

Supplement to the agenda

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Agenda item no. 5 - Questions from members of the public

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Mr McGeown, Weobley	Will a Printed Copy of Draft City Masterplan be provided to all Herefordshire households in advance of it being put for consultation and adoption?	Cabinet member transport and infrastructure
<p>Response:</p> <p>The Hereford City Masterplan is currently being reviewed to ensure that is aligned with this administration’s Policy Direction. Following this review the document will be reconsidered by Cabinet prior to formal consultation. The consultation will include printed copies being made available in Libraries and Community venues across the County. A short URL link to the digital document will also be available to ensure the document can be easily accessed digitally in line with the Councils Digital Strategy 2018-23.</p>			
PQ 2	Ms Reid, Hereford	<p>The Chief Executive’s Announcement and the Leader’s Report mentioned the partnership with Leeds City Council to improve Herefordshire Children’s Services. The Leeds Family Valued approach uses “restorative and relational practice”. When recently interviewed (BBC H&W), the Cabinet member explained this means “working with families and not doing to [families]” and mentioned Family Group Conferences (FGCs).</p> <p>Apart from FGCs, how will the council work with and build trust with families (please include dates)?</p> <p>Excluding FGCs, possibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a group of families with varied experience of Children’s Services (eg care proceedings, children ‘in need’, children in care) to consult with • Suggesting a families co-optee on the Improvement Board • Satisfactorily dealing with complaints • Satisfactorily answering public questions and supplementary questions per the Constitution especially to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (CYPSC) • Representative of Families co-optee on the CYPSC (4.5.7, Constitution) 	<p>Cabinet member children and young people</p> <p>(The Leader has provided the response)</p>

Response:

The move towards a more restorative and relational approach has started and we are excited that the Leeds Relational Practice Centre has committed to support us over the next few years with our development journey. There is not a distinct list of key dates and tasks but rather an embrace of the approach of working *with* families which should permeate all of our actions in time.

Answering on behalf of Councillor Ivan Powell today I am aware that the service is developing proposals to speak with families about setting up a consultative group which will be shared with Councillor Powell and that additional resources have been put into being better able to respond to and resolve complaints. A question about responding to public questions and supplementary questions was answered at the meeting of the children and young people scrutiny committee last week as was the matter of the appointment of co-optees which is a matter for that committee. I shall however pass on the suggestions contained in the question to Councillor Ivan Powell.

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

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
MQ 1	Councillor Oliver, Saxon Gate	<p>In the 23/24 budget signed off by the Council there was a commitment to build 2,500 homes for social housing over 10 years.</p> <p>How many of these 2,500 homes will be built in the years to 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025? How many homes are likely to be built in the next 4 years?</p> <p>What was the total number of new houses built in Herefordshire in the year to 31 March 2023?</p> <p>How many house are there for which outline planning or full planning has been granted that still remain to be built?</p>	Economy and Growth
<p>Response:</p> <p>In the 23/24 budget signed off by the Council there was a commitment to build 2,500 homes for social housing over 10 years.</p> <p>As part of the Capital Strategy presented by the previous administration to Council in February, it stated –</p> <p>Cabinet have an ambition to create 2,500 new social and affordable homes over the next 10 years; the council intends to respond to this challenge by progressing plans to invest in developing additional affordable housing stock and retaining it in public ownership.</p> <p>How many of these 2,500 homes will be built in the years to 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025?</p> <p>All affordable housing predicted to be delivered in the County is 386 Affordable Rent = 133 Social Rent = 46 Shared Ownership = 89 Rent to Buy = 4 114 units to be confirmed</p> <p>How many homes are likely to be built in the next 4 years?</p> <p>All affordable housing predicted to be delivered over the next 4 years is 1274. Affordable Rent = 397 Social Rent = 180 Shared Equity = 4 First Homes = 10 Shared Ownership = 202</p>			

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LCM/Discounted = 18

Rent to buy = 8

455 to be confirmed

What was the total number of new houses built in Herefordshire in the year to 31 March 2023?

Monitoring survey data being used for the annual 5 year supply reporting indicates that there have been 704 units completed (net) in the year 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023.

How many house are there for which outline planning or full planning has been granted that still remain to be built?

Unbuilt commitments (net) with full permission, together with outline permissioned units at 31st March 2023 totals 4675. It should be added that this figure may be subject to variation as the 5 year supply report is still being finalised.

NB Net refers to the number of new units built less any demolitions.