

Full Council

8th February 2022

Question from Green Party under Standing Order 8

1) Cllr Allen to Cllr Rolf Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Stronger and Safer Communities

Many people in Shirley have been complaining about the lack of public toilets in the high street. Shirley Park is the most popular park in the borough and hosts many community events. People often combine going to the shops with a visit to the park and can stay for several hours. However, the lack of public facilities affects the elderly, the very young, and disabled people and prevents them from taking full advantage of the opportunities on offer in Shirley.

Will the Cabinet Member consider reinstating public toilets in the area of Shirley Park?

2) Cllr Groom to Cllr Hawkins Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Infrastructure

As Andy Street and members of this Cabinet have previously acknowledged, transport links in North Solihull are really problematic. Almost 4 years ago they announced that a new tram line will be built from Birmingham City centre to Heartlands Hospital, then on to Chelmsley Wood shopping centre and then to the Business Park and the NEC and will open in what is now less than 5 years' time. As trams are going to run every 6 minutes at peak times, this will be a revolution in North Solihull, transforming residents' ability to get to job opportunities, leisure and important health services, particularly for an area with much lower car ownership than the rest of Solihull.

Can the Cabinet Member update us as to the progress of building the new metro?

3) Cllr McLoughlin to Cllr Hawkins Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Infrastructure

The bin outside the Convenience store on Tanworth Lane was provided by the business. They paid for a commercial waste contract that has since been terminated because of the dog waste that was put in there. Can dog waste bins be provided in this location, so that the business can resume their commercial contract for waste?

4) Cllr McLoughlin to Cllr Hawkins Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment and Infrastructure

A resident from the bungalows at the top of Lillington Road reported their bins hadn't been collected. An alternative collection was arranged, but they were informed that it wasn't collected as it wasn't on the pavement. The bin was where it has always been, less than 5 meters from the pavement. Has there been any change that would require residents to register for assisted collections that had not previously been registered?