

Bromsgrove District Council – 17th October 2022
Member Questions

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

“Many residents will already be aware that our MP holds an annual jobs fair in Bromsgrove. However, there are many young people seeking part-time employment in our town, in order to support themselves and their families. For these young people, it can be difficult to find part time roles that suit their school or college timetable.

In order to overcome this difficulty, will the leader support either a jobs fair tailored more towards younger people, or perhaps consider devoting a section of BDC's website/social media to advertising part time jobs that are better suited to this section of the population?”

2. From Councillor R. Hunter
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance

“Have all eligible households in Bromsgrove now received their April council tax rebate?”

3. From Councillor J. King
Question for the Leader

“Could you confirm when the Churchfields car park will be reopening please and what measures you will be putting in place to keep users and the wider community safe from criminal and antisocial behaviour?”

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

“Could you explain the cause of the recent disruption to household bin collection services please and what measures you have put in place to address this?”

5. From Councillor S. Baxter
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services

“Please could the cabinet member for planning give an estimate of the likely additional costs associated with the 11th hour U-turn to abandon the current strategic plan review until after the next set of district council elections?”

6. From Councillor S. Douglas
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance

“BDC was awarded £14.5 levelling up funding in November 2021. According to ONS statistics since November 2021 construction cost inflation is between 11.6% and 17% to the end of June 2022. This represents minimal additional costs of £1.7m, the higher end being £2.47m of cost pressure. Please could the Cabinet member for finance assure Council that sufficient contingency has been built into the bid budget to cover this?”

7. From Councillor S. Colella
Question for the Leader

“This Council asks for reassurance that the transport assessment work which has been lacking to date will be completed to the satisfaction of BDC for the Issues and Options consultation along with a stated time plan that can be adhered to?”

8. From Councillor C. Hotham
Question for the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance

“It appears that BDC raised £150920 from parking fines in the 2021/22 year. Out of this total some £10791 was raised in Hagley/Client, £3431 from Barnt Green and £1771 from Aston Fields. Does the cabinet member for Finance agree with me that it would only be fair and just if this money was directly reinvested in the communities where it is generated?”

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

“Please could the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regulatory Services explain how it is acceptable for Officers to instigate a review of the procedures and effectiveness of the working of the District Planning Committee without reference to said committee and whether a similar review of the whole of the Planning Department has been arranged?”