

## **Council meeting – 3 February 2021**

### **Rule 23. Questions for Executive Members (Agenda Item 5)**

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#### **1. Question from Councillor White to the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods**

##### **Question:**

Manchester is a fantastic city. It is a great place to grow up in, and a great place to grow old in. We are rightly proud of our City, and love our local communities. We do however have some challenges with fly-tipping in our local district centres and high streets. What enforcement action is being taken to tackle this vital and important issue?

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#### **2. Question from Councillor Wills to the Executive Member for Adult Services**

##### **Question**

Across Manchester, how many people have so far had at least one dose of one of the COVID-19 vaccines?

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#### **3. Question from Councillor A Simcock to the Executive Member for Adult Services**

##### **Question**

Will the Executive Member join me in thanking businesses in Didsbury who have agreed to have a defibrillator on their premises available for use by the general public? These include The Alpine Tearooms in Fletcher Moss Park, the Coop on Wilmslow Road and Evans Fishmongers? And would she also join me in thanking the North West Ambulance Service for providing such good support to me in arranging this?

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#### **4. Question from Councillor A Simcock to the Executive Member for Environment, Planning & Transport**

##### **Question**

Will the Executive Member join me in thanking members of the public in Didsbury East for their calm and measured response when faced with what the Environment Agency has described as a flooding event that might occur once every thousand years? Not surprisingly, residents in roads such as Morningside Drive, Merston Drive, Bankside Road, Riverton Road, Tanfield Road, Farlands Drive and Tuscan Road were shocked to hear that their homes might be flooded and that their lives could be in danger. And would she also join me in thanking the Environment Agency, Council staff, the police, fire brigade and Southway Housing for their exemplary handling of the emergency?

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### **5. Question from Councillor Stanton to the Deputy Leader**

#### **Question**

Just two weeks ago in my ward of Didsbury West we experienced some of the highest river levels on record as Storm Christophe swept across the country. Many residents were forced to leave their homes as a precaution and we only narrowly avoided serious residential damage as the flood basin filled to capacity. Following the Environment Agency issuing a Severe Flood and Danger to Life Warning and despite the ongoing public health crisis we stood up a 120 person strong multi agency response team. The feedback I have had from residents has been overwhelmingly appreciative; as a community it has reminded us of the crucial role this Council plays in our everyday lives. So will he and the wider Executive commit to continuing the work started that day with Members across Didsbury, Chorlton and Northenden through and beyond the continued process of cleaning up now that the waters have receded and as we re-open local parks, leisure, allotments and businesses?

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### **6. Question from Councillor Sharif Mahamed to the Executive Member for Adult Services**

#### **Question**

Our city of Manchester is proud of its diversity. Recently, there have been reports in the media that the vaccine uptake amongst people of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities is very low. What are we doing in Manchester to ensure that all our communities get vaccinated?

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### **7. Question from Councillor Wills to the Executive Member for Environment, Planning & Transport**

#### **Question**

Two years ago, my ward colleague Councillor Chambers submitted a petition – signed by over 200 residents – calling on the Council to implement traffic calming measures on and around Parsonage Road in Withington. We have had too many road accidents in this area in recent years, including tragic fatalities. Since then, all three Withington Labour Councillors have been lobbying tirelessly for improved safety measures. Road safety was raised as a key priority during the consultation on the Draft Framework for Withington Village. Please can the Executive Member provide an update on what she is doing to address this important issue?

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### **8. Question from Councillor Hitchen to the Deputy Leader**

#### **Question**

Following an increase in reported incidents of Crime in my ward, residents are concerned about their safety. What can and is being done, to reassure my constituent?

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**9. Question from Councillor Lyons to the Executive Member for Environment, Planning & Transport**

**Question**

Over the summer last year, we saw parts of the city centre pedestrianised to encourage people to travel safely and actively, whilst supporting Manchester small businesses but also ensuring accessibility. Would the Executive Councillor consider commissioning a report that looks at the viability of these schemes into the future?

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**10. Question from Councillor O’Neil to the Leader of the Council**

**Question**

The pandemic has had a devastating effect on many industries, non-more so than in the aviation industry. How is the council supporting residents and businesses who rely on the airport?

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**11. Question from Councillor Midgley to the Executive Member for Adult Services**

**Question**

The covid pandemic has affected all of us in some way and the detrimental impact on mental health is becoming clear. Loss of income, bereavement, anxiety about contracting covid, loneliness, isolation and many other worries are triggering new mental health conditions and exacerbating existing ones. What are we doing in Manchester to support the mental health and wellbeing of our residents?

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**12. Question from Councillor Kilpatrick to the Deputy Leader**

**Question**

Following the severe flood warning that impacted large sections of Didsbury and West Didsbury, residents were told by the Environment Agency to contact the Council who would supply sand bags. When they contacted the Council, their requests were rejected. Is it not time that the Council changed the policy to protect the homes of Manchester residents?

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**13. Question from Councillor Kilpatrick to Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee (Councillor Curley)**

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Since the last full council, the development at New Islington Green has been approved. Does the Chair of the committee member not agree with local residents and objector Alan Good that the council should protect green and community spaces across the City from development to support the cohesion of Manchester's newest communities?

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### **14. Question from Councillor Kilpatrick to the Leader**

#### **Question**

Now that we know the details of the Brexit agreement and its impact on supply chains has begun to hit businesses across Manchester, when will the Council publish its Brexit impact assessment?

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### **15. Question from Councillor Leech to the Deputy Leader**

#### **Question**

I know that the Deputy Leader will join me in thanking Council staff, the emergency services and all volunteers involved in emergency planning and support during the floods. Can he tell me how many Manchester homes received advance warning of the possibility of their property being flooded, and how many homes were then subsequently advised to move their valuables to safety and/or to evacuate their homes?

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### **16. Question from Councillor Leech to the Chair of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Russell)**

#### **Question**

Why did the Chair of the Resources and Governance Scrutiny committee refuse a request to call in the Key Decision taken by the Chief Executive to approve the disposal of a 250 year Lease to BTS NQ Limited of 30 – 32 Shudehill, 1 – 3 Nicholas Croft and 1-5 Back Turner Street?

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### **17. Question from Councillor Leech to Executive Member for Environment, Planning & Transport**

#### **Question**

To the Executive Member for Environment, Planning and Transport  
Why did the Executive Member instruct senior Highways officers not to answer questions from a Councillor about the road safety implications of the planned Chorlton corridor mitigation measures?

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### **18. Question from Councillor Rawlins to Executive Member with responsibility for Poverty and Inclusion**

#### **Question**

It's a stark and shameful reality that 1 in 3 children in my ward of Baguley and Newall Green - indeed - across this city are living in poverty. Most recently we've seen the debacle of inadequate food parcels given to families to support free school meals rather than vouchers or cash, presumably because this government thinks parents can't be trusted to make good choices for their children. Rather than relying on Wythenshawe born and bred footballers like Marcus Rashford and the kindness of struggling local businesses what is the Council doing to tackle food poverty long term in this city?

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