

Fife Council

2nd December, 2021

Item 7 – Question Time

QUESTION 1 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP

Given the impact of Covid on Children's education will the administration reconsider its position on P1 deferrals and support the 'give them time' campaign call for the full funding of automatic deferral in 2022 ahead of the P1 automatic deferrals planned for 2023.

QUESTION 2 FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES CALDER

What lessons can the Council education service learn from Estonia which according to the OECD's PISA scale has the best education system in Europe?

QUESTION 3 FROM COUNCILLOR MARGARET KENNEDY

Audit Scotland's Community Empowerment COVID-19 Update places an expectation on Councils to reflect on the impact of COVID and reshape ways of working. The emphasis being on building more local decision-making structures with active local participation and shared power to allow decisions to be taken that matter locally.

What measures has Fife Council put in place to achieve this?

QUESTION 4 FROM COUNCILLOR ANDY HEER

The residents of Gateside have asked for a speed camera to be installed on the A91 in an attempt to stop vehicles speeding through their village but have been told by Transportation officers that fixed speed cameras are "against policy".

When was this policy introduced and by whom?

QUESTION 5 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

Internal Audit Report 51 records that the Business Case in relation to Scotland Excel agreed by the Policy & Co-ordination Committee in March 2018 was altered on December 17th 2019. Which officer authorised that change and who, officers and members, was informed/aware of the change at the time or immediately afterwards?

QUESTION 6 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

At its September meeting, Council was advised that a review of arrangements covering the relationship between the Council and its Arms-Length External Organisations was not required because such a review was already underway. When and where is that review expected to report its findings?

QUESTION 7 FROM COUNCILLOR TONY MIKLINSKI

What are the

1. current opening hours per day,
2. current number of days per week and
3. current total weekly opening hours

of the Cupar Recycling Centre

and

4. are the current total weekly opening hours (from question c above) different from what they were in December 2019?

QUESTION 8 FROM COUNCILLOR JAMES CALDER

Is there a plan for indoor inter-school sports events to return and if so what conditions will allow this to take place?

QUESTION 9 FROM COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN LESLIE

Can the Administration confirm if young people in Fife's schools will be participating in the Scottish Government Health and Wellbeing Census?

QUESTION 10 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

The answer to Question 9 at the last Council meeting said "A few areas or localities have used the Place Standard tool as an aid to discussion around community strengths and priorities". Which areas or localities are those?

QUESTION 11 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY

What is the purpose of Question Time and does it succeed in meeting that purpose?