

Council meeting – 1 February 2023

Rule 23. Questions for Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23 (Agenda Item 10)

1. Question from Councillor Irene Robinson to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport

Question:

We've had several issues with blocked drains causing large puddles and muddy footpaths across the ward including Old Mill street and Bradford road. In terms of cleaning these and improving the streets have we set aside budget for clearing and unblocking drains to make safer roads and pathways?

Received: 25/01/23 @ 20.18

2. Question from Councillor Irene Robinson to the Executive Member for Housing and Development

Question:

Several new developments along Great Ancoats street which have impacted upon the pavement and pedestrians and cyclists as they are no longer able to use it. This includes blocking a cycle lane on Port Street.

Can we review how building works impact upon the pavements for pedestrians and cyclists? Including ensuring bike lanes are maintained and useable whilst works are ongoing?

Received: 25/01/23 @ 20:18

3. Question from Councillor Nunney to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport

Question

There are a number of roads and paths in Woodhouse Park which flood regularly. When reported, the immediate issue is resolved. But what are the long-term plans to prevent flooding at known hotspots? As climate breakdown gets worse, so will the frequency of floods.

Received: 28/01/23 @16:55

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4. Question from Councillor Nunney to the Executive Member for Vibrant Neighbourhoods

Question

Could you please give us an update as to the progress of acquiring 200 new litter bins for the city?

Received: 28/01/23 @16:55

5. Question from Councillor Leech to the Deputy Leader (with responsibility for Crime & Disorder)

Question

At the last meeting of Council, I asked the following question - There was a 29% increase in recorded crimes in Greater Manchester in 2021/2022, up to around 350,000. The GMP website rightly states that "We're committed to transparency and, as such, we want to give you as much data as possible to help you see what we're doing to combat crime". Can the Deputy Leader explain why residents still cannot view accurate crime stats in their local area? And can the Deputy Leader explain why I have not received an answer to this question, either from him or another Executive Member or a Deputy Executive Member since the question was submitted to Council last year?

Received: 29/01/23 @21:07

6. Question from Councillor Leech to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport

Question

It is often said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. Therefore, can the Executive Member explain why the Council is once again not intending to consult with residents outside of the proposed Christie extended parking scheme, when the scheme is reviewed, even though the Council messed up the consultation process during the original Christie residents parking consultation, and then again during the consultation on the proposed extension?

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7. Question from Councillor Leech to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport

Question

What discussions has she had with HS2 regarding the impact on the local environment, flood storage capacity and site access, over their plans to move the

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proposed location of the vent shaft in West Didsbury from Withington golf course, to land at the rear of Mersey Meadows?

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8. Question from Councillor Leech to the Executive Member for Vibrant Neighbourhoods

Question

How many complaints have been received by the Council regarding the failure to clear rotting leaves since the beginning of the current municipal year's leaf removal programme?

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9. Question from Councillor Johnson to the Leader of the Council

Question

Labour and the Green Party share the concerns of voter disenfranchisement with the new voting system for residents to have to show Voter ID before casting their vote at the next local election. This is a question I asked at the last Executive meeting that was not directly answered. Will every resident or every registered voter in Manchester receive a paper copy explaining the new regulations in terms of what kind of photo ID to bring or how they can apply for Voter ID at the council in the months running up to the elections? This is specifically important for people who are digitally excluded and may miss out on the planned social media information campaign by the council.

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10. Question from Councillor Johnson to the Leader of the Council

Question

Manchester's council website states that "All Scrutiny meetings are open to the public.... If you come to a meeting and would like to speak about any of the matters under discussion, please ask the Chair if this is possible. This is entirely a matter for the Chair of the meeting...".

What are the considerations and guidelines for the Chair to permit a member of the public to speak?

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11. Question from Councillor Johnson to the Deputy Leader (with responsibility for Community Safety)

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Question

I am of course saddened that the Prime Minister has decided to block the implementation of the Scottish Gender Recognition Reform Bill, through an order under Section 35 of the Scotland Act. This piece of legislation simply seeks to make the process for legally recognising a trans man or trans women's gender more respectful and straightforward. Trans people are particularly vulnerable to hate crime and vitriol. Manchester is an amazingly inclusive city, but I am still concerned that recent public debates may put Manchester trans people at a higher risk again. Have there been extra measures put in place to protect our trans residents?

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12. Question from Councillor Johnson to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport

Question

As you all know airport parking, travellers or staff leaving their cars for a day or 7, or 10 or 14 etc., in an area with limited parking space because it was built as a Garden City at a time when not many people owned cars is one of the top issues coming up on the doorstep in Woodhouse Park. Cllr Rob Nunney and I are raising this issue constantly and I am pleased that the Executive Member for Environment and Transport had conversations with MAG about this. We were told in December that MAG would respond with solutions. When will all three Woodhouse Park councillors receive that information?

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