at all times".

In his response, the Cabinet member replied that as the manner in which the consultation took place was subject to inquiries, comments, complaints and allegations it would be inappropriate to comment further until the Council's formal complaints procedure had been completed.

Would the Cabinet member please confirm whether the complaints procedure has now been completed and, if so, whether he will now inform members and the public

why the Cabinet and the E&E OSC were both given incorrect or incomplete information and, in view of the Cabinet and E&E OSC having based their decisions on this incorrect or incomplete information, will he agree that before the PSPO is enforced, Council has the opportunity to reconsider the terms of the PSPO based on the full facts and in accordance with the advice given by the Chief Officer (Governance) on 23.1.24 that "the Council may, if it wished, revisit whether those Orders should be made or should be changed and that would be a decision that would be taken when the complaints had been considered with all Councillors informed of the outcome"?

Synthite Fire

Following the fire at the Synthite factory on Denbigh Road in Mold on 30.4.24 which resulted in Natural Resources Wales advising the public to keep pets and livestock away from the river in view of the extent of the contamination, can the Cabinet member for Planning, Public Health and Public Protection assure the public that it is now safe to go back into the water and how, given the recent planning approval granted for a substantial housing development opposite the factory, can residents be reassured that their health is not at risk from future incidents?

Submitted by Cllr Sam Swash – 7th July

Question to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

Could the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services provide, for each of the council's contracts or agreements with a value of more than £250,000 in each year, (a) the name of the contract, (b) the other parties to the contract, (c) the annual cost of the contract, (d) the end date of the contract, and (e) a summary of any extension provisions in the contract?