

Agenda item no. 6 - Questions from members of the council

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
MQ 1	Councillor Bob Matthews, Credenhill	Can you please inform Members of how many mobile phone masts have been erected on council owned land within the county?	Cabinet member commissioning, procurement and assets
Response: Currently there are five mobile phone masts on council owned land or property. All the masts are located in and around Hereford specifically two at the Edgar Street Football Ground with one each at the Hereford Leisure Centre, Grafton Depot and Franklin House. The mast located at Franklin House is in the process of being decommissioned and removed.			
Supplementary question: Is the Council aware of new legislation which makes landowners potentially liable for the health impacts of mobile telephone masts? Has the Council been approached by mobile network operators to install 5g in Herefordshire? Can a briefing be compiled for members?			
Response from Cabinet Member to supplementary question: A response would be provided after the meeting. <i>Response from Cabinet Member – sent on 2 August:</i> The council has received no planning applications from mobile phone operators to install 5G transmitters in the county. Public Health England have issued updated advice on Base Stations including 5G in May 2019. This includes relevant legislation, guidance and research regarding the possible health impacts of mobile phone stations radio waves and health. PHE guidance can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mobile-phone-base-stations-radio-waves-and-health/mobile-phone-base-stations-radio-waves-and-health A briefing on 5G masts, responding to concerns about the impact of the masts on health, is currently being prepared. This will be circulated shortly and information will be posted on the council's website.			

MQ 2	Councillor Jonathan Lester, Three Crosses	As the leader of the last administration I would like to ask the current leader if it is the intention of his cabinet to cancel the western bypass, yes or no.	Leader
Response: I shall be making Council aware of our intentions when I present the Leader's report to Council later in the agenda today.			
MQ 3	Councillor Mark Millmore, Holmer	If the council is not going to de-trunk the A49 through the city how does it plan to reroute the HGV traffic that currently has no other option but to travel through the city?	Cabinet member infrastructure and transport
Response: I refer to the answer provided by the Leader to Councillor Lester.			
MQ 4	Councillor Mike Jones, Weobley	Following the Cabinet discussions with MP Jesse Norman last Friday, are you now ready to inform us of your thinking regarding the future of the Hereford Bypass?	Leader
Response: I refer to the answer I gave to Councillor Lester.			
MQ 5	Councillor Nigel Shaw, Bromyard Bringsty	I note from Appendix 1 of the Leader's report that only one decision on any new policy or program has been forthcoming from the new executive since the election. In the absence of any other apparent activity can the Leader confirm to Council that delivery of the 2019/20 Corporate Delivery Plan remains on track?	Leader
Response: <p>The first out-turn report against the delivery plan approved by the previous administration will be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on the evening of 25 July. Following the change in administration there will undoubtedly be some changes in policy or priority which we will wish to consider during the year and which may impact some elements within the delivery plan. I will keep members informed of any such changes.</p>			

Supplementary question:

Does the Leader have any disclosable interest in the red route proposal for a Western bypass?

Response from Leader to supplementary question:

The Leader confirmed he lived within a quarter of a mile from the proposed red route.