

Public Question Time

Cabinet – 6 June 2022

A. Becca Stevenson to ask the following question of the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

“Why does Rugby Borough Council not have a portfolio holder for the responsibility of climate change and the environment, especially in light of its ambitions regarding the climate emergency?”

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, to respond as follows:

“Since declaring a climate emergency, this Council has been clear that to become net zero and to address the broader environmental and biodiversity crisis, significant action will be required within each and every service that we deliver and by each and every team within the Council.

As such, this Council took the bold and necessary step of establishing a climate change champion whose remit is to work across all portfolios, ensuring that all services prioritise action and maximise opportunities collaborate.

The climate change strategy and action plan which has been produced as a result of this appointment reflects all services and teams contributing to our net zero ambitions - and is testimony to both that decision and the ability of our Climate Change Champion to bring services together to deliver meaningful change.”