

COUNCIL - 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

1. **Question submitted by Councillor Brodie-Browne to the Spokesperson on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Merseytravel Committee (Councillor Friel)**

“Can the lead representative on Merseytravel please provide information about the track purchased by Merseytravel for the subsequently abandoned Merseytram project? Has it been disposed of? Where is it stored, if not disposed of? If disposed of what are the details of the disposal? If still in storage what is the process for it to be disposed of and how much has the storage cost to date?”

Response:

- The track has not yet been disposed of.
- The track is currently stored at a facility in Scunthorpe.
- We are currently considering our approach to disposal and any decisions we take will be in the best interest of the public purse. There will be a competitive bidding approach to the disposal.
- We have not incurred any charges, to date, for storing of the rail.

2. **Question submitted by Councillor Weavers to the Leader of the Council (Councillor P. Dowd)**

“At present there is a company conducting a feasibility study into putting an energy lagoon off the coast of Southport. Is this the sort of project that the Leader of the Council and Sefton Council can support and if so can we work together to achieve the best possible results for the town and the borough?”

Response:

“Whilst I am not aware that there has been any formal application to the Council to support the potential project, nevertheless I can assure Councillor Weavers that the Council will always give positive and construction consideration to schemes which may be of benefit to the economic and social enhancement of the Borough. On a personal note, I look forward to hearing more about the proposal in due course.”

3. Question submitted by Councillor Robertson to the Leader of the Council (Councillor P. Dowd)

'Will the Leader of the Council please update us all on the present situation with regard to bringing West Lancashire Borough Council into the City Region? My understanding is that a meeting has recently taken place between the Leader of West Lancs and the Liverpool City Region Chairman.'

Response:

'I understand initial discussions have taken place between the Chair of the Combined Authority and representatives of West Lancashire Borough Council about associate membership of the Combined Authority. In the light of those discussions, I understand that West Lancs will give the matter further consideration. As soon as I have more information I will let Cllr. Robertson know.'

4. Question submitted by Councillor Hands to the Cabinet Member for Transportation (Councillor Fairclough)

'Due to the failure to replace road markings after the recent resurfacing in the borough. Could the Cabinet member give an accurate time scale for the completion of the work?'

'Also how many weeks exactly has the original estimate overrun?'

'Due to this delay and other delays the borough has had with this system, would it be possible for Sefton or any other neighbouring authority to invest and jointly share our own road marking machine either in-house or private?'

Response:

'Where?'

'Where?'

'Anything is possible.'

5. Question submitted by Councillor Brodie-Browne to the Cabinet Member for Children, Schools, Families and Leisure (Councillor Moncur)

i)'How many fines for unauthorised absences from school have been levied by Sefton?'

- ii) “What percentage has defaulted i.e. not paid within three months, and how much money has been collected?”

Response:

- i) “252 (since the new regulations came into force in September 2013).”
- ii) “47.9% have defaulted and £6,660 has been collected.”