

2. Supplement to the agenda for

Cabinet

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Agenda item no. 4 - Questions from members of the public

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Sarah Melia, Leominster	During the 30th July CYP Scrutiny Committee the term 'Child Friendly Herefordshire' was used with examples given of parks being available to children. My child's local Herefordshire Council maintained park has been in a state of disrepair since she was born. She is now 6 years old and her park has continued to deteriorate. The play 'surface' is a cushion of weeds which have grown in the bark and the play structures have not been cleaned for over 5 years. Repeated contact with BBLP has been unsuccessful in addressing this. An example of the responses to reports of issues with it are "Balfour Beatty are not contracted to clean playground equipment unless safety related and...HC are not commissioned to do it either". How will Herefordshire Council ensure their own park provisions, where they exist, are 'child friendly' and well maintained?	Cllr Bramer
<p>Response:</p> <p>Thank you for your question and comments regarding the condition and maintenance of your local play area.</p> <p>We are aware of how important play areas are across the county for our young children. As an administration we are currently looking at how we can provide longer term investment to improve the quality of all our play areas across Herefordshire to address exactly the points that you have raised.</p> <p>In the meantime, I will ask the relevant service area to review the situation at your local play area and to see what steps can be undertaken in the immediate future and I will further ask that you be contacted directly with the outcome.</p>			
<p>Supplementary question:</p>			
<p>Supplementary response:</p>			

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Agenda item no. 5 - Questions from Councillors

Question Number	Questioner	Question	Question to
PQ 1	Cllr Mark Woodall	<p>Concerning the recommendations presented for approval in Appendix 1- Findings of Market Engagement Public Realm Services Model Report 24 September 2024</p> <p>Recommendation 1 significantly increases the value of scheme work to councils' discretion and recommendation 2 removes the upper threshold entirely.</p> <p>1: Will the 'value for money' justifications be presented to council members <i>before</i> contracts for these high value schemes are approved and 2: What type of format or level of detail can we expect to see in the demonstration of value?</p>	Cllr Bramer
<p>Response:</p> <p>Question 1) It is proposed project work up to £250,000 in value per project is to be included within the scope of the contract. The prices secured for the services including such project work will be subject to a competitive tendering process, which will deliver the necessary assurances regarding value for money. The contract provides flexibility should the council wish to deliver such projects by alternative arrangements.</p> <p>Question 2) The contract mechanism for including works above the £250,000 project threshold, including demonstration of value for money, are being developed a part of the contract documents. And this can be shared with Members once developed.</p>			
<p>Supplementary question</p>			

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