

Full Council 17 October 2023

Members Questions

Questions from Cllr Farrand-Rogers

Questions to the Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste & Environmental Health

1) *What are the district wide statistics for bin collections made late and missed?*

Response from the Executive Member Recycling, Household Waste & Environmental Health

Response

Late collections = 8.91% (average weekly percentage of collections that were delayed)

Missed Bins = 0.05% (Total missed as a percentage of all collections). Current financial year to date

2) *Are there any wards where the level of missed and late collections is higher than others?*

Response from the Executive Member Recycling, Household Waste & Environmental Health

Response

There is no geographical pattern to the areas where collections are missed or delayed. Areas that have fallen behind are always prioritised for collection as soon as possible with available resources. There are a range of reasons that can lead to delayed collections, most linked to staff and vehicle availability, accidents and breakdowns and access challenges due to roadworks and badly parked vehicles.

3) *If so, what reasons for this difference have been identified or suggested?*

Response from the Executive Member Recycling, Household Waste & Environmental Health

Response

Not applicable – please refer to response to Q2 above.

Question from Cllr MacGregor

4) *Elected members have been restricted from areas of the building, which mean use of lift or a circuitous route to the chamber. Whilst this was understandable while the extensive long drawn out decarbonisation works were carried out, it seems extremely strange that access to the building retains restrictions.*

Q. Can the reasons for this decision be made public, with the date the decision was taken and by whom?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

5)_Teignbridge Council, via either the Executive or officers extolled (to members) the efforts made in supporting nascent and new businesses including provision of starter premises and business incubators. This is particularly welcome, during the economic downturn we have seen under the current UK Govt.

Q. Where is this business incubator located and housed?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

6)Q. Does Teignbridge manage the location directly?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

7)Q. If not, who runs the business incubator location in a day-to-day basis?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

8)Q. Who has direct control over allocation (at Teignbridge) of space at the business incubator?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

Questions from Cllr P Parker

9) In the unlikely event that the cinema building isn't approved by the planning department/ committee, what would be the council's plan B. I understand that the cost of the project is roughly 5 million.

Response from the Leader

A report on the Future High Streets fund cinema and market hall projects is due to come forward to the executive meeting of 31st October. I would ask the member to wait until then for a fuller picture.

10) How much has the FHSF cost in officer time, the financial cost.

Response from the Leader

See answer to Question 9

11) How much have the council spent on the whole of the FHSF on consultants, planning fees/ drawings, engineers, architects, conservation, surveys etc.

Response from the Leader

See answer to Question 9

12) Some business owners that rent commercial property from the council stated that they feel that the properties may be over managed. Cllr Wrigley stated at a meeting recently that this is being looked at. Please could you give a timescale and who would be involved.

Response from the Leader

This is still work in progress and I will provide a timeline at a later date.

Questions from Cllr Macgregor

13) During the last administration a new toilet and changing room block was constructed at Bakers Park, in an area that had originally been open recreation space. Was there a covenant for Bakers Park in respect of development on open recreation space?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

14) As part of recent the tennis courts were refurbished, and one was turned into a Multi-use games area (MUGA). Was there a covenant applicable about enclosing space and preventing use on an as and when basis, so removing the open space for recreation option?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

15) Forde Park underwent significant refurbishment, with a new heavy-duty path for improved access to the now locked courts. Was there a covenant applicable for Forde Park as the open space for recreation has been altered significantly?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

16) Over the last 30 years has any open space for recreation been built on to improve community facilities meaning a reduction in the actual space and did any covenants apply and how were these addressed?

Response from Executive Member for Corporate Services

A verbal response will be given at the meeting.

Question from Cllr Daws

17) The former leader of TDC Gordon Hook is making public statements saying the following in relating to Queen Street traders. 'All traders have been invited to a public meeting, but I understand few actually attended.'

Can you please provide the date of the meeting, the wording supplied on the invite, along with the distribution list of traders invited. As well as confirmation on how this invite was physically communicated to the traders, receipt was confirmed and how responses were recorded.

Response from the Leader.

Details of the consultation process for the Queen Street improvements are listed in the County Council HATOC reports.

Some useful references:

2020 Consultation

Report <https://democracy.teignbridge.gov.uk/documents/b6563/Future%20High%20Streets%20-%20updated%20plans%20and%20survey%20feedback%2021st-Jul-2020%2010.00%20Executive.pdf?T=9>

2022 Consultation Report

Report <https://devoncc.sharepoint.com/sites/PublicDocs/Corporate/HaveYourSay/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FPublicDocs%2FCorporate%2FHaveYourSay%2FTransport%2FNewton%20Abbot%20Queen%20Street%2FQueen%20St%20Newton%20Abbot%20Consultation%20Report%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FPublicDocs%2FCorporate%2FHaveYourSay%2FTransport%2FNewton%20Abbot%20Queen%20Street&p=true&ga=1>

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