

Appendix A to the Council Minutes – 27 January 2016

Item 6 – Questions from Members of the Public.

1 question was submitted from a member of the public.

1. From Mr Perrin to Councillor J. Kent

Resulting from the “Awareness” campaign organised by Mrs Deirdre Lodge it is accepted that damp and mould, especially toxic black mould, is a serious threat to the health and wellbeing of those living with it in their homes, though I believe there are some people, Councillors included, who would dispute that toxic black mould is a category 1 hazard. I acknowledge that this Council has taken this matter seriously and has endeavored to tackle the problem. What is the Council’s ultimate goal in the battle is it complete eradication of toxic black mould in Council homes, if so are you winning the battle?

Councillor J. Kent

Madam Mayor, Thurrock Council’s ultimate goal is to ensure that all council homes in the Borough are at the beyond decency standard that mean that they are properly equipped to allow residents to live in homes where the environment is properly and easily controlled so mould growth does not occur.

Madam Mayor, as to if we are winning the battle it would be incredible difficult to totally eradicate mould, for instance, in my home I suffer from mould growth that I have to treat on a fairly regular basis. In the last couple of years we have treated over 340 homes with full thermal insulation measures that will help in that effect. At the moment we are coming to the end of a programme of works to another 450 properties that would include window replacement, roof repairs and repairs to external cladding that will help. I would never want to say the we are winning or getting there but want I can say is that we are doing all that we can to tackle this scourge.

Mayor

Thank you Councillor Kent.

Mayor

Mr Perrin, do you wish to pose a supplementary question?

Mr Perrin

No thanks you Madam Mayor.