

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 8 questions to the Leader and 10 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

1. From Councillor Redsell to Leader

As sport is in your portfolio could I ask that you get together with your officers and find out what has happened to the sport's strategy?

2. From Councillor Panjala to Leader

People from Aveley and Uplands want to know when our council will restore the basic services without interruption. In terms of timely bin collection and clean and green maintenance.

3. From Councillor Panjala to Leader

I would like to know about what action plan do we have in place to protect our green belt area across the Thurrock District and Aveley & Uplands ward?

4. From Councillor J Maney to Leader

Would the Leader advise how many fines and / or prosecutions the council has ensured in respect of environmental offences, including littering and fly-tipping?

5. From Councillor J Maney to Leader

Please would you advise when will the findings of the waste review be made known?

6. From Councillor Muldowney to Leader

Following the recent accident, involving nuisance motorbikes, which resulted in a young child suffering life changing head injury, can the Portfolio Holder reassure the residents of Chadwell St Mary that they and their police partners are taking steps to ensure that such a tragedy will not be repeated?

7. From Councillor J Kent to Leader

Cabinet has agreed to find savings of £18.2m from the revenue budget for next two years (to 2024/25) and a further £13.65m 7.5% for the following three financial years. Does the Leader of the council believe that savings of this magnitude are achievable?

8. From Councillor J Kent to Leader

Will the Leader of the council give an update on the presence of RAAC within the wider council buildings estate?

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

1. From Councillor Halden to Councillor Johnson

Is the Cabinet Member confident our hostel services are the best they could be?

2. From Councillor Pearce to Councillor B Maney

Why has planning application 23/00033/FUL (Lakeside logistics hub) taken so long to come before the planning committee or otherwise be determined?

3. From Councillor Raper to Councillor D Arnold

As more and more Council Services are moving to on-line could the Portfolio Holder explain what meaningful support is being put in place for residents who are unable to use the Internet?

4. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Snell

Can you tell us how and why the £7.5 million SELEP fund was plundered and used to demolish our fully functional Stanford station and not for its intended purpose?

5. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Coxshall

Are CVS an essential service that warrants funding by Thurrock's residents?

6. From Councillor Speight to Councillor B Maney

At the last full council meeting in July, I gave way on my motion regarding a relief road from the Stanhope Industrial Estate to a similar motion proposed by Cllr Piccolo, who candidly told the meeting he 'had an election to fight' in May. I have no interest in kudos for getting the job done and will strongly and vociferously support Cllr Piccolo's motion going forward. In his motion Cllr Piccolo said: "Council has already put views to Ruth Kelly, and DP World representatives and others." So the good news was work had already started on pursuing this much needed benefit for the residents of Wharf Road in particular and Stanford-le-Hope in general. It has been somewhat disappointing there has been no update of briefing for ward councillors since the motion was unanimously passed. Can the Portfolio Holder update the chamber on what action has been taken since July?

7. From Councillor Speight to Councillor Coxshall

I recently attended a briefing for members of the Health and Wellbeing O&S and HWB Board where members of our own team and partners outlined their work. It was a detailed presentation and contained a host of information which is far too long to go through in detail at this meeting, but it contained much to be proud of and many examples of success were presented. This council has had little to shout about of late, but there is much that is of merit in the work of our adult social services. They would be the first to downplay that and would acknowledge that there is still much to be done, but I think they deserve recognition for their efforts and this chamber is a good place to express it. Would the portfolio give a brief summary of the work of the team, particularly in terms of the 'preventative work' that is being done which puts Thurrock in the top quartile of councils in terms of spending resource to tackle problems before they are exacerbated, thereby not only helping the health and wellbeing of residents but saving the authority (and the health service) money by not dumping problems on the door of the local A&E department as a last resort ?

8. From Councillor Muldowney to Councillor B Maney

The incidences of buses being suspended because of badly parked cars on Godman Road and Sleepers Farm Road is increasing. Please can the Portfolio Holder look into providing and/or extending double yellow lines on the junctions and bends of Godman Road to allow the buses to run unimpeded in this area?

9. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor B Maney

It appears the owners of the State Cinema have left Thais Grade 2* listed building in an appalling condition. Will the portfolio holder give an update on any action the council is taking to hold them to account?

10. From Councillor Worrall to Councillor Johnson

It is now a year since the initial intervention was announced by the government. Can you outline to councillors and residents the impact this intervention has had on the housing portfolio?