

(7) MEMBER QUESTIONS

Council Procedure Rule 11 - Not more than fifteen minutes allowed for written questions to be put by Members on any matter in relation to which the Council has any power or duties or which affects the District.

The following questions have been submitted:-

- (1) From Councillor Jenny Forde to Councillor Mark MacKenzie-Charrington, Cabinet Member for Planning Services

'Since I became a Councillor for Chedworth & Churn Valley I have been astounded at the frustratingly slow response from enforcement when developers are breaching conditions or simply carrying out works without permission.

The prevailing perception of this council's administration is that you are weak and unreasonably slow in dealing with individuals and developers that flout their conditions, laws and permissions.

What steps are the council taking to address the resource for Planning enforcement to ensure that offenders are stopped in the quickest time frame possible and the public's trust in the Planning process can be restored?'

- (2) From Councillor PCB Coleman to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'Would the Leader please provide the latest table of data showing the annual comparison between the annual cut in Revenue Support Grant to this Council and the annual payment of New Homes Bonus (NHB) to this Council, for each of the years since the Council first became eligible to receive NHB?'

- (3) From Councillor PCB Coleman to Councillor Chris Hancock, Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships

'Would the Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships please make a statement on the latest position regarding the provision of a shuttle bus service in and around Cirencester, as recommended in the report for his Decision which was to be made no earlier than Thursday 1st December, indicating the processes by which route selection, choice of operator partner(s), and cost estimation were all made?'

- (4) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Chris Hancock, Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships

'Car Park users in Cirencester have paid "in error" £11,000 during the duration of the Free After 3 initiative up to late November.

Would the Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships please supply figures to show how the rate of payments-in-error has changed with the passage of time?'

- (5) From Councillor JA Harris to Councillor Lynden Stowe, Leader of the Council

'Please can the Leader tell me how much this Council has underspent each year since 2011?'

Notes:

(i) The above questions were submitted after the deadline by which responses could be guaranteed to be provided to the questioner at least 24 hours before the Council Meeting, or by or at the Meeting (by virtue of the Council's Procedure Rules). However, the Members to whom the questions have been addressed will seek to provide responses by no later than the Meeting.

(ii) If any response(s) is/are provided, and the Member who submitted that question is present at the Meeting, he/she will be entitled to ask one supplementary question arising directly out of either the answer given or his/her original question.

(iii) The Member to whom any supplementary question is addressed will try and answer any supplementary question at the Meeting; but if this is not possible, then the Member will answer as much as possible at the Meeting and then provide a full response within five working days. If, for any reason, a full response cannot be provided within those five days, then a holding response will be sent to the questioner, along with the reason for delay and a likely timescale for the full response.

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