

## 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 5 questions to the Leader and a further 5 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 Hipsey**

Would you please confirm whether the sound barrier that has been installed by contractors employed by DP World along parts of Corringham Road, Stanford Le Hope, the entire route of the Manorway and along the A13 from Stanford Le Hope to Orsett, meets safety collision standards and whether the coating treatment used on the barriers is resistant to deliberate or accidental fire hazards?

**2. From Councillor Kerin**

Can the Portfolio Holder for Education please inform this chamber of how many Thurrock schools he visited in the academic year 2013/14?

**3. From Councillor C. Kent**

The Coalhouse Fort Project, and others, have long wanted to see the completion of the Two Forts Walk, between Coalhouse and Tilbury Forts. Given the scale of funding cuts the council is facing over the next three years can the portfolio holder give any hope that this important initiative can be completed?

**4. From Councillor Snell**

Could you please advise how much has been budgeted for the renovation of the civic offices?

**5. From Councillor Wootton**

Following the retirement of the mobile library service manager in Autumn 2013, why has it taken a year to get this valuable service for Thurrock residents back on the road?

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

**1. From Councillor Gerrish to Councillor Holloway**

"How does our council tax collection compare to previous years?"

**2. From Councillor Jones to Councillor Worrall**

"I have been working for some time on behalf of several residents in my Ward who have been waiting for repairs to be undertaken to their properties, ranging from fitting extractor fans and shower trays to a kitchen replacement. Could the Cabinet Member for Housing please work with me to look into why it takes so long to get repairs completed on some residents' homes in my Ward?"

**3. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Worrall**

How many void or empty properties do we have in Thurrock at this time?

**4. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Worrall**

What steps are in place to stop residents from having too many pets in flats?

**5. From Councillor Halden to Councillor Okunade**

Can the Cabinet Member inform the Chamber what overspends or underspends have been recorded for the children's social care department budget in recent years and whether the department is on track to having a balanced budget by the end of the current financial year?