

AGENDA ITEM 14

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 4 December 2013

**Questions from Members of the Council under Council Procedure
Rules 12 and 5(1)(i) and 5 (2)(m)**

**(1) Question by Councillor A Pinnock to the Cabinet Member for Place
(Councillor McBride)**

"The Cabinet Member will not have failed to notice POL site developments rejected at committee level now being overturned on appeal because Kirklees does not have a Core Strategy. The situation is grave. What have you done since last Council Meeting to get a revised LDF ready and submitted so we can halt the unchecked development of our green spaces?"

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

**(2) Question by Councillor Burke to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillor
McBride)**

"The LDF Inspector first wrote back to the Council in April this year airing his concerns about the core strategy. Six months have now gone by. Given the importance of the Core Strategy in protecting green fields, I put it to you that it would have been prudent for Cabinet to get work started quietly behind the scenes on a revised LDF Strategy to get us ahead of the game in event of withdrawal. Why didn't you do that?"

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

**(3) Question by Councillor N Turner to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillor
McBride)**

"Has the Conservative Group's LDF proposal been submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government as was decided at the last council meeting?"

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

**(4) Question by Councillor P Scott to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillor
McBride)**

"Can the Cabinet member please advise council as to whether they are aware of any imminent plans for Oldgate House which is beginning to become an eyesore?"

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

(5) **Question by Councillor Wilkinson to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillor McBride)**

"How many planning applications seeking permission to build on provisional open land were refused in the last 24 months?"

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

(6) **Question by Councillor Barraclough to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Khan)**

"Can the Leader of the Council outline for us the reasons for the delays in progress of the Rural Broadband bid for the Kirkburton and Denby Dale areas, and what action he has taken to address those delays?"

The Leader to Respond.

(7) **Question by Councillor Cooper to the Leader of the Council (Councillor Khan)**

"Can you speculate as to why the Conservative Group condemned the Kirklees Local Development Framework at the last Full Council meeting then voted to retain it?"

The Leader to Respond.

(8) **Question by Councillor Greaves to the Cabinet Member for Resources (Councillor Sheard)**

"Would the Cabinet Member state his view on rolling over unspent funding for areas and wards into the new financial year, and indicate when the decision to roll-over can formally be made."

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

(9) **Question by Councillor Marchington to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillors McBride and C Scott)**

"Can the Cabinet Member please explain why Kirklees now has one of the lowest recycling rates of all Yorkshire Councils ranked 20th out of a total of 22 Local Authorities?"

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

(10) **Question by Councillor Lawson to the Cabinet Member for Place (Councillors McBride and C Scott)**

"Can the Cabinet Member share with Council the full Cost of renovating Dewsbury Town Hall Clock including how much the gold leaf cost?"

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

**(11) Question by Councillor P Scott to the Cabinet Member for Resources
(Councillors Pandor and Sheard)**

“In 2012/13 the boiler at Tolson Museum had £21k spent on it. Does the Cabinet Member think that this money was well spent considering that the boiler has since completely failed and now requires replacing?”

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

**(12) Question by Councillor P Scott to the Cabinet Member for Resources
(Councillors Pandor and Sheard)**

“Between 2007/8 & 2012/13 £155k was spent on roof lead theft repairs and feasibility studies at Tolson Museum. Has all the lead stolen been replaced properly?”

The Cabinet Member to Respond.

**(13) Question by Councillor P Scott to the Cabinet Member for Resources
(Councillors Pandor and Sheard)**

“At the last council meeting on the 23rd of October I asked whether the Council intends to spend capital to repair Tolson Museum. The response I got was “see the Capital plan”. Although I didn’t need to look again, the Cabinet Member will be pleased to hear that I took their advice and checked what the plan said about Tolson Museum. What it told me was that when the plan was agreed there was no money allocated to repair and improve Huddersfield’s only museum despite it desperately needing investment. Can I ask the Cabinet Member whether - now that attention has been drawn to the sheer scale of investment required at Tolson - whether their future priorities for Capital spending will include or exclude Tolson Museum?”

The Cabinet Member to Respond.