

Bromsgrove District Council – 21st April 2021
Item - Member Questions

1. From Councillor P. McDonald
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling

The Institute for Employment Rights (IER) report, compiled by 11 specialists in occupational health and safety and labour law, claims that Covid-19 guidance is not being properly enforced by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The government's approach to enforcing its guidance in the workplace has been underfunded, light-touch and run by an understaffed HSE. As a result, researchers claim that workplace risk has not been managed properly, and is not in line with the government's claim that is making workplaces Covid-secure. Researchers said there has been widespread failure to control risks of airborne and surface transmission in workplaces, shown by the emergence of infection clusters.

Considering this what action is the Council taking to ensure the Council is Covid secure?

2. From Councillor R. Hunter
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

Please could you clarify what this council's policy is on grass mowing and how regularly residents of estates that are maintained by this council can expect mowing to take place?

3. From Councillor S. Robinson
Question for the Leader of the Council

With High Street shops reopening this month, in order to entice shoppers back to support our High Streets, please may we have an update about when the promised car park refurbishments will be completed?

4. From Councillor J. King
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

At a time when residents' interest in the progress of our council's work to mitigate climate change is very high, could the council website and social media be used much more effectively to communicate the achievements and progress made to date please?

**5. From Councillor K. Van Der Plank
Question for the Leader of the Council**

On 20th March a new 'Welcome Back Fund' was announced by Government to help boost the look and feel of high streets and prepare for the safe return of shoppers. I see from the government website that Bromsgrove have been allocated £88,668. Please can the leader tell me how this fund is going to be used and how we are going to make sure it reaches all of our high streets – especially those on the outskirts of our district, not just the main Bromsgrove town centre.

**6. From Councillor A. English
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services**

Could the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services please inform the council of how many Planning Enforcement cases we have active at the moment and how many are more than two years old?