

REPRESENTATIONS

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE	COUNCIL	18 DECEMBER 2023	6

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

A question has been received from a member of the council before the requisite deadline for publication of the agenda.

If any further questions are received before the constitutional deadline, which is, for the purpose of this meeting, 4.30pm on Tuesday, 12 December 2023, they will be circulated prior to the meeting for members' information, under separate cover.

Part 4 – Rules of Procedure

9 Questions from Members of the Council

- 9.1 A councillor may, subject to 9.2, ask a question of the Leader of the Council or the chairman of a committee at an ordinary meeting of the council.
- 9.2 Questions may only be asked under 9.1 if:
- (i) The councillor who wants to ask the question has given it in writing to the Deputy Chief Executive before 4.30 p.m. on the fourth working day before the meeting (this means that if the meeting is to be held on a Monday, the question must be given before 4.30pm on the Tuesday before) and has identified who they want to answer it;
 - (ii) The question is relevant to the terms of reference of the committee whose chairman is to answer it, or is to be answered by the leader of the council;
 - (iii) The question will take no longer than two minutes to ask; and
 - (iv) At the time the question is given to the Deputy Chief Executive, no more than four questions to be asked under this rule at the meeting concerned have previously been given to them.
- 9.3 The member who is to answer the question will be given at least 24 hours' notice of it.
- 9.4 The question must be answered at the meeting by the member to whom it is directed, unless:
- (i) the member is not present, or
 - (ii) the question is directed to the leader of the council,
- in either of which cases, the Leader of the Council may nominate any other member to answer, so long as that member has consented before the meeting.
- 9.5 The councillor who has asked the question may then ask one supplementary question, which must arise out of the answer given to the original question and take no longer than two minutes to ask, and the member who answered the original question must answer the supplementary question.
- 9.6 No debate will be allowed arising out of a question asked or answer given under this rule.
- 9.7 No councillor may ask more than one question under this rule (excluding supplementary questions under 9.5) at any meeting.

Question received from Councillor Joanne Gardner on 3 December 2023:

'Water companies pumped raw sewage into UK waterways over 800 times per day last year.

The Office for Environmental Protection has recently suggested that the Government may have breached its own laws, by failing to punish the perpetrators of these spills.

As an example, our own Liggard Brook in Lytham has suffered from such dumping, which has caused and continues to cause significant environmental damage to the area.

I will be writing to Steven Barclay, the new Secretary of State for Food and Environmental Affairs, who should know this area very well, to express our concern, and ask him to urgently crack down on the perpetrators of this illegal dumping.

Will the Leader of our Council and any other Cllrs support this plan and co-sign this letter?'