

# QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

## 30 JULY 2020

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA

#### EP7

Alan Winter has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

#### Question

In agenda item 8, you've described the proposed new recycling sacks as being made of 'hessian'. Can you reassure residents who are concerned about the environment impact and guarantee that the hessian bags will be made of natural, recyclable material and not actually made of plastic?

### MEMBER QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA

#### EM10

Andy Croy has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

#### Question

Regarding Agenda item 8. Manufacturers of kerbside recycling bags to protect paper and cardboard from water also provide elasticated covers to black bins which also protect the contents from water. For example:

<https://sackmaker.com/kerbside-recycling-sacks.html>

Why have we opted for an expensive full replacement of the black bins when the same result could more quickly and more cheaply be achieved by providing elasticated covers?

#### EM11

Maria Gee has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

#### Question

Regarding Item 7, Appendix B Estimated General Fund Balance. The balance on the general fund is now predicted to be £5.1 million at 31 March next year, which is very worrying and unsafe. It should be at a safe level of between £9.3m and £14.3m. This Council has to set the balance in this range as this is policy, because the Council should be taking risk into account and practising good financial management.

Risks were identified in the medium-term financial plan as increasing significantly in 2020/21, and include the risks of further grant reductions, additional service pressures, dependency on future commercial income, and risks around business rate receipts. These risks are certainly higher as a result of the pandemic.

Given that the Government is running out of money, and there is a risk of a second wave of Covid-19 over winter, what plans does the Council have to get the general fund balance back up to the safe level, should lobbying not be successful?

**EM12**

Imogen Shepherd-DuBey has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

**Question**

Looking at the Capital Monitoring Report there is a quantity of £105M re-phased to later years.

Please can you explain what exactly will be impacted by this deferral?

**EM13**

Clive Jones has asked the Executive Member for Environment and Leisure the following question:

**Question**

The proposal to use hessian sacks has come to the Executive as part of an update on the MTFP. Can you explain why this has not come to the Executive as an item in its own right with a full business case attached?