

Members Supplement Questions and Answers from Council 18 September

1. Question from Councillor Hallam to the Leader – Answer in Supplement pack

Supplementary: None

2. Question from Councillor Page to the Leader

Supplementary: List of when officers have attended.

Response: The following was sent to Councillor Page:
Tuesday 28 February 2023 Officer attended Feilding Palmer Hospital meeting and shared the key points of the meetings with Councillors.

3. Question from Councillor King to the Leader

Supplementary: If the Council is minded that there are changes such as 4 day week business would be considered and brought to Council to amend terms and conditions rather than a delegated decision.

Response: Councillor Knowles stated that he would be looking for that to be a decision of Council and not a delegated decision.

4. Question from Councillor Whelband to the Portfolio Holder for Environmental and Climate Change

Supplementary Question: How can you make the claims in the leaflet you sent around when you haven't attended meetings and training.

Response: A documented record of trainings and meetings Councillor Woodiwiss attended would be sent to Councillor Whelband.

5. Question from Cllr Bannister to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

Supplementary Question: Would Woodiwiss agree provision was made in the budget for recycling bins to be available shoppers in towns and villages across the district.

Response: At present there are no plans to provide recycling bins in the town centres of other settlements around the district, while this is a subject close to my heart and I would love to see these facilities provided but the sad truth is that the bins situated in Market Harborough are not used for their core purpose and become contaminated which then is not suitable for recycling.

As such the expansion of this service would just incur new costs for the council. Melton have removed their recycling bins for this very reason.

This must also be viewed through the lens of the much anticipated, much delayed, Deposit return scheme that the government is bringing forward. If properly implemented much of what we would seek to collect in a town centre recycling bin would be covered under the deposit return scheme and render them unnecessary.

I hope that this answers your question to your satisfaction.