

WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Council.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following four written questions have been received from members of the public.

(a) Mr Tony Greenstein

“On 25th October an employment tribunal found that the Office & Finance Manager of Deans Youth Project had been automatically unfairly dismissed for making a protected disclosure by revealing to the Chair of Trustees that another employee had been falsifying invoices.

Instead the claimant was herself dismissed on the grounds of theft and dishonesty. This was reported to the Police who found there was no substance in the allegations.

What steps have been taken by the Council, as a major funder, to ensure that a new management is put in place and that the claimant is reinstated in her post?”

Councillor Shanks, Chair of the Children & Young People Committee, will reply.

(b) Ms Valerie Paynter

“Important decisions are taken by officers under delegated powers which serving Administrations must carry the can for and I am not aware of the current Administration having any wish to take back responsibility for any of them. Indeed I wonder if councillors are sometimes taken unawares when one is implemented that they had no say in.

How many delegated decisions are first notified to or discussed with Councillors?”

Councillor J. Kitcat, Leader of the Council, will reply.

(c) Mr Dave Evans

“Why are the pelican crossings being downgraded without any specific reference to them on the questionnaire when we have many disabled and vulnerable people that use Seven Dials for their local shops, post office and chemist?”

This question comes from the parents of a wheelchair user who know they are more secure with phased traffic lights on the existing crossing.”

Councillor Davey, Chair of the Transport Committee will reply.

(d) Mr Nigel Jenner

“In light of the plethora of consultations being undertaken by the Green Administration, especially in relation to traffic proposals are Transport Consultations carried out in isolation of each individual case?”

Councillor Davey, Chair of the Transport Committee will reply.