

ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 24 MAY 2023

1. Question from Councillor J Siddle to Councillor A Dale, Cabinet Member for Education

“Will the Cabinet Member for Education please provide Council with an update on the recent OFSTED inspection of the Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES)?”

2. Question from Councillor G Kinsella to Councillor K S Athwal, Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport

“Every week we are told of the number of potholes repaired. However, this data is not helpful without a wider context. For example:

- Apart from emergency fixes and necessary temporary repairs, how many pothole repairs need to be revisited within a 12-month period?
- What is the balance between planned and reactive repairs? If we continually patch road surfaces, rather than carry out the fundamental repairs necessary, reporting that more potholes have been repaired is a negative and not a positive.

Will this additional information be provided and if not, how can residents hold the Council to account when it displays such a poor grasp of performance data?”

3. Question from Councillor G Kinsella to Councillor C Renwick, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Environment

“Active Travel England (the Government body responsible for Active Travel) have rated each Local Authority on their active travel plans. Derbyshire achieved a score of 1 out of 4, defined as “some local leadership with basic plans and isolated interventions that do not yet obviously form a plan for a network.” Is the government wrong in its assessment and have the Authority taken up Active Travel England’s offer of advice and training to help poorly rated Authorities?”