

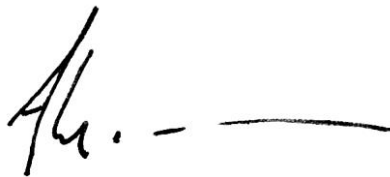
## **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND MEMBER QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **1 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

- 1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.1, the following question has been received from Mr R Lambourne of 7 Whitehouse Court, 158 Eastwood Road, Rayleigh, Essex of the Leader of the Council, Cllr T G Cutmore:-

'I note from the latest edition of Rochford District Matters that the Council has employed a barrister to defend an action by a local resident concerning the Core Strategy and Allocation Plan.

Can you confirm who authorised the defence of this action and in particular the considerable extra expense that is presumably budgeted for and will be paid for out of the council tax and why that authorisation hasn't been sanctioned by the Full Council?'



Albert Bugeja

Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services

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### **Background Papers:-**

None.

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