

## **COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, 11 October 2022**

### **MEMBER QUESTION TIME – Part 2**

**Questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order 12**

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**35. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Given that the proportion of reception aged children in the district classed as overweight is below the national average, but by year 6, 40.8% are classed as overweight, whilst the England average is 35.2%, does the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places believe that there is more that can be done to encourage primary school age children to be more active?

**Response**

**36. Councillor Caroline Whitaker**

Following the welcome announcement that the pedestrian access bridge crossing the A629 between Silsden and Steeton is to be completed by 2025, will the Council commit to ensuring that the final scheme will also (a) include improved pedestrian access from Silsden, in particular widening the footpaths; and (b) consider moving the location of the bridge to the eastern side of the roundabout which will ensure safer access to the station for cyclists and pedestrians?

**Response**

**37. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Given the listed building status of the Richard Dunn centre, which potentially restricts the development potential of the site and given the significant ongoing security costs, with hindsight, does the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places believe that redeveloping the swimming facilities at the site (with slides) would have been more beneficial than building a brand new facility at Sedburgh?

**Response**

**38. Councillor Anna Watson**

Members of the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny and Overview Committee attending their meeting on 20 September were informed that the Bradford to Shipley Route Improvement Scheme is undergoing a “complete review and re-evaluation”. Will the Leader of Council please tell us why the scheme is being reviewed in this

way, given that local stakeholders are still to be consulted further about any changes; and provide a list of the stakeholders who will be consulted?

**Response**

**39. Councillor Debbie Davies**

In response to a question at July's Full Council, members were informed that the longstanding unreliability of some library services due to staff shortages had been resolved by the appointment of new staff including casuals, yet we still see fairly regular updates apologising for libraries being closed during advertised opening hours, so could the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places please provide a realistic update on when this situation will be resolved to prevent further damage to footfall?

**Response**

**40. Councillor Matt Edwards**

Since its inception, the Environmental Task Force has done amazing work dealing with grot spots across the District - especially in areas like Tong Ward which are hot spots for fly tipping. Will the Portfolio holder join me in congratulating them and the Neighborhood Teams they work with and commit to ensuring this work is funded long term?

**Response**

**41. Councillor Rebecca Poulsen**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People & Places confirm whether, in order to achieve the Council's aim of carbon neutrality for the District by 2038, the Council intends to set carbon budgets for each year until then and will the Council assess the carbon emissions contribution of existing activities and proposed activities, and alter them as necessary to achieve the aim?

**Response**

**42. Councillor Celia Hickson**

Would the portfolio holder please explain why the situation with weeds across Holmewood is noticeably worse than in many other areas in Bradford District?

**Response**

**43. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Would the Leader of the Council advise members of the number of active users of the Citizen Coin app and the target number to make it worthwhile?

**Response**

**44. Councillor Kevin Warnes**

Can the Leader of Council please update us on what is being done to ensure that our planning enforcement service is able to respond much more effectively, and quickly, to any planning violations reported by councillors on behalf of their residents?

**Response**

**45. Councillor Geoff Winnard**

Now that the Alfred Sharp Charitable Trust has been finally registered with the Charity Commission, would the Portfolio Holder for Education, Employment & Skills, confirm when educational organisations in Bingley will be able to apply for the first tranche of grant funding and whether it is possible that the grant awarding process include representation from Bingley Town Council in addition to Bingley's elected ward members?

**Response**

**56. Councillor Kevin Warnes**

Does the Leader of Council share my concern that it is taking far too long - typically many months - for pavements to be repaired/reinstated after street trees have been taken out, leaving pavements unsafe for residents; and what action will she take to ensure that the necessary pavement repairs are carried out much sooner in future?

**Response**

**47. Councillor Geoff Winnard**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, provide an update on any progress being made in the consideration on whether average speed cameras will be installed on the A650 Bingley Bypass and outline representations which are being made by Bradford Council to expedite this process?

**Response**

**48. Councillor Kevin Warnes**

Will the Leader of Council ensure that our trees officers always respond within six weeks when Bradford Council is notified by residents that they intend to carry out works on trees in Conservation Areas; and can she please advise us how often officers have been unable to respond within that time frame during the past 12 months?

**Response**

**49. Councillor Geoff Winnard**

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**Response**

**50. Councillor Kevin Warnes**

Will the Leader of Council please write to the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Canal and River Trust, Allan Leighton, to ask him to ensure that the Trust cleans up the graffiti that - for several years now - has badly degraded the visitor and resident experience along the stretch of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal between Shipley and Saltaire (part of our treasured World Heritage Site, after all), despite repeated efforts by the local councillors to secure the necessary action?

**Response**

**51. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Would the Leader of the Council advise members how and why £1,097,441 was spent on redundancies last year when the 2020/21, 2021/22 and the 2022/23 Council budgets were all agreed with no compulsory redundancies?

**Response**

**52. Councillor Kevin Warnes**

Can the Leader please provide updated information about progress relating to the 'School Streets' projects in Shipley - specifically (a) when the new School Streets will be implemented at Saltaire Primary and Wycliffe Primary Schools; (b) when the amended School Streets scheme at Shipley C of E will be in place; and (c) any plans that are in train to tackle road traffic dangers and reduce harms from air pollution outside the other schools in the Shipley ward?

**Response**

**53. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm whether any thought has been given to mitigating the potential negative consequences of the introduction of LED lighting, such as the scientifically proven damage to the quality of people's sleep and the altering of the behaviour of animals such as bats and moths?

**Response**

**54. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm the estimated total cost of the Kirkgate Centre project, taking into account additional costs such as demolition and any compensation payments to tenants who are being forced to close or relocate their businesses?

**Response**

**55. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport confirm the cost of demolishing the NCP car park and the annual loss of revenue caused by its closure?

**Response**

**56. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Could the Portfolio Holder confirm whether free parking for library users and volunteers will continue to be provided when the new Baildon library opens?

**Response**

**57. Councillor Debbie Davies**

Would the Leader of the Council confirm the target figure for using local suppliers for Council goods and services and where the council sits in relation to achieving that target?

**Response**

**58. Councillor Bob Felstead**

Could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, provide assurance that rather than wait for Government to legislate that all new builds be

fitted with Solar panels, council takes the lead and encourages developers across Bradford District to fit Solar Panels to all new build housing?

**Response**

**59. Councillor Allison Coates**

Could the Portfolio Holder for Healthy People and Places confirm how many Bradford District taxi licences were issued in the financial year 2021 – 22 and in the previous two years?

**Response**

**60. Councillor Debbie Davies**

I understand that the new market has had 120 applications for 79 stalls and the council has made it clear that any traders must meet the Council's aspirations – could the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning and Transport, please explain what those aspirations are and how the successful traders will be selected?

**Response**