

Questions under Procedure Rule 11.2 for Council

Q1. Question from Councillor Norman to the Leader of the Council

“Under The Elections Bill, the Government is changing voting rules which will apply to the District Council elections in May next year and will mean many voters having to reapply for postal votes and all voters to provide photo ID at Polling Stations in order to exercise their right to vote in person so can I ask the Leader how many cases of personation there have been in Lichfield District since its creation in 1974?”

Response from the Leader of the Council

“Our records date back to 2004, during which time we have 0 recorded cases”.

Q2. Question from Councillor Norman to the Leader of the Council

“As he has publicly accepted responsibility for the poor publicity and advice given to residents around the introduction of the dual-stream recycling system earlier this year, can he tell me what action he has taken since the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 17th of November that considered the problems surrounding its implementation?”

Response from the Leader of the Council

“As Leader of the Council, I take the principle of accountability incredibly seriously. Since November, my Cabinet colleague Cllr Little and our Assistant Director Sharna Quirke have been working to rectify the issues that O&S highlighted, and are making good progress in doing so.”

Q3. Question from Councillor Gwilt to the Cabinet Member for Engagement

“What is the council doing to warn it’s residents about the current crime wave that is happening in the district regarding thefts”

Response from the Cabinet Member

“While Lichfield District has low crime levels relative to nearby conurbations, there has been a noticeable increase in vehicle thefts across our communities. Our new Community Safety lead, Yvonne James, is taking a highly-visible, proactive approach to this, and has already undertaken several Community Safety events across the district. These events are taking place in various locations and include the Community Safety Team, Police, Fire Service and Lichfield Crime Prevention panel. At these events we are advising the public how best to keep themselves safe, ways of reducing the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime and how to keep your vehicle secure. We have secured funding from the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and have purchased large numbers of Faraday pouches

along with property marking kits, purse bells and information packs - and have secured discounts for residents with Halfords and Lichfield Lock and Key on security purchases. We have already done events in Elford, Clifton Campville, Hallam Park, Roman Heights, Market Square, Tesco and Waitrose this year, and are in the process of arranging events across Burntwood, Armitage and Handsacre, and other villages in the New Year. The Community Safety Partnership is all about looking at current trends and taking action in order to help the public, prevent and reduce crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.”