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QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

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Director of Legal and Business Services

Summary of Questions to Executive Wednesday 16th November 2022



QUESTION	FROM	GROUP	TO	SUBJECT
1.	Cllr Guest	CON	Cllr Paffey	SEN Sector
QUESTION	Will the Cabinet member commit to ensuring the support and resources are put in place to support the SEN sector and ensure their needs are catered for in Southampton?			
2.	Cllr Guthrie	CON	Cllr Paffey	Children's homes
QUESTION	What are the Cabinet Member's plans to ensure that the city's children's homes are adequately and sustainably staffed once they are completed and can care for children?			
3.	Cllr Vaughan	CON	Cllr Renyard	Youth Offending
QUESTION	First time offenders within Youth Offending are not having their cases heard for up to two to three years. Instead of going to court for one minimal crime, a young person can end up going to court for three of a more serious nature. Can the Cabinet Member advise what the administration is doing to resolve this issue?			
4.	Cllr Blackman	LIB	Cllr Kaur	Uncapped rises in energy bills
QUESTION	Could the Leader of the Council report on what representations have been made to central government on behalf of businesses, schools and other organisations in Southampton to press for support in the face of uncapped rises in energy bills this autumn?			

CON = Conservative Group, LAB = Labour Group, LIB = Liberal Democrat

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5.	Cllr MOULTON	CON	Cllr KEOGH	PORTSWOOD CORRIDOR
QUESTION	In light of significant concerns around the Administration's proposal, as part of the Portswood Corridor Transforming Cities scheme, to close a section of Portswood Road to traffic and concerns expressed around the online consultation, will the Leader / Cabinet Member agree to extend the consultation date and to amend the survey to expressly ask if residents support the road closure proposal?			
6.	Cllr MOULTON	CON	Cllr KEOGH	UNADOPTED ROADS
QUESTION	Does the Cabinet Member plan to put in place a policy which sets out what support and action the council might take in respect of unadopted roads which are in desperate need of repair?			
7.	Cllr HANNIDES	CON	Cllr LEGGETT	SAVINGS BREAKDOWN
QUESTION	Can you provide a more detailed breakdown of the £15m of savings already found as part of the budget process? The items identified in the recent public presentation accounted for only £1.1m.			
8.	Cllr HANNIDES	CON	Cllr LEGGETT	IN-YEAR SAVINGS
QUESTION	With a further £29m of savings required to be identified over the next 3 months, can you indicate which areas are under consideration?			
9.	Cllr HANNIDES	CON	Cllr LEGGETT	DISPOSING OF ASSETS
QUESTION	Due to the inevitable rise in interest rates, the increased cost of borrowing will deprive front line services of much needed revenue, what steps are you taking to reduce debt by disposing of assets?			

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10.	Cllr VAUGHAN	CON	Cllr RENYARD	ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
	What improvements are the administration making when it comes to ASB with Motorcycles and cars driven by young people off-road?			
11.	Cllr VASSILIOU	CON	Cllr RENYARD	SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND
	Can the Cabinet Member for Communities explain why when rebranding the Community Fund to the new "Safer Neighbourhoods Fund", the Protecting Communities element of this has been removed and where has the money previously allocated to the Protecting Communities element now gone?			
12.	Cllr P BAILLIE	CON	Cllr MITCHELL	SOLAR PANELS
	The HRA own hundreds of walk up blocks and thousands of houses. In the middle of an energy crisis, please would you explain why your department feels that solar panels are not a good idea.			
13.	Cllr P BAILLIE	CON	Cllr MITCHELL	TENANT CONTROLLED HEATING
	Over 4000 council homes do not have the ability to regulate their own heat, & thus regulate their bills. Aren't you ashamed of that figure in 2022?			

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14.	Cllr P BAILLIE	CON	Cllr MITCHELL	INHALATION OF CANNABIS SMOKE
	The harmful effects of the inhalation of cannabis smoke are well known, especially to children. Why are you doing nothing to prevent the inhalation of second hand cannabis smoke (emanating from HRA owned properties) by children and adults in the estates and especially in the Harefield estates?			
15.	Cllr HOUGHTON	CON	Cllr MITCHELL	RE-LET OF EMPTY COUNCIL PROPERTIES
	On average how long is a council property left empty before being re-let?			