

# QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

## 29 OCTOBER 2020

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA

#### EP6

Daniel Hinton has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

#### Question

Can you please tell me how much revenue the Council has lost from Leisure and Parking fees since the start of Covid?

### MEMBER QUESTIONS RECEIVED AFTER DESPATCH OF THE AGENDA

#### EM6

David Hare has asked the Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Services the following question:

#### Question

Carers give excellent value for money and we need to ensure they are getting the support they need. If the aspirations of the Carers Policy are met is the budget going to be sufficient for the increased demand that there will be? I believe we all want to ensure we support this very important resource, one of many modes of support is to ensure that money follows an increased and improved service.

#### EM6A

Pauline Helliar-Symons has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

#### Question

How much income has been received from the investment portfolio last year and how much profit after costs?

#### EM7

Graham Howe has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

#### Question

I believe our housing companies have in addition to delivering affordable homes they have made a profit if this is the case how much?

**EM8**

Prue Bray has asked the Executive Member for Finance and Housing the following question:

**Question**

The Executive is about to put the draft Housing Strategy out to consultation (agenda item 44). The strategy looks at housing priorities, and at how to deliver the maximum possible amount of affordable housing in the next 4 years.

Unfortunately, the Government has been consulting on proposals to reform the planning system. Their proposals include measures which would drastically reduce the Council's ability to deliver its proposed affordable housing, by:

- Exempting sites of less than 40 houses from any requirement for affordable housing
- Setting proportions of affordable housing centrally instead of adjusting them for local need
- Taking 25% of the affordable housing as homes for sale at a subsidised price instead of homes to rent
- Dropping the ring-fencing of affordable housing infrastructure contributions

If these proposals are implemented, what will be the impact on the deliverability of the Housing Strategy?

**EM9**

Imogen Shepherd-DuBey has asked the Executive Member for Children's Services the following question:

**Question**

The Revenue Monitoring Report is still reporting problems with an overspend on Home to School Transport. If local children have not been attending schools during lockdown, why is there still an overspend in this area?

**EM10**

Andy Croy has asked the Executive Member for Resident Services, Communications and Emissions the following question:

**Question**

My question relates to agenda item 38, in particular the officer response to point 6 on page 35.

The task and finish group was told that there would an update in January 2021, as there was in January 2020.

A cross party task and finish group has identified serious errors and gaps in the plan. The gaps and errors are not fixable by future innovations but relate to fundamental flaws in the composition and presentation of the plan.

Why has this issue not been properly addressed in the responses?

**EM11**

Abdul Loyes has asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

**Question**

The creation of the Carers Strategy and its priorities were developed with carers and providers in a collaborative way. Do you agree that this is a very successful and valuable approach to ensuring our residents are able to access the support they need and that we should look to apply this model to address other issues facing our communities?