

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

**QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER**

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

Does the Leader of the Council think that the all-out local elections scheduled for May in Thurrock ought to go ahead?

**2. From Councillor G Byrne to the Leader**

The leaders Christmas message was very uplifting if you live in the West of the Borough, can I ask if East Thurrock is on the Cabinet and Directors radar.

**3. From Councillor Coxshall to the Leader**

To ask the Leader of the Council to outline his proposal for Local Government Reform following the expression of interest to join the Government's Priority Programme for Devolution.

**4. From Councillor Jefferies to the Leader**

Does Cllr Kent agree with the statement made by the leader of Basildon District Council, that under plans to reorganise local government in Essex, Basildon and Thurrock should be joined as a single unitary authority?

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

The leader stated recently that Essex devolution and local government reorganisation would be "the most significant change for local government in more than a generation". In light of this, how will his administration ensure that residents in Thurrock are informed and engaged from this point forward?

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

**1. From Councillor Jones to Councillor L Watson**

What message does it send to developers when this Labour Government continually announces that it is going to force local councils to build more houses in their area?

**2. From Councillor B Maney to Councillor Worrall**

The general consensus appears to be that the new Overview and Scrutiny arrangements at the council have improved the democratic process. What if any measures are being considered for further strengthening the democratic structure of the council in the new municipal year?

**3. From Councillor G Byrne to Councillor Hooper**

Can I ask why the place committee were told the Phi deal had to go through procurement process with tenders, when clearly other purchases have not been.

**4. From Councillor Rigby to Councillor L Watson**

Further to the previous updates on this matter, would the portfolio holder advise when we will know how s106 monies held by the council will be allocated?

**5. From Councillor Johnson to Councillor Worrall**

How will the council ensure that, via the internal democratic process, there is proper member engagement, oversight and scrutiny of the devolution process including all negotiations with other local authorities / third parties?