

CABINET – 15 NOVEMBER 2011

ITEM 4 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions received from the following Members:

1. Councillor Alan Armitage to Councillor Jim Couchman

"In the light of the following:

1. My comments to the last cabinet meeting (ref, minutes item CA3 122/11 pages 8 and 9 of the present agenda)
2. Comments of the Deputy Leader and other councillors during the county council meeting on 1 November (minutes not yet published)
3. Recommendations of the Strategy and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee of 8 November (not yet published)

"Will the cabinet member agree to issue the tender for Property & Facilities Procurement with the School Meals Service as a separate item, so that a decision can be made at a later date as to whether or not to include that service in the new contract?"

Answer

"During the debate at Council 1st November 2011, I committed the three potential bidders for the Property & Facilities Procurement to submit their bids on two bases (a) with Food with Thought included in the Contract and (b) with Food with Thought excluded from the Contract. The final decision as to whether Food with Thought is included in the Contract will be taken by Cabinet when it approves the preferred bidder probably at its meeting on 13th March 2012."

2. Councillor Roz Smith to Councillor Keith Mitchell (in the absence of Councillor Rose)

"When will the proposed temporary closure of the right hand turn from the A40 into Collinwood Road, Risinghurst take place?"

Answer

"The closure will be in place in January. I do not think it is wise to have the closure in place during the Christmas period firstly because it isn't representative of normal traffic and secondly because the costs of carrying out any maintenance to signs and barriers will be higher.

On behalf of Cllr Rose I apologise that this matter has dragged on but I can confirm that he is personally committed to this trial and wishes to see it in place as soon as possible."