

COUNCIL, 17th JULY 2013

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

1 Fixed Penalty Notices

To the Cabinet Member for Environment (Councillor Barry Tebbutt)

By Councillor Brian Eagling

Question:

Motorists using grass verges for parking cause considerable environmental and structural damage which entails expensive reinstatement works. Would the Cabinet Member advise the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued in each of the last two years for this offence and explain what other actions are being taken to tackle this practice.

2 Bosworth Field

To the Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Denis O'Flynn

Question:

When will the proposed improvements to the Bosworth Field adjoining the Briar Road Estate be implemented.

3 New Leisure Centre

To the Cabinet Member for Culture, Towns & Communities (Councillor Andrew Curtin)

By Councillor Jeffrey Tucker

Question:

During the Leader's Speech Debate, my colleague Cllr Durant said, "The new Leisure Centre is an expensive gamble, because putting an ice rink above a swimming pool is **almost** never attempted, because the heat from the pool melts the ice"!

Cllr Tebbutt responded by saying, "You're wrong to say never, because there is already such a facility operating in Southwark. I don't know its name, but it's in Southwark"!

To re-assure Members about the viability of our scheme, can the Cabinet Member provide details of the exact location, opening times and cost to the local Council of the 'Southwark' facility?

4 Commissioned Bailiffs

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor John Wood

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member respond to the following queries in respect of council commissioned bailiffs:-

- a) On how many occasions in 2012/13 were bailiffs deployed to recover monies owed.
- b) How much was recovered in that period and what was the fee payable to the bailiffs.
- c) How many complaints have been received over the last three years relating to bailiffs.
- d) Does this Council set down guidelines for bailiffs to follow and how is that monitored.

5 Building New Council Houses

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Keith Darvill

Question:

Will the Administration review its decision not to build new Council Houses?

6 Universal Credit

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Ray Morgon

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member advise what steps the council will be taking to stop a potential increase in rent arrears when Universal Credit introduces benefit payments direct to tenants.

7 New Football Pitches at the Manor, Gooshays Ward

To the Cabinet Member for Culture, Towns & Communities (Councillor Andrew Curtin)

By Councillor Pat Murray

Question:

Will the Cabinet Member assure me that no adverse impact on wild life and fauna will arise following the creation of new football pitches on the Manor and will he confirm that any impact on the environment will be monitored and the results of that monitoring will be disclosed to members of the Council.

8 Savings 2012/13

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor Clarence Barrett

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member set out in detail what approved savings were NOT fully achieved in 2012/13.

9 Harold Hill Ambitions Implementation Plan

To the Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Steven Kelly)

By Councillor Paul McGeary

Question:

When will the implementation plan for Harold Hill Ambitions be disclosed to Ward Councillors?

10 Beam Reach

To The Leader of the Council (Councillor Michael White)

By Councillor David Durant

Question:

Please provide an up-date on plans for a super-size prison at Beam Reach and the Administration's views on this matter.

11 New Homes Bonus expenditure

To the Cabinet Member for Value (Councillor Roger Ramsey)

By Councillor June Alexander

Question:

Would the Cabinet Member advise how much of the £1.797 million New Homes Bonus is scheduled to be spent on homes related expenditure this year?

12 Voids of Council Homes

To the Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Lesley Kelly)

By Councillor Denis Breeding

Question:

Will the Lead member make a statement about the current average number of voids and the average length of such voids of Council Homes compared with 2011 and 2012?