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Public and Councillor Questions
and Responses



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Public Questions

a) Question from Nathalie Hollingworth to Councillor Barker

Regarding democratic involvement post-pandemic: would you consider continuing the offer of remote access to the public at all post-pandemic public meetings to enable people restricted by time, health and money to become involved because they may need their voices heard most? And, would you consider a rule of allowing a maximum of two sentences for each question, answer and supplementary question to check for equivocation, from both the public and councillors to improve democratic functional efficiency and fairness?

I agree that because of the pandemic, local authority decision making has been made more accessible to members of the public.

Therefore, since the expiry of the regulations that allowed public meetings to take place remotely in May, all public meetings held in the Council Chamber have also been live streamed on the Derby City Council YouTube channel.

The Council has committed to review the technology available in the Council Chamber, to improve the viewing experience for members of the public watching online and to allow direct public participation, where the law permits.

The Council Procedure Rules set out the scope of questions and the procedures for asking questions at the meeting. I do not believe that placing an arbitrary limit on the length of questions or responses would be in the interests of open and transparent democracy.

b) Question from Dorothy Skrytek to Councillor Poulter

Highways England have admitted that the planned 100 RIS2 road-widening/flyover schemes, will cause MILLIONS of tons of carbon dioxide, and increased air pollution, from induced vehicular traffic including larger lorries. Why did Cllr Poulter, on Radio Derby, state that one of the RIS2 schemes, Derby A38 Junctions, will save carbon dioxide?

In specific relation to the A38 Derby Three Junctions scheme it is a reasonable assumption that queues would reduce and that there will be a reduction in vehicles stopping and starting, including HGVs.

The analysis of pollution, both in terms of carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and other pollutants and particulates from transport is complicated, but the removal of heavy daily congestion is likely to have many benefits.

c) Question from Mair Perkins to Councillor M Holmes

Lancaster City Council are reviewing their Local Plan due to the climate emergency: <http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan-review>.

While Leicester City Council have already published a climate emergency strategy: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/kuuojdxw/leicester-climate-emergency-strategy-2020-2023-final-version.pdf>.

Given that the UK has enshrined a new target in law to slash emissions by 78% by 2035, when will Derby City Council review their local plan and develop a climate emergency strategy with carbon reduction targets to meet this law? Please provide dates for when this will be done. The longer we delay now, the more drastic the emission cuts will have to be in the future.

After the extraordinary 18 months we have experienced and our continued efforts to recover, it is clear that at a national and local level we need to build back our economy and our communities sustainably. This is not something the Council can do alone; it requires each of us to consider how we can contribute.

Derby City Council clearly has a role in facilitating bringing organisations together to work out how we do this. We established the Climate Change Commission last year, which is chaired by the University of Derby and includes a range of stakeholders, as well as cross party representation.

The Commission has identified four key themes; transport, community, business and housing and this will assist in forming a city climate change strategy.

While our actual emissions as a Council is relatively small in terms of the city, we have committed to the 2035 target and are working on our own action plan.

The Council's current Local Plan (Derby City Plan – Part 1) was adopted in 2017. As you are aware developing planning policy takes time and a great deal has happened over the last 4 years since the Part 1 Plan was adopted, including the national 2050 net zero emission target. We are also required to review our Local Plan every 5 years and so we are looking to develop a new Local Plan with preparatory work to come forward for consideration by Cabinet in due course.

I am also however, mindful of the Government's 'Planning for the Future' White Paper which was issued for consultation in August last year. This would bring about a new style of Local Plan. We, however, still await the detail on what these new Local Plans should look like or what would be included within them.

d) Question from Craig Tice (i & ii) & Paul Tice (iii & iv) to Councillor Roulstone

(i) Why were private operators expected to run the course at no cost to the Council in the Expressions of interest process when £32,000 p.a. has been budgeted ad-infinitum to maintain the abandoned course, which could have been made available as a subsidy to bidders in the same manner that the operator of Sinfin Golf Course receives?

(ii) Why did the Council reject the two bidders that met all EOI scoring criteria without any discussions or negotiation, especially when one bidder did not request funding from the Council?

(iii) The Ian Woosnam Golf Academy has publicly declared their interest in operating Allestree Golf course, committing to provide free golf for 50,000+ under 18's in Derby City, under what circumstances can the process be re-opened for Council to consider this wonderful proposal for Derby to become the first city in the midlands to offer this to young people and also save the taxpayer £32,000 p.a.

(iv) What assessments did the Council undertake prior to commencing the Expression of Interest to confirm that planning permissions would be achievable for relocation of golfing facilities (i.e. irrigation system, pro shop, machinery storage, materials storage & clubhouse) to replace those eradicated by the Hall development and confirm that private operators would be able to operate the course without subsidy?

Cabinet at its meeting on 19 September 2019 noted that any bidders would need to meet all costs relating to the operation of the golf course. The EOI incorporated these requirements as part of the bid selection process. Councils are bound by procurement regulations and these set the general processes we are required to follow.

In reaching a decision as to the future of services or a facility, it provides, the Council will and must consider many other factors. Whilst, of course, financial considerations are important, it is often not the only consideration, as it needs to be mindful of how an outcome of a decision will impact the other services the Council is required to run. In this case, we know the use of the park has increased and the car park is now used extensively which has not been the case more recently when the course was in operation

In respect to the Expression of Interest planning statements, all the relevant

planning policies affecting both the Hall and the Park were identified. With various interlinked planning policies affecting the Park and many different “solutions” which could be proposed by bidders to support the operation of the golf course, each with its own building location, design and configuration and operating model it was appropriate for bidders to make enquiries of the planners regarding their unique proposals and not for the Council to present or prescribe any planning matters. Bidders were encouraged in the EOI document to seek specialist planning advice regarding their specific proposals. In addition, any prospective bidder did have the option of contacting the Council’s planning team to seek further planning information.

The Council received no approach or EOI from the Ian Woosnam Golf Academy during the EOI process. We expect they would be warmly welcomed at many of the other Derby Golf clubs. Having spoken to a number of clubs within a few miles of Allestree Park there are a wide variety of golf facilities with deals to encourage young golfers from entry level courses such as Sinfin offering youth membership from £5 a month to top level courses like Kedleston Park that offer Junior Membership of just £120 PA.

There were no bids received that met all the key criteria. In confirming the decision to close the course on 31 December 2020 the Council decided, that on the completion of the EOI process, where no acceptable bids were received and even after the assessment of a late bid (also not acceptable and at nil cost to the council) received in December 2020, the process was and is concluded and no further bids or proposals will be considered.

The council is now working with the Friends of Allestree Park to look towards the future and ensure its continued use as a public open space, supporting our decarbonisation agenda by improving biodiversity and encouraging natural wildlife in a location that can be accessible to all.

e) **Question from Joe Guiliano to Councillor M Holmes**

As a keen cyclist I feel that Derby City Council (DCC) generally do a good job in our city schools with great initiatives. These include Cycle Derby kids and adult learn to ride, Bikeability and Big Pedal amongst others. These not only promote a healthy lifestyle from a young age, they also encourage people to think more about the way they travel, which in turn reduces carbon emissions and improves air quality. Derby City Council is currently consulting and rolling out various programs. These include “moving Derby forward”, the second phase of the transforming cities fund, active travel measures, and the connected Cycle City and placemaking scheme. A major project to mitigate city centre air pollution is now underway.

Equally, DCC has declared a climate emergency. Sadly, there is a disconnect with some neglected ground infrastructure. Regional Route 66 is the orbital cycle route around Derby. This Orbital route connects all the main suburbs of Derby City, it also connects 14 schools together via the route and is 26 miles long.

Numerous unclear signs serve a shared often traffic-free route near Derby Moor, Littleover Community, and Griffie Field schools surrounded by large new housing developments. They are a safety issue at day and night and discourage take-up of the route lacking clarity and creating confusion, especially for younger children or new cyclists. If these were highway road signs they would be fixed quickly.

This issue has not been addressed for several years. Only recently have I had any real response given. I know for a fact the route has been audited by traffic & transportation. I’m told a major issue is that these fall between different responsibilities. Signs shared between Highways, Parks, and private developers who have yet to transfer ownership. No one has a spare budget or wishes to use limited resources. Could DCC kindly introduce a comprehensive renewal process? I’d like to ask the Cabinet member to make a ruling on getting someone to accept it as their job. Secure funding needs to be allocated.

As a keen cyclist myself, thank you for raising this issue and for your positive comments about the work that the Council does to encourage cycling.

I have already instructed officers to review this route and other routes, and where possible to address the signage as part of the significant investment we are making on walking and cycling across the city.

f) Question from Richard Stokes to Councillor M Holmes

I want to ask about the A38 expansion as I've not heard any recent news. Given that it's completely pointless and has already been shot down in court is the plan still to have it go ahead or has it now been permanently scrapped?

The A38 three junction scheme is part of the improvement of the national strategic road network and is led / delivered by Highways England.

The Council has been advised that the scheme is currently paused, whilst Highways England and the Department for Transport undertake a review. In the meantime, I understand that the Highways England project team is continuing to progress preparatory activity to deliver the scheme.

g) Question from Doug Lumley to Councillor Webb

In April 2021 ITV News reported widespread problems with the quality of housing across UK.

What actions has Derby Council taken to investigate the situation in Derby City in this regard?

If none, what actions are planned and what is the proposed timing of these actions?

Derby Homes have a robust process in place for Council tenants to report defects with their home. We visit all tenants who report damp, mould or condensation. Where repairs are required these will be carried out, where the problem is one of condensation, we will seek to work with the occupiers to give advice and encourage changes to their lifestyle which can otherwise exacerbate the problem.

The Council and Derby Homes are working in partnership to deliver an energy efficiency improvement programme to a number of 'non-traditional build' public and private sector houses, made possible by successful funding bids to Government, exceeding £2million.

In relation to private homes, the Housing Standards Team works cooperatively with landlords to address poor conditions wherever possible. Ultimately though, statutory enforcement action will be and is taken against landlords who do not improve their management practices or properties where these are substandard.

Tenants are also given information and advice which empowers them to take their own court action to make their landlord carry out repairs and, where appropriate, to also seek compensation.

Conditions at the lower end of the private rental market do very much concern us and, therefore, we are carrying out further analysis to better understand the issue and its extent in Derby. When this analysis is completed, later this year, it will give us the detailed evidence base from which our future intervention strategies will be developed.

h) Question from Adrian Howlett to Councillor M Holmes

Noting the recent disaster that befell British Columbia in Canada, and the north west United States, where the temperature in the shade hit 49.6°C in Lytton, pulverising previous temperature records. Noting that hundreds of sudden deaths followed, that Lytton burnt to the ground in the days that followed, and that an estimated billion sea creatures cooked to death on the British Columbia shores. Noting that climatologists have been shocked by the extreme weather which was significantly worse than models predicted, and have stated that this was not a freak event, and that it could happen anywhere due to the changes we have already caused to our atmosphere. Noting that June was the hottest year on record in New Zealand. Noting that Finland has just seen the hottest June on record. Noting that we are currently 'only' at 1.2°C mean global temperature rise, and are currently on track for 3°C of heating and noting that our climate is not a linear system and that the predictions are that extreme weather is going to get exponentially more serious. Noting that air conditioning is not available to many and in any case is useless in the event of power failures. Noting that at a wet bulb temperature of just 35°C even young and healthy humans cannot survive, and death follows promptly.

Noting that Derby is at a similar latitude to Lytton, what urgent work is the Council undertaking to protect the people of Derby? In your response, could you include information about any plans for emergency cooling centres? Can you include what work the Council undertaking to ensure that all homes (existing and planned) have sufficient ventilation, and do not become death traps in the event of extreme heat? Can you include what emergency response plans you have in place? Can you include what work you have undertaken to assess the resilience of our critical infrastructure to extreme heat? Can you also confirm that it is the Councils highest priority focus is to address the climate and nature emergency, as the right to life trumps all other considerations?

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the seriousness of the events in British Columbia and the north West United States.

Preparing for more extreme weather events, therefore, has to be part

of our planning to risk assess the potential disruption to Council services along with the potential impacts to the local population. Obviously, our efforts and resources have had to be targeted over the last year on the immediate crisis in dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic, but we are also part of the national framework to plan for emergencies, as directed by government.

Local Resilience Forums (LRFs) act at a local level to plan and prepare for incidents and emergencies. Work is undertaken to identify potentials risks and produce emergency plans to either prevent or mitigate the impact of any incident on their local community.

Climate adaptation is of course not the sole responsibility of the Council, it involves many other organisations and agencies. To help raise the profile of this issue, the Climate Change Commission will soon be developing a city-wide Climate Change Strategy which will help identify the expertise and resources to support this work.

I) Question from (i) Tony Roelich & (ii & iii) Bal Mahal to Councillor M Holmes

(i) Following Derby Telegraph News article 'Rat run drivers mounting the kerb' dated 7th July 2021.

Will Derby City Council now take liability and responsibility for personal injuries to pedestrians from the known dangers arising from the two way Rat Run Traffic forced to mount North Street kerb to use the pavement where Derby City Council have recorded 11,000+ vehicles every week?

(ii) As Derby City Council and Littleover Ward Councillors have both confirmed to the North Eastwood Road Safety Campaign that the A5111 Manor Road Central Reservation Gap at the junction of Eastwood Drive was not designed for U Turns, Why are Derby City Council and Littleover Ward Councillors continuing to allow road users to make 4,697 unsafe U turns every week without any intervention from Derby City Council to stop the dangers arising for the safety of 35,000 daily users of A5111?

(iii) Can Derby City Council and Littleover Ward Councillors justify the claim closing Eastwood Drive to through traffic from A5111 affects both the Derby Ring Road and Abbey Ward, when there is a safe alternative dedicated right turn filter at the A5111 / A5250 junction 400 yards further along the A5111?

As I previously answered in the January Council meeting, the points raised by the North Eastwood Campaign group are being considered alongside the views of all the residents in the area.

This is being led, quite rightly, by the three Littleover ward Councillors, supported as all elected members are, by Council Officers.

I understand that the issue has been agreed as a Neighbourhood priority by the Littleover Neighbourhood Board. Whilst I do not speak for the Littleover councillors, I understand they are actively engaged with the local community, including the campaign group representatives in regard to this issue.

j) Question from (i&ii) Bernadette Grosse, (iii) Marcus James. (iv) Elizabeth James & (v) Karen Springer to Councillor Evonne Williams

(i) Will there be financial provision for parents on low incomes to feed their children this summer holidays?

(ii) Could Councillor Williamson please tell us how many children attended the Easter HAF programme?

(iii) How will the council ensure, being the fund administrators, that families who have children with issues around social anxiety can still access the opportunity for food and activities at the Summer Food and Activity Centres?

(iv) If the Activity and Food Centre is not accessible by a child because of distance or mobility issues, how will the council, as the body in control of funding, facilitate the attendance of that child?

(v) Will you be seeking written approval from the Department of Education to use up to 15% of the funding received by Derby City Council for the Summer Holiday Activity and Food programme in order to provide free, or ^LSEP subsidised holiday club places for children who are not in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals, but who are considered by the your department for Children and Young People services to be in need of this provision, having been assessed as looked-after children, as children with an education, health and care plan (EHC) plan, as children assessed as otherwise vulnerable, or are children living in Derby's areas of high deprivation?

The Covid Summer Grant will be used to provide support for families whose children are eligible for free school meals. This is part of a wider package of support which will also include the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (which includes a meal for eligible children who attend).

At the time of the Easter HAF programme, Covid restrictions were still in place which meant that a remote offer was provided to the vast majority for children and families. As a result, the actual figures for face to face attendance were:

Children Centres: 176 children
Secondary schools – 323 children

Two primary schools who had planned to facilitate a HAF programme had to cancel because of localised Covid-19 outbreaks within their school communities.

Additional physical attendance at activities was facilitated by Beat The Street over Easter. This impacted over 20,000 participants who were FSM and non-FSM children and accompanying adults. This stimulated physical activity across the city within families and online engagement where participants could track their progress.

Remote provision was also offered.

The Covid Winter Grant Scheme was extended. This enabled 11, 530 children of the city to be provided with 11 days' worth of food voucher support. This funding did not come out of the DfE HAF funding and as a result, the majority of the Easter funding has been carried forward to summer to ensure the grant is maximized. The DfE have agreed with this approach which mirrored what was happening in other local authorities. Some LAs only provided a remote offer for Easter so the fact there was physical provision for Derby was praised by the DfE link advisor. The DfE have identified Derby as an LA they would like to use to develop case studies over the summer.

The DfE have set conditions on the Holiday Activities and Food programme which insist upon attendance. However, the LA have set aside some funding in addition to the HAF grant to enable bespoke support for children who face barriers to attendance such as the need for transport.

We have discussed this with the DfE. However, the LA has sourced additional inclusive support from other organisations as part of the summer promise. In other words, we are not solely relying on the Holiday Activities and Food Programme to provide support for vulnerable children. For example, we have appointed Safe and Sound and also Inspirative Arts to work with vulnerable/SEND learners and we have made it clear to providers that should the need arise for additional support for any children they are to contact CAD/LA to discuss what additional funding/support is required.

k) Question from Carmel Swan to Councillor McCristal

How do the council see their active role in protecting the heritage of Derby? Can the council give an update on their proposed plans to carry out their due diligence in pursuing their duty to protect Derby's heritage, for both the Abbey Pub and St Marys Bridge?

Derby is rightly proud of its history and the heritage that can be seen in many buildings across the city. We take our stewardship of our historic assets seriously, and work with our resources and partners to bring buildings back into use or improve their structure and appearance, including the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic England.

Some of the biggest successes in recent years have been the Roundhouse with Derby College, the Markeaton Park Restoration Project and of course the recently opened Museum of Making in the Silk Mill. We have also worked with Historic England to enhance the character of the streets that give Derby a unique charm, such as the Townscape Heritage Shop Fronts initiative in and around the Cathedral Quarter and St Peter's Quarter.

The Abbey Public House is a privately owned property and the owners are responsible for the maintenance of their asset. Officers have recently reviewed the external condition of the building and confirmed it is in reasonable condition, but we have alerted Historic England to wider concerns of neglect with a view to an internal assessment.

St Mary's Bridge is a Grade 2 listed historic structure and the Council carries out asset management processes including detailed inspections, structural assessments, under water surveys and condition monitoring. We are also arranging for ground penetrating radar investigations. Once we have this detailed set of information officers will be able to put together a holistic programme of restoration and prioritised improvements that will form part of the capital programme that will be proposed for 2022/23.

I) Question from Nathalie Hollingworth to Councillor Barker

Would the council consider a second referendum about reviewing Erasmus involvement because it lost by one vote of 21:20 which was very close especially because the vote occurred at the very end of a long four hour evening meeting when some members who would have voted for it, had left the meeting? And, may I suggest that all votes are screen-shared to assure accuracy of vote-counting because it was observed that the officer made a human mistake which is inevitable?

The meeting was quorate at the point the vote was taken. The Council Procedure Rules allow councillors to revisit previous business should one-third of councillors wish to do so, although I would not personally support this course of action.

When the Council was meeting remotely, a rollcall was used to take the votes of all councillors. The number of votes cast was checked by at least two officers present in the Council Chamber. Screen-sharing is only used in circumstances where a recorded vote is requested under Council Procedure Rule CP71.

m) Question from Dorothy Skrytek to Councillor M Holmes

Each Derby bus carrying 40 passengers, saves approximately 30 cars worth of nitrogen dioxide, amounting to 1000s of polluting car trips saved daily, cyclists also prevent air pollution and carbon dioxide. It is therefore illogical to claim that the removal of a bus/cycle lane in Friargate, Derby, is part of a 'Roadside NO2 Reduction Scheme' as the removal of the bus/cycle lane will WORSEN NO2/CO2, as road traffic expands to fill the available space and will INDUCE more car-based traffic. Why is Derby City Council set to worsen air quality in Derby, a Government designated 'Clean Air Zone' in which Derby people are breathing substandard air, which does not meet UK Air Quality Standards?

Derby was selected by Government in 2016 as one of the first five trial areas for reducing roadside nitrous dioxide or NO₂. This was to meet EU regulations and so the legal duty for compliance sits with national government.

Each of the five trial areas worked closely with Government to carry out detailed analysis, using the process designed by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), to establish areas of non-compliance with the EU regulation. Derby had one area of non-compliance, Stafford Street.

The scheme currently being delivered was developed within the terms of the national guidance which included public consultation. It had to satisfy DEFRA tests to mitigate Stafford Street NO₂ levels and the impact of the wider scheme.

Most importantly, the plan, including the changes to Friar Gate, was approved by the Minister in 2018 and it is currently being delivered under a Ministerial Direction. This means that the Council has a specific obligation to deliver the Government approved plan, to enable the Government to meet the legal targets on roadside NO₂.

The Council supports the use of both public transport and active travel, and over the next few years will be delivering over £60m of Transforming Cities Fund projects to improve them.

This will include new technology to increase journey times and better integrated ticketing, along with new infrastructure works, such as those which were part of a public consultation on Victoria/Albert Street and Corporation Street, which will create better streets for walking and cycling.

n) **Question from Mair Perkins to Councillor M Holmes**

Some Councillors have made false claims or misunderstood issues around climate science and ecology which shows a worrying lack of awareness on the greatest threat that humanity has ever faced. How can Councillors respond to the climate emergency appropriately and meet all the legal carbon reduction targets if they do not have all the information? Given that some Councillors are lacking in the knowledge and making mistakes, will Derby City Council run climate emergency training and workshops for all Councillors and staff?

The science and data of climate change is complex and a constant learning process as we journey towards net zero.

I am very pleased to say that we are running our first course this month for officers. Initially it will be aimed at our four political Climate Change Champions as well as our Climate Change Officer group.

The learning from this training will be used to develop our own in-house programme which I hope can be rolled out more broadly later in the year.

Councillor Questions

o) Question from Councillor Repton to Councillor Roulstone

Will the Council, even at this 11th hour, consider an outside organisation taking over and running Allestree golf course?

Sorry, but no.

The Council ran a consultation and sort expressions of interest for the future running of the course in 2020. That process was due to finish on 23/03/2020. Due to the pandemic that time frame was extended, and the Cabinet Members then considered any interest received on 27/08/2021.

No viable or process compliant offers were received. There was some late, or “11th hour”, interest and even then, the council gave additional time to review these, but again no viable or compliant bid was received.

The Council has now made the decision to stop running the golf club. The club closed at the end of the year. The [full] use of the parkland is now open to the public to use.

Councils are obliged to follow to strict processes when seeking tenders and the public procurement regulations. We do not wish to re-open the process.

The park is now being extensively used and enjoyed by many more visitors and the council has no reason to reverse the decision taken or change the concluded process.

p) Question from Councillor Prosser to Councillor Pearce

I've stood and watched cars go through the bus gate on Corporation Street at a rate of one a minute. Can you please tell me how many fines have been issued to date, the value of those fines and what happens to the money?

The current restriction on Corporation Street has been monitored using cameras and warning notices have been sent to drivers during targeted periods, no fines have been issued.

This is because the original implementation was done under the Government's 'Covid 19 Emergency Active Travel Programme'. The aim of this programme was to support walking, cycling and provide better environments for people to be able to social distance. Under these special measures there was an expectation that projects would be challenging and there was an equally challenging 8-week timescale to get the works done.

It also meant that Local Authorities could implement schemes under emergency powers and set aside the usual requirements for consultation. In Derby, Cabinet agreed from the outset that would review the schemes and look to make some of the temporary scheme permanent if the evidence was supportive. This was not a Government requirement, but a decision taken locally based on openness, fairness, and proportionality.

The Corporation Street restriction is aimed at reducing the amount of traffic crossing the city centre, making the Market Square a better environment for entertainment. It also has significant benefits for public transport by better managing morning and evening congestion in addition to the basic improvements for cycling and walking.

A formal consultation on Corporation Street (along with other proposals in the city centre) ended a few weeks ago. This included proposals to make the restriction permanent with the appropriate enforcement.

q) Question from Councillor A W Graves to Councillor Pearce

At the end of June I asked the Council about the new Wastewise contract replacing the Vital Earth contract.

I asked five pertinent questions three of which were answered in council speak and two that were not answered.

So I will try again:

The new contract means that transferring our green waste will take a minimum extra hour and a half journey per trip. I asked how you can justify this? Also maybe at the same time you can explain how this particular fact interacts with Derby City Council's Environmental Policy that states such things as 'day-today activities have an important impact on the environment' and 'we must act to limit global environmental threats such as climate change..' If you check our the aims under the heading Transport the line The council will promote the reduction of motor vehicle journeys.... Therefore, again I ask how you can justify these longer, unnecessary journeys.

In my third question I asked why you decided not to continue supporting a Derbyshire firm over a Cheshire firm. However in your answer you mention better value, yet I understand Vital Earth costs are £45.34 per tonne and the new Wastewise is £46.30 per tonne. Very little difference except for the extra journey miles. Maybe you council explain?

Finally I asked about the full cost difference between the 2 contracts (although the figures above seem to give part of the picture) and the reply was Wastewise has 60 points and Vital Earth has 54.7 points. Does the council now talk in points rather than financials? Maybe an overall cost saving in monetary figures would be helpful?

Thank you for asking this question Councillor Graves. I welcome any opportunity to talk about the services in my portfolio.

The Council has clear contract procedure rules and Council officers are required to stick within these rules when commissioning or contracting services. These rules do not specify travel distance.

In this case Council officers re-procured the brown bin waste contract because the previous contract had reached its end and the policy required a full competitive retender. The tender process seeks the most economically advantageous options for haulage and processing of the waste.

To determine the economic viability of the contract predicted tonnages were used to model the costs. The Wastewise bid was around £76,000 lower than the other bidder.

Wastewise has a number of local authority contracts and will be bulk hauling waste to deliver the most efficient service for them.

I fully support the climate agenda and officers do consider the environment when carrying out their business. I am pleased to announce that officers are working on a new waste strategy for the city which will have a strong link to the climate agenda.

The waste strategy will build on the outcomes of the national consultations around the government's Resources and Waste, Strategy for England and will be developed this operational year. I would like to invite cross party support to help develop this strategy and officers will make contact to invite colleagues to a focus event in the near future.

r) Questions from Cllrs Naitta (i-ii), Lind (iii-iv) and Hezelgrave (v-vi) to Councillor Williams

i) Please can the Cabinet Member responsible inform me if the Council will be meeting any transport needs to enable access and opportunity to disabled children and young people entitled to Free School Meals to access the Half Term Activities and Food Programme?

1. Derby's Summer Promise has been working with organisations across the city, who have the experience of delivering a summer activity programme for younger and older disabled children. COVID has changed the way transport can be provided this year, but these organisations are confident transport will be provided where needed.
2. The Expressions of Interest submitted by providers to the HAFP included the need to address barriers to participating in the activities, and Derby's Summer Promise is providing support to ensure this can be funded. If transport is needed it will be arranged.
3. Some families may want to participate in activities in other areas of the city and we are exploring the provision of a family day bus pass in those circumstances. (Likely to be distributed by the provider when the booking is taken)

ii) In relation to the Half Term Activities and Food Programme will children and young people who are entitled to free school meals still get a meal if for instance, they are not able to attend due illness, isolation or any reason relating to disability or any other?

Vouchers to help towards the cost of food over the summer, have been distributed to schools for all children in Derby eligible for a benefit related free school meal. (11,889 at the summer census, and we have issued schools with additional vouchers where numbers have increased)

iii) Please can the Cabinet Member responsible explain why the council hasn't completed an Equality Impact Assessment in relation to its discharge of function for the Holiday, Activities and Food Programme for Derby City?

The HAF programme has equality at its heart since it is designed for the most disadvantaged and we have ensured through planning that in the choice of providers those children and young people with protected characteristics will have access to the activities. This means that in the Expressions of Interest submitted by providers to the HAFP this included the need to address barriers

to participating in the activities, and Derby's Summer Promise is providing financial support to ensure this happens.

We have also ensured that there is provision for SEND and for children in all parts of the city.

iv) Will the Holiday, Activities and Food Programme be communicated the deaf community via BSL video and will interpreters be provided and pre booked to enable access to the programme on offer?

The Expressions of Interest submitted by providers to the HAFP included the need to address barriers to participating in the activities. Derby's Summer Promise is providing support to ensure this can be funded.

v) What evaluation was done of the 4-day HAF programme during the schools' Easter holidays, and what, if any were the results? What was the total number of Children that attended a HAF and received a meal?

There was an evaluation provided to the DfE using their required processes and which met with DfE approval. The information which follows is a summary.

At the time of the Easter HAF programme, Covid restrictions were still in place which meant that a remote offer was provided to the vast majority for children and families. As a result, the actual figures for face to face attendance were:

Children Centres: 176 children
Secondary schools – 323 children

Two primary schools who had planned to facilitate a HAF programme had to cancel because of localised Covid-19 outbreaks within their school communities.

Additional physical attendance at activities was facilitated by Beat The Street over Easter. This impacted over 20,000 participants who were FSM and non-FSM children and accompanying adults. This stimulated physical activity across the city within families and online engagement where participants could track their progress.

Remote provision was also offered.

11, 530 children of the city to be provided with 11 days' worth of food voucher support.

Some LAs only provided a remote offer for Easter and we were praised by the DfE link advisor for our offer.

The DfE have identified Derby as an LA they would like to use to develop case studies over the summer.

vi) Will those families, who's children receive a Free School Meal, who for a variety of reasons genuinely cannot attend a HAF programme receive, if needed, a Voucher for the summer holidays to feed their Children?

Please see response to ii) above

s) Question from Councillor Dhindsa to Councillor Pearce

How long does it take Environmental Protection Services to respond and investigate fly tipping on our streets and alleyways reported by local councillors, Neighbourhood Officers and residents?

Thank you for asking this question Councillor Dhindsa, it gives me another opportunity to talk about the excellent work services are doing in my portfolio area. Fly tipping is a complex issue that spans a number of services so is not dealt with by Environmental Protection alone.

The first response to fly tipping is a cleansing response and our Streetpride crews proactively visit known hot spot areas to check for fly tipping; this is done daily. They also respond to resident notifications of fly tipping and if they are already in the area they will visit on the same day, or the following working day if they are not.

Once the cleansing team attends, they will look for evidence and call in the Public Protection Officers to investigate. PPOs investigate all fly tips on public highway and Council land and they aim to respond within two days, usually the same day.

When Councillor colleagues or Neighbourhood officers report issues into the services there is a similar approach with PPOs aiming to include the visit into their daily schedule. With PPOs working in a place based approach they are never usually far away from the report so can attend quickly.

From April to March last year, despite providing crucial support to vulnerable residents through covid, the PPOs investigated 1394 fly tipping offences in the city.

For waste on land issues PPOs will work with colleagues in environmental protection to deal with the offence. This is more complex and requires a different approach which includes tracing the landowner and working with them to deal with the issues before considering enforcement options. The team investigated 589 in the same time period last year.

Where there are significant or repeat issues officers work with colleagues and partners on campaigns to highlight and tackle fly tipping, such as the we're watching you and camera campaigns.

t) Question from Councillor West to Councillor McCristal

As the third Cabinet Member to oversee this project under the current administration, can you please update Council on planned opening dates for Moorways?

Thank you for your question regarding the opening date for Moorways Sports Village. Moorways Sports Village is set to open to customers in Spring 2022.

u) Question from Councillor Bonser to Councillor Webb

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a detrimental effect on many people's mental health, the full extent of which is now emerging and this is likely to be a concern for the foreseeable future. The Centre for Mental Health forecasts that, nationally, 10 million people – adults and children – will need support for their mental health as a result of the pandemic over the next 3-5 years. Furthermore, whilst statistics currently suggest that suicide rates have not seen any notable increase over the past 18 months, all the risk factors for suicide have significantly increased in Derby.

Can the Cabinet Member tell us what action the Council is taking to enhance support for people in Derby in need of mental health support?

We know that a wide range of factors effect mental health and wellbeing, including employment, housing, social isolation and community cohesion. The scope of council services that influence these is consequently extremely wide and enhancing mental health support and services is not something the Council can do in isolation, with planning and delivery done in a coordinated way with our partners, particularly our health partners.

In terms of specific support for individuals in need of mental health support, Joined Up Care Derbyshire, the system of partners that represent the wider health and social care system, are actively involved in developing a new model of Community Mental Health Services with increased focus on integration with the voluntary and community sector, Primary Care Networks and other community based services and assets.

Specifically, for children and young people, the NHS Long Term Plan sets out the priorities for expanding Children and Young People's Mental Health Services over the next 10 years. It aims to widen access to services closer to home, reduce unnecessary delays, and deliver specialist mental health care which is based on a clearer understanding of young people's needs and provided in ways that work better for them.

The Council and wider partnership have been actively involved in developing and delivering services for children, young people and adults who require mental health support. There are too many examples to reference in this answer (although I am happy to provide more information), but by way of example, for children and young people this includes targeted early intervention services delivered in schools, free online interventions that requires no referral

to people in Derby and Derbyshire, and support to young people and their families in crisis. For adults, an Enablement Service is offered by the City Council Mental Health Team. Enablement workers support individuals to develop skills and confidence in a range of activities of daily living such as managing their finances, cleaning, cooking, travelling and shopping. The service also supports individuals wishing to engage in educational and training activities and community social groups.

The question also makes reference to suicide, and there is a range of multi-agency activity in this area. There is a Derbyshire Self-harm and Suicide Prevention Partnership Forum (DSSPPF), which is a well-represented multiagency group linking to Health and Wellbeing and Safeguarding Boards. The DSSPPF lead the oversight for use of government suicide prevention and bereavement funding and there are a range of programmes taking place across the city with our Public Health Team providing oversight and performance management on behalf of the partnership. Again, I can arrange for more information to be provided as required.

v) Question from Councillor S Khan to Councillor McCristal

Given the significant investment and disruption being caused to traders at the Market Hall, can you please provide an update on this important project for our City?

Phase 1 of the Market Hall works, being the essential repairs, including items such as the roof coverings, and building conservation works are progressing on programme and on budget.

A number of work packages are due for completion by Autumn '21 including gutter lining, internal high-level decoration, and steel work fitted at walkway level prior to placement of the new glazed lantern later in the year. The new roofing copper has been installed which is now being revealed as the high-level scaffolding and roof cover is removed. Site inspections have been carried out by various Councillors recently, including Baggy Shanker.

Traders have been supported in remaining in the Market Hall during the majority of phase 1 works and only recently vacated the building in order to allow the final stage to be completed. The council has fully supported those traders affected by offering a range of relocation packages.

Running alongside phase 1 is a programme of design work led by Wates, who are drawing on specialist architects and designers tasked with transforming this beautiful, listed, Victorian Market Hall into an attractive, flexible retail and leisure destination. The transformed market will include traditional and themed markets, events, one off or pop up uses and small performances with a greater emphasis on food & drink. This will further support the council's bid for City of Culture status.

w) Question from Councillor Lonsdale to Councillor M Holmes

It has become apparent to me, that there are a large number of small plots of land and facilities, that still fall under the responsibility of housing developers that are being neglected. This is particularly the case when it comes to areas where the developer is no longer actively building or selling houses. The Council has not yet or will not be adopting this land.

What is the Council doing to make sure the Housing developers are meeting their responsibilities to maintain land and facilities?

I would be very grateful to Cllr Lonsdale if she could share with me where these sites are. We can use planning powers to pursue landowners to rectify where land is severely untidy.

x) Question from Councillor A W Graves to Councillor Pearce

Since June this year the number of bins being reported to me as a councillor as overflowing has reached extreme numbers. Almost daily people are reporting overflowing bins.

I know the staff are working very hard to keep the city clean including the emptying of public bins so I wonder if the policy has changed and resource has either been cut or denied to this important area of council operation?

Thank you for this question Councillor Graves, I can confirm that there have been no changes to policy or cuts to resource.

I have asked the service to look into some of the issues we have been facing around some pockets of missed bins and I have found that there have been some resource implications through staff absences which are being managed by officers.

To improve the street litter bin service officers have been trialling bin sensors which trigger a notification to empty when bins are full and enable a collection round to be established.

The trial has proven to be successful in 50 bins and will be rolled out to another 200 bins.

y) Question from Councillor Dhindsa to Councillor Pearce

Why were nine out of ten streets approved for Highways works not completed in last year's schedule for Normanton Ward and only one approved for this year?

Thank you for asking this question Councillor Dhindsa.

The streets you are referring to are: Belvoir St, Bethulie Road, Haddon Street, Balfour Road, Chatham Street, Hastings Street and Middleton Street and were all included in the 2020/21 original programme, with our external contractor Kier Ltd.

Officers have advised me that the contractor appointed to complete this work experienced some challenges through the operational year last year which resulted in the work not being completed. One challenge was within the supply chain and as a result the contractor tried different material which didn't work very well. Officers tried to rectify the issue by engaging with a second contractor but were unsuccessful in this case.

Whilst I appreciate that your question is about Normanton, there were other areas impacted by this issue.

Officers have been working to the agreed highway asset management approach and have used this learning to develop a more deliverable programme of highway maintenance this year, which is smaller than the proposed schemes last year but officers have higher confidence in delivery.

The Council adopted the highway asset management approach in cabinet in 2018 which consists of stock conditions surveys and prioritisation of the identified sites where treatment is needed.

Reviewing the 2020/21 data, in preparation for this year's programme, findings included:

- some sites no longer being suitable for preventative treatment (Belvoir Street being one of them, now requiring resurfacing)
- Sites now less a priority over other locations in the city, where it may have deteriorated faster over the past year
- streets where this year would be the last opportunity to complete this type of preventative treatment, before a more costly resurfacing option is required.

The assessment process for this approach includes:

- inspector recommendations
- rate of deterioration
- amount of previous patching completed
- overall quality

Using this method the sites included in the 21/22 programme score significantly higher than the 6 remaining Normanton Streets. Officers have confirmed that they continue to monitor the network and will reprioritise where the need arises.

z) Question from Councillor Repton to Councillor M Holmes

What legal powers does the City Council have regarding listed buildings where there are concerns?

Primarily, the property owner is responsible to maintain their building. The powers available to the Council will depend on the property and the specific concerns.

As this is a very open question, I am happy to ask the relevant officers to brief Councillor Repton if he is interested in understanding this area more broadly and would also to discuss with him directly if there is a specific concern he would like to talk through with our Chief Planning Officer.

aa) Question from Councillor Lonsdale to Councillor M Holmes

What is the progress on negotiations with the three stake holders for the Kingsway Roundabout? When can residents of Manor Kingsway expect to be able to cross the road at the roundabout safely?

As I explained in February to Council, this is a complicated site where the agencies have been working for some time to find a shared solution. This has progressed positively and will ensure ward councillors are consulted to provide the pedestrian crossing facilities.

bb) Question from Councillor A W Graves to Councillor Pearce

I have two new children's football teams that are looking for park space. You will be aware that children playing football is not only a long tradition in Derby but also helps combat child obesity and, in the current climate, mental health issues. Yet these teams are being told they will be considered in early September.

I am a big supporter of football in general and children's football in particular. With the advent of England's fabulous competition run in the Euros the enthusiasm for the game has exploded. Our future national players need to be nurtured and encouraged.

Can the Cabinet Member please intervene and ensure our new local football clubs are given the help now before the season starts?

The Council supports an extensive programme of Junior Football. There are currently 313 Derby Junior League Teams playing 2,400 fixtures on Derby's Parks as part of the Derby Junior Football League. Officers from the Football Foundation, following a recent visit to Derby, have commented on how impressive this programme is. All teams who play in the Derby Junior Football League are provided with pitches for their league games.

There is an increasing trend of teams/clubs requesting their own permanent and exclusive space or facility on Parks from where they can base their activities and train. This involves a lease or licence being arranged for use of the area concerned. Clearly with such a large number of teams in the area, there isn't enough space for all of them to have their own facility. When such requests are received the sites concerned have to be assessed as to their suitability for football activities which have to be balanced against the requirements of other groups using the parks concerned. If an area of open space is to be offered under lease or license a detailed process including expressions of interest is undertaken to ensure that everyone who may wish to use the open space, including for activities other than football, has the opportunity to apply. This process also helps to establish if bidders will have the capacity to be able to manage the area and activities concerned in a safe way and which doesn't adversely impact on other park users or local residents. There may also need to be a consultation process undertaken with local residents near the open space concerned and therefore this isn't a quick process.

We are working through all requests on a first come, first served basis as

quickly as we can, for example, expressions of interest for an area at Vicarage Road Recreation Ground in Mickleover are currently being sought. In the meantime, all children's football teams remain able to play league fixtures via central venues and are welcome to use park spaces for training.

cc) Question from Councillor Dhindsa to Councillor Pearce

Derby South constituency has some of the poorest footways. Despite this, why are there very few schemes planned this year, for this area?

Thank you for your question Councillor Dhindsa, this has given me an excellent opportunity to discuss the Council's commitment to improving infrastructure in the city with a £9m investment into road and pavement surfaces.

As part of this work officers have commissioned a full footway inventory and condition survey. This is scheduled to be completed by October this year. Information considered in the survey includes:

- Footway material
- Recommended treatment timeframe
- Location
- Tree roots present
- Vehicle override
- Shared use
- Kerb condition

Once the survey is complete officers will be developing an asset valuation and a 5 year programme for footway maintenance. I will update council further when this work is complete.

dd) Question from Councillor Dhindsa to Councillor Smale

I welcome and support the Council's intentions to apply for the Government's Safer Streets Fund Round 3 to help protect and keep women and girls safer. I will offer the Labour Group's support to make this a success. But can the Cabinet Member explain why the Council failed to engage in applying for the Government's Safer Streets Fund Round 2 last year and thereby depriving the residents of Derby of benefitting from up to £500K to make our streets safer?

Thank you Councillor Dhindsa for raising Safer Streets at Council and giving me the opportunity to share the Council's work in this area.

The original safer streets fund, which I'll call Safer Streets 1, was incredibly challenging for officers to deliver due to the covid 19 pandemic significantly impacting project and made delivery very difficult. Despite these challenges officers were able to successfully deliver the project within the incredibly tight timeframes set by the Home Office.

The second round, Safer Streets 2 was released during February 2021, and at that time the project team were still delivering Safer Streets 1. The Safer Streets 3 was released along side Safer Streets 2 and focussed on safety of women and girls following the tragic death of Sarah Everard.

Officers recommended that the best use of Council resources was to focus on Safer Streets 3 and have worked with our communities to develop an excellent bid.

Through the Safer Streets fund the Council has already delivered an extension to the cctv infrastructure with 12 night-vision cameras and public realm improvements including 5 improved cameras and grounds work to improve visibility.

If successful with the current bid will deliver further cctv infrastructure along with a number of community led initiatives including:

- Upgrade to CCTV room to enable the use of Police Airwave radios
- An extension to city centre CCTV to include routes from college and university
- CCTV in Chaddeston Park
- CCTV and lighting at Racecourse Park

- Lighting improvements at Alveston Park
- Lighting improvements in some subways and cycleways
- Tree and grounds work to improve visibility
- A campaign against gender based violence
- A safe places project
- Get home safely workshops
- Active bystander training
- White Ribbon campaign
- Taking back control campaign