

Council

23 March 2026

Public Questions (8 total)

1. **Question from Elliot Craddock to Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling, Parks, Gardens, and Public Green Space, Councillor Paul Baker**

What progress has been made in reopening the Swindon Road tip, since it was closed on January the 10th 2025, well over a year ago?

2. **Question from Elliot Craddock to the Leader, Councillor Rowena Hay**

Before Christmas, Ed Davey wrote to the Equality and Human Rights Commission to complain that cancelling elections was against human rights. In January Rowena Hay confirmed the council was asking to postpone the local elections. Now that we know elections are going ahead anyway, who was wrong?

3. **Question from Gill Hewlett to Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Wellbeing, Culture and Public Realm, Councillor Izaak Tailford**

What are Canada Life's plans for the former Cavendish House site, when will they begin, how long do they anticipate taking to completion, and what measures have the council taken to accelerate the process ? - the area is becoming increasingly derelict and without significant, and effective council intervention I cannot see how this will not deteriorate further.

4. **Question from Gill Hewlett to Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Wellbeing, Culture and Public Realm, Councillor Izaak Tailford**

There are significant amounts of unwanted graffiti around the town, a notable example being the end of the lower high street, by the railway bridge and the Honeybourne Gate complex. Knowing the highly possible links of graffiti to gang culture, how much have the council allocated in the budget to clear up graffiti in the town, and what are the timescales for tackling it?

5. **Question from Tim Harman to the Leader, Councillor Rowena Hay**

Can you please update me on the position with regard to the possible sale of Gloucestershire Airport?

6. **Question from Tim Harman to the Leader, Councillor Rowena Hay**

Can you please update me on the possible sale of the Municipal Offices?

7. **Question from Rich Newman to Cabinet Member for Planning and Building Control, Councillor Mike Collins**

Why did no borough councillor call into committee The Bell Inn's planning proposal? That could have saved it.

8. **Question from Rich Newman to Cabinet Member for Finance and Assets, Councillor Peter Jeffries**

How much of the council's budget goes towards paying pensions of previous employees?

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Member Questions

1. Question from Councillor Cathal Lynch to Cabinet Member for Planning and Building Control, Councillor Mike Collins

There is a strong local interest in the nature of the frontage at the 131 restaurant/bar on the Promenade. Given how long the current structures have been present, can we have some clarity on if and why there have been any delays in changes being made as previously directed by the council?

2. Question from Councillor David Willingham to Cabinet Member for Planning and Building Control, Councillor Mike Collins

Planning application forms contain the following declaration which must be accepted by the applicant or agent: "*I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.*" Could the cabinet member for planning please advise how many cases in the previous and current municipal year have misstatements been identified and reported by a) officers, b) councillors, and c) others, and how many applicants or agents have suffered any sanctions or consequences for making untrue or knowingly inaccurate statements on planning applications (including details if the matters are not *sub judice*)?

3. Question from Councillor David Willingham to Cabinet Member for Housing and Customer Services, Councillor Flo Clucas

The Cheltenham Borough Council Housing Voids Policy suggests the majority of properties are supplied unfurnished and without white goods such as a cooker, washing machine or fridge-freezer. Where a person or family being housed do not already have these items, the cost of new white goods is considerable, and options such as commercially renting them weekly or credit/borrowing are very expensive and depending on an individual's credit history may not even be available. Would the cabinet member for housing agree to explore how CBC Housing could assist tenants to acquire and pay for white goods as part of their agreement with CBC and help them avoid exorbitant weekly charges or debt interest and the financial risks those options can lead to?

4. Question from Councillor Jan Foster to Cabinet Member for Property and Assets, Councillor Peter Jeffries

The sale of Gloucestershire Airport seems increasingly uncertain, yet earlier this month the leader of Gloucester County Council was reported as saying that “nothing has been worked out” with regard to a plan B, but options were available.

Have the councils started to work on a plan B yet and if so what options are they considering?