

REPORT TO:		Council	
DATE:		15 January 2026	
REPORT AUTHOR:		Julian Joinson, Member Services Manager	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Question Time 1) Local Elections 2) King George V Playing Fields 3) Rationale for Seeking Postponement of Local Elections 4) Selection of Preferred Market Hall Operator	
EXEMPT REPORT:	No		
KEY DECISION:	No	If yes, date of publication:	n/a

Questions to Council

Questions for the Leader of the Council, a member of the Cabinet, or a Committee Chair may be submitted by councillors or by councillors on behalf of members of the public, under Council Procedure Rule 2.2(vi).

Procedural Note

- The questions will be read out by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor
- The Leader or other councillor, as appropriate, will give an oral answer.
- The questioner, if a councillor, may ask a supplementary question, if it is directly related to the original question

The following questions have been submitted:-

1) Local Election Costs

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP) or relevant Portfolio Holder

How much does it cost this Council to run the local borough elections?

From: Councillor Steven Smithson

Date of first receipt by Office: 6th January 2026 (19:28)

2) King George V Playing Fields

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP) or relevant Portfolio Holder

What process will be being undertaken for the selection of teams wanting to apply for a lease on King George's playing fields?

From: Councillor David Heap

Date of first receipt by Office: 7th January 2026 (10:49)

3) Rationale for Seeking Postponement of Local Elections

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP) or relevant Portfolio Holder

What criteria is the Council basing their decision on with regards to writing to the Government Minister asking for May's elections in Hyndburn to be cancelled?

From: Councillor David Heap

On behalf of: Sue Saxon

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4) Selection of Preferred Market Hall Operator

To the Leader of the Council (Councillor Munsif Dad BEM JP) or relevant Portfolio Holder

What process did the Council undertake to find a 3rd party to run the Market Hall?

From: Councillor David Heap

On behalf of: Ashley Watson

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