

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

1. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Jefferies

Residents are demanding a full police investigation into Thurrock's financial affairs. Would the administration support the residents and call in the Police / fraud squad?

2. From Councillor Worrall to Councillor Jefferies

As the new Leader of Thurrock Council. What does openness and transparency mean to you?

3. From Councillor J Maney to Councillor Jefferies

I understand that the previous Leader of the council wrote personally to Transport for London and expressed this Council's opposition to the London Mayor's planned ULEZ extension. Should this go ahead later this summer it will have a devastating impact on many residents in Aveley. Will the Leader also make strong representations to TfL and impress this administration's ongoing objection to the said extension?

4. From Councillor J Maney to Councillor Jefferies

What steps does the leader believe the council should now take in order to ensure that the findings of the Best Value Inspection report shape lasting good practice at Thurrock Council?

5. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Jefferies

Can the Leader of the Council confirm the overspend on widening the A13 is between £64 and £68 million?

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

1. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Jefferies

Is it all about money that prevents us from delivering a three bin soon to be a four-bin weekly collection service?

2. From Councillor Pearce to Councillor Carter

Work on the new school site in Love Lane, Aveley, has come to a halt as a result of the developer going into administration we are told, please would the Portfolio Holder for Education provide an update on this situation and advise whether works are likely to resume in the near future.

3. From Councillor Pearce to Councillor Coxshall

Environmental Extremists are once again hitting the headlines having disrupted a number of national events, including The Chelsea Flower Show of all things, given that Thurrock has previously suffered at the hands of such Extremists, will the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection assure the Chamber that Police and Council will be prepared as possible when it comes to dealing with any future disruption in the borough.

4. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Jefferies

The Leader will recall that a number of serious fires occurred at Hangman's Wood in Woodside last summer, putting nearby residential properties at risk. Would the Portfolio Holder please reinstate his commitment to ensure that grass at Hangman's Wood is cut short well before it becomes tall and subsequently dries in the summer heat, that the paths/firebreaks are maintained and do not become overgrown, also that should the need arise, the emergency services will have unencumbered access to the site.

5. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Coxshall

With the lighter evenings now upon us and residents spending more time outside, or with windows open, will the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety assure the chamber that Police operations aimed at tackling nuisance off road motorbikes will continue?

6. From Councillor Ononaji to Councillor Coxshall

Chafford Hundred has recently been inundated with high level of anti-social behaviours, particularly in the Train Station areas. The residents are highly concerned with the impact this is having on their safety, wellbeing, and businesses in their community. Could the Portfolio Holder, kindly tell this chamber and the residents of Chafford, what the Council can do to help eradicate this ugly situation in Chafford?

7. From Councillor P Arnold to Councillor B Maney

Would the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Highways comment on suggestions that School Crossing Patrol officers could be withdrawn?

8. From Councillor Worrall to Councillor Jefferies

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment explain to members why the green spaces including grass verges across Thurrock are being left uncut for longer periods this year?

9. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Carter

Will the Portfolio Holder set out his priorities for the municipal year?

10. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor B Maney

Will the Portfolio Holder agree to consultation on introducing residents parking in the Richmond Road area of Grays?

11. From Councillor Fish to Councillor Johnson

Can the Portfolio Holder tell me when the window replacement scheme for the high-rise flats in South Grays will be completed?