

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 3 questions to the Leader and 10 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

1. From Councillor Jones to Councillor Gledhill

Does the Leader agree that this Council would not have been able to set a balanced budget without the recent 4.98% rise in council tax?

2. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Gledhill

The car park in South Stifford, North of London Road between Palmerston Road and Moore Avenue is badly in need of repair. It has been identified as Housing land but vital resurfacing has still not been carried out. Can the Portfolio Holder advice when repairs to the car park will be undertaken?

3. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor Gledhill

I am of the understanding that families with dependent children who Thurrock Council does not have a duty to house under homelessness legislation are referred to children's social services. Can the Leader explain what action is then taken to house these families and prevent children being taken into care?

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

1. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Coxshall

Is the Portfolio Holder satisfied with the progress being made in delivering our plans for the regeneration of Purfleet?

2. From Councillor Sammons to Councillor Halden

Could the Portfolio Holder clarify what are the proposals to replacing the Children's Services that have been withdrawn in East Tilbury, Linford and West Tilbury?

3. From Councillor Potheary to Councillor MacPherson

In recent months I have been contacted by a number of residents expressing their concerns about safety in Church Path, Grays. On behalf of my residents, I made a request for CCTV to be installed. This was turned down. Will the Portfolio Holder please explain the reasoning for her department's decision and whether there is any option to review the previous position?

4. From Councillor Duffin to Councillor Hebb

So far how many people have responded to the £3,000 consultation on how often we hold local elections in Thurrock?

5. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor Hebb

Over the last few weeks your administration has brought forward and supported a budget that has increased council tax, changed tax support schemes and could potentially increase other housing service charges. Would you agree that your administration is now the party of high taxation in Thurrock?

6. From Councillor Potheary to Councillor B Little

Residents and local businesses have raised concerns with me about safety on the zebra crossing outside the Old Courthouse in Grays. Will the Portfolio Holder explain the reasons for his department's decision not to upgrade the crossing and whether there is any option to review the previous position?

7. From Councillor James Baker to Councillor MacPherson

Can the Portfolio Holder please give an update on the Bata Heritage Centre in East Tilbury?

8. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Halden

Can the Portfolio Holder update the chamber on the likely future for Orsett Hospital?

9. From Councillor Cherry to Councillor Tolson

During the Great British Spring Clean I was told by all residents I met that there was a lack of strategically placed bins across the borough. I understand the Council only have 400 bins currently in use. Can the Portfolio Holder inform me if this is true and whether there are plans to introduce more bins into Thurrock?

10. From Councillor Collins to Councillor S Little

Could the Cabinet Member for Children and Adult Social Care explain the positive effect of the latest national budget on her department please?