

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 3 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 Jones to Councillor Gledhill

In light of the events of the weekend of the 30/31 July, regarding the King Of The Road travellers pony and trap racing on the Manorway public road Corringham, and further to the scrutiny work and recommendations of Cleaner Greener & Safer Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 5 September 2016 can the Leader let me know what measures are now being put in place or considered to prevent such activities being repeated.

2. From Councillor Duffin to Councillor Gledhill

Does the Leader of the Council believe that the Council has sufficient legal powers to deal with unauthorised traveller sites in Thurrock?

3. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Gledhill

Will the Leader of the Council explain the process for agreeing Thurrock Council's submission to the Thames Estuary 2050 Growth Commission?

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

1. From Councillor Duffin to Councillor B Little

Is the Portfolio Holder aware that residents including parents with buggies are being forced to walk in the road, around the blind corner on Silvertown Avenue and Thors Oak because people are parking on pavements and may I ask what, if any, action is the Council planning to take to stop this?

2. From Councillor Stone to Councillor Coxshall

How many days was the cafe open at Grays beach during the last 3 months?

3. From Councillor Watkins to Councillor Halden

Could the Portfolio Holder for Education, please inform me what steps are being taken for sports at all schools in Thurrock?

4. From Councillor Cherry to Councillor Tolson

The very latest Traveller incursion onto land at Chadwell Hill, Chadwell St Mary cost the Council over £6000. This is likely to happen again next year as it has happened before, unless something is done. Would you agree that the money that will very likely be spent next year be earmarked and spent towards preventing incursions there and elsewhere in Thurrock where this regularly happens by using methods of hardening that cannot easily be undone. Thus sending out the message that Travellers who break the law are not welcome so that all Travellers do not get blamed in Thurrock and save Thurrock residents the cost and annoyance of this unlawful trespass on their community land.

5. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor Gledhill

From the second year of pay-to-stay any revenue raised, after the council's expenses are deducted, will be sent to the treasury. How much revenue does the portfolio holder believe will be raised by pay-to-stay in Thurrock after the council has deducted its expenses?

6. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor Stewart

If the Council does not extend its transition funding to Thurrock Citizen Advice Bureau I believe there may be a risk that it will close its doors in April 2017. Can the Cabinet Member please confirm whether the Council's transition funding will cease in April 2017?

7. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Tolson

The problems caused by people drinking in Grays Town Centre are getting worse. Will the portfolio holder commit to working with the police to look at introducing a PSPO to help deal more effectively with the issue?

8. From Councillor Collins to Councillor Halden

Can the Cabinet Member for Education outline what action the Council is taking in order to take full advantage of the Prime Minister's statement on Grammar Schools?

9. From Councillor Smith to Councillor Stewart

The Portfolio Holder will no doubt be aware of the closure of Aveley community forum and the many youth services it provides. Is the Council considering action to mitigate the loss of the important services it was offering to residents?

10. From Councillor Pothecary to Councillor Halden

When does the Portfolio Holder expect full GCSE results for each school in Thurrock to be published?