



MEETING OF FIFE COUNCIL

THURSDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2021

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 - QUESTION TIME

QUESTION 1 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

Why were Police Scotland and the Council actively canvassing information on newly applied stickers on lampposts in the Viewforth Avenue area of Kirkcaldy when stickers from the 2014 Referendum remain on Council signs to this day?

QUESTION 2 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

Does the administration think that 20MPH speed limits should be scrapped and increased to 30MPH to 'align the mandatory limit to drivers' perceptions'?

QUESTION 3 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

What are the pros and cons of including in reports to committees a section on the impact on those for whom the Council is a Corporate Parent?

QUESTION 4 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

The recent Internal Audit Report on the Scotland Excel Procurement Project appears to show that the stated objective of the project was such that it isn't and never was possible to determine whether or not that objective had been met. As that's clearly unsatisfactory, what steps are being taken to ensure that such a situation doesn't recur?

QUESTION 5 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID J ROSS

Many sports clubs were disappointed by The decision not to allow external activities to recommence in primary schools when Fife moved to level two Covid restrictions. As Fife it's now at level one what progress has been made to ensure that internal sports and physical activities can resume in primary schools after the summer holidays.

QUESTION 6 FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN WATT

Fife Sports and Leisure Trust currently charge £1.30 for food waste bags at local leisure centres. There are no such charges at Fife Council facilities or at libraries managed by Fife Cultural Trust. I understand Trusts are operated autonomously from Fife Council; however, this is yet another confusing and unnecessary barrier for the vast majority who want to recycle responsibly and efficiently. For the benefit of fellow Councillors and the wider public, can you please share insight into this ludicrous situation?

QUESTION 7 FROM COUNCILLOR DARREN WATT

While we can all agree there are many reasons for fly tipping, there are no excuses, however, this brings little comfort to communities, residents, businesses, and private landowners who are often unfairly burdened with the costs to clean up. In the last six months, how many fixed penalty fines were given to “environmental vandals” by Fife Council and how much has been collected?

QUESTION 8 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

Is it the case that there has been no mechanical street cleaning for the last 2 years across Fife ? How many complaints about the cleanliness of streets have been received during that time and how has that effected our score under the LEAMS scheme?

QUESTION 9 FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES CALDER

How many Fife children have been detained unlawfully either in Fife or outwith Fife between August 2018 and July 2019 following the investigation by the Scottish Children and Young Peoples Commissioner?

QUESTION 10 FROM COUNCILLOR TIM BRETT

How many contracts have been let by Fife Council since the start of the Pandemic that were not put out to tender? What was the value of those contracts , what were they for and why was this done?

QUESTION 11 FROM COUNCILLOR BILL PORTEOUS

Is the Council experiencing any difficulties in obtaining materials or supplies for any services due to Brexit or the Pandemic. If so what are the shortages for and how long are we having to wait for items to be delivered?

QUESTION 12 FROM COUNCILLOR DONALD LOTHIAN

East Renfrewshire Council estimate they have saved local people over £3M from scams through their Confidence at Home scheme which has handed out 943 true Call blockers to older and vulnerable people. What arrangements do we have in Fife to protect our elderly and vulnerable residents from similar scams?

QUESTION 13 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

Has any research been carried out to consider whether it would be possible to heat homes by warm water from flooded coal mines in Fife?

QUESTION 14 FROM COUNCILLOR TIM BRETT

How many EU citizens have successfully applied to remain in Fife under the EU settlement Scheme? Do we know what proportion of EU Citizens in Fife that represents?

QUESTION 15 FROM COUNCILLOR JANE ANN LISTON

Does the Council have any plans to increase the speed limit on roads with a current 20mph limit to 30mph because motorists are ignoring it?

QUESTION 16 FROM COUNCILLOR JANE ANN LISTON

Does Fife Council consider that not funding the extra year for pupils deferring primary school entry if they attend private nurseries is consistent with the concepts of funding following the child and getting it right for every child?

QUESTION 17 FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA HOLT

What does Fife Council spend on its annual subscription to Holyrood Magazine and on posting the magazine to 72 councillors monthly? Given that I would guess very few councillors have the time to read this publication from cover to cover, is this really the best way of spending council resources when for several years now Fife library-users have been deprived of the opportunity to read newspapers in libraries?

QUESTION 18 FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA HOLT

The SNP were re-elected last month on a manifesto promise of a £60million playpark renewal fund to renew every playpark in Scotland. Volunteers in St Monans have been working their socks off to fundraise for a desperately needed refurbishment of their playpark. When might they expect this help from the Scottish Government and how much?

QUESTION 19 FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA HOLT

The SNP were re-elected last month on a manifesto promise of a free laptop or device for every pupil, together with a free internet connection. Everyone recognises that the education of poorer pupils who lacked suitable devices and an internet connection suffered disproportionately during lockdown, this promise should be delivered with the utmost urgency. Has Fife Council been told when the Scottish Government intends to make good on its promise? What contact has been made from the Scottish Government with Fife Council to organise the implementation of this policy?

QUESTION 20 FROM COUNCILLOR LINDA HOLT

The SNP were re-elected last month on a manifesto promise of free bikes for all school-age children who cannot afford them. Given I have constituents who are worrying whether they can afford a bike for their children's birthdays and Christmases, when might they expect the Government to make good on its promise? Has the Scottish Government made any contact with Fife Council about implementing this promise?