



COUNCIL

Date 26th September 2022

Tuesday, 27th September, 2022, 6.10 pm in Town Hall, Market Street, Tamworth

SUPPLEMENT – ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Further to the Agenda and Papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following further information, which was not available when the agenda was issued:

Agenda No. Item

7. **Question Time:** (Pages 3 - 8)
- (i) To answer questions from members of the public pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 10.
 - (ii) To answer questions from members of the Council pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 11

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AJS', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Chief Executive

To Councillors: M J Greatorex, D Cook, M Bailey, D Box, R Claymore, T Clements,
M Cook, C Cooke, A Cooper, S Daniels, S Doyle, A Farrell, R Ford,

S Goodall, J Harper, T Jay, J Jones, R Kingstone, D Maycock, J Oates,
S Peale, B Price, R Pritchard, R Rogers, S Smith, M Summers,
P Thurgood, P Turner, J Wade and J Wadrup.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr Paul Sharman of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy and Community Safety Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

How many CCTV cameras do we have in Tamworth and how many are currently not Working

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr Peter Hill of Tamworth will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Jeremy Oates the following question:-

What incentives or Persuasions are T.B.C applying to Barclays to keep the Bank in St. Editha's Square open?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Ms D Wilson, of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing, Councillor A Farrell, the following question:-

" The first section 20 letter stated residents could choose contractors to put forward. However, another resident had a letter stating they could not. Could the portfolio holder tell us which was the correct variation of the letter? "

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Ms P Pallett, of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing, Councillor A Farrell, the following question:-

" In the terms of transparency could the portfolio holder provide us with a breakdown of costs for the roof replacement which was promised before by officers "

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 5

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr J Pallett, of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing, Councillor A Farrell, the following question:-

"Can the portfolio holder explain why there have been so many inconsistencies with correspondence during this current process?"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 6

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr J Hadley, of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing, Councillor A Farrell, the following question:-

" Can the council clarify for us that previous works have been completed to a satisfactory standard as expected?"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 7

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Ms H Hadley, of Tamworth will ask the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing, Councillor A Farrell, the following question:-

" As you can see the previous questions have thrown up a lot of inconsistencies which has encouraged us to seek legal independent advice. Councillor Farrell are you willing to negotiate with officers of the council to reduce the cost of the project in question to a more realistic price and one that is within the price range of 3 independent quotes we have already obtained?"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 8

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr R Brown, of Tamworth will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor J Oates, the following question:-

"Who is ultimately responsible for the authenticity and integrity of Entries posted on the Council's website ("tamworth.gov.uk")?"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 9

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mr R Brown, of Tamworth will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor J Oates, the following question:-

Who is ultimately responsible for the authenticity and integrity of Topics and "Tamworth Borough Council" Comments made on our Council's Facebook Page ("Tamworth Borough Council")?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Richard Ford will ask the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy & Community Safety Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

'In recent weeks Travellers have gained access to Dosthill Park. Can the portfolio holder advise what is the Council's long-term strategy to deal with these recent unauthorised encampments at Dosthill Park?'

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Chris Cooke will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Jeremy Oates, the following question:-

I've had many residents complain to me about cars ignoring the pedestrian zone in the town centre.

Will the leader of the council join me in congratulating Staffordshire County Council for enforcing the pedestrian zone, and will he encourage them to visit the zone more regularly going forward.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor John Harper will ask the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy and Community Safety, Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

In the wake of recent incursions by travellers at Bolehall, Dosthill and Stonydelph – all of which caused much stress and anxiety to local residents - could the portfolio holder please update councillors on the full financial cost of dealing with the unauthorised encampments. This total outlay will of course exclude many hours spent by police officers and PCSOs on surveillance and other associated duties but should take into account costs associated with council officers dealing with the travellers (particularly if they were taken from other duties for surveillance or have been required to work out of normal working hours); installation of new security gates at Bolehall and other security measures at Dosthill and Stonydelph; costs incurred in the legal process of gaining Court Orders requiring the travellers to vacate the sites; costs of the clean-up operations; and expenditure for any proposed measures still to be implemented.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor D Cook will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Jeremy Oates, the following question:-

“Would the Leader of the Council agree with me, when recommendations are moved / passed at Scrutiny committees that the Chairman or the Vice

Chairman attend the next Cabinet meeting to present those Scrutiny Recommendations to Cabinet, that this is precisely what should happen especially if both Chairman and Vice Chairman are available?"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 5

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor D Cook will ask the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Robert Pritchard, the following question:-

"In the By-Election in Spital in January 2022 a promise was made to the residents of the Spital ward on Conservative leaflets and Facebook posts {I believe} that a new play area for local children would be built in Lakenheath. The very political promise went on to state the funding had already been found.

At the point, this promise was made can the Deputy Leader advise where he intended to take this funding from and what is the progress to date on this play area?"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL No.6

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor M Cook will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Jeremy Oates, the following question:-

I note that Tamworth Borough Council's progress towards Achieving Net Zero Carbon will be discussed at Cabinet this week. Can the Leader of the Council inform us when this Council will see the proposed action plan to set out our journey to achieve Net Zero?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL No. 7

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor B Price will ask the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy and Community Safety, Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

"The Leader of the Opposition recently brought something to my attention that as Chairman of Licensing does make me a little nervous.

It was identified in the last Quarterly Performance report that as of 31st May 2022 - The Environmental Health team reviewed their templates in 2019 but no further work on making them Assure compliant has been undertaken. There is significantly more work in the EH workstream than in the planning workstream.

Does Cllr Summers have a plan for fixing this before the system is needed?"

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor S Peple will ask the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy and Community, Safety Councillor M Summers, the following question:-

As discussed at the last council meeting, residents across the Borough, including my ward, Bolehall, are very concerned at the potential for future disruption caused by travellers. Can the Portfolio Holder please update the council as to what has been done since the last meeting to achieve a robust permanent solution to this issue?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 9

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor S Daniels will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor J Oates, the following question:-

The flooding experienced by my Bolehall residents and indeed all the users of the Amington and Glascote roads is an annual concern that is only getting worse. During the last heavy rains, the roads under the arches were nearly impassable. Anyone trying to use the paths by the cinema would have not been able to do so. Residents have made their concerns clear to borough and county councillors for a long time and as our climate changes, the situation will only get worse.

Whilst I am aware that this is a matter for the County Council to deal with, can the Leader of the Council please explain to Tamworth's residents what he is doing to facilitate appropriate liaison between officers of the two councils and between concerned councillors of both authorities to ensure these roads and paths are safe to use.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 10

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor T Jay will ask the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Risk and Customer Services, Councillor M Bailey, the following question:-

There has been some excellent work done across the Town to renovate garages sites to bring them up to standard for use, or to create additional parking spaces. In Belgrave we have a localised parking issue in Medway where there is enough space available to create additional parking spaces. Can the portfolio holder assign some officer time to review possible options for the residents of Medway?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 11

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor C Cooke will ask the Portfolio Holder for Homelessness Prevention and Social Housing, Councillor A Farrell, the following question:-

Given the current issues going on in Gillway regarding the roofing replacement. A lot of residents have outlined issues with communication (Either via letters being addressed to the occupier) or no letters being received at all.

Would the portfolio holder support me in bringing this process to scrutiny ensure the communication successfully reaches the residents when works such as this are going on.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 12

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor D Maycock will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Entertainment and Leisure, Councillor R Pritchard, the following question:-

Will the cabinet member update me on progress being made to cleanse and tidy the town's HRA estates?