

MSDC COUNCIL - 23 SEPTEMBER 2021

ITEM 7 - QUESTIONS BY COUNCILLORS

Question 1 - Councillor Otton to Councillor Morley, Leader of the Council

The menopause is a natural stage of life, but can lead to long term changes in physical and emotional health for women, including transgender. It is rarely discussed.

What support does the council and its partners have in place to help and advise?

Question 2 - Councillor Mellen to Councillor Morley, Leader of the Council

This Council declared a climate emergency in July 2019 and is making progress towards the goal of being a carbon neutral local authority by 2030. However, this will be futile if we do not also see a reduction in carbon emissions from all sources in the District. Given the recent “code red” warning from the IPCC and the urgency of this task, what measures is the administration taking to encourage everyone in Mid Suffolk – residents, homeowners, landowners, businesses and all other organisations - to reduce their own carbon emissions with the aim of achieving net zero by 2030?

Question 3 - Councillor Stringer to Councillor Burn, Cabinet Member for Planning

Would the Portfolio Holder agree that we need to give back to local communities, a strong voice in local housing and planning policy, both to ensure development is appropriate to local need and to engage communities in shaping sustainable development.

Question 4 - Councillor Eburne to Councillor Fleming, Cabinet Member for Environment

Following the Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly meeting in July please can you report to Council what initiatives were made to support local government involvement at this year’s UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, COP26, and advise Council of the task force work towards net zero. In view of this, what will Mid Suffolk be doing to support the COP26 work?

Question 5 - Councillor Field to Councillor Hadingham, Cabinet Member for Housing

Many of the population after a visit to hospital for treatment after an event require adaptations to their accommodation. The process usually commences with reference to an Occupational Therapist who determines what adaptation is appropriate then work is undertaken by our staff. Could you tell us how long it is currently taking from initial OT referral for adaptations to be implemented on average and as a maximum.