

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

QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

1. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor M Coxshall

Thurrock Council has now agreed to abide by the ruling of the Information Tribunal and answer the Freedom of Information requests it has been fighting to keep secret. How much Council Taxpayer money has been spent fighting legal action to try and keep this information secret?

2. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor M Coxshall

The scale of the financial catastrophe facing Thurrock Council is now becoming clear. What are the next steps the Leader will take in trying to save the Council?

3. From Councillor Worrall to Councillor M Coxshall

At the July Cabinet meeting it was agreed to release a significant number of council owned assets for sale. Can the Leader give an update on the sale of these assets and how much has been raised since July?

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

1. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Snell

Where does the missing £138 million and the £5 million reportedly paid to a broker sit in the mix, has it been accrued or another shock to be announced later?

2. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor M Coxshall

Can the Portfolio Holder tell us how much taxpayers money you wasted on the building of the aborted first attempt of the new chamber, demolishing attempt one, and subsequent rebuild on the second attempt?

3. From Councillor Muldowney to Councillor M Coxshall

Further to my questions at the 13 October 2022 Council meeting about the money owing to the Elsie Florence Grover/Flat Irons Field Trust, please can the Portfolio Holder confirm that this money will be hypothecated for use in Chadwell for the benefit of Chadwell's children?

4. From Councillor Worrall to Councillor Spillman

The council housing waiting list continues to increase and now sits at about 8000 applicants. What direct action are you taking to provide more homes for those on the housing waiting list?

5. From Councillor Watson to Councillor Maney

Can the Portfolio Holder for Enforcement please tell me what support the Council is providing to the police in the continuing battle against car cruisers around Lakeside in West Thurrock?

6. From Councillor Pearce to Councillor Maney

What measures does the Council employ to ensure that traders in Thurrock who sell age restricted items or services comply with the law?

7. From Councillor Fish to Councillor D Arnold

The first IMWC has now opened in Corringham, an area of the borough with the lowest health inequality. Can the Portfolio Holder tell me when the other IMWCs in areas such as Tilbury will be opening?

8. From Councillor Shinnick to Councillor Abbas

This year Orchard Community forum paid for the road closure in Grays to facilitate the Remembrance Service can the Portfolio Holder for Communities consider that council fund this next year?

9. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Snell

What level of Council Tax increase does the portfolio holder anticipate recommending for next year?

10. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Abbas

Does the Portfolio Holder support the continuation of the theatre, library, museum and other cultural and heritage services from the Thameside Complex?