



SUMMARY OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS REQUIRING A WRITTEN RESPONSE AND MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION 18 November 2019		
Minute No. 41	Cabinet Member Question and Answer Session - Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety	Outcome
<p>Cllr Steve Allsopp referred to the 146 affordable homes enabled as part of S106 agreements in the first two quarters of 2019/20 and asked what ratio is that of the overall numbers of houses built during that same period, and is it matching the Council's aspiration of 30%.</p>	<p>Response received from the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety on 9th December 2019 as follows:</p> <p>Monitoring of housing completions is undertaken annually, therefore the figure for completions 2019/2020 will not be available until mid-2020. However based on permissions and other information it is estimated that total completions for 2019/2020 will be about 1130. On a proportional split this would equate to 565 completions in the first 2 quarters. In total therefore 146 affordable equals 25%</p> <p>It should be noted that currently only sites of 15 or more units have to provide 30% affordable housing in line with policy. Also prior approval schemes such as office to residential conversions are also exempt. Also Wichelstowe has to currently provide a minimum of 15% and Badbury Park at 22% on the grounds of viability.</p>	Complete
<p>Cllr Jim Grant requested that the legal definition used by the Council as to what constitutes acceptable levels of air quality be circulated to members.</p> <p>Cllr Emma Faramarzi requested information on where the air quality measuring tubes are currently located, and when (if ever) the area on Purton Road, leading</p>	<p>Response received from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety on 5th December 2019 as follows:</p> <p> Air Quality Written Response.docx</p>	Complete

from Thamesdown Drive, has been monitored.		
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Minute No. 49	Consideration of Cabinet Decisions	Outcome
Cllr Steve Allsopp requested information on the net increase in the number of people employed as a consequence of Phase 1, and the anticipated net increase in the number of people that will be employed as a consequence of Phase 2.	Response requested from the Cabinet Member for the Town Centre on 19 th December 2019.	Ongoing
Cllr Bob Wright requested information on the numbers of teaching staff, students and ancillary staff that the launch of the Royal Agricultural University Cultural Heritage Institute expected in May 2020 is expected to bring.	Response requested from the Cabinet Member for the Town Centre on 19 th December 2019.	Ongoing
Cllr Bob Wright requested further information on the variances in payback times (which is dependent on how quickly a unit can	Response requested from the Cabinet Member for the Town Centre on 19 th December 2019.	Ongoing

be turned around from refurbishment and how quickly it is expected that units will be let out).		
Minute No. 50	Leader of the Council: Six Month Update	Outcome
Cllr Jim Robbins requested the list of measures planned to improve the traffic issues being experienced in the Rodbourne area, along with details of any meetings planned with Ward members.	<p>Response received from the Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment on 23 December 2019 as follows:</p>  <p>Rodbourne Action Plan Updates 101219</p>	Complete
Cllr Emma Bushell requested information on when the Homelessness Reduction Strategy is going to be updated and published.	<p>Response requested from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety on 20 December 2019.</p> <p>The Draft Homeless Strategy is out to consultation and will run until the 2/2/20 and then the responses will be collated and any revisions made. The Strategy is scheduled to be discussed at the Health & Wellbeing Board in March before being approved by Cabinet.</p> <p>The Strategy covers all aspects of homelessness, single persons, families and the causes of wider homelessness, whereas the Reducing Rough Sleeper Strategy is very specific to a small cohort and the issues related. There are purposely similar threads in both strategies with an emphasis on early prevention, partnerships and the Private Rented Sector that ensure consistency and synergies that neatly link them together to ensure that while Swindon has 2 strategies it ensures we have clear a strategy to cover all aspects of homelessness.</p>	Complete

	<p>Please see the link to the questionnaire:</p> <p>https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20019/consultations_engagement_and_surveys/1060/homeless_strategy_consultation</p> <p><i>contact us on 01793 445503 or via email snelson@swindon.gov.uk or nkemmett@swindon.gov.uk if:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You have any questions about the consultation • You would like to receive a hard copy of the consultation questionnaire • You require additional support to understand or complete the questionnaire • You would like to invite us to visit interest groups to talk about our proposed priorities and take feedback • If you prefer, you can write to us to let us know your comments at: Housing Strategy, Wat Tyler East 3rd Floor, Beckhampton Street, Swindon, SN1 2JH 	<p><i>P l e a s e</i></p>
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