

Supplement to the agenda for

Council

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**Council Chamber, The Shire Hall, St Peter's Square, Hereford,
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Agenda item no. 6 - Questions from members of the public

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Dr Selfe, Leominster	How is the Council ensuring it has an independent support service for parents of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities as required by law; Children and Families Act, s 3(57)? Funding for the current independent service finishes in April, new funding has been made available from the DfE from December 2017 with an invitation to bid for contracts. How does the Council's budget ensure provision for this service?	Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing
PQ 2	Dr Whalley, Hereford	Blackmarston / Barrs Court / Westfield educate profoundly disabled children with complex medical needs. Two years ago they had full-time nurses – now they do not. This contravenes the Children and Families Act 2014 putting health and safety of vulnerable children at serious and daily risk. Does 2017/18 budget expedite the Council's assumption of its proper responsibility to the education and care of these children and ensure funding for school nurses?	Cabinet member young people and children's wellbeing
PQ 3	Mrs C Palgrave, How Cadle	Destination Hereford Report 2016 showed significant car use reduction after investment of £4.97m promoting and enabling sustainable travel. Today, Council is being asked to authorize expenditure of over £5.38m in 3 years developing designs and obtaining consent for the "Bypass". How does this deliver better value for money compared with investing further in sustainable travel across the whole City, including the East, where many junctions are over capacity (Amey 2010)?	Cabinet member Infrastructure
PQ 4	Mrs E Morawiecka, Breinton	From the report to Cabinet on Thursday 18 th January 2018 it appears that Herefordshire Council have spent £2.932 Million on developing routes for the Western Relief Road. How can officers incur this level of spend when the only traceable budget agreed by councillors for the Western Relief Road was just £600,000, approved by Cabinet at their meeting on 16 th June 2016.	Cabinet member finance, housing and corporate services
PQ 5	Mrs Jackie Morris, Hereford	The Capital programme shows the Hereford Transport package cost £510,000 in 2017/18. However the report to the Cabinet showed a total cost for 2017/18 of £2.122 million - £383,582 being taken from the Severe Weather Reserve. With recent accidents on rural roads, due to wintry conditions, who decided the Severe Weather Reserve should be used for a capital project for which Councillors had approved no formal budget and when?	Cabinet member finance, housing and corporate services

PQ 6	Ms K Sharp, Hereford	<p>The Council's July 2017 Quarterly Monitoring Report (QMR) to the Dept for Transport shows a very different capital spending profile on the South Wye Transport Package to that included in the Herefordshire Council Agenda for today, under Capital Project Appendix 3.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="533 229 1845 443"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Prior</th> <th>2017/18 Budget</th> <th>2018/19 Budget</th> <th>2019/20 Budget</th> <th>2020/21</th> <th>2021/22 onwards</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Appendix 3</td> <td>3,612,000</td> <td>3,500,000</td> <td>14,000,000</td> <td>6,200,000</td> <td>8,317,000</td> <td>-</td> <td>35,629,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>QMR July 17</td> <td>3,700,000</td> <td>1,545,000</td> <td>6,000,000</td> <td>12,000,000</td> <td>6,855,555</td> <td>4,900,000</td> <td>35,000,555</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Would the Cabinet member responsible please explain which figures are correct and why there is such a difference between the reports?</p>		Prior	2017/18 Budget	2018/19 Budget	2019/20 Budget	2020/21	2021/22 onwards	TOTAL	Appendix 3	3,612,000	3,500,000	14,000,000	6,200,000	8,317,000	-	35,629,000	QMR July 17	3,700,000	1,545,000	6,000,000	12,000,000	6,855,555	4,900,000	35,000,555	Cabinet member finance, housing and corporate services
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PQ 7	Ms A Coda, Peterchurch	<p>With the likely closure of Redhill Rehabilitation Centre in the coming month what provisions, and financial arrangements, have been set in place, and planned for the future, to support the additional workload from patients who are more likely to be discharged directly to home? These will include some very vulnerable people needing to recover from serious injuries and re-enable despite often being very elderly and frail.</p>	Cabinet member health and wellbeing																								
PQ 8	Mr P Chapman, Breinton	<p>The success of a new road must be predicated on reducing car use and congestion, but it is intended to build a vast housing development and resulting surgeries, schools and shopping centres. An obvious consequence is increased congestion in the city, especially in the East already at overcapacity. How much property-tax payer's money is identified to build the required new schools, health facilities, industrial estates and associated sustainable infrastructure?</p>	Cabinet member infrastructure																								

Agenda item no. 7 - Questions from members of the council

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
MQ 1	Councillor Chappell, Hinton and Hunderton	With the closure of 'Hillside', and the expectation that patients will be discharged from hospital to their homes, will the cabinet member review the contracts in place with private home care providers, to ensure they have enough staff, can provide enough hours of care, have the resources to care for clients in their homes whilst allowing the council to secure contract efficiencies in line with savings proposals in the budget?	Cabinet member for health and wellbeing
MQ 2	Councillor Crockett, Queenswood	Will the cabinet member please assure members that city centre sites, or others which the administrators of the proposed university show an interest in purchasing, will be disposed of in accordance with the treasury management strategy (to be approved at this meeting) and advertised for sale on the open market, ensuring that taxpayers of this county obtain full value for money, which is the duty of any public body?	Cabinet member for finance, housing and corporate services
MQ 3	Councillor Powers, Greyfriars	In early 2017 DCLG provided £503k from its Community Housing Fund for Herefordshire Council "to build capacity within local groups [and] set up support hubs." This was approved by Cabinet on 9 March. What applications have been received, from whom, and to what sum; of which how much has been approved, is pending or been disbursed, what remains in the fund and where is this shown in the budget?	Cabinet member for finance, housing and corporate services
MQ 4	Councillor Jinman, Golden Valley South	Mindful of the £4.1m rural grant from government and the reimbursement from a previous Council contractor, what is the message to the road users and council tax payers as to the spend for this coming year on rural road repair, reconstruction and preventive maintenance and how does that match any survey estimates of need given the deteriorating state of the roads in most of the rural areas of the county?	Cabinet member transport and regulatory services
MQ 5	Councillor Michael, Whitecross	Why are tenants of the council's land holdings on the Rotherwas Estate not being offered the opportunity to buy their own freehold before the land is sold by auction in London? Is this consistent with the treasury management strategy and asset disposal policies at the council?	Cabinet member for finance, housing and corporate services

