

## **QUESTION TIME**

**Questions from Members to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Members appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 14) of the Council's Constitution.**

There are 14 questions to the Leader and 8 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

**1. From Councillor Jones to Councillor Gledhill**

Would the Leader explain to Members and the residents of Thurrock what measures are this Conservative administration putting into place to combat the rising crime rates and ASB in the Borough?

**2. From Councillor G Rice to Councillor Gledhill**

Please will the Leader of the Council confirm that every Council resident living outside a grass verge will be charged £5 per week for grass cutting, does this mean a weekly cut will take place?

**3. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor Gledhill**

To date how much has the 1% cut in social rents cost Thurrock Council and how much is it estimated to cost in total by 2020?

**4. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor Gledhill**

A year ago I questioned the portfolio holder on whether he believed enough new dwellings were likely to be built to meet the needs of Thurrock's growing population. After 15 months of this Conservative administration what action has been taken to try to improve the situation and has this action been successful?

**5. From Councillor Jones to Councillor Gledhill**

Does the Portfolio Holder for Housing believe that tenants in general needs Council properties, who will soon be liable to pay a service charge were adequately consulted?

**6. From Councillor Allen to Councillor Gledhill**

Can Council explain why so many residents in general needs housing that are without any communal areas are receiving letters telling them they need to pay a service charge?

**7. From Councillor Fish to Councillor Gledhill**

I have received many complaints from residents on Seabrooke Rise about youth nuisance. Can the Portfolio Holder tell me what steps the administration is taking to deal with this?

**8. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Gledhill**

Does the Leader agree that Thurrock Council lacks the managerial leadership to deliver big or transformational projects?

**9. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Gledhill**

Does the Leader believe that the new tenant service charges makes Thurrock fairer or less fair?

**10. From Councillor Smith to Councillor Gledhill**

Would the Portfolio Holder confirm that all communal residencies in the housing stock meet the full and latest fire safety requirements, in particular fire escapes and entry and exit fire doors?

**11. From Councillor Potheary to Councillor Gledhill**

At Full Council in March I submitted a petition on behalf of the residents of Seabrooke Rise and the six Grays high rises against introducing new tenant service charges. What consideration was given to this petition by the Portfolio Holder in making the decision to push ahead with plans for new tenant service charges?

**12. From Councillor Collins to Council Gledhill**

Is the Leader able to outline what the £2 million he expects to raise from the new service charges will be used for?

**13. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Gledhill**

Could the Leader outline the actual cost of building council homes agreed under Labour?

**14. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Gledhill**

Can the Leader outline what the housing rent levels are now and what they would have been had Labours 2015 plan been adhered?

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO CABINET MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON A JOINT COMMITTEE**

**1. From Councillor Duffin to Councillor Hebb**

Will the Council be pushing ahead with the Communications Strategy as agreed at Cabinet?

**2. From Councillor Liddiard to Councillor Coxshall**

Would the Portfolio Holder please update members and inform the residents of Tilbury what action will be taken to mitigate and compensate for disruption due to the upcoming 10 years of misery caused by three developments of national importance i.e. Lower Thames Crossing, Tilbury 2 and the replacement Electricity Generating Station.

**3. From Councillor Stone to Councillor B Little**

Could the Council liaise with Highways England as to why the 50 mph restriction between Grays and Wennington on the A13 are still in place even though the carriage works have finished?

**4. From Councillor Smith to Councillor Watkins**

Earlier in the summer, Council notified residents of unusual vehicular breakdowns with the refuse vehicles. Over the past 6/8 weeks Aveley residents have continually had missed bin collections, suggesting the problem maybe wider than the "6 vehicles broken down". Would the Portfolio Holder be able to offer an explanation for those missed collections and consider offering an apology to Aveley residents for the inconvenience they have experienced together with an assurance going forward that they will receive a first class service?

**5. From Councillor V. Holloway to Councillor S. Little**

Can the Portfolio Holder reassure Councillors and residents that adequate social care services are available at all times?

**6. From Councillor V. Holloway to Councillor B. Little**

Parking in Angle Road, South Stifford is a major problem. Can the Portfolio Holder for Transport outline what could be done to assist residents?

**7. From Councillor Maney to Councillor Coxshall**

Given the history of reported planning infringements associated with Buckles Lane in South Ockendon does the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration agree that it is high time the council took action to address the situation there?

**8. From Councillor Maney to Councillor Watkins**

Would the Portfolio Holder confirm that it remains this council's policy to prohibit horse grazing during winter months on local authority owned land in the Mardyke Valley? Further, to ask that the Portfolio Holder takes steps to ensure the said policy is enforced now that summer has passed?