

## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There are 3 questions from members of the public.

1. **From Mr Perrin to Councillor Worrall**

“You may be aware of the axiom “An Englishman’s home is his castle”, a proposition that commends itself to general acceptance and is a well-established principle. Would you agree with me that the principle should equally apply to the tenant whose home is a Council rented property?”

2. **From Mrs Lodge to Councillor Worrall**

“Whilst I appreciate that the Council cannot remove all Damp and Mould from all properties immediately, I do believe there are some properties that are so badly affected that they are a threat to the health and wellbeing of occupants. Can you assure me that the Council still have a programme for prioritising such homes?”

3. **From Mr P Adams to Councillor P Smith**

“As you will be aware, ECFRS intends to remove the rescue vehicle from Grays Fire Station with the loss of 12 jobs. Such a decision will result in the ‘jump crewing’ of the Ariel Ladder Platform and a ‘front line pumping appliance’. This means the crew is shared between the two appliances, resulting in a reduction in availability of the ‘front line pumping appliance’. In Essex there are 13 top tier COMAH sites, 5 of which are located in Grays. There are a further 3 within the Thurrock area. So, within Grays alone, there are over a third of the counties Major risks, and within Thurrock over half.

The 8 COMAH sites, other local risks and the development of the Thames Gateway has resulted in Gray fire station having one of the highest risk fire grounds in the country. Taking this into account, does the council agree with the proposed changes leading to a reduction in fire cover for this area?”