Bromsgrove District Council – 2nd December 2020 Item 12 - Member Questions

From Councillor J King Question for the Leader

"The leader assured this council recently that all Bromsgrove District Council workers are paid at least the real living wage currently £9.30per hour). Could she now assure this council that this includes those who are sub-contracted to work on behalf of Bromsgrove District Council delivering public services? Could she also confirm that it is a condition of any tender process for council services that sub-contractors must pay their staff the real living wage and if this is not current practice, could steps be taken to put this condition in place?"

2. From Councillor R Hunter Question to the Leader

"Given that the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee has recently exposed the selection criteria for the £3.6bn Towns Fund for being 'vague and based on sweeping assumptions' to the extent that it is a 'risk to the civil service's reputation for impartiality' will the Leader write to the Secretary of State to ask that any future funds of this type are distributed using a fairer and more transparent process?"

3. From Councillor C Hotham Question for the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

"In the six months to August 2020 Wychavon District Council collected 957 tonnes of road sweeping, in the same period Bromsgrove District Council collected only 43 tonnes. Is the Portfolio Holder concerned that this failure could lead to localised flooding as road gullies become even more blocked with debris?"

4. From Councillor P McDonald Questions for the Leader

"Would the Leader write to Chancellor Rishi Sunak not to leave low-paid workers struggling on less than the minimum wage by increasing its 80 per cent contribution to workers' wages to 100 per cent, so that those on minimum wage get their full pay if their bosses do not top up their wages, after he extended the furlough scheme to March next year."

5. From Councillor J Till Questions for the Leader

"Following the recent coverage about cycling & walking in Bromsgrove. Could the Leader confirm the council's commitment to active travel?"