

COUNTY COUNCIL – 25 FEBRUARY 2021

QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 16.1.1

1. From Councillor Steve Forster to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

Could the Executive Member please provide a summary of the extra COVID funding received from government allocated to ETE, along with an overview of how the Council is using the monies, and reviewing performance?

2. From Councillor Andrew Gibson to the Leader:

Regarding concerns for the occupants of the proposed camp at Barton Stacey for asylum seekers, what discussions have there been between HCC and the Home Office and can you explain what could be the implications for provision of services by the County Council?

3. From Councillor Fran Carpenter to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People:

Would the Lead Member for Children's Services please give the Council an update about the distribution of the £2.89 million pound Covid Winter Grant Scheme allocation, which was awarded to this Authority by the Department for Work and Pensions? For example, what range of organisations have applied for the grant and for what type of service provision? How have we ensured that the grant funding reaches the most needy areas? And can we be assured that vulnerable children and those eligible for Free School Meals will continue to be provided for?

4. From Councillor Graham Burgess to the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment:

When will Hampshire County Council Highways Department adopt the new Daedalus Spine Road which has been complete for over a year?

5. From Councillor Jan Warwick to the Executive Member for Commercial Strategy, Human Resources and Performance:

I was very pleased to hear the very positive news about the Government Climate Change grant to HCC for £26.9m to improve the energy efficiency of our maintained schools and buildings. How quickly can residents expect to see the installation of solar panels and double-glazed windows and how will the upgrades be prioritised?

6. From Councillor Jackie Branson to the Executive Member for Education and Skills:

In view of continued school closures, can you tell us what Hampshire is doing to support schools with their key worker provision, to support disadvantaged children now and when they return to school and to ensure all pupils have access to quality remote learning?

7. From Councillor Roger Huxstep to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health:

Will the Executive Member, given that on 5 February members were briefed on COBOTS, Collaborative Robots, state what other technologies have been deployed by the Department to augment the delivery of services to service users while enabling front-line social workers to perform their duties more efficiently and easily?

8. From Councillor Jonathan Glen to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health:

There is increasing evidence that Special Needs Adults, especially those with learning difficulties, are very vulnerable to contracting Covid-19. The ONS has just published data that this cohort is 3.7% more likely to die than the average. Are we at Hampshire giving enough consideration to protecting this group and to offering early vaccinations as a priority?

9. From Councillor Jackie Porter to the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services and Young People:

In view of the very low income collected from children's transport to school before they are of compulsory school age, the pandemic creating uncertainty of attendance for schools, the resultant additional car journeys being made by parents, and the County Council's desire to reduce Hampshire's Carbon footprint, would the County Council reconsider their decision and stop charging parents for the school bus journey for reception age children for the academic year 21-22 and onward?