
MEMBER QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

1 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

- 1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.2, the following Member questions have been received:
- 1.2 From Cllr Ms T D Knight to the Portfolio Holder for IT, Tourism, Housing & Parking:-
- 1.3 ‘Will the Portfolio Holder for IT, Tourism, Housing and Parking advise on the current availability of the electric vehicle charging points in Rochford District provided by or via RDC and their usage to date? Will the Portfolio Holder also advise on the costs RDC has incurred in providing these electrical vehicle charging points and the charges to users and revenue to date from this provision?’
- 1.4 From Cllr Mrs T L Carter to the Deputy Leader:-
- 1.5 ‘This Council notes that the DEFRA was updated within RDC in 2018 and included in this was Animal Welfare.

It is understood that there is a backlog taking up to 10 weeks for applications within the animal welfare department issuing licences and answering general questions to residents. It’s understood that currently there are only two officers employed in the Licensing department.

Will the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Cheryl Roe, explain how and when this will be improved?

Also, can the Portfolio Holder advise us if there is a plan in place to either bring in extra staff to help reduce this waiting period in a reasonable timeframe and the plans to continue to manage this service?

This Council understands that dog groomers/walkers aren’t required to have any licences at all to perform this service. Since this pandemic more and more people have undertaken this occupation to enhance their income and it has become a popular business venture with little or no experience at all and is currently unregulated.

Can the Portfolio Holder reassure pet owners by investigating and reviewing this current situation and bring in controlled measures necessary to ensure the safety of animals so catered for?

Finally, could the Portfolio Holder explain how the star rating system currently in place works and how it is regulated and what steps will be taken to improve publicity and understanding of this system?’



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Background Papers:-

None.

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