COUNTY COUNCIL – 16 JULY 2020

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 16.1.1

1. From Councillor Ann Briggs to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People:

Would the Executive Lead Member clarify what measures were and are being taken to safeguard Hampshire's children during this Covid-19 period?

2. From Councillor Peter Latham to the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance:

In the light of the Covid-19 lockdown and the current position regarding the Council finances as set out in the latest Cabinet report has there been any Government grant announcement which could substantially change or improve our overall financial position?

3. From Councillor Fran Carpenter to the Executive Member for Education and Skills:

Would the Executive Member agree with me that the musical activities and achievements of Hampshire Music Service staff and youngsters have been exceptional throughout the Coronavirus pandemic?

4. From Councillor Rod Cooper to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

We all recognise the importance of Hampshire's economic recovery after the Covid-19 lockdown but how do we align this recovery with our Climate Change and Transport Strategies in a sustainable way?

5. From Councillor Charles Choudhary to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health:

While it seems we are now past the peak of the virus in care homes, families will be concerned that deaths from Covid-19 continue to be higher in these settings, could the Executive Member update the members on the number of deaths in a care home setting in our County, whether this is declining, and what support is being offered to care homes to ensure they are following the correct procedures and measures to reduce any suffering to those whose loved ones reside in our care homes and to already bereaved families?

6. From Councillor Jackie Porter to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

If the County Council is serious about cycling and walking throughout the county, will the Executive Member commit to ensuring that roads are fit for purpose for cyclists too. Roads in the Itchen Valley Division are pocked with holes and trenches left by services repairs and poor workmanship. How often are underground works repairs carried out checked for quality and the services companies are not challenged to 'make good' or pay so that the County can do the work instead?

7. From Councillor Martin Tod to the Leader:

Would the Leader advise whether he, any of his Cabinet or any officers have met any other bodies to discuss the possibility of devolution, unitary status or other local government reorganisation?

Second questions:

8. From Councillor Martin Tod to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

What is the Executive Member's ambition for social distancing measures on the streets of Hampshire's city, towns and villages?

9. From Councillor Jackie Porter to the Executive Member for Education and Skills:

Does the County Council have a plan, or indeed any clue - about how it will deliver an effective system of school transport in the Autumn without risk to the children's health, their independence, the likely congestion and poor air quality if parents transport instead, and the impact on this already massive budget?

Third questions:

10. From Councillor Martin Tod to the Executive Member for Public Health:

How has Covid-19 affected different communities in Hampshire - and what action will be taken or policies implemented in response to this?