

COUNTY COUNCIL – 24 SEPTEMBER 2020

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 16.1.1

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

At the last Council meeting, I asked how the County Council was going to deliver school transport, but you replied that you had not received any guidance to date. When did HCC receive guidance, how did it affect the commissioning of the transport, and was any additional funding offered to cover the inevitable costs?

2. From Councillor Jackie Branson to the Executive Member for Education and Skills:

Can the Executive Member give an update on how successful the return to school in Hampshire has been?

3. From Councillor Keith House to the Leader:

Will the Leader confirm that all County phonenumber services, closed down for Covid six months ago, are now reopened, and when the last closed service reopened?

4. From Councillor David Simpson to the Leader:

In view of national events will the Leader of Hampshire County Council reassure Councillors and residents that:

- He will not ask this Council to do anything that is unlawful and
- He will not ask the Legal Team, or any officer, to do anything that would require them to decide between breaking the law or resigning their jobs?

5. From Councillor Mike Thornton to the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage:

While I note that the officers of the Council are being helpful regarding the abandonment of Fair Oak Library by the Council is the Executive Member aware that I and local residents are very frustrated by the fact that the Council will severely restrict the supply of books to the new volunteer run library to 100 for three months?

6. From Councillor Fran Carpenter to the Leader:

It looks as if we may soon be considering devolution again. I am all for the merging of local authorities if it results in efficiencies for the taxpayer and the removal of layers of duplicate administration and work - layers which often only serve to confuse residents. But I am not at all keen on the idea of Mayors. Why have a Mayor *and* a perfectly good Leader of a Council? You surely don't need both? Does the Leader of the Council agree with me on any of these points?

7. From Councillor Roger Huxstep to the Leader:

Will the Leader please provide a statement on the formation of the recently inaugurated Outbreak Engagement Board and its agenda to date?

8. From Councillor Jan Warwick to the Leader:

Hampshire has hardly any formal Green Belt land designated. Would the Leader support the Campaign to Protect Rural England and those District Councils within Hampshire seeking to designate more appropriate areas of green belt?

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

Would the Executive Member please provide an update on how the County Council's HWRC's are operating under the current Covid 19 restrictions?

10. From Councillor Kirsty North to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People:

Will the Executive Member please make a statement about the recent school bus incident at Well House Lane, Winchester?

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

What has happened to fly-tipping levels - both incidents and tonnage - during the COVID period?

12. From Councillor Lance Quantrill to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

Would the Executive Member join me in complimenting Highways Officers after they arranged a repair last month of a section of West Lane, Hayling Island, which proved to be defective since it was resurfaced in Spring 2018?

13. From Councillor Wayne Irish to the Executive Member for Education and Skills:

When HCC have been working for 20 years now to bring their Scola School buildings up to date to a modern standard, why is it that schools like Nightingale are still waiting and have no assurances that it will happen in the near future? What are the prioritisation criteria when the school have been informed by HCC that they have been on a waiting list for 8 years, possibly more?

Second questions:

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

Is the County Council able to tell me exactly what HCC supervision is in place for the maintenance and repair of drainage systems in the Alresford and Itchen Valley ward of Winchester?

15. From Councillor Keith House to the Leader:

Will the Leader confirm that rental payments due from community buildings owned by the County Council were suspended for the period of lockdown where community building management committees were not able to make lettings, and will the Leader list those where such arrangements were not put in place?

Third questions:

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

Why is the County Council determined to spend over a £1/4million to create a 'path to nowhere' from South Wonston to the Andover Road?

17. From Councillor Keith House to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

Will the Executive Member detail the total value of developer contributions received and held to date for improvements at Hamble Lane, and the value of future anticipated contributions, and detail the value and location of all specific work agreed for implementation to date?

Fourth questions:

18. From Councillor Keith House to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

How many claims for loss or damage to vehicles arising from poor road maintenance and potholes were made in each of 2017, 2018, and 2019, how many claims were denied in each year and how much has been paid out in each year?