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**CABINET**

Wednesday, 13th October, 2021

**A G E N D A**

- 6 Question(s) from Members of the Council (Pages 1 - 2)





## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL Wednesday 13 October 2021

**1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ATKINSON  
Re: Army and Driving in Devon**

Will the army be deployed to drive HGV vehicles or ambulances and buses in Devon?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR GILBERT**

The County Council's services are not responsible for addressing the majority of the issues raised in questions one to six and cannot offer evidence or commentary. In respect to bus services this has been responded to at Full Council on 7 October following similar questions from Councillors Hannaford and Biederman ([\(Public Pack\) Cabinet Member Reports Agenda Supplement for Council, 07/10/2021 13:15 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)].

The Council's joint Trading Standards Service whilst aware of the reports made at the national level regarding animal culls is not receiving any local intelligence on this issue from staff undertaking farm visits. We have no analysis on the economic impacts of the HGV and agricultural worker shortages.

The Cabinet Member Report submitted to Full Council also addresses the labour shortage and figures specific for Devon ([\(Public Pack\) Cabinet Member Reports Agenda Supplement for Council, 07/10/2021 13:15 \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)).

**2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ATKINSON  
Re: HGV Drivers Working Back in Devon**

Having asked EU workers to leave Devon after getting Brexit done how many HGV drivers from the EU are we inviting to work here in Devon from this month?

**REPLY BY COUNCILLOR GILBERT**

See response to question 1

**3. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ATKINSON**

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## **Re: EU Agriculture Workers in Devon**

How many EU agricultural workers are we inviting back.

### **REPLY BY COUNCILLOR GILBERT**

[See response to question 1](#)

## **4. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ATKINSON**

### **Re: Animal Culling due to Butcher Shortage**

How many animals are expected to be culled on Devon's farms as a result of the post Brexit shortage of butchers? How will Devon as the waste disposal authority be affected?

### **REPLY BY COUNCILLOR GILBERT**

[See response to question 1](#)

## **5. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ATKINSON**

### **Re: Impact of Shortage of EU Workers, Butchers and HGV Drivers on Devon Economy**

What has been the effect of the lack of EU agricultural workers, butchers and HGV drivers on Devon's economy?

### **REPLY BY COUNCILLOR GILBERT**

[See response to question 1](#)

## **6. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR ATKINSON**

### **Re: Plan to Tackle Worker Shortages**

What is the medium and long term plan to tackle the shortages of workers.

What are the numbers of Devon's 17 year children and adults and unemployed in the pipeline for this year retraining as HGV drivers, butchers, agricultural workers, nurses and social care workers. Will this meet demand?

### **REPLY BY COUNCILLOR GILBERT**

[See response to question 1](#)