

Councillors' Ordinary Priority Questions to Cabinet Members

From Councillor Whelton to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services

What impact has the mini-budget of 23 September, and the subsequent financial and economic turmoil, had on the Council's finances?

From Councillor Simon McGrath to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services

Could the Cabinet Member please outline any changes made in the Civic Centre Car Park since May 2022, the cost of any such changes, the reasons for making such changes and whether specific representations were made to the Council for any such changes.

From Councillor Hayes to the Cabinet Member for Sport and Heritage

Can the Cabinet Member outline the role that Merton's libraries can play as hubs in our communities?

From Councillor Nick McLean to the Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate Change:

After the recent traveller incursion on Cannon Hill Common, can the Cabinet Member update me on the current status of the council's 'Persons Unknown' injunction?

From Councillor Jenifer Gould to the Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate Change

According to a study undertaken by the Natural History Museum, the UK is one of the world's most nature-depleted countries on Earth, this decline is projected to worsen with business-as-usual scenarios. So, can the Cabinet member explain why, over the past twelve years, the Council has failed to update the maintenance plans including ecology reports for Merton's 15 nature reserves and will she commit to doing so now? Would she also include what actions the Council is taking for climate change mitigation in relation to Merton's Nature Reserves?

From Councillor Attawar to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

What discussions has he had with NHS partners about their plans to relocate health services from St Helier Hospital to Belmont?

From Councillor Max Austin to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Civic Pride:

Please can the Deputy Leader tell me whether Merton's Winter Night Shelter, organised by Faith in Action, will operate this Winter with the Council's support?

From Councillor Robert Page to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services

Could the Cabinet Member set out:

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- a) the approach taken by the Council to collect Council Tax arrears;
- b) the number of overdue accounts pursued in each of the last 5 years; and
- c) the number of overdue accounts resolved in each of the last 5 years by use of bailiffs/bailiff services?

From Councillor Daniel Holden to the Cabinet Member for Transport

Please can the Cabinet Member tell me how many EV charging points have been installed since May 1st?

From Councillor Williscroft to the Cabinet Member for Transport

Can the Cabinet Member provide an update on the administration's plans to provide 500 additional EV charging points across the borough by March 2023?