

Council

Questions to the Executive

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Summary of Questions to Executive Wednesday, 15th November 2017



QUESTION	FROM	GROUP	TO	SUBJECT
1.	Councillor Laurent	CON	Councillor Rayment	Appearance of the High Street Above Bar
QUESTION	What plans are there to improve the sorry state of the High Street Above Bar?			
2.	Councillor Laurent	CON	Councillor Rayment	Maintenance of the Cenotaph
QUESTION	The Cenotaph is the focus of Remembrance Day in the City. Why is it not maintained to a high standard?			
3.	Councillor Laurent	CON	Councillor Rayment	Fly Tipping Fines
QUESTION	It has been reported that Southampton has not fined anyone for fly tipping. What is the reason for this?			
4.	Councillor Fuller	CON	Councillor Letts	Guildhall Square
QUESTION	Can the Leader provide a date for the pedestrianisation of Guildhall Square?			
5.	Councillor Fuller	CON	Councillor Letts	City Welfare Wardens
QUESTION	Where have the resources come to fund the new City Welfare Wardens and are these posts secured in future or reliant on government money?			

CON = Conservative Group, LAB = Labour Group, IND = Independent, PPF = Putting People First

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6.	Councillor Fuller	CON	Councillor Letts	Determining Planning Applications
QUESTION	Does the Leader believe that the timescales for determining planning applications in Southampton is acceptable?			
7.	Councillor O'Neill	CON	Councillor Rayment	Hawthorns Centre
QUESTION	Many establishments in urban parts of the city are dog friendly. In stark contrast The Hawthorns Centre takes an opposite position and is dog-unfriendly. Since the Common is one of the main dog walking areas in the city doesn't it make sense to welcome dog walkers (and their dogs) into the Hawthorns?			
8.	Councillor O'Neill	CON	Councillor Hammond	Penalties for Landlords
QUESTION	Can Cllr Shields answer the supplementary questions I asked at July Council Questions? Cllr Shields promised to provide answers but has not done so despite 2 email reminders. In particular, what resources are provided to wardens to assist with enforcement activities? What are the extreme circumstances of non-compliance? And what is the enforcement action that will be taken?			
9.	Councillor O'Neill	CON	Councillor Rayment	Keeping bins off pavements
QUESTION	Does the council have a policy regarding the use of black and clear bin bags for properties where it is inconvenient for residents to keep bins on their property and off of the pavement?			
10.	Councillor O'Neill	CON	Councillor Payne	Access to services for the elderly
QUESTION	If an elderly person without internet access wants to get in touch with Actionline how do they do it?			
11.	Councillor O'Neill	CON	Councillor Rayment	LED Lighting
QUESTION	What percentage of Southampton's street lights are now using LEDs?			

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12.	Councillor O'Neill	CON	Councillor Letts	Local Investment
QUESTION	Research has shown that councils that implement a strategy of buying locally can boost the economy and increase jobs. For example Preston has increased local spending and created 800 local jobs last year alone. What percentage of Southampton's budget is spent locally?			
13.	Councillor P Baillie	CON	Councillor Payne	Direct Payments
QUESTION	The number of Direct Payment users has gone down by 7% over the last 12 months. Yet, you still have the target of increasing the current number of users receiving Direct Payments by 50% by March 2018, and by a further 20% by March 2019. Why should we have any confidence in your ability to meet these targets?			
14.	Councillor P Baillie	CON	Councillor Shields	Southampton's Suicide Rate
QUESTION	Southampton's suicide rate is some 40% higher than the national average, 6 th worst in England, and worst in the ONS comparator rankings. Each suicide has a cost of well over one million pounds. When are you going to introduce some funded policies to reverse this terrible blot on your administration?			
15.	Councillor P Baillie	CON	Councillor Payne	Leaking Pipes
QUESTION	Would you explain the health benefits of tenants living in flats next to pipes leaking liquid including effluent?			
16.	Councillor P Baillie	CON	Councillor Payne	Housing and Adult Care Portfolio Schemes
QUESTION	Over the last two years, how many schemes in your portfolio have gone ahead, despite you personally being against that scheme?			
17.	Councillor P Baillie	CON	Councillor Shields	Health and Well Being of Southampton
QUESTION	The Health and Well Being of Southampton seems to have relatively worsened over your tenure as Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Indeed, you said you had become distracted with other matters. Was the health of the people in Southampton of so little concern to you that you were unable to focus? and since you are now going to focus, what four areas will be your top priority?			

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18.	Councillor J Baillie	CON	Councillor Paffey	Improving Secondary Education
QUESTION	What are the council's priorities for improving the standard of secondary education in Southampton?			