
MEMBER QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – IN ORDER RECEIVED

1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12, the following questions on notice have been received:-

1.2 **CLLR I H WARD**

To the Executive Lead Member for Strategic Planning

“Until the change in political administration last May, Conservatives had a very clear and well publicised policy, and declared in the annual monitoring report, its preference to build on Brownfield sites before developing Green Belt land. Can the Lead Member for Strategic Planning please tell us what the current administration’s position is please?”

1.3 **CLLR MRS E P GADSDON**

To the Executive Lead Member for Strategic Planning

“At 14th December full Council meeting, I proposed a Motion on Notice relating to Gypsy and Traveller pitches. This was intended to address a real and current problem, and designed to protect the Green Belt from inappropriate applications. The response from the Administration was an amendment which referred it to the Planning Policy Committee. The Chairman of Planning Policy committed to providing short term solutions though would not commit to a timescale.

My question to the Lead Member for Strategic Planning therefore is: why did the Gypsy and Traveller issue not even get on to the agenda for the Planning Policy Committee meeting held on 16 January?”

1.4 **CLLR D S EFDE**

To the Leader

“Financial appraisal for Rochford District Council’s 2030 Net Zero Carbon Target report, page 7.4 paragraph 2.3 states that, “the initial survey of Freight House identified that significant investment in building fabric measures such as insulation of solid walls and windows upgrades made the cost prohibitive.”

This appears to suggest that, with no budget provision in 2024 – 25, the Freight House will be mothballed and left to rot. Furthermore, the intention is to sell off and vacate the Council premises in South Street, Rochford.

With the current Administration’s declared intent to re-open the Civic Suite in Rayleigh, re-open Castle Hall in Rayleigh, maintain the Mill Hall in Rayleigh, (despite no clear plan to run this cost effectively), can the Leader please outline his vision and

say what regeneration of council assets will there be in the east of the district, i.e., specifically in Rochford town?"

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