



# Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

## QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET OR CHAIR UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 17.

ORDINARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 19 March 2024

### QUESTION NO 1

FROM: COUNCILLOR GEORGE FIELDING

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT  
COUNCILLOR GERALD VERNON-JACKSON CBE

Can the Cabinet Member please provide a full and comprehensive update on the current crisis affecting EV charging points and users of the same across the city?

### QUESTION NO 2

FROM: COUNCILLOR YINKA ADENIRAN

TO REPLY: CHAIR OF LICENSING COMMITTEE  
COUNCILLOR JASON FAZACKARLEY

At the July 2023 Full Council meeting, Full Council unanimously voted for a motion to improve accessibility in Portsmouth taxis for disabled people. One of the resolutions was to ask the Licensing Committee to commission a review into the level and availability of wheelchair accessible taxis in Portsmouth within the municipal year - with the aim of improving licensing policy to increase accessibility in taxis for disabled people. Can the Chair of the Licensing Committee confirm whether this has taken place?

### **QUESTION NO 3**

FROM: COUNCILLOR MATTHEW ATKINS

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT  
COUNCILLOR GERALD VERNON-JACKSON CBE

Is the Cabinet member aware of ongoing road safety concerns at Medina Road Primary School, Portsdown Primary School and Court Lane Junior and Infant Schools?

### **QUESTION NO 4**

FROM: COUNCILLOR GRAHAM HEANEY

TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL  
COUNCILLOR STEVE PITT

Will the Leader of the council review, and consider reducing, the number of cabinet positions if he is forming an administration after the May elections?

### **QUESTION NO 5**

FROM: COUNCILLOR BENEDICT SWANN

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING POLICY & CITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCILLOR HUGH MASON

Would the Cabinet Member confirm what checks and balances are in place by Portsmouth City Council to protect residents and ensure the highest standards of work and outcomes from property developers working in the city?

## **QUESTION NO 6**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR GEORGE FIELDING**

**TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND  
GREENING THE CITY  
COUNCILLOR KIMBERLY BARRETT**

Can the Cabinet Member confirm how frequently the council monitors sewage discharges in the Solent and surrounding waters, and what specific parameters are assessed during these monitoring activities?

## **QUESTION NO 7**

**FROM: COUNCILLOR GEORGE FIELDING**

**TO REPLY: LEADER/CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE,  
LEISURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCILLOR STEVE PITT**

Can the Cabinet Member advise where the remainder of the funding for the Bransbury Park New Leisure Centre, Pool, Sports Facility and GP surgery is coming from, as the current budget sets aside £22 million for this and new facilities of this sort cost substantially more with an average cost being at least £50 million, not including the ongoing running and overhead costs?