

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

4 questions received from members of the public.

1. From Mr Perrin to Leader

On a BBC Panorama programme Cllr John Kent said, "They (the Conservatives) have borrowed huge amounts of money, hundreds of millions of pounds, which they then lent to somebody else to invest and I think they have done it in a way I think was reckless". When asked if he accepted any responsibility Cllr John Kent said, "I think every one of us, everybody who has been a member of the Council over the last six years has to have some responsibility for this. Every one of us could have done more than we did to bring this out and stop this happening. Everyone has to address it." Councillor Jefferies, do you accept your shared responsibility and could and should have done more?

2. From Ms Ramdenee to Councillor B Maney

The recently published Local Plan states that in East Tilbury "a new purpose-built community hub alongside enhancements/expansion to Gobions Park" will be provided, along with over 1000 new homes. What facilities will be provided in this new hub and the park that will cater to the needs of the existing 7713 residents and the proposed inhabitants of the 1000 new homes?

3. From Ms Byrne to Councillor B Maney

In 2021 the Grays Town Fund was awarded circa £19.9 million. Originally the Thameside Complex was mentioned in the expression of interest application, but it was not put into the final bid. What has happened to this fund?

4. From Ms Hattle to Councillor B Maney / Councillor Coxshall

According to the interim report provided midway through the consultation for the withdrawal of funding for subsidised bus services, the majority of residents stated that they used the bus services for health appointments, to utilise health care facilities, as well as shopping and visiting family and friends. What actions have Thurrock Council undertaken to follow up on the concerns raised during the consultation to withdraw funding for the 374, 11 and 265 with many residents using the phrase "eating or heating" to indicate the stark choice they have to make throughout their responses to losing this "socially necessary" service?