

Council

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Written Questions from Councillors (Agenda Item No 8)

The following written question has been submitted by Councillor Ient which he wishes to ask of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Smith:

“At the recent Cabinet meeting I asked three questions. One of them is repeated below.

I thank you for your sympathy expressed at that Cabinet meeting with regard to the safety issues on the C7. I also note your suggestion that I liaise with the District Council offices first before contacting outside bodies. I will of course be doing this and accordingly will follow up with Nazeya Hussain, Director of Regeneration and Planning, with regard to her knowledge of what exactly the Local Enterprise Partnerships are doing or plan to do.

On the separate matter of my request for information with regard to the C7 I can confirm that Max Woodford, Head of Regeneration and Investment has been in touch with me as requested by yourself. Unfortunately, his response was exactly the same as the one that I had already had from the County Council. The answer given was to talk about funding in other areas but not in relation to the C7.

Therefore, would the Leader:

Write to the County Council and ask for an exact answer in relation to the C7 and what applications were made in relation to the cycling and walking investment strategy requests for bids by the government?”

“Original question:

I have been in correspondence with both the Coast to Capital LEP and the East Sussex County Council asking questions **as to whether they had submitted applications for government funding in accordance with the government cycling and walking strategy** published earlier this year. My understanding is that the government called for applications for capital projects to be submitted by the end of July and for revenue projects to be submitted by 9 September. Unfortunately, both of these organisations have been evasive and not stated whether or not they had applied for funding and what that funding was for. I had previously asked them to apply for funding to improve the situation for pedestrians, walkers and cyclists along the route of the C7 from Lewes to Newhaven.

Without applying for the capital and revenue funding there would be no chance of our area benefiting from the government allocations. No application would simply mean that other councils would stand a better chance of getting their application through.

Would the Leader of the Council asked the appropriate officer in Lewes District Council to write to the two organisations and ask for a specific answer as to whether or not funds had been applied for covering the C7 route?"