

## **FIFE COUNCIL**

**9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2022**

### **ITEM 7 – QUESTION TIME**

#### **QUESTION 1 FROM COUNCILLOR BOUBAKER-CALDER**

What is the current formula used to calculate the number of school pupil places that will be required from new build houses in the Dunfermline Area?

#### **QUESTION 2 FROM COUNCILLOR BOUBAKER-CALDER**

What support is currently been provided by Fife Council to help businesses after the impact of both the COVID-19 and now the Cost of Living Crisis?

#### **QUESTION 3 FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES CALDER**

After recently well-publicised missed bin collections, can the Council confirm how many bins have been both been completed missed or delayed until the following week since the start of 2022?

#### **QUESTION 4 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY**

What steps are being taken in the immediate short term to deal with the high and increasing numbers of missed domestic bin uplifts?

#### **QUESTION 5 FROM COUNCILLOR GORDON PRYDE**

With the latest figures showing that less than 1 in 3 young people in Fife have been able to get their free bus pass, what action is being taken to ensure as many young people in Fife have their free bus pass before the start of the new school term in August? Can Fife Council learn from the support offered to young people in Inverclyde Council where the take up rate exceeds 80%?

#### **QUESTION 6 FROM COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN LESLIE**

A commemorative book for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee has been produced and is available to all primary school pupils across the UK.

Can the Administration confirm if this book will be available to pupils in Fife schools?

#### **QUESTION 7 FROM COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN LESLIE**

The second round of bids to the UK Government's Levelling Up Fund must be submitted by July 6<sup>th</sup>. Can the Administration confirm if Fife Council is on target to do so?

### **QUESTION 8 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY**

How effectively does the weedkiller used by the Council kill weeds?

### **QUESTION 9 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP**

What KPIs are officers currently tracking for pothole reporting? What are the latest KPIs and where are these available to elected members and the public?

### **QUESTION 10 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP**

Building-based day care for older people is still not available in some locations.

- How many services existed before March 2020 in North East Fife Area (before Covid hitting)
- How many have reopened at this point
- What plans do we have to restart this service

### **QUESTION 11 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP**

Fife Council is responsible for 45,500 road signs, and 24,000 street name plates. What are the current arrangements for planned maintenance/cleaning of road signs? If a road sign has fallen, or is in a poor state of repair, how long should Fifers expect to wait before it is replaced?

### **QUESTION 12 FROM COUNCILLOR GRAEME DOWNIE**

What action can be taken to improve GP services in Ward 1 after data shows only one Doctor in place at Valleyfield Surgery and less than 15% of phone calls answered?

### **QUESTION 13 FROM COUNCILLOR GRAEME DOWNIE**

What action can be taken to develop a strategy for the use of the site of the former Longannet Generating Station after it was confirmed Scottish Enterprise's option on the land which would have allowed High Speed trains to be built on the site has expired?

### **QUESTION 14 FROM COUNCILLOR ANDREW VERRECCHIA**

Since 2014 there has been the prospect of a Lidl store opening in Rosyth.

This has been complicated by the need to re-home Rosyth Football Club, originally at the Rosyth Fleet Grounds, but the decision to choose the Fleet Grounds as the preferred site of the replacement for Inverkeithing High School has further complicated this.

Rosyth FC is in desperate need of a new home & to their credit has found a solution to their situation which is dependent on the Lidl store coming to fruition.

There are currently discussions going on between Fife Council & the property developer (McTaggart & Meikel) regarding the Lidl site but very little information is coming back.

Can my constituents be reassured that the Lidl store that they absolutely need is going to be forthcoming soon, to allow their local football team to be able to continue to thrive?

**QUESTION 15 FROM COUNCILLOR ALLAN KNOX**

Following the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy's recent spending review; the situation for future finance of local government looks bleak and unfortunately outside of the control of Fife Council.

Will the Administration be working with other local authorities through Cosla and other means to put pressure on the SNP/ Green Scottish Government to give a proper level of support to local services, that are so necessary for all our local communities, especially the most vulnerable?