

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**Report By: County Secretary and Solicitor****Wards Affected****Purpose**

1. To report on questions from members of the public deposited with the County Secretary and Solicitor more than six clear working days before the meeting of Council.

Background

2. Standing Order 4.24 of the Constitution states that: A member of the public may ask a Cabinet Member or Chairman of a Committee any question relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects the County as long as a copy of that question is deposited with the County Secretary and Solicitor more than six clear working days before the meeting i.e. by close of business on a Wednesday in the week preceding a Friday meeting. No supplementary questions may be asked.
3. A total of 25 minutes shall be set aside for the answering of questions from members of the public save that the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, if presiding, shall have absolute discretion to vary the period of time by making it shorter or longer as he/she considers appropriate. Any questions unanswered at the expiry of the time limit shall be dealt with by way of written reply to the questioner.
4. The County Secretary and Solicitor may reject any question which contains defamatory material or the publication of which is likely to be detrimental to the Council's interests.
5. The Chief Executive will read the questions to the meeting in the order in which they are received and they will be answered in that order. No question shall take longer than three minutes to read and any questions that would take longer may be edited at the County Secretary and Solicitor's discretion.

Questions

6. Questions received by the deadline are attached at Appendix 1.