

Bromsgrove District Council – 24th February 2021
Item 14 - Member Questions

1. From Councillor S. Robinson
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

Can the portfolio holder please update the council on how many tonnes of garden waste we have collected from households this winter and whether or not there are plans for this to continue next year?

2. From Councillor H. Rone-Clarke
Question for the Leader

After announcing plans for the city to be carbon neutral by 2030, myself and Cllr McDonald met with the relevant Birmingham City portfolio holders and identified half a dozen areas of cooperation between our two authorities, including: buses, active transport and country parks. Soon, transport into Birmingham by car will be heavily regulated, meaning residents of Bromsgrove may struggle to get to work. Similarly, citizens of other districts will be incentivised to shop local, due to active transport schemes; this would squeeze our already struggling high street to breaking point.

We don't wish to hear that the council 'already engages' with our neighbours, as our Birmingham counterparts agree that Bromsgrove is failing to keep up.

So, in terms of a promise of concrete action, here and now, how does the administration plan to engage more robustly with our neighbours (including but not limited to Birmingham) in order to ensure Bromsgrove is not left behind?

3. From Councillor S. Colella
Question for the Leader

Can the Leader confirm that BDC is part of both Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) and Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (WLEP) and whether this is not in contravention of the terms of reference for each LEP?

4. From Councillor P. McDonald
Question for the Leader

With Birmingham City becoming a low emission city what action is being taken by this Council to ensure residents who travel into the city for work and have to use their own transport, will not lose their jobs because of falling foul of the regulations?

5. From Councillor R Hunter
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling

How many applications has Bromsgrove District Council received for the £500 Test and Trace Support grant to help people who need to self-isolate? How many of these applications were successful and what were the reasons for any applications being turned down?

6. From Councillor Janet King
Question for the Leader

I wish to congratulate the council on the award of a grant for £50,000 from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP) for use in our town centre. May I ask the leader to outline how it will be spent or, if not decided, to invite creative and positive suggestions from members and other interested parties?