

QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

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CP7

Keith Kerr has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

My question relates to the Equality Plan on this evening's agenda. In May 2021 there will be local elections in Wokingham Borough for Councillors and a Thames Valley Police Commissioner. The control of Wokingham Borough Council is likely to be on a knife edge and therefore, keenly contested. Just under 12% of Wokingham Borough Council Residents are non-whites and they are generally clustered in concentrated areas of the Borough. As the current Leader of the Council. What will you tell them about how you and the Conservative led Council has positively engaged with the non-white community since their indignation about your Facebook post and your negative statements about Black Lives Matter Last Spring/Summer?

CP8

Pol Exeter has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

The BME Forum was "paused for the Council to find and fund an independent facilitator to take stock and reflect on its direction" by the acting Chair five months ago. What was the outcome of the independent facilitator's reflection and when will the conclusions be made public?

CP9

Jeffrey Hinds has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

Question

As Leader of Wokingham Borough Council, you claimed that equality was hard wired into the Council's DNA. Of the £129,697,410 (million) budget of the Council for 2020/21, what percentage was allotted for equality initiatives, and how much was spent on equality initiatives for those with protect characters as defined under the Equalities Act 2010?

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