

## **CABINET – THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2019**

### **AGENDA PART I**

#### **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (ITEM 5)**

*Fifteen minutes will be allowed for Members of the Council to ask a Portfolio Holder a question on any matter in relation to which the Executive has powers or duties.*

**1.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Paul Osborn

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services.

**Question:** “Why is the Council after 5 years of work to move to a new Civic Centre, including spending hundreds of thousands of pounds on detailed design work and achieving planning permission, only now looking at setting the minimum requirements for the new building?”

**2.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Paul Osborn

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services.

**Question:** “What objectives and deadlines have you set Councillor Ferry, to deliver the new Civic Centre? Given his track record of failure, how are you performance managing him?”

**3.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Paul Osborn

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution and Customer Services.

**Question:** “Will the Leader join with me in condemning the behaviour of the Extinction Rebellion protesters who caused significant disruption across London and cost the taxpayer over £21 million in extra police costs?”

**4.**

**Questioner:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Lead & Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution & Customer Services.

**Question:** “How are the Council’s commercialisation plans for the new depot in Forward Drive progressing?”

5.

**Questioner:** Councillor Marilyn Ashton

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader & Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution & Customer Services.

**Question:** “Why has the Council not been more ambitious with its plans for a new Civic Centre by aiming to make a profit rather than, as is the case here, just being cost-neutral?”

6.

**Questioner** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Graham Henson, Leader & Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnerships, Devolution & Customer Services.

**Question:** “What do you calculate to be the likely cost to the council’s pension fund of the forced transfer to the state over 10 years of 10% of the shares in companies employing over 250 people?”

7.

**Questioner** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Adam Swersky, Portfolio Holder for Finance & Resources.

**Question:** “How is the council’s theme of investment in commercial properties going?”

8.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Employment.

**Question:** “Will all buildings being constructed and to be constructed on council land be carbon neutral?”

9.

**Questioner:** Councillor Richard Almond

**Asked of:** Councillor Keith Ferry, Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Planning & Employment.

**Question:** “Do you accept that in principle planning applications for virtually identical alterations to identical properties on the same development should be treated the same?”

10.

**Questioner:** Councillor Stephen Greek

**Asked of:** Councillor Varsha Parmar, Portfolio Holder for Environment.

**Question:** “Will you be monitoring highways impacts in Old Redding and surrounding roads in light of recent decisions?”