

## **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 7 questions to the Leader and 9 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

**1. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Gledhill**

Back in 2016 the Leader of the Council appointed an external company to conduct a review of the Thameside Theatre. Will he give an update on their findings?

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

Councillor Gledhill will you support a cross party working group to investigate with officers and residents how we could raise funds to both purchase equipment for our recreational areas and maintain it thereafter?

**3. From Councillor Smith to Councillor Gledhill**

Is disrepair in council homes a factor in the appearance of black mould which is, as we know, a contributing factor to breathing difficulties experienced by many children in Thurrock?

**4. From Councillor Collins to Councillor Gledhill**

Could the Leader outline the rules affecting Officers and Members on the extent of their party political activities?

**5. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Gledhill**

Will the leader give us an update on discussions about a devolution deal for South Essex?

**6. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Gledhill**

What work has been done by the council to understand the potential impact of Universal Credit on Thurrock residents?

**7. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Gledhill**

As the Lower Thames Crossing saga continues, is the Leader satisfied with the approach and performance of Highways England?

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

### **1. From Councillor Allen to Councillor B Little**

Does Council accept the problem of vehicles parking on footpaths and pavements has become a serious issue here in our Borough?

### **2. From Councillor B Rice to Councillor Watkins**

As part of the clean-up promised by Councillor Gledhill, will you give a commitment to undertaking a full assessment of all the waste bins situated in our wards to see if we have adequate numbers and that they are where they have the most impact?

### **3. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor S Little**

Is the Children Service's aftercare team fit for purpose?

### **4. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor S Little**

Would the portfolio holder agree that only offering accommodation to the children of homeless families, where no homeless duty is owed to the family and no other welfare issues are of concern, would be inhumane, unethical and potentially place children at threat of serious harm?

### **5. From Councillor Allen to Councillor Watkins**

Councillor Watkins, following our site meeting in Tilbury last month to look at the litter and abandoned cars, could you give me an update on these car parks and could your response also include the unmaintained land that divides Sycamore Close and Albany Road?

### **6. From Councillor Snell to Councillor Hebb**

The Money Advice Trust, as part of their Stop The Knock Campaign highlighting the trend in increased use of bailiffs by local authorities, recently sent in a FOI request for information about the use of Bailiffs by this Council. Unlike most neighbouring Councils, Thurrock did not respond. Can the Portfolio Holder explain why?

### **7. From Councillor Collins to Councillor Watkins**

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm what is being done to improve recycling in Thurrock please?

### **8. From Councillor V Holloway to Councillor Huelin**

Why have volunteers in Purfleet hub been told the hub can only open and operate when paid staff are present?

**9. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Watkins**

It was great to see officers cleaning around the war memorial at Little Thurrock just before the service. The memorial itself was still in need of a clean, can the cabinet member explain why it was not cleaned before Armistice Sunday and who organised the clean up after?