

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1

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

Tomorrow, Tamworth will be hosting the Queen's Baton Relay. The Baton will end its journey through Tamworth at a huge festival of sport and music in the Castle Grounds.

Tamworth has also secured the honour of being the only Commonwealth Games Festival Site in Staffordshire. Over the next three weeks live footage of the games will be shown in the Castle Grounds, accompanied by a three-week summer festival of sports, concerts and community events.

Will the Leader of the Council join me in congratulating all the Council staff and volunteers, who have worked so hard in securing and organising all these amazing events?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Chris Cooke will ask the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary sector, Town centre, Evening economy & Community Safety, Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

Anker Valley Estate in my ward (Spital) has seen some recent criminal activity with individuals trying car doors, thefts from cars, bikes stolen and other petty criminal acts. What can the council do to support residents alongside the police to reduce crime on the estate?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 3

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Roy Rogers will ask the Portfolio Holder for Engagement, Civic Pride and Pride in Place Councillor Tina Clements, the following question:-

Will the cabinet member for Engagement, Civic Pride and Pride in Place be encouraging all members here to nominate individuals or small groups for the new civic pride nominations as part of her new role.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 4

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Ben Price will ask the Portfolio Holder for Skills, Planning, Economy & Waste, Councillor Stephen Doyle, the following question:-

A major housing development has been proposed on the border of my ward in Mile Oak, on fields off Dunstall Lane/Bonehill Road.

Will the portfolio holder ensure that should an application be submitted by the developer, residents in my ward will have the opportunity to have their views heard on the application?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 5

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor Thomas Jay will ask the Portfolio Holder for Voluntary Sector, Town centre, Evening economy and Community Safety, Councillor Martin Summers, the following question:-

Tamworth has recently seen some large and disruptive traveller encampments. Residents are concerned about the mess caused to open spaces and parks, as well as the anti-social behaviour that can take place while camps are there. There is also the not insignificant cost associated with cleaning the space after the travellers have left. What is the Council doing to ensure its open spaces in Tamworth are secured against encroachment by unauthorised travellers?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 6

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

The summer holidays can be an expensive time for parents. So, I welcome the wide range of free events available to local children during the summer holidays. This summer the holidays start with the council's own Castle Summer Fest and the official Commonwealth Games live site. There is also the Police and Crime Commissioners Space scheme returning and the County Councils Activities programme. Will the leader ensure that the council promotes all these schemes through its social media and websites, ensuring the widest number of parents as possible are aware of these great, and free of cost, activities?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 7

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:-

A section of the pedestrian boardwalk running through the Warwickshire Moor at Bolehall was recently set ablaze by vandals. This deliberate act of arson resulted in serious damage to the structure which, since its installation some years ago, has become a hugely popular amenity where local people can enjoy the natural environment in safety. Two notice boards containing Public Space Protection Order information have also been vandalised. Can the council tell the residents of Bolehall when the damaged boards and boardwalk will be repaired, and if other sections of the boardwalk which may require attention will be attended to at the same time.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 8

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

The recent act of vandalism in the Castle Grounds has resulted in two toilets being left unusable as well as the defibrillator being stolen and thrown in a bin.

Can the Leader give reassurances that the council take these acts of hooliganism seriously and will always seek to repair damages as a priority?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 9

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

Could the portfolio holder explain Tamworth Borough Council's position and any powers regarding products used in nail bars in the Borough?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 10

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

We have seen in the local press that a petition has been launched regarding the use of the Tamworth Holiday Inn to house up to 200 single male asylum seekers. Presumably this follows an agreement between the hotel and the home office or other government agencies. What consultation took place with Tamworth Borough Council members or officers before this decision was taken?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 11

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

Would the Leader please update members as to the latest position on the proposed reform to the business rates retention scheme and any anticipated financial implications for the council?