

QUESTION TIME

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 are 2 questions to the Leader and a further 7 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE LEADER

1. From Councillor Ojetola

What is the Council doing to support applications for free schools in Thurrock?

2. From Councillor Ojetola

Please provide a breakdown per school of the planning gain (Section 106) money the Council is holding on behalf of Schools in Thurrock?

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

1. From Councillor Hebb to Councillor A Smith

On 28-01-2014, a horrendous motor vehicle accident occurred on the bend leading into Wharf Road on The Green, Stanford-le-Hope,

Can the Portfolio Holder please detail what steps are being taken to address this hazardous turning, in terms of accident prevention?

2. From Councillor Hebb to Councillor B Rice

The Portfolio Holder will be aware that successful recruitment for social care roles can be difficult. This is sometimes not helped by unattractive salaries; unsociable working hours and the intense pressure of the role itself.

How is the local authority working to close this gap so that vital public services are delivered on time and in full?

3. From Councillor Tolson to Councillor A Smith

Why is Southend Road in Grays virtually flawless and kept in a very good condition but Southend Road in Stanford has had long standing surface imperfections and potholes that have only just recently been repaired despite being reported?

4. From Councillor Shinnick to Councillor P Smith

Could the portfolio holder for Central Services explain why he believes Council Tax complaints have reduced from previous years?

5. From Councillor Tolson to Councillor A Smith

What is the Portfolio Holder doing to encourage cycle usage across the Borough?

6. From Councillor W Curtis to Councillor A Smith

Sometime ago a public meeting was held with the Highways Agency, where residents living alongside the M25 motorway in the Belhus Ward area requested Noise Reduction Fencing to be installed in this area. The meeting coincided with the road widening works, which are now completed, and it was stated that an "After" survey would be carried out to see if the resultant noise levels (the main concern of the residents) were at the level expected and if not further consideration would be given to a noise reduction scheme.

Can you advise me if this survey has been undertaken and if so what were the findings of the survey?

7. From Councillor Anderson to Councillor Gaywood

What actions have you taken as portfolio holder to facilitate effective neighbourhood policing in Corringham and Stanford-le-Hope?