

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 6 questions to the Leader and 6 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

1. From Councillor Hurrell to the Leader

A recent study by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation reveals that approximately 3.8 million people in the UK experienced extreme poverty/destitution in 2022, including around one million children. This is almost two-and-a-half times the number of adults in 2017, and nearly triple the number of children. Can the leader tell us how many of Thurrock's residents, adults & children, fall into the category of being destitute?

2. From Councillor Worrall to the Leader

What is your vision for Thurrock, as a place in five years' time?

3. From Councillor Byrne to the Leader

Can the Leader explain why none of the three family hubs are in the east side of the borough?

4. From Councillor Byrne to the Leader

As leader of the council, do you support your fellow cabinet members at meetings calling residents and fellow members Plebeians and more recently idiots, as well as calling a fellow member Councillor Angry and not by name or title?

5. From Councillor Pearce to the Leader

I recently attended a consultation event in Aveley regarding plans for the Purfleet employment hub (a hub which would actually be in Aveley, not Purfleet).

The potential applicants publicly claim they are working to support the council's sports master plan for Belhus Park. Display boards showed the park almost entirely given over to sports pitches. In my view this directly offends Belhus Park's history and listed heritage.

What sports master plan might the applicants be referring to and what consultation has there been with elected members, especially ward members, to determine whether the council's plans align with our political aspirations and meet the needs of the community we are elected to represent?

6. From Councillor Kerin to the Leader

Can the Portfolio holder shed light on the rationale behind selecting PwC to assist the council in identifying savings? Considering the awareness of a 10% discount, is there confidence that this represents genuine value for money?

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

1. From Councillor Worrall to Councillor Coxshall

Can you please provide the chamber and residents with an update on the Thameside building?

2. From Councillor Watson to Councillor Coxshall

Purfleet on Thames Health Centre, managed by Health Care Resource Group, has implemented a new policy requiring patients to schedule appointments via email. Could the Portfolio for Health provide details on the consultations conducted with Purfleet on Thames residents regarding this change, given that it took effect on November 6, 2023?

3. From Councillor Polley to Councillor Carter

Would the Portfolio holder please inform the chamber. How does Thurrock compare with its statistical neighbours; with regard, to the number of Educational Health Care Plan's in place to support our young people.

4. From Councillor Watson to Councillor Johnson

Could the Housing Portfolio provide clarification on whether the proposed housing developments at Vigerons Way, Chadwell St Marys, Broxburn Drive, and Corringham garage sites are to be constructed by the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for council housing?

5. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Snell

What percentage of this year's council's revenue budget is spent servicing the council's debt?

6. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Snell

What was the level of government Revenue Support Grant (RSG) paid to Thurrock Council for the financial years 2010/11 and 2023/24?