

**Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 13 January 2025**

**Question from: Cllr Blagbrough**

**Question to:**

I am disappointed to see the deadline for Cabinet Questions has been brought forward to Wednesday at 5:00 PM from Friday at 12:00 PM. This significant reduction in the submission deadline leaves residents and Councillors with insufficient time to thoroughly analyse the extensive Cabinet papers (today's Cabinet Agenda is 280 pages and December's Cabinet Agenda was 300 pages) and write thoughtful questions.

This compressed timeline undermines effective scrutiny and the principles of accountability. Therefore, I request that the Cabinet publish their papers 43 hours earlier than the usual schedule because this would compensate for the shortened deadline and ensure that residents and Councillors have adequate time to prepare for Cabinet.

Response

Thank you for your question Cllr Blagbrough.

The deadline for receipt of questions to Cabinet has been brought forward due to the increasing number of questions being presented; many of which are technical in nature.

To give meaningful answers at Cabinet more time is required for Members to be briefed by officers and the answers approved.

The amended deadline does not appear to have affected the number of questions submitted to this meeting!