

# QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

## 25 FEBRUARY 2021

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA

#### EP1

David Dunham has asked the Executive Member for Highways and Transport the following question:

#### Question

I would like to ask the Council/Councillors about the issues we have experienced at the Bradbury Centre and the lack of Parking at times.

On an average day at the Bradbury Centre Vaccine centre we see anything from 900+ to a high of 1400 people being vaccinated, people receiving the Pfizer jab have to be monitored for 15 minutes inside before being allowed to leave, the Astra Zeneca again 15 minutes before being allowed to drive.

There are only approx 15 spaces available free of charge for people to use

The vaccine centre uses the centre once a week, the Town centre is relatively quiet due to lockdown, there are five other car parks around the Town Centre, that could be used

Whilst Wokingham are doing extremely well with the vaccination programme, could the Rose Street car park be allocated vaccine centre car park only for that one day a week, the loss of revenue would be minimal in comparison to the benefits, especially as there are many who still need to be vaccinated who are on the vulnerable list.

Waitrose have been kind enough to allow all volunteers to use their car park, so it would be used for those attending to receive their vaccine.

#### EP2

Anne Chadwick has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

#### Question

The report of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee of Wokingham Borough Council on its response to the Covid-19 pandemic report and recommendations of November 2020 states that the majority of child protection visits remained face-to-face (97%) in June 2020. How have child protection visits been conducted during the latest lockdown?

### **EP3**

Daniel Hinton has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

#### **Question**

Can you give us an update on the current level of covid in care homes across the borough?

### **EP4**

Sam Akhtar has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

#### **Question**

The Council navigated a firm course through the emergency looking after the needy, protecting the residents and standing up for the Borough where necessary. I am delighted that the Executive had the strength of conviction. Well done.

How prepared is the Council for recovery and what is its strategy?

### **EP5**

Shahid Younis has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

#### **Question**

Wokingham is one of the affluent places to live, work and bring up a family. However, in certain wards 17% of children live in poverty. What strategy does the council have in place to reduce child poverty in Wokingham?

## **MEMBER QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA**

### **EM1**

Gary Cowan has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

#### **Question**

**The agenda Page 8 states and I quote :**

Care Home in Wokingham are usually run by private or voluntary sector service providers. Wokingham Borough Council has a responsibility to support the needs of the individual and maintain the financial sustainability of the social care market. It does not have a direct responsibility to manage an outbreak within a Wokingham Care Home but has continued to support providers to manage outbreaks during the pandemic.

From the start of the pandemic the Council has worked proactively to deliver support and advice to the care homes and other care settings in the Borough. Adult Social Care has provided support to care homes, through its Care Home Task Force, providing guidance on infection control, support with PPE, distribution of Government grant funding and immediate, targeted support in the event of Covid-19 outbreaks.

My question is the Council satisfied that it has worked just as proactively to deliver support and advice to our residents and businesses in the vicinity of the care homes where there has been reported cases of infection and sadly loss of life in the Borough?