

Supplement to the agenda for

Cabinet

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 28 May 2020

Question 1

Mr I Wilkinson, Brierley

To: cabinet member, commissioning, procurement and assets

At the cabinet meeting in Leominster, Councillor Gemma Davies, committed to having metrics implemented with Balfour Beatty. I have been through the minutes and cannot see an update. Are clearly defined, agreed metrics with targets and a clear reporting timetable now in place and what are the review processes, penalties for non-performance and improvement goals?

Response

Thank you for your question. I can confirm that there are currently defined metrics within the BBLP contract for both the public realm contract and the Property and Building Maintenance contract. Both Cllr Harrington and I now attend monthly operational boards where the metrics are scrutinised and any issues raised at the earliest opportunity. We have also committed to ensuring that consultation for the public realm annual plan is done much earlier so that the plan and metrics can be better linked to the County Plan. This will be reflected in next year's annual plan.

We have just commissioned a review into social value and what metrics could be used to judge performances on contracts, tenders and applications. We are even more committed to ensuring that the where businesses provide services for the council that we judge them not just by finances but by other metrics such as utilisation of local businesses and environmental factors.

With regards to any penalty for non-performance at an operational level then this is corrected at the provider's cost, poor performance against the strategic measures of performance results in the failure to 'win' contract extensions.

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 28 May 2020

Question 1

Councillor Nigel Shaw, Bromyard Bringsty Ward

To: cabinet member, infrastructure and transport

New housing land supply figures were due for publication at the beginning of April, can the cabinet member responsible now provide these, or confirm a date on which they will be published?

Response

The housing supply statement for 2020 will be based on the position as of April 1st but it is not the case that these figures were due for publication in early April. The assessment of the housing land position needs to have regard to the methodology set out in Government guidance and involves a considerable amount of staff resource in order to provide as accurate an annual position as possible. As with previous years, the intention is to complete the assessment by the end of July. This year the Covid-19 pandemic is providing a number of additional challenges to this process but it is still intended at this time to provide the position statement by July 31st. This will enable the returns to Central Government to be made within the required deadlines.

