

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 was 5 questions to the Leader and 8 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE LEADER

1. From Councillor Maney to Councillor Gledhill

Last year we saw some disturbing headlines that highlighted how street drinkers were dishonouring our war dead by drinking around Grays war memorial and generally behaving in an unacceptable manner. Can the Leader outline what action has/will be taken in order to help prevent this from happening again?

2. From Councillor Cherry to Councillor Gledhill

Already we have had travellers arriving at the Haven in Chadwell St Mary, there are many other such historically used sites in Chadwell and across the Borough. I know what we can do after they arrive but what is being physically done to prevent such land incursions this year 2019 and what preparations are being put in?

3. From Councillor Liddiard to Councillor Gledhill

What can be done to remove the travellers in Fort Road next to Anglian waste treatment site? They have been there for over one year despite several complaints into Council.

4. From Councillor Maney to Councillor Gledhill

Would the Leader explain by what means the Council monitors members' attendance so as to ensure compliance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 (vacation of office by failure to attend meetings)? Further, has the Council recently initiated any investigations or proceedings in accordance with this provision?

5. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Gledhill

Will the Leader of the Council set out the benefits to the local community of the Conservative Administration's plans to spend £10 million on building new Council offices?

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

1. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Halden

Legal advice given on 13 June 2018 Cabinet report regarding the free school programme and land disposal stated that the local authority would be legally obliged to consult should it agree to dispose "open space" which includes land used for recreation. The land disposed of for the potential construction of Orsett Heath Academy in Blackshots fits this definition. Would the Portfolio Holder therefore detail what consultation the Council undertook prior to the disposal.

2. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Halden

The residents of Woodside welcome the potential expansion of Treetops School, but not the additional traffic this will cause on local roads around Woodside. Will education work with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) so that a permanent means of access can be considered and therefore divert traffic away from residential roads?

3. From Councillor Cherry to Councillor Watkins

Fly tipping is a concern in the Borough. What physical changes to known sites are being made, to be made or being considered to prevent or make it more difficult for this lucrative business to continue in Thurrock?

4. From Councillor Worrall to Councillor Johnson

Is the Portfolio Holder for Housing confident that the temporary accommodation for the homeless in Thurrock are inspected and fit for purpose?

5. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Johnson

How many homeless mothers has Thurrock Council placed in a hotel, with their new born baby, in each of the last three years?

6. From Councillor Akinbohun to Councillor Halden

I have encountered a particular distressing situation in my ward whereby a vulnerable child was excluded and there was no subsequent support to get him back on track. How prevalent is this in Thurrock and what is the Portfolio Holder doing to make sure this does not continue?

7. From Councillor Smith to Councillor Halden

Can the Portfolio Holder please tell me what action he is taking following the recent report into the Aveley Medical Centre?

8. From Councillor Allen to Councillor Watkins

Can the Portfolio Holder please confirm the guidance he gave in his response to the question regarding the dust plaguing Tilbury from a member of the public on the 28 November 2018?