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| Meeting | Council |
| Date and Time | Wednesday, 28th August, 2024 at 6.30 pm. |
| Venue | The Bapsy Hall, Guildhall, Winchester |

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A

Agenda Item.

3. Questions from Members of Council (Pages 3 - 12)

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The total time for questions and the answer and supplementaries thereto shall not exceed 40 minutes.

Please note that as per the Council's Constitution (Part 4.1 - Council Procedure Rule, paragraph 8.2) there will be no public or Councillor questions under Council Meeting Procedure Rule 19 unless related to the matter of the extraordinary meeting.

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Questions by Councillors under Council Procedure Rule 19.1

- Each questioner will have 2 minutes in which to ask their question.
- If a questioner who has submitted a question is unable to be present, the Mayor may ask the question on their behalf, or invite another Councillor to do so, or indicate that a written reply will be given and published on the website following the meeting. or decide, in the absence of the questioner, that the question will not be dealt with.
- Please note that following the response given by the Leader, a Cabinet Member or Committee Chair, the questioner may also ask a supplementary question which must arise directly out of the original reply.
- The **total** time allocated for Councillor questions will normally be limited to 40 minutes.
- Written answers will be published to questions submitted (but not supplementary questions) following the meeting.

| | From Cllr: |
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| 1 | Godfrey |
| 2 | Miller |
| 3 | Horrill |
| 4 | Lee 1 |
| 5 | Cunningham 1 |
| 6 | Langford-Smith |
| 7 | Lee 2 |
| 8 | Cunningham 2 |
| 9 | Lee 3 |



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QUESTION 1

From: Councillor Godfrey

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“Following the announcement by the Government of proposals to change the calculation of mandatory housing targets in the NPPF, Winchester will soon have to allocate land for at least 4,800 additional homes over and above the current Local Plan number. Apart from advancing the timetable of the Local Plan submission, what steps has the City Council taken to protect Winchester District from the large-scale development that might be needed to meet these new housing targets?”



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QUESTION 2

From: Councillor Miller

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“If the local plan allows brownfield sites to be developed, this will effectively reduce the amount of land available for employment. How is the Council going to ensure that enough employment sites are provided in the right locations, to cover the extra employment that will be needed for the extra houses that will be built under that plan.

How do they plan to provide enough employment sites given the revised number of houses that will need to be built under the numbers announced by the Labour Government?”



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QUESTION 3

From: Councillor Horrill

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“As you know the Conservative group has been fully supportive of the administration’s desire to move the local plan process forward - that involves the Cabinet last week and the Council meeting today. The purpose of the timetable change will be to allow us a more considered approach to the new requirements of the Labour Government to provide an additional 4800 homes in the plan period in our District, as part of their drive for 370,000 additional homes across the country.

Do you also embrace the housing numbers in the Liberal Democrat manifesto for 380,000 new homes in the same period and if so, where do you propose those other homes will go in our District? Have you written to our MP to recommend the top-down approach to housing numbers proposed by Labour is unsatisfactory and that a different approach and methodology should be adopted, which better supports local representations and knowledge to ensure the delivery of the correct housing need in our area?”



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QUESTION 4

From: Councillor Lee 1

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“Organizations and individuals have found it challenging to review their Reg 18 inputs and the corresponding responses or comments.

Comments received are categorised alongside the Local Plan policies, after analysis under the relevant Local Plan chapter. This is done for each individual response with a unique allocated reference number. A list of the reference numbers, name of responder and organisation are available. The reference number is then used to review the input against the relevant policy that the comments was made against.

Currently, this set-up prevents a speedy and efficient CHAT PT or equivalent search of inputs and officers’ comments, especially when there are so many. Using analysis tools seems impossible.

For Reg 19, can this process be improved to allow a more Open and accessible search process for organisations and individuals to find their comments with Officers’ responses?”



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QUESTION 5

From: Councillor Cunningham 1

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“Even if we can get the Reg 22 submitted and accepted in time by the November deadline, the increased number of dwellings of 4,800 imposed by the new Labour Government will still be hanging over all Winchester residents like the sword of Damocles as we enter the process for the next local plan due to start next year. Given that 4,800 additional dwellings amounts to 2 and a half more Kings Bartons and the pressure that will put on outward urban expansion, can the portfolio holder advise what impact this is likely to have on the District’s Strategic Local Gaps, Green Belts and Public Open Spaces.”



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QUESTION 6

From: Councillor Langford-Smith

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“Can the Administration assure residents that they will focus development for housing on Brownfield Land rather than allocating our agricultural land for development?”



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QUESTION 7

From: Councillor Lee 2

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“Embodied carbon emissions are increasingly becoming a larger fraction of the total carbon emissions from construction, often 20-50% of the whole life carbon emissions of a new building.

Worryingly, the construction industry's knowledge of embodied carbon reduction strategies and calculations are inadequate. This Council can help the industry make better progress with benefits to the District by signposting the following in our Plan:

- London Energy Transformation Initiative (LETI) Embodied Carbon Primer which offers supplementary guidance to the [Climate Emergency Design Guide](#), for embodied carbon
- Environmental Product Design (EPD) guides and databases e.g., <https://asbp.org.uk/epd-product-database-asbp-members> can support project teams to design buildings that deliver ambitious embodied carbon reductions.

Can we signpost the above guides and introduce a mandatory embodied carbon assessment with an annual or biennial rising % embodied reduction target for all design and build planning applications?

This will avoid the current CN8 policy non-prescriptive suggestion that leaves developers to tell us what they have done without any guidance or targets. The embodied carbon assessment is currently not mandatory.

This could be an important contribution to changing net zero design and build behaviour along with contribution to our district carbon reduction targets plus wider wellbeing for Nature and Communities.”



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QUESTION 8

From: Councillor Cunningham 2

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“The Littleton Strategic Settlement Gap already has an established SINC running through it. Post the Sir John Moore Barracks development, will the portfolio holder undertake to continue the current Local Plan iteration and ensure ongoing protection for both the Littleton and Sparsholt Strategic Gaps in particular?”



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QUESTION 9

From: Councillor Lee 3

To: The Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan (Cllr Jackie Porter)

“NE6 states: "The local planning authority will permit developments provided they avoid flood risk to people and property and comply with..." (See Page 224).

There is uncertainty that all drainage and flood risks in our vulnerable flood-prone areas will be resolved promptly by Southern Water and the Local Flood Authority, and there is doubt whether any solutions will be fully future-proofed against increasing extreme rainfall due to cost constraints.

Can we mandate in this Policy that rainwater and greywater harvesting, along with other sustainable water management systems such as SUDs should be used for new builds/significant retrofit extensions, in vulnerable surface and ground water flood areas?”