

6: Councillors' Ordinary Priority Questions to Cabinet Members

From Councillor Slawek Szczepanski to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Civic Pride

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on Ukrainian refugees being supported in the borough?

From Councillor Samantha MacArthur to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services

Prior to the May elections, the current administration stated that they would "boost the local economy and encourage businesses that support our community". Would the Cabinet Member please confirm what support the Council is planning to give small businesses facing unaffordable increases in their energy bills that threaten their survival with severe consequences for jobs and business rates revenue within the borough?

From Councillor Caroline Charles to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Council's support for Merton residents and businesses during this cost of living crisis?

From Councillor Michael Paterson to the Cabinet Member for Transport

Many residents consider low traffic neighbourhoods to be a money-making scheme, are they right?

From Councillor Jenifer Gould to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Caroline Abrahams, charity director at Age UK, said the unprecedented increase in energy bills is "a disaster in the making" for small and medium-sized businesses, including care homes." Would the Cabinet Member please set out what help Care Homes in Merton are being offered to help them through the energy price rise emergency and what plans are in place if they are forced to close?

From Councillor Helena Dollimore to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Civic Pride

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Council's work with partners to ensure safer streets for women and girls?

From Councillor Chessie Flack to the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning

We are all aware of the importance of a balanced diet for children's development and education. Given the cost of living crisis, are there any plans to expand free school meals, for example, by giving children on free school meals guaranteed and free access to breakfast clubs, or introducing 'dinner clubs'?

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From Councillor Max Austin to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services

The Wimbledon Times has reported that Merton Council has paid compensation of £3,500 for the 'distress and hardship' experienced by a Merton teenager after the council failed to find her temporary accommodation after she became homeless. Why did the council fail this vulnerable teenager?

From Councillor Michael Butcher to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Would the Cabinet Member provide an update on the Council's ambitions for public health in the borough and the important role that sport can play in achieving this?