

Bromsgrove District Council – 3rd November 2021
Member Questions

1. From Councillor P. McDonald
Question for the Leader

"How many employees are being paid less than the Living Wage Foundation's £9.50?"

2. From Councillor C. Hotham
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change

"This council has five strategic purposes. Three make no mention of climate change. Of the remaining two, there is a brief mention of making recycling easier and improving home energy efficiency. There is also a brief vague mention of a "green thread" running through council policy. I don't think this now demonstrates sufficient commitment to fighting climate change. We have a newly appointed Climate Change Cabinet Member, a climate change working group and a general strong consensus across the council that time is running out and that now is the time to act.

Does the Climate Change Cabinet Member agree with me that tackling climate change should become a strategic purpose of this council in its own right and will he undertake to make sure this happens?"

3. From Councillor S. Baxter
Question for the Leader

"Please could the leader provide an update on the redistribution of the many surplus Council ipads to schools."

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

"Bus Shelters

Please could the cabinet member update council on its bus shelter improvement programme and advise us what are the implications of the county council's plan to adopt district owned shelters? Will all our shelters be transferred and will the improvements BDC budgeted for this year still go ahead?"

5. From Councillor R. Hunter
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, cultural Services and Community Safety

“Swimming Pools

A recent report by Swim England called ‘A Decade of Decline: The Future of Swimming Pools in England’ reveals the shocking potential for a huge reduction in the availability of public swimming pools nationally by the end of the decade. It predicts that the number of public pools in England could fall by as much as 40 percent, the equivalent of almost 2,000 pools. What reassurance can you offer this council that the future provision of public swimming in Bromsgrove is in safe hands and that we will not see local services diminished as part of this worrying national trend?”

6. From Councillor J. King
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling Services

“What practical support is this council offering to the 5,000 low income Universal Credit claimants in this district who became £20 a week poorer in October?”

7. From Councillor K. Van Der Plank
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

“Please can we have an update on the new mobile CCTV cameras that were promised to help tackle fly tipping. What other measures have been introduced to tackle fly tipping since the motion we passed in 2019 and how many convictions have we now had?”

8. From Councillor A. English
Question for the Leader

“Could we please have an update on the Government grant for insulating park homes? How much did BDC receive and how many homes have been insulated as result?”

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

“Given that Bromsgrove prides itself on its ‘night-time economy’, the rise in incidents of spiking, particularly and disturbingly, with needles should concern us all greatly. What steps can BDC take to regulate against these attacks and will the leader commit to them now?”

