

# **STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**13 October 2021**

## **Council Questions**

### **1. Question to the Leader of the Council received from Councillor C Atkins:**

“In the light of today’s arrangements for Full Council, what will be the future format of Full Council meetings in 2022?”

#### **Response:**

“It has been agreed by Group Leaders that tonight’s and December’s Full Council meeting will take place in a hybrid manner taking into account the data available with regards to the number of Covid cases locally (the Staffordshire Moorlands district currently has the highest 60 + years case rate in the West Midlands at 254 per 100,000 people – a 42% increase in the last 7 days). It has also been agreed with Group Leaders that the next cycle of meetings for the Council’s four Overview and Scrutiny Panels will also take place using the Council’s hybrid system.

It is anticipated that Full Council meetings from February 2022 will meet as normal. The arrangements for meetings will be reviewed at the end of 2021 with the involvement of all political groups and will continue to be discussed and agreed at Group Leader meetings. This will take into account the Council’s health and safety responsibilities and the latest Government data with regards to the number of Covid cases. The Council will also monitor the latest legislative requirements which may be subject to change following the Government’s call for evidence earlier this year with regards to the conduct of local authority meetings.”

### **2. Question to the Leader of the Council received from Councillor J Salt:**

“Can the Leader please provide a timeline for the restoration of the Miner’s lamps in Biddulph. Despite a multitude of emails and a question raised in February, they continue to rot. The Leader assured me two months ago that they’d be removed into storage until they could be restored, so why are they still there? Why haven’t the flower beds been tended to at the very least? Please can we see a timeline in response to this question that I can share with my constituents?”

#### **Response:**

A verbal response will be provided during the meeting.