

**Supplementary Questions and Written Responses**  
**Full Council – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**4. Supplementary question from Councillor Jonathan Noble to Councillor Claire Rylott**

Well, given that response it's very clear that this Council, or the Cabinet anyway, supports the net zero target. Now my point is this - we have electricity costs in this country which are the highest in the Western world, our costs are a third higher than they are in Germany.

Therefore, because of net zero and green energy subsidies, we are paying exorbitant electricity prices. So, my question to Councillor Rylott, do you think that that is a price worth paying in order to get to a notional net zero target of 2040. Thank you.

**Supplementary response from Councillor Claire Rylott:**

Just recently, the Royal Yacht Association announced they would prefer us not to use the old saying "man overboard". We should now say "person in the water". By my recollection, Councillor Noble, the next time you jump ship, it could be third time lucky. I wonder which political party will be top of the polls then.

I will respond to the supplementary question in writing.

**Written response from Councillor Claire Rylott:**

Whilst this Council can do little to address the national challenges around electricity costs, working towards a net zero target through the reduction of carbon emissions from the built environment has the added benefit of also reducing their energy demand and in turn lowering utility bills. We can only seek to address what is within our control and taking considered steps, where the cost/benefit analysis stacks up. Improving energy-efficiency has multiple benefits for our communities; reducing financial pressures, tackling fuel poverty, improving building comfort and improving health and well-being.

**7. Question to Councillor Barrie Pierpoint from Councillor Anne Dorrian**

Please provide a list of all Mayoral duties which you have attended to between the dates of 21st July 2025 until 24th September 2025.

**Details provided by Councillor Barrie Pierpoint:**

**Mayoral Engagements 21 July – 24 September 2025**

Month	Day & Date	Time	Event Details
July	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Haven High Learning Awards – Tollfield Campus
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	12.30	Haven High Learning Awards – Marian Campus
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	13.00	RAF Coningsby Families Day
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	17.15	Opening of the newly refurbished Castle Pub and Restaurant
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	18.45	Hakusan Students Farewell
August	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	13.30	Pulmonary Fibrosis Support Group

	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	RAFA Commemorative Lunch
	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 onwards	Mayor's Charities introductions: 11.00 Headway, Lincs  12.00 Boston Mens Shed  13.00 Adults with Autism  14.30 Boston Foodbank, feeding the Children's project at the Stump
	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Swineshead Art Group in Pescod Square Gallery
	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00	Children's Ward Charity Fair
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Allotments Visits with Jen Moore 10.15 Spilsby Road Allotment  12.30 Willoughby Road Allotment
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Boston Foodbank Visit
	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	Mayor's Charities introductions
<b>September</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	14.00	BTAC Small Grant Scheme Event in Council Chamber
	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	17.30	Fenside Youth Club
	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Allotments visits with Jen Moore 10.15 Wyberton West Allotment
			15.00 Toot Lane Allotment
	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12.45	Start RAF Boston Slog
	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	14.00	Mayor's Sunday
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Battle of Britain Day Service
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	13.30	Funeral Service of John Blackwell
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	13.30	Deputy Chairman of Scope visit
	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	18.45	Institution of the Rev Adrian Morton at Holy Trinity Church
	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Boston Library Summer Reading Challenge Celebration
	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.30	Battle of Britain Sunday Service and Parade
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Old Leake Community Hub

## 9. Supplementary question from Councillor Anne Dorrian to Councillor Helen Staples:

I was actually keen to discover if you had any sayings or mantras to give us an insight into your approach to your portfolio. You wrote to me earlier this year and I quote: "Never trust a Tory or an Austin is my mantra", and I'm curious to know how that translates now that you're in an administration with two Austin councillors and you're sitting around the

Cabinet table with a Tory, perhaps both the Austins and the Tories, should take a very cautious approach in getting involved with you.

**Supplementary response from Councillor Helen Staples:**

No, I find it totally inappropriate, Councillor Dorrian and I will not answer that publicly, but I'll give you a written answer.

**Written response from Councillor Helen Staples:**

Cllr Dorrian

First of all I would like to see a copy of what you allegedly say I wrote to you as the word mantra is certainly not one I use ,and you will recall earlier this year I was Mayor and refrained from getting into any political discussions ,and in fact had very little contact with you during my year as Mayor.

I think it is human nature to say and do things we later regret, fortunately my relationship with Councillors Alison and Richard Austin transcends a comment that I may have made.

It was my idea to form a rainbow cabinet to help bring about a more cohesive council whilst we navigate LGR, so I am extremely happy to be working alongside Councillor Clare Rylott who most definitely upholds the Nolan Principles in her approach to being a Councillor.

Trust Councillor Dorrian is something that can be developed or lost and the Conservative Councillors in this Council have always shown me respect and therefore gained my trust .

I do not have a mantra as you put it as a way for you to judge how I perform as a Portfolio Holder for Communities, what I will say though is that I am a proud Bostonian and I care about the people of this town. I think within the first two months of holding the portfolio for communities I have demonstrated my commitment to the role, the Autumn Days Event was incredibly well attended and achieved much of what Father David Stephenson and I hoped it would in terms of helping and sign posting people.

I am more than happy to share with you the results of the Evaluation Sheets people and organisations filled in.

**10. Supplementary question from Councillor Emma Cresswell to Councillor Dale Broughton:**

I'm sure that you will agree that proper oversight of PSPS and the Board of Directors is extremely important. To add to what Councillor Noble raised earlier about the point to yourself about LGR. As a Cabinet, I think you will agree, we did not feel we could work with East Lindsey or South Holland while they removed some of our class rights on PSPS and that was part of our bargaining chip before we actually agreed.

Regarding staffing issues, as well as many other issues, the Board of directors of PSPS is really important. Councillor Rylott raised a legal matter at the last meeting of Full Council and claimed that neither you nor the rest of the Cabinet were aware of the costs incurred when you know and the rest of the Cabinet who were the last administration know that's

not true. Councillor Dorrian kept all of Cabinet fully briefed. She gave us multiple packs of information to do with PSPS and sought support and guidance from us on at least three Cabinet meetings. I would like to know who gave you authority or why you discussed a confidential legal matter with the opposition instead of going through the deputy monitoring officer?

**Supplementary response from Councillor Dale Broughton:**

I didn't quite catch all your question, Councillor Cresswell, but I'm happy to give you a written response.

**Written response from Councillor Dale Broughton:**

Councillor Cresswell I reiterate what I have said previously I have not had a conversation or given confidential information to councillor Rylott, which councillor Rylott made a point of order to clarify at Mondays full council meeting.

**12. Supplementary question from Councillor Anne Dorrian to Councillor Dale Broughton:**

Because sometimes the majority of elected members don't want to do what you just said and there is an egregious incident that I'm aware of and I'm sure you're aware of when Councillor Gilbert gave a direct quote to The Target on the 30th of July 2025 stating that, and I quote, "Anne Dorrian engineered a vote against me because she claimed that I made racist comments because I discussed Islam as an ideology."

You Councillor Broughton know that is factually incorrect and nothing could be further from the truth. When that issue arose you also know for a fact that rather than lead anyone to a conclusion, I emphasised the fact that all of you had to make your own choice without being led by anyone at all.

Is this willingness to allow your group to feed false information to the public the best that we can expect now?

**Supplementary response from Councillor Dale Broughton:**

Thank you, Councillor Dorrian. I am more than happy to give you with a written response.

**Written response from Councillor Dale Broughton:**

Councillor Gilbert is not a member of my group, and all councillors can speak to, and have their own opinions on, any issue.