



MEETING OF FIFE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 20TH MAY, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - QUESTION TIME

QUESTION 1 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

It is accepted that there should be no educational attainment gap based on deprivation/poverty. Are there any acceptable bases for a gap in educational attainment and, if so, what are they?

QUESTION 2 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

What are current best estimate projections on electric vehicle ownership in Fife to 2032 (when the sale of new petrol and diesel vans and cars will be banned in Scotland)?

QUESTION 3 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

How many vehicles can be supported (charged) by the current EVCP capacity in Fife?

QUESTION 4 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

What options are we considering to enable households that do not have off-street parking to charge their vehicles on the street at home?

QUESTION 5 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

Recent feedback from the online road fault reporting form indicates that road fault reports are often repeat reports. Some local authorities publish reported road faults (and other reported problems) with pictures (and have done so for a number of years) along with an officer response. This saves officer time and helps to inform the public and elected members. When does the administration plan to provide this basic level of service?

QUESTION 6 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

What interaction has the Council had to date and what interaction does it anticipate having with the UK Community Renewal Fund?

QUESTION 7 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

What is the Council's response to reports that the new Council care homes will cost will cost £275,000 per bed excluding land costs and the contrast this makes with current independent sector equivalent costs of £115-120,000?

QUESTION 8 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

Does the Council agree with the proposition that a care home solely charging the rates agreed between COSLA and Scottish Care would not be economically viable?

QUESTION 9 FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY HEER

Has there been any change in the number of road faults reported online since the requirement to register a mygov.scot account was introduced and if so, by how much?

QUESTION 10 FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY HEER

Did the Council consult with National Farmers Union, Scotland before publishing a post on the Fife Council Facebook page exhorting the public to reduce their consumption of meat and dairy products?

QUESTION 11 FROM COUNCILLOR HELEN LAW

Despite a decision by Fife Council to retain the Creche Service, creches remain closed. As all other children's services have reopened can you confirm the date the existing creches will reopen.

When will staff be informed of the up-to-date position regarding the reopening of the creches?

What work stream has been established to look at the expansion of the Creche Service.?

QUESTION 12 FROM COUNCILLOR RYAN SMART

What response have Co-Leaders Cllr Ross and Alexander received from the Director of Health and Social Care and the Integrated Joint Board regarding this Council's request (Motion 3 from Fife Council Meeting – 10/9/2020) asking them to reconsider the decision around the closure of the Wellesley Unit at Randolph Wemyss Memorial Hospital, which in particular reduced the provision of palliative care in this part of Fife? Can this response be shared with all elected members?

QUESTION 13 FROM COUNCILLOR BILL PORTEOUS

Following widespread concerns across the United Kingdom about the Mental Health of our children during the COVID Pandemic what plans do the Education and Social Work service have

> to provide sufficient resources to both identify and address and resolve those mental health issues?

> A recent NHS published report indicates that as many as one in six of our children could require this advice and support.

QUESTION 14 FROM COUNCILLOR JANE ANN LISTON

What have the savings been in Councillor's travelling expenses since the start of the pandemic through having virtual meetings?

QUESTION 15 FROM COUNCILLOR DONALD LOTHIAN

What percentage of the Councils budget to date has been allocated through Participatory Budgeting ? Do we expect to achieve the 1% target by the end of this financial year and how will that be achieved?

QUESTION 16 FROM COUNCILLOR TIM BRETT

What are the “ 3 Asks” that have been made by our Looked After Children to the Corporate Parenting Board . What has been the response?

QUESTION 17 FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES CALDER

How many of our teachers are currently on temporary contracts in our Primary and Secondary schools . How many new permanent teacher contracts do we expect to need for the new school term starting in August?

QUESTION 18 FROM COUNCILLOR MARGARET KENNEDY

Are we using and following the COSLA guidance on Human Trafficking and Exploitation. How many cases have been identified in Fife over the last 2 years?

QUESTION 19 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

There are many types of road signs in Fife. What road signs are the responsibility of Fife Council? How many are there estimated to be and is there any planned maintenance of road signs in Fife? How many signs are needing repair or maintenance at the present time?

QUESTION 20 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

To what extent are assessments being taken by pupils in Fife to provide evidence to the SQA exams by another name?

QUESTION 21 FROM COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN LESLIE

What is Fife Council policy in respect of provision of recycling bins in residential communal bin areas?

QUESTION 22 FROM COUNCILLOR JANE ANN LISTON

When will members of the public again be able to report a road defect without having to open a Fife Council account?

QUESTION 23 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

Will the administration look into the recent motion passed by Glasgow City Council and question asked at a recent Stirling Council meeting requesting that their respective Pension Funds immediately look at the question of divestment from fossil fuels?

<https://greens.scot/news/glasgow-city-council-votes-overwhelmingly-to-end-fossil-fuel-investments>

<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/local-news/stirling-council-back-managed-divestment-24036964>