

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Leader of the Council:

1. On the 16th December 2020, this Council resolved to adopt the UN Sustainable Development Goals and undertake;

“... to begin work by mapping which (Sustainable Development Goals) targets are relevant using the LGA and UKSSD Sustainable Development Guide”

Having seconded the motion, can the Leader please update Council on his progress to date?

Cllr Mike Stubbs

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To the Leader of the Council

2. At the last Council Meeting the Leader stated his opposition to the use of a Chargeable Clean Air Zone Tax (CAZ) as a solution to the air quality issues in North Staffordshire associated with the Government’s Ministerial Directive.

Can the Leader please outline the threats posed by a CAZ for residents and businesses in the Borough?

Cllr Andy Fear

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To the Leader of the Council

3. Can the Leader please advise Council what robust processes are in place to ensure Council policies around ethical tendering such as the living wage initiative, are adhered to when contracting services on behalf of the Council?

Cllr Andrew Fox-Hewitt

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To the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency

4. I welcome the investment into Kidsgrove Sports Centre. Could the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency please tell me of any other Capital projects between 2012 and 2017 that have been specifically focussed on Kidsgrove?

Cllr Paul Waring

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To the Leader of the Council

5. Could the Leader please update Council on the progress made with regard to Election Preparations, for example the Nominations Process, Staffing for Polling Stations & Count and Setting up of Polling Stations? Could he also update us on the numbers of volunteers that have confirmed their availability to 'staff' the elections and confirm that there will be no reduction of polling stations thus disenfranchising the local electorate?

Cllr Mike Stubbs

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To the Portfolio Holder Environment and Recycling

6. The latest information from Manchester University's Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research is that this borough needs to cut emissions by a minimum of 13.9% per year to deliver a Paris aligned carbon budget.

As members will be aware, the Paris Agreement has set a date of 2050 to limit global temperature rise compared to this Borough's target date of 2030 for carbon neutrality. In addition a 13.9% reduction is much larger than anything that the Borough has achieved to date.

What plans does the Portfolio Holder, Environment and Recycling, have to progress the resolution passed 3rd April 2019 "*To aim to make Newcastle under Lyme a carbon-neutral borough by 2030*" ?

Cllr Sue Moffatt