

## **ELECTED MEMBER QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 13 September 2023**

### **1) Question from Councillor J Barron to Councillor A Dale, Cabinet Member for Education**

“Could the Cabinet Member please provide an update on the campaign for a sixth form in Bolsover?”

### **2) Question from Councillor G Kinsella to Councillor B Lewis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change**

“In October 2021, Cabinet approved the Single Use Plastic (SUP) Policy – the aim of which is to remove as much SUP as possible from DCC’s operations. Nearly two years on there is still no 2021 baseline quantifying the use of SUP nor any idea of how much SUP is currently being used. How therefore does the Council know if the policy is having any impact on reducing the use of SUP?”

### **3) Question from Councillor G Kinsella to Councillor C Cupit, Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport**

“According to the National Highways and Transportation Survey (2022/23) nearly 50% of residents expressed dissatisfaction with the Highways Service, an increase on the previous year. The fact that nearly one in four defects were not completed within target timescales explains some of this dissatisfaction.

A recent cabinet report shows that Highways has failed to meet its projected savings for the last two years and has an overspend of £4 million pounds (10% of the total budget). At a Full Council meeting last year we were assured there was a plan to address these issues. Where is the evidence that this plan is working?”

### **4) Question from Councillor G Kinsella to Councillor B Lewis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture, Tourism and Climate Change**

“I welcome the recently published Net Zero Energy Strategy and Spatial Energy Strategy. However, there is little reference in these documents to the role of community energy groups.

There are 17 community energy groups across Derbyshire. We can be proud that this number is amongst the highest of any county in the UK. These

groups offer the potential to generate significant levels of renewable energy and reduce carbon emissions in the process.

What more can the Council do to engage and support these groups in delivering shared net zero ambition, increased energy security and reduced energy costs?”

**5) Question from Councillor K Gillott to Councillor T Ainsworth, Chair of Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

Does the Chair of the Fire and Rescue Authority believe that it is the interests of Derbyshire residents to see:

- a) The scrapping of the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the handing of its powers of governance to an elected Mayor for the East Midlands, or
- b) The merging of the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service with the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service?

**6) Question from Councillor R George to Councillor C Cupit, Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport**

“What is the timescale for repairing the drains on Whitehough Head Road in Chinley?”