

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

QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

1. From Councillor J Kent

We are told, the new council chamber “has been meticulously designed to stand for generations.” Why then, was this “meticulously designed” chamber unable to be used for annual council, on the 25th of May or for the June and July council meetings?

2. From Councillor J Kent

Does the Leader of the Council agree with the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, when he says that Thurrock Council has a "culture of poor financial management"?

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

1. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Snell

What due diligence was carried out by the Administration on Toucan Energy and Rockfire before we trusted it with the family silver?

2. From Councillor Muldowney to Councillor Coxshall

Can the Portfolio Holder tell the Chamber what this administration intends to do with the land known as Flat Irons Field opposite Cole Avenue?

3. From Councillor Pearce to Councillor Coxshall

To ask that the Portfolio Holder for Growth comment on recent suggestions that the Council has held discussions with landowners and or developers who may have an interest in developing large areas of greenbelt, often insensitively referred to as 'the smile', behind Ship Lane, Hall Road, Love Lane and Purfleet Road in Aveley?

4. From Councillor Pearce to Councillor Maney

Is the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Public Safety aware of recent incidents of HGVs entering The Village Development in Aveley and what action has been taken to address this?

5. From Councillor Redsell to Councillor Jefferies

I am sure that Councillor Jeffries will like me have been concerned and disturbed by footage and images of recent fires around the country this summer, particularly the one in Wennington which led to the destruction of many residential properties. Would the portfolio holder advise what steps the council has taken to assess and reduce the risk of grass/vegetation catching fire on council owned land particularly those areas surrounding by residential properties?

6. From Councillor Byrne to Councillor Duffin

In February 2022, the Portfolio Holder for Communications promised a good news story to come out of Comms every day. What happened, are we short of good news stories?

7. From Councillor Polley to Councillor D Arnold

How many Residential and Nursing Home in Thurrock operate a “No Lift Policy” in the event of a resident falling?

8. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Snell

It has been widely reported that, between late 2018 and early 2019, Thurrock Council made payments of £138 million to companies linked to Liam Kavanagh. Can the Portfolio Holder explain what these payments were for?

9. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Snell

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism reports that Thurrock Council has hired Camdor Global Advisers to value the solar farms, owned by Toucan, that the council has invested in. They report the value of those solar farms is £200 million less than the council's investment. Can the Portfolio Holder confirm whether this is the case?

10. From Councillor Kerin to Councillor Johnson

Can the Portfolio Holder please outline what support is being offered to the families affected by the recent news about the Orsett Heath Academy admissions for academic year 2022/23?