

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 were 3 questions to the Leader and 2 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

1. From Councillor Speight to the Leader

Over the past year the council has engaged in drafting its policies for the change in waste collection. There have been many discussions and meetings. At a number of them I and others have raised the issue of how the additional fee for brown bins might be paid. At every point, I was told it was likely that residents would be offered the option to pay the additional amount through council tax payments. Recently residents received notice of the change and were given one option, to pay by one payment – online and as a lump sum. Does the portfolio holder not believe that this penalises those who will struggle to pay by having to find £80 in a single amount, and that it disadvantages those in the borough that do not have access to online services?

2. From Councillor Speight to the Leader

Can the Portfolio Holder give the chamber details of provisions being made to offset the problems of flooding in the Stanford West ward?

3. From Councillor Polley to the Leader

Would the Leader please advise if any schemes under the Essex Police safer streets initiative have been put forward for Thurrock.

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

1. From Councillor Polley to Councillor D Arnold

Following the review of Thurrock's Overview & Scrutiny arrangements. Under the recommendations put forward by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. Would the Portfolio Holder please advise what consideration will be given to existing work programmes.

2. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor B Maney

As the State Cinema is falling further into disrepair, will the portfolio holder update us on efforts the council is taking to fulfil its responsibilities to ensure the upkeep of this listed building?