



Winchester

City Council

COUNCIL MEETING – 20th August 2026

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:
1	Clear
2	Wallace
3	Warwick
4	Batho
5	Bailey Morgan
6	Langford-Smith
7	Cook
8	Horrill
9	Lee
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QUESTION 1

From: Councillor Clear

To: Councillor Cramoysan (Cabinet Member for Recycling and Public Protection)

Now that food waste collections have been fully rolled out across the District, how has this impacted the Council's recycling rate?



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QUESTION 2

From: Councillor Wallace

To: Councillor Learney (Cabinet Member for the Climate and Nature Emergency)

Can the Cabinet Member provide an estimate of how much Winchester City Council is spending on tackling climate change and achieving net zero?

In answering, could she distinguish, where possible, between expenditure intended to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and expenditure intended to help the district adapt to, and become more resilient to, the impacts of climate change?



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QUESTION 3

From: Councillor Warwick

To: Councillor Porter (Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan)

How long is the Council prepared to wait for a landowner to submit a retrospective or regularising planning application before taking formal enforcement action, and what message does this prolonged period of uncertainty send to neighbouring residents who have raised concerns about apparent breaches of planning control?



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QUESTION 4

From: Councillor Batho

To: Councillor Learney (Cabinet Member for the Climate & Nature Emergency)

Hampshire County Council (HCC) are conducting a review into reducing speeds from 40-30mph on four roads in Winchester, Badger Farm Road, Chilbolton Avenue, Harestock Road and Stockbridge Road. HCC has indicated that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding will be sought to support the implementation of these changes, yet in the latest CIL application to Winchester City Council (WCC) this has not been forthcoming. Can the Cabinet Member for Climate and Nature Emergency confirm that WCC would be able to use CIL to support HCC speed reduction schemes?



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QUESTION 5

From: Councillor Bailey-Morgan

To: Councillor Porter (Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan)

This year, residents have again witnessed prolonged sewage discharges, commonly known as storm overflows, into the River Itchen, the River Meon, the River Hamble and their tributaries. The most notable examples have been from outfalls in Wickham and Durley, together with the prolonged discharge from Harestock Wastewater Treatment Works.

Given the limited capacity of the Environment Agency and community groups to undertake widespread, real-time water quality monitoring during storm overflow events, would the Council consider piloting the enhancement of its existing water level monitoring network to also measure water quality at a small number of strategically selected locations, exploring external funding opportunities and partnerships where appropriate?



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QUESTION 6

From: Councillor Langford-Smith

To: Councillor Becker (Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities)

Marie Curie has undertaken research and this shows that terminally ill people are more likely to experience poverty than equivalent healthy populations. In fact, Marie Curie's research shows that 111,000 people die in poverty across the UK each year.

A terminal diagnosis can push households into poverty: with families facing reduced income through not being able to work, at the same time as they are facing increased costs due to extra energy usage, childcare or costs of adaptations.

What support does this Council provide to those residents that are terminally ill?



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QUESTION 7

From: Councillor Cook

To: Councillor Becker (Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities)

Before approving approximately £740,000 of district-wide Community Infrastructure Levy funding for a commercially operated Reformer Pilates facility at Winchester Sport & Leisure Park, can the Cabinet Member provide the evidence, the policy considerations, business case, options appraisal and decision-making process that the Council has relied upon to satisfy itself that the proposal complies with the purposes of CIL, i.e.

- Whether it delivers demonstrable district-wide benefit,
- Whether it represents a proportionate and best-value use of public funds,
- If it has been appropriately assessed under the Subsidy Control regime, and
- If it has been developed through a fair and transparent process consistent with the treatment that would be expected where significant public funding supports a commercial activity.

All of the above needs to be transparent and for this matter to be considered by Full Council despite the Cabinet Decision how can we as Elected Councillors for whatever Party we are aligned with make a voting decision on a large amount of CIL Monies?



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QUESTION 8

From: Councillor Horrill

To: Councillor Porter (Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan)

Please can the portfolio holder explain the Local Plan strategy regarding affordable housing given the decision to not support affordable dwellings on the proposed CWR site on land owned by WCC, but then to propose the St Peters Car Park site.



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QUESTION 9

From: Councillor Lee

To: Councillor Tod (Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration)

At a time when many residents are facing increasing financial pressures and local challenges, including flooding, deteriorating roads, water shortages and nature loss, does the Leader believe that the larger, more remote governance structures and reduced councillor representation proposed under Local Government Reorganisation will make it easier or harder for local communities to influence the decisions that affect their area, environment and quality of life? If the Leader believes it will be easier, can he provide specific examples of how residents will have greater influence over decision-making than they do under the current local government arrangements?



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QUESTION 10

From: Councillor Batho

To: Councillor Becker (Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities)

The North Winchester Youth Provision project was approved by Winchester Town Forum and £116,000 of funding was allocated in the 2026/27 budget. Can the Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities please give an update on the investment that is being made to ensure inclusion of all and support for the Make Space for Girls initiative in this project?