

Council

QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

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QUESTION	FROM	GROUP	TO	SUBJECT
1.	Councillor S Galton	CON	Councillor Leggett	Costs relating to Bassett Avenue
QUESTION	Could the Cabinet Member reveal the final cost of the Bassett Avenue measures, from Winchester Road roundabout to the Chilworth roundabout. Could the costs be further broken down in to how much was the initial cone only scheme; and then how much was purely for the painting of the lanes/removal of the cones and finally how much is then the removal of the lane paint and restoration of the road to the pre measures state.			
2.	Councillor S Galton	CON	Councillor Leggett	Parking at the Common
QUESTION	Recent data has shown that the number of cyclists on Hill Lane, South of Wilton Road increased by just 14 when compared to the last data we held (February 2019). Given we were comparing a winter weather day, with a summer day (13th July) and that other data shows 3 or 4 times more cyclists go through the common itself; would you now immediately reinstate some of the Common side parking along Hill Lane that has been lost; but especially on the section between Bellemoor Road and Burgess Road?			
3.	Councillor J Baillie	CON	Councillor Hammond	Children's Services
QUESTION	How aware were you of the issues in Children's Services?			
4.	Councillor J Baillie	CON	Councillor Paffey	Children and Families Scrutiny Panel
QUESTION	Will you commit to making all information available to the Children and Families Scrutiny Panel in order for proper scrutiny to take place?			

CON = Conservative Group, LAB = Labour Group

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5.	Councillor S Galton	CON	Councillor Paffey	Children's Social Care Services
QUESTION	Concerns were raised at the Children and Families Scrutiny Panel over issues not being picked up by the Leadership or Executive teams, despite these being flagged by that same Panel. Does the Cabinet Member accept his role in failing to identify and address the issues within Children's Social Care Services, despite the evidence of serious problems that needed urgent attention?			
6.	Councillor S Galton	CON	Councillor Leggett	Citizen Energy
QUESTION	Citizen Energy is on course to have cost the Council around £200,000 in operational deficit for the period 2018-21. Add this to the £60+ million the parent company has cost the tax payer so far. How on earth can this be justifiable spending, when the energy costs we have been putting our most vulnerable residents on, isn't even the cheapest 100% renewable energy they could secure from the open market?			
7.	Councillor Bell	CON	Councillor Leggett	Cycle Lanes Bitterne Road West
QUESTION	Does the Council have any plans to remove the temporary cycle lanes along Bitterne Road West on the same basis that they have now agreed to remove them on Basset Avenue?			
8.	Councillor S Galton	CON	Councillor Leggett	Citizen Energy
QUESTION	Does the Cabinet Member think it is right that Citizen Energy should now seek to secure the public energy supply contract that Southampton City Council will put out via an open procurement process; given the parent company may not even exist in a matter of months or weeks?			
9.	Councillor S Galton	CON	Councillor Shields	Traveller Incursion
QUESTION	As part of the traveller incursion press release you stated a major incident was avoided. Could you detail what major incident would have occurred if events had gone differently on the 21st August?			
10.	Councillor S Galton	CON	Councillor Hammond	Green Transport Recovery Plan
QUESTION	At the 3rd August Cabinet Meeting you dismissed the OSMC request to pause any future plans, such as Millbrook Road West bus lanes, as you stated this was not within the Green Transport Recovery Plan. Could you explain why this item is in the Green Transport Recovery Plan documents, and accounts for around a quarter of the £4.2M cost of the identified schemes to date?			

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11.	Councillor S Galton	CON	Councillor Paffey	Playing Fields
QUESTION	Following our last Council meeting you, and other Labour Councillors publicly stated you had “blocked attempts by local Tories to take playing fields away from a Southampton school” – why did you make this misleading and wholly inaccurate statement as my motion was very clear; any pocket park or additional activities would not interfere with the primary use of pitches for team games and recreational play?			

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