

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 18 OCTOBER 2013

Question from Mr G Perkins, Herefordshire

Question 1

I would like to raise the question of the amount of money spent on floral decorations, grass cutting and similar activities most of which are purely cosmetic and could be scrapped given the parlous financial situation. In Bromyard we see flower beds being re-planted and verges cut where there is no road safety justification. Driving round Hereford one sees the same. Not least in the city itself. This sort of thing could be devolved to the local Town /Parish Councils - if residents really want this - perhaps to compete in pointless "In Bloom" competitions they can pay through the local precept or volunteer to do it themselves.

Is Herefordshire Council going to cut this non-essential activity?

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Question from Mrs E Morawiecka, Breinton

Question 2

Herefordshire Council was awarded significant funding from the Department of Transport for their "Destination Hereford" bid. In the bid to the Government Department, Herefordshire Council made the commitment that:-

"Political engagement will be delivered through weekly briefings to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation and briefings to the Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee".

A large element of this funding bid was for improvements to Broad Street, Hereford. However, the decision to revise the programme and focus on cycle network development and sustainable transport improvements across Hereford was agreed by the Cabinet Member and discussed directly with the Department for Transport.

I am not aware of any briefings to any Scrutiny Meeting since the "Destination Hereford" bid was successful over 2 years ago. Would the Cabinet member please explain how the funding allocated for the Broad Street works is now being utilised to promote sustainable transport and best value for money for the County's taxpayers?"
