

Questions On-Notice from Councillors

(a) Question from Cllr R Duffy to the Leader of the Council

“During the December 2018 Full Council meeting, and despite protestations from both Labour and Independent Councillors, Conservative Cabinet Members along with their subservient Conservative backbenchers, supported what appears to be an attack on local democracy by voting to accept a recommendation to reduce the number of future Cabinet, Scrutiny, and Full Council meetings taking place here at Wyre Council.

As Leader of this Council, you have tried to justify this outrageous attack on democracy by hiding behind ridiculous claims that the cut in the number of meetings was in fact simply “a money saving exercise”.

So, if this attack on democracy was truly only a money saving exercise as you claim, Shouldn't the Council Tax Payers in Wyre not expect, at the very least, to see the Leader of Wyre Council informing the Remuneration Panel of cuts of up to 20% in the number of meetings some Wyre Councillors will be expected to attend and therefore also recommending to the Remuneration Panel “a future appropriate reduction in the allowances awarded to all of Wyre's Taxpayer funded Councillors?”

(b) Question from Cllr Gibson to the Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder

“On the audio recording of the Full Council of 6th December 2018 it is clear at 1 hour 44 minutes that Councillor Michael Vincent misled Members of this Council. In order to support his case for a reduction in Full Council meetings, he states that there is very little business of the Council in August and so agendas for September meetings are quite slim. As an example he quotes that THE meeting of September 2017 lasted just 28 minutes. This meeting held on the 28th September was a special meeting whilst the scheduled meeting for September was held on the 7th and lasted 2 hours 9 minutes which was the longest Full Council meeting of the 2017/18 municipal year. Unfortunately the Chief Executive at 1 hour 57 minutes can be heard repeating Cllr Vincent's claim. Clearly Members and indeed the Chief Executive have been misled and the question Cllr Vincent has to answer is, were his misleading comments deliberate or inadvertent.”

(c) Question from Cllr Gibson to the Planning and Economic development Portfolio Holder

“Within the Wyre Council Constitution the responsibilities of the Economic Development Cabinet Member includes ‘To consider matters relating to Member Development.’

The former Economic Portfolio Holder not only sat on the Councillor Development Group he chaired that Group.

Does Councillor Michael Vincent not consider that he should follow the fine example of Councillor Murphy and not delegate his responsibilities to Councillor Henderson who does sit on the Councillor Development Group?

One definition of 'delinquent' is failing in one's duty'. Does Councillor Vincent not consider he is failing in his duty by not sitting on this Group?"

(d) Question from Cllr E Anderton to the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder

"Councillor Bridge I asked you a question at December's Full Council meeting about the environmental enforcement pilot, to which I have not yet received a response.

Are you able to provide details of the types and number of penalty notices issued to date broken down by ward?

Are you able to provide details of the number of penalty notices paid to date, broken down by types of offence and by ward?"