

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Question submitted by: Lynne Sears

To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Leader

To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: Council

Date: 18th September 2023

Question (to be no longer than 50 words):

Please will someone explain why public questions and their responses are not automatically made available during the meeting since the answers are pre prepared. Since the questions from the last meeting were not published until the minutes were done months later?

Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? Yes

Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

The current position is that the Lord Mayor will ask the questioner to ask their question. If the questioner is not present or an answer cannot be given on the day of the meeting, the question and response will be published as part of minutes. The Monitoring Officer will have a reply sent to the questioner within 10 working days.

Councillors providing the answers sometimes change prepared responses, and as such responses may not be ready immediately.

In order to ensure that questions and answers are more easily available for all residents, I have directed officers to publish the questions and answers on the council's website the day after the Council meeting.