

MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL – 28 JUNE 2021

AGENDA ITEM 11

QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9

**1) *Question to the Leader of the Council, from Councillor Trevor Young
Leader of the Opposition.***

“The Government introduced a number of different financial grants to support businesses during this Covid Pandemic which have been administrated by local authorities.

My question is have these business grants been paid to any political associations and groups across the District since their introduction?

If so Leader: -

- please outline how political parties/ associations would meet the criteria for grant assistance as they are not businesses nor do they provide a service.
- And if payments have been made please confirm whether these payments have been returned to the Council or whether it is intended for them to be returned.

Many local businesses have financially struggled during this Covid Pandemic and many employees are at risk of losing their jobs. People across the district would be disheartened to hear that financial grants intended to support local businesses have been paid to support such groups and associations should that be the case.

Thank you
Councillor Trevor Young”

**2) *Question to Leader of the Council, from Councillor Mandy Snee, Local
Member for the Scotter and Blyton Rural Ward***

“It was great to see West Lindsey District raising the flag to celebrate the beginning of Pride Month.

At this event the Chair Councillor England said that “one of his main priorities as the Chairman of the Council was to make sure that everybody in West Lindsey felt supported and included in the District”. Rightly so.

Please:

What are the actions in place to ensure this happens?

The Annual Equality Statement (drawn from the Equality strategy) and uploaded on W.L.D.C.’s website, records the Equality objectives and actions from 2018.

What are the current objectives and how are we going to meet these as a Council?

Thank you
Councillor Mandy Snee”

3) Question to Leader of the Council, from Councillor Stephen Bunney, Local Member for the Market Rasen Ward

“Market Rasen Swimming Pool Business Plan - The former Leader, in his speech to Full Council earlier on in the year, when he outlined the work of The Council in the civic year 2021 – 2022, he pledged that the schedule would include a review of the business case for a swimming pool in Market Rasen.

Could the Leader please confirm that this piece of work is still on the to-do list?

Could he also explain the full range of criteria that will be used when determining the business case and confirm that any conclusions made will not be purely on short term economic grounds but also take into account post austerity environment, social, health and wellbeing co-benefits over the working life of a rural community based swimming pool.

Thank you
Councillor Stephen Bunney”

4) Question to Leader of the Council, from Councillor Stephen Bunney, Local Member for the Market Rasen Ward

“Levelling Up Fund across The District - The ‘Thriving Gainsborough 2024’ proposal under the auspices of the Governments Levelling Up Fund initiative is an exciting and extremely beneficial project. Let’s hope that the funding is forthcoming as expected. The positive developments in the town will have major benefits for the residents, businesses and visitors to the wider West Lindsey Area. However, for this to happen there needs to be an effective dissemination of the potential initiatives and improved communications/transport links between Gainsborough and the outlying areas. Currently, there is a prevalent north-south bias, between Grimsby, Lincoln, Leicester and beyond, in such movements within most of the district’s area. For instance, it is not possible to use the Call Connect bus service from market Rasen to Gainsborough, to make up for the lack of a regular daily bus service.

What plans are in place to develop these essential links?

If they are still being formulated what brief has been issued to the officers and what is the anticipated time line for finalising these plans?

Thank you
Councillor Stephen Bunney”