

## Council meeting – 2 October 2024

### Questions for Executive Members and Others under Procedural Rule 23 (Agenda Item 11)

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#### **1. Question from Councillor Connolly to the Executive Member for Clean Air, Environment and Transport**

**Question:** Can you tell me how long it takes for a CRM request for an inspection of a tree to be undertaken?

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#### **2. Question from Councillor Chohan to the Executive Member for Vibrant Neighbourhoods**

**Question:** How is the work programme for Longsight for litter, fly tipping and street cleansing being addressed to meet the needs of the ward and which departments are working together for standards improvements?

Received: 28/09/2024 @ 12:17

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#### **3. Question from Councillor Leech to the Executive Member for Clean Air, Environment and Transport**

**Question:** What assessment has the Executive Member made of the difficulties facing disabled residents in applying for the Bee Network Application for a National Concessionary Travel Pass for England?

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#### **4. Question from Councillor Leech to the Executive Member for Early Years, Children and Young People**

**Question:** What assessment has the Executive Member made of the number of parents and carers struggling with the cost of school uniforms?

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#### **5 Question from Councillor Leech to the Executive Member for Resources and Finance**

**Question:** What assessment has the Executive Member made of the likely cost of providing a dedicated pensioner hardship fund for any older person this winter to access an additional cash payment if they need it?

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### 6. Question from Councillor Leech to the Executive Member for Clean Air, Environment and Transport

**Question:** At the Council meeting held on 20 March 2024, I asked the Executive Member a question about the Parsonage Road low traffic neighbourhood and that *"Given that there was little political or local support for the Parsonage Road low traffic neighbourhood scheme, would the Council confirm when the scheme will be removed?"*

After receiving no proper answer, I asked the following supplementary question - "Last month a letter was sent to the Head of Highways and you, requesting removal of the planters on safety grounds, but no reply was forthcoming.

How confident is the Executive Member that the Council's data is accurate and why has no response been forthcoming? In response Councillor Rawlins stated that *"A response will be released in due course when we finish analysing the data"*.

Following a FOI request, it became clear that the Executive Member had already made a decision that all bar 2 of the filters would be removed, five days before the Council meeting. This had been confirmed in an email from the Executive Member to the Head of Highways and other Highways Officers on 15 March 2024.

Now that there is email proof, would the Executive Member like to apologise for deliberately misleading Council in the run up to the local elections?

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### 7. Question from Councillor Kilpatrick to the Executive Member for Vibrant Neighbourhoods

**Question:** The ongoing review of the fees and charges for using parks for events includes a review of fees that would apply to community events. Any future decision to charge community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisation will challenge the viability of events like Didsbury Festival, Didsbury Car Show, Fletcher Moss Guitar Trail and doubtless other events across the city.

Will the Executive Member provide reassurances to organisers that charges will not be applied to historic community events?

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### 8. Question from Councillor Kilpatrick to the Leader of the Council

**Question:** While I welcome the announcement by Northern Powerhouse Rail that they will progress with the section of HS2 between Manchester Airport and Manchester, current petitioners of the HS2 Bill, including the Council and residents, have been left in limbo after significant changes to the HS2 plans. They will be asked to present their suggested changes to the plans to the parliamentary committee based on the engineering considerations and timing constraints of the HS2 Bill.

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Will the Leader of the Council seek clarity on Northern Powerhouse Rail plans and urge the government to submit a new additional provision to the hybrid bill so that petitioners can submit representations on the new plans?

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### **9. Question from Councillor Northwood to the Executive Member for Executive Member for Clean Air, Environment and Transport**

**Question:** Recent media reports around the Council's electricity provider, which generates electricity through the burning of wood pellets, cast into doubt their claim to be carbon neutral. The European Academies' Science Advisory Council has found that the carbon reductions promised by this type of energy productions may take 30-50 years to be realised. It appears that the Council's science-based carbon budget is claiming these reductions immediately, rather than reflecting the new science which shows the carbon reductions are only being realised later.

What due diligence was done to verify the now disputed green credentials of the Council's electricity provider?

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