

## **Questions Submitted for Council – 24 March 2021**

### **Question 1 - Submitted by Councillor D. Western**

“Please could the Leader of the Council advise what steps the Council are taking to support and engage with women to improve their safety following the murder of Sarah Everard and the series of shocking sexual assaults seen here in Trafford in recent weeks, including several in my own ward of Broadheath, and furthermore does the Leader consider it appropriate given these issues to continue with proposals to dim street lights overnight across the Borough?”

### **Question 2 - Submitted by Councillor Hartley**

“Some residents will have read alarming posts and information that there might not be sufficient school places in Sale. Would the Lead Member for Education like to comment on this?”

### **Question 3 - Submitted by Councillor Jerome**

“The A56 from Sylvan Grove, Altrincham, down to Navigation Road has a number of potholes or defects. These cause vibrations, noise and tremors to houses that bring great aggravation to residents on a 24 hour basis. Would it not be possible for Trafford to prioritise these problems and spare affected householders considerable pain across 365 days a year?”

### **Question 4 – Submitted by Councillor Butt**

“The government recently announced a doubling of the Safer Streets fund to £45 million in order to provide better lighting and the greater use of CCTV in parks. Can the Executive Member for Environmental and Regulatory Services state if the council has received details of its allocation of its share of that funding?”

### **Question 5 – Submitted by Councillor Mrs. Haddad**

“First may I offer, on behalf of the full Council, my deepest sympathies to Sarah Everard’s family as they mourn her tragic death. As the Council are aware there are current campaigns, with wide support, to make our streets safer for women. In view of this, will the Council reverse its recent budget decision to dim Trafford lights to save money?”

In addition, will the Council please inform me when the new WIFI operating system for CCTV Security cameras is expected to be installed and become operational? I ask this because my residents feel let down by recent failures in the CCTV system. This has given thieves the upper hand and hindered the police’s ability to investigate crime. The new operating system is also necessary for the expansion of the CCTV system?”

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### **Question 6 – Submitted by Councillor Welton**

“Residents in Altrincham tell us that the year round use of loud and polluting petrol-driven leaf blowers by commercial grounds maintenance companies is blighting their quiet enjoyment of their homes and gardens. Leaf blowers are also catastrophic for our populations of insects and small mammals, and the dust and pollen they produce add to the discomfort of allergy and asthma sufferers. Is it time to regulate their use in Trafford?”

### **Question 7 – Submitted by Councillor Evans**

“Residents are being told that expected service levels for some services cannot be met because of an ongoing ‘Ransomware’ incident. They have also been told that certain documentation and drawings can no longer be accessed because of the same issue. Given that the ‘Ransomware’ incident was reported in the press some 3 months ago can the council tell us when they expect service levels to return to normal?”

### **Question 8 – Submitted by Councillor Brophy**

“A study by the Research Institute for Disabled Commuters in 2019 concluded that little effort had been made to make existing electric charging points as accessible as possible for disabled users. The report highlighted practical steps that can be taken including the dropping of curbs, user experience testing with disabled motorists as well as improvements to design and location choices for charging sites. The report also rightly highlights local authorities as a vital stakeholder in driving change.

So can the Executive Member tell me what this Council is doing to ensure that electric vehicle charging points are made accessible for all?”

### **Question 9 – Submitted by Councillor Evans**

“Yesterday Trafford committed to support The GM Mayor to franchise the buses within Greater Manchester the immediate cost to our council is £1.5 million. Given the current budgetary pressures could the executive member for finance explain where this £1.5 million will be found?”

### **Question 10 – Submitted by Councillor Miss Blackburn**

“Residents on Lostock Road, Davyhulme have been awaiting a response from the Council since the bollards were installed late last year. Can the Executive Member clarify what the legal status is regarding the whole northern side of the highway of Lostock Road and when can residents expect an answer?”