

Redditch Borough Council

29th June 2026

Questions on Notice

- 1) Question for the Leader from Councillor Monica Stringfellow

“Will the Leader join me in condemning the racist, homophobic, divisive remarks made by The Mayor and what steps will you take to reassure our diverse community that these comments do not reflect the values of our town?”

- 2) Question for the Leader from Mr J. Freemantle

“Following the recent controversy surrounding the Mayor and allegations of homophobic comments and conduct, many members of the LGBTQ+ community in Redditch are deeply concerned about whether they can have confidence in the Council's commitment to equality, inclusion and support for LGBTQ+ residents.

As Leader of the Council, can you please answer the following:

Does Redditch Borough Council support Redditch PRIDE CIC and the work it does to promote inclusion, visibility and community cohesion across the borough?”

- 3) Question for the Mayor from Mr T. Burton Fletcher

“As an openly gay father, a parent of a child of mixed heritage, and a Director of Redditch Pride CIC, I am deeply concerned by historic social media posts attributed to the Mayor that have been widely criticised as offensive towards LGBTQ+ people and people from ethnic minority backgrounds. These posts have received significant public attention and have caused concern among many residents.

Given the Mayor's responsibility to represent all residents of Redditch regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity, what steps has the Mayor taken to rebuild trust with those communities, and why should residents who feel targeted or excluded by these views have confidence in her ability to represent them impartially?”