
PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND MEMBER QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

1 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure rule 12.2, the following questions have been received:-

1.2 From Cllr Mrs D Hoy:-

Of the Leader of the Council

Further to the question I asked at the meeting in June and the full answer I received could you please advise me:-

- (1) Of the income received for advertising within Rochford District Matters, how much is generated from Rochford District Council itself?
- (2) In the answer given in June it was stated that a measure of Rochford Districts Matters circulation was through the feedback received by the Council to articles and notices in it. For the record, how many communications (split by letters, emails and phone calls) were received from the public directly in relation to items in Rochford District Matters over the last financial year?

1.3 From Cllr M Hoy:-

Of the Portfolio Holder for Young Persons, Adult Services, Community Care and Well Being, Health and Community Safety

With regard to the Ageing Population Strategy 2011-14:-

- (1) On page 15 the Strategy talks about 'Support the financial security of older people'.

Current provision includes 'Signpost those who cannot pay their bills to the Citizens Advice Bureau and similar organisations'.

The objectives for Action includes 'Continue to support financial and income advice services, such as the Citizens Advice Bureau'.

How do you reconcile the pointing of people towards the Citizens Advice Bureau for help whilst at the same time cutting its funding by a third?

- (2) On page 16 the Strategy talks about 'Supporting Access to mainstream services and information for older people'.

Current provision includes 'Supporting Wyvern Community Transport Scheme'.

The objectives for Action includes 'Continue to support community transport within the District'.

How do you reconcile this with the fact that Wyvern Community Transport received no grant for the current year, despite a specific request for £5,000, and in fact the reason given was ...'it received funding from other sources'?

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Background Papers:-

None.

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