

Environment & Neighbourhood Services Committee – 27 May 2021

AGENDA ITEM 4 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – ORDER IN WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL WILL INVITE QUESTIONS BELOW RECEIVED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

1. From Mr Chester to the Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Services Committee, Councillor Edwards

THE FULL DETAIL OF THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IS DETAILED BELOW

NOTE: The Chair will:

- Invite questions from members of the public who have submitted in writing their questions in line with the Council's Constitution.
- Explain that the questions received will be answered by the appropriate Members of the Committee.
- Confirm that Public Question Time allows Members of the public to ask one question at a time and that a maximum of one minute is allowed for each question.
- State that questions will be invited in the order in which they have been received and that if there is time remaining from the 15 minutes allowed for Public Question Time, questioners will be allowed to ask a supplementary question.

QUESTION ONE

From Mr Chester to the Chair of the Environment & Neighbourhood Services Committee, Councillor Edwards

(1) With regard to the terms of reference for the Committee should there be specific mention of the following. Parks, climate change obligations, flood risk (defence, management & adaptation), trees (planting & maintenance and monitoring of existing), annual report from the sustainability officer and biodiversity?

Response

I thank Mr Chester for this question.

The terms of reference of each Committee was set by Full Council on the recommendation of the Constitution Working Party.

Climate Change and any reports from the Climate Change and Sustainability Officer are within the terms of reference of the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee.

The Terms of Reference of this Committee refer to 'Green Spaces'. This is a portmanteau term intended to include parks and trees and ponds etc.

I can also confirm that flood risk management is within the terms of reference of this Committee though not explicitly listed.