

Member questions to Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs

Council meeting: 23 November 2023

Question: 1.
From: Councillor White
Response by: Councillor Higginbottom (Cabinet Member Environment and Highways)

Question:

Is the Council considering or investigating introducing ULEZ anywhere across the Borough in the foreseeable future?

Information for response:

No.

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Question: 2.
From: Councillor Webster
Response by: Councillor Cain (Cabinet Spokesperson Public Health and Communities)

Question:

After the recent excellent campaign highlighting the issues on breast cancer and the focus of it on the females of the community, does the Cabinet Member agree that we should also be raising the profile of male breast cancer? This is a rare as a cancer but still needs men to be aware and have the knowledge of how to check themselves and the confidence to report any issue to their GP as a matter of urgency.

Information for response:

Thank you for your question, Councillor Webster.

The council and our partners are committed to supporting residents to spot the signs of cancer—this is for both men and women.

We are currently using data and insight to prioritise our public health work on the main types of cancer that affect our residents.

Breast cancer is extremely rare in men, with less than five men being diagnosed in Barnsley in the last two years, compared to 503 women in this time.

Men can experience similar signs and symptoms of breast cancer to women, so everyone must be aware. We have undertaken significant work to improve breast cancer awareness and increase screening uptake. This includes encouraging and supporting people to attend their cancer screening appointments if eligible, promoting the Community Diagnostic Centre at The Glass Works, and contacting their GP if they are worried about any symptoms they may have.

Early detection and prevention campaigns such as the national Be Clear on Cancer campaigns also encourage people to go to their GP straightaway if they notice any symptoms or changes.

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Question: 3.
From: Councillor Fielding
Response by: Councillor Franklin (Cabinet Spokesperson Regeneration and Culture)

Question:

When will the council be replacing the six properties lost to fire on Woodland Drive?

Information for response:

Thank you for your question, Councillor Fielding.

As previously advised, no decisions have been made regarding the re-development of the site at Woodland Drive. The former site of 14-20 Woodland Drive has been fenced and grassed in the interim period, pending the completion of the clearance of properties at 10 and 12 Woodland Drive in the new year.

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Question: 4.
From: Councillor Hunt
Response by: Councillor Franklin (Cabinet Spokesperson Regeneration and Culture)

Question:

When will Market Gate bridge be open?

Information for response:

Thank you for your question, Councillor Hunt.

We are currently planning for Market Gate Bridge to be open to the public during the weekend commencing on the 8 December.

This will be a soft opening that will give the public access over the bridge. During that weekend the current temporary bridge is also expected to be removed. There will, however, still be some elements of the work that need completing after this weekend, primarily relating to some public realm adjacent to the new bridge. It is anticipated that this work will be complete early in the New Year.

Whilst there is a slight delay, I hope members can appreciate that this is a large, complex project and officers are doing all they can to complete this project as quickly as possible. I hope members can also agree that the new bridge will be a fantastic addition to Barnsley's skyline and town centre that the whole town can be proud of.

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Question: 5.
From: Councillor Fielding
Response by: Councillor Franklin (Cabinet Spokesperson Regeneration and Culture)

Question:

Why has the council allowed the project on the plot of land in front of Dodworth Library to remain incomplete for so long?

Information for response:

Thank you for your question, Councillor Fielding.

The hard landscaping works are all complete, there was a delay with the contractor being able to source replacement coping stones and in attending to defects that the Council identified - this element is now resolved.

In addition, we have been awaiting the winter planting season before carrying out the soft landscaping and planting. We expect this work to be completed in this financial year.