

Council 7th October 2024

Item 8 refers

Questions submitted by Members

1. Question to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Knowles

Submitted by Cllr Bateman

Question:

Is the Leader aware that 8th May 2025 is the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE) Day, and if so, can he assure members that this Authority will offer financial assistance to any of the District's parishes and Towns to assist them in ensuring this important anniversary is marked in a manner befitting its importance in our Country's history?

2. Question to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Knowles

Submitted by Cllr James

Question:

The UK produces more plastic waste per person than almost any other country in the world so what happens to it? The UK is dumping our waste on other counties. Presently most is going to Turkey and Malaysia where often it is set on fire which is certainly damaging the health of people living nearby. The alternative is to dump it in the oceans.

The destinations of Single Use Plastics following the recycling collection service operated by Harborough District Council.

Leicestershire use Casepak together their partner Oceala to process plastic waste that is collected in Leicestershire and it seems that these plastics are being transported across the world to: "the Far East and Asia to get the best prices".

Can the Council Leader please tell me:

1. Is any of Harborough Districts Plastic Waste being exported to Asia?

2. Which countries are receiving it?

3. Approximate annual tonnage being exported

4. Is any of it being burned and/or dumped in the worlds oceans?

3. Question to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Knowles

Submitted by Cllr Sarfas

Question:

The Councils Green Waste Collection Service - Methods of Payment

Several of my residents have recently contacted me regarding this service. It seems that some residents cannot book to continue this service on line in which case they have to wait in a phone queue. Many residents assume that their subscription will auto renew at the beginning of the collection season and wait and wait for a collection that does not happen. Thereby missing out on the full service.

Can the Council Leader please investigate to see if an auto renewal of subscriptions option can be put in place for 2025?

This would provide a better service to our regular users and save the customer service staff a considerable amount of time and also improve our customer service to residents.