

**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 5 questions to the Leader and 3 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

**1. From Councillor Kerin to the Leader**

Given the recent upholding of a Stage Two Complaint from Thurrock Nub News, does the Leader feel that the Thurrock Council Communication Strategy is fit for purpose?

**2. From Councillor J Kent to the Leader**

There has been some work carried out on creating a new operating model for the council. Can the Leader outline his thinking on this?

**3. From Councillor J Kent to the Leader**

Has the Leader carried out an assessment of how many redundancies will be needed to set a balanced budget for the next financial year?

**4. From Councillor J Maney to the Leader**

News broke recently that the former Labour-led administration in Southend may have been considering a ULEZ style charge for motorists using their roads. Whatever the case, would the Leader advise what legislative powers might allow a local council to impose such a tax in their area of jurisdiction and would he also confirm categorically that under his leadership Thurrock would never agree to such a policy here?

**5. From Councillor J Maney to the Leader**

As the Leader will be aware, on 27 September 2023, a rabbit was shamefully abandoned on council land near the civic offices and found to be in a dreadfully neglected state. Given that the wilful abandonment of a pet is a criminal offence, coupled with the fact that security staff believe they may know the identity of the culprit, would the Leader confirm whether the incident has been reported to the police?

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

**1. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor B Maney**

Can the Portfolio Holder set out the amount of money spent on the now abandoned Grays underpass scheme?

2. **From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Coxshall**

What is the per hour cost of Thurrock Council's in house home care service?

3. **From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Johnson**

Plans for the redevelopment of the Blackshots towers include an option for the construction on King George's playing field behind Laird Avenue and Broadview Avenue. Understandably, this proposal is not being well received by some of the local residents. Would the portfolio for housing instruct his officers to seek an alternative proposal.