

**WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A period of not more than fifteen minutes shall be allowed for questions submitted by a member of the public who either lives or works in the area of the authority at each ordinary meeting of the Committee.

Every question shall be put and answered without discussion, but the person to whom a question has been put may decline to answer. The person who asked the question may ask one relevant supplementary question, which shall be put and answered without discussion.

The following written question/s has/have been received from a member of the public.

**(a) Youth Collective – Elijah Peart**

“The proposed cuts to the youth collective target specialised services which exist for young people who may have more complicated or demanding needs than others. The help and understanding provided by these specialist youth workers is often vital in preparing these young people for adult life, with many young people quoting the Youth Collective as invaluable in their efforts to find work. How will you reconcile the fact that many young people cannot find work without the help of these professionals with Labour’s manifesto pledge to eradicate youth unemployment in the city?”

**Reply from Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council, Chair of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee**

**(b) Voluntary Youth Services – Max Coles-Morley**

“Research has suggested that the voluntary youth services which will lose 80% of their funding actually save the council £5.56 for every £1 spent by the council. If there isn't enough money available for preventative youth work, where will the money be coming from for the necessary crisis management after services are cut?”

**Reply from Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council, Chair of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee**

**(c) Youth Services – Seb Royle**

“Services for young people have already been massively depleted over the past 6 years, with the proposed 80% cut in funding sounding the death knell for voluntary youth work in our city. With £45 million of cuts still to come in the next three years, will there be anything left for young people in 2020?”

**Reply from Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council, Chair of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee**

**(d) Youth Services Provision – Boudicca Pepper**

“The council seems to expect existing statutory services, such as CAMHS, as well as schools and colleges, to pick up the slack once the youth services are cut. How does the council expect these services to cope with the inevitable rise in demand caused by cuts to youth services without increased funding?”

**Reply from Councillor Morgan, Leader of the Council, Chair of the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee**