

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 4 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 Gerrish to Councillor Gledhill

Can the Leader confirm whether he intends to proceed with the proposed increase in service charges for sheltered housing tenants?

2. From Councillor Jones to Councillor Gledhill

Could the Leader inform members and the residents of Thurrock what measures Thurrock Council will undertake to best safeguard Thurrock's tower blocks after witnessing the tragic fire at a West London tower block?

3. From Councillor Maney to Councillor Gledhill

Given the recent fire at Grenfell Tower in West London and the tragic loss of life which resulted from this, would the Leader comment on the fire safety arrangements relating to the Borough's high rise accommodation and advise how these will be reviewed? In particular, given that early speculation is that replacement cladding at Grenfell Tower could have exacerbated the spread of the blaze, would the Leader confirm that the cladding replacement works undertaken some years ago to blocks in Grays Riverside and Little Thurrock Blackshots have been re-assessed in light of the tragedy and are deemed safe?

4. From Councillor Liddiard to Councillor Gledhill

The derelict changing rooms on the Daisyfield, St. Chads Road, Tilbury, has attracted children during the day and substance abusers after dark. Although railings surround the building, it is not secure. Residents fear accidents and needle infections. Can the Portfolio Holder tell me what can be done and when?

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

1. 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?

2. From Councillor Potheary to Councillor MacPherson

In recent months I have received an increasing number of complaints about serious and ongoing antisocial and criminal behaviour underneath the Sherfield/Derby Road Bridge in Grays. This is having a serious impact on the residents of Darnley Road and users of the Crown Road car park. Will the Portfolio Holder commit to fencing off the area?

3. From Councillor Watkins to Councillor Tolson

Please can the Portfolio Holder provide an update on Clean It, Cut It, Fill It.

4. From Councillor Watkins to Councillor Tolson

Please can the Portfolio Holder provide an update on the progress of the bin change collection.

5. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Tolson

Can the Portfolio Holder explain why residents of Kent Road and Salisbury Road, in Grays, were threatened with a bill of £57.02p - and potential court action - for clearing the fly tipping at the rear of their homes?

6. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Coxshall

When does the Portfolio Holder expect the council to receive the first planning application in respect of the Purfleet Regeneration scheme?

7. From Councillor Okunade to Councillor B Little

The roads in Tilbury are in a poor condition. Can the Portfolio Holder tell us his plans to improve them?

8. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor B Little

Can the Portfolio Holder update the chamber on progress on HGV mitigation measures across the borough?