

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

10 questions received from members of the public.

1. From Mr Atkins to Councillor Carter

Can the Portfolio Holder tell me does the council recognise the United Nations convention on the rights of the child?

2. From Mr Nixon to Councillor B Maney

Will the Planning Portfolio Holder commit to supporting smaller locally led applications going forwards as these create work for local people and bearing in mind how low the Housing Completion numbers are, ensure that any locally led application which seeks to build new homes or flats irrespective of numbers involved is called to committee to be debated fairly by Councillors?

3. From Mr Perrin to the Leader

Can you tell me where the provision of cutting, maintenance and protection of grass verges and green spaces stands in the "pecking order" of Council provided services, particularly regarding grass verges and green spaces located on Council Housing estates?

4. From Ms Ramdenee to Councillor B Maney

Could the Cabinet Members please explain how they considered each point of their Older Persons Charter when making the decision to withdraw the 374 and 11 bus services, making it extremely difficult for elderly residents in these rural locations to maintain their independence and dignity.

5. From Ms Hadley to Councillor B Maney

Saving the 374 bus service, why are elderly residents in East Tilbury being discriminated against. Every other elderly resident in Thurrock has access to free travel apart from those in East Tilbury, West Tilbury, Linford and Horndon?

6. From Ms Cuzner to Councillor B Maney

How are students supposed to get to and from Palmers with no footpaths along the lanes. This would mean either extra expenses on train and bus fares to get there or reduced hours for parents who work to accommodate. What if those parents do not drive?

7. From Ms Gunn to Councillor B Maney

Save our Bus Service - Why didn't you approach other bus companies when the proposed figure from NIBS seemed too expensive for you to consider?

8. From Ms Franklin to Councillor B Maney

How does Thurrock Council foresee those who had been reliant on the bus service, for whatever reason, being able to reach the medical hubs to receive their COVID jabs?

9. From Ms Hattle to Councillor B Maney

Now that the Council have axed the subsidy for the 374, 11 and 265 buses, where will that money be spent?

10. From Mr Hattle to Councillor B Maney

In regard to the necessary bus services (374, 11, and 275 routes) can the Portfolio Holder inform the chamber what actions will the council take to meet the pledge made by the leader stating that the council would take appropriate action to recover the council's financial position while ensuring that we protect vulnerable residents and essential services?