

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 July 2026

CABINET QUESTION TIME

1. Question from Cllr H. Clark to the Cabinet Deputy for Economy and Sustainable Transport

Could the appropriate Cabinet member tell us about the recent Skills Fest, including how many people attended, and will it be going ahead next year ?

2. Question from Cllr Thorpe-Apps to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

Chelmsford City Council has rightly invested considerable time and resources in initiatives such as the Women's Safety Charter, launched in 2022, to improve safety and wellbeing for women across the district.

With International Men's Day approaching in November, could the Cabinet Member outline what specific initiatives the Council is undertaking to address issues that disproportionately affect men in Chelmsford, particularly in relation to mental health, suicide prevention, social isolation, and support for male victims of domestic abuse?

In particular, could the Cabinet Member advise:

What events or initiatives, if any, are planned to mark International Men's Day?

What Council-funded programmes specifically support men's mental health and wellbeing beyond the existing "On Your Team" initiative?

Whether the Council has any plans to develop a strategy or action plan focused on men's health and wellbeing, comparable to its Women's Safety Charter or other gender-specific initiatives?

3. Question from Cllr A. Davidson to the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure

Many of my residents with young families will find the summer holidays difficult given cost-of-living pressures. St Andrews ward is the most deprived ward in Chelmsford. So, will the relevant Cabinet Member please let me know what free activities are planned for children during the summer holidays, including for those families who can't afford to run a car?