

## Questions submitted under Standing Order B28

No.	To be asked by:	Question:	For answer by (Cabinet Member):
1.	CC O'Toole	Over the last three years, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service has seen a 150% increase in fires involving lithium batteries. Recently, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service attended a severe fire involving one of these batteries at our Farrington Waste Recovery Park. Across the UK, there are approximately 200 fires caused by the incorrect disposal of the batteries every year and with products containing lithium batteries becoming increasingly popular, could the Cabinet Member please advise what steps we are taking to protect our waste parks from this problem?	CC Turner
2.	CC Serridge	Transdev is one of the biggest bus companies operating services across East Lancashire. Can the portfolio holder please say when he or his officers last discussed the levels of service and reliability Transdev has given to residents in East Lancashire?	CC Swarbrick
3.	CC Whittam	We often take for granted that the food we eat is safe. However, there have been a number of high profile cases recently regarding food either being mislabelled, or where the food contents are not as indicated, which can have dire consequences. Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing advise what work is being done by the County Analyst to keep food safe for Lancashire's residents?	CC Green
4.	CC Fillis	Following the government's decision to scrap HS2, making £36 billion available for transport in the north, can the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport inform us what steps have been taken to secure funding for Skelmersdale Train Station, which has received cross party support in Lancashire?	CC Swarbrick

5.	CC Gibson	<p>For Lancashire to achieve its net zero ambitions it is essential our businesses play their part. As such can the Cabinet Member please explain what steps he plans to take to address the issue identified by the recent British Chamber of Commerce survey (published December 2023) that showed Lancashire businesses are either not aware of, or have limited knowledge of, the government's targets?</p>	CC Turner
6.	CC Iqbal	<p>Does the Leader join the call on the prime minister from 40 Tory MPs for more money for local councils?</p>	CC Williamson
7.	CC Parr	<p>I have visited several prison libraries, and have noted how important they are. This is further supported by the fact that there is a legal requirement for prisons to have a library. The Literacy Trust states that 14% of UK primary schools have no library. Given there is no legal requirement for primary schools to have a library, can the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills confirm that every primary school in Lancashire has a well-stocked library on its premises?</p>	CC Rear
8.	CC Dowding	<p>The multi-agency response to the major fire incident at the former Super Skips located in my division helped get the fire and the related public and environmental health risks under control. All agencies agreed that sorting and removing waste from the site was crucial, despite the large costs involved which include payments to the Government itself - via HMRC - for landfill tax.</p> <p>What has the county council undertaken to ensure that Government helps to fund the remedy for this emergency situation, rather than profit from it?</p>	CC Williamson