

## **ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 14 SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **1. Question from Councillor E Fordham to Councillor C Hart, Cabinet Member for Health and Communities**

“The Government have indicated that it will be possible to move between the application channels by Ukrainians who are seeking residence in the UK. Can the Council be updated on whether this is in place and if there are any concerns about homelessness for any Ukrainians not within the Home for Ukraine scheme?”

### **2. Question from Councillor E Fordham to Councillor K Athwal, Cabinet Member for Highways, Assets and Transport**

“Would the Council support road and cycle route signage that indicated the cycle times between destinations within and immediately around Chesterfield? Such signage would inform the cyclist not just of the distance of the approximate cycle time as well. This is prevalent across the continent and if implemented here would assist with our declared intention to reduce car journeys and encourage sustainable and healthy travel.”

### **3. Question from Councillor E Fordham to Councillor K Athwal, Cabinet Member for Highways, Assets and Transport**

“The Council has spoken positively and optimistically about bus service enhancements and how investment could benefit residents in Derbyshire. Given the grant the Council has received from the Government that appears to be resulting in a reduction of services across Derbyshire and in villages and towns in particular, was the Council right to be positive and optimistic?”

### **4. Question from Councillor E Fordham to Councillor A Dale, Cabinet Member for Education**

“What measures is the Council taking in and with schools to encourage access to, exploration of and appreciation of the Peak District National Park and does the Council agree that we could do more to promote this jewel, not just to visitors, but to Derbyshire residents?”

### **5. Question from Councillor S Swann to Councillor K Athwal, Cabinet Member for Highways, Assets and Transport**

“The crossroads near Drakelow, South Derbyshire are known locally as the ‘crossroads of doom’ due to the location’s appalling record of serious RTCs. Indeed, you and the Director of Highways attended Rosliston PC’s January meeting during which a DCC officer described the crossroads as “the most dangerous in Derbyshire”.

This is a longstanding issue, going back decades, and local people are losing patience as crash follows crash, particularly as the 2,300 houses being built at Drakelow and the new bridge at Walton on Trent will exacerbate the problems.

During my short time as Councillor for Linton Division, I've gained measures to improve safety at the crossroads but, given the acknowledged dangers, much more radical solutions are required.

Urgent and effective action is needed to improve safety at this dangerous crossroads so will Cllr Athwal, along with the Director of Highways, meet me to discuss progress on the significant improvements required?"

**6. Question from Councillor J Barron to Councillor N Hoy, Cabinet Member for Adult Care**

"Recently, during a full council meeting, Elected members voted in favour of amending the longstanding pay policy that prevented Derbyshire County Council from making retention payments to its frontline care workers.

Given this significant policy change, are there now plans for retention payments to be made to our hardworking frontline care staff?"

**7. Question from Councillor G Kinsella to Councillor B Lewis, Leader of the Council**

"Following the latest rise in the energy price cap on 1 October to £3,549, it is estimated that over half of Derbyshire residents will be in fuel poverty. Many progressive local authorities are acting to protect their residents from this rise with the introduction of 'warm rooms', fuel and food support and adaptation of homes for the most vulnerable.

What new and additional actions have DCC taken over the summer to help protect Derbyshire residents against these increases?"

**8. Question from Councillor R George to Councillor K Athwal, Cabinet Member for Highways, Assets and Transport**

"Do the Council consider that the notice to residents and quality of work on the A6 at Furness Vale and from Bridgemont to Newtown is satisfactory and if not, then what action has the Council taken?"