

## MEMBER QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 11.2, the following questions have been received:-

- (1) From Councillor C I Black to the Leader of the Council:-

According to the Daily Telegraph on the 13th October:

"Statutory instruments allow the Government to alter laws without a full act of Parliament, i.e. by ministerial fiat. The 795 organisations now privy to your telephone records include the tax authorities, the Food Standards Agency, the Department of Health, the Immigration Service, the Gaming Board and your local authority. "

Is it true that this Council now has the power to access individual's telephone records? If true, in what circumstances would this power be used and who has the authority to use it?

- (2) From Councillor Mrs J Dillnutt to the Leader of the Council:-

"The main role of local ward Councillors is to represent the area covered by their ward and the people who live there. They provide a voice for and help to all members of the community and are involved in making decisions on behalf of residents and contributing to the Council's policies."

In what way did the Council involve the ward members in the decision-making process regarding the Grange Community Centre?

- (3) From Councillor C I Black to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee:-

The Inspector's decision letter for the planning appeal at 89 Down Hall Road ("The Pond House") contained the following extraordinary statement:

"The Council has referred to policies HP3, HP6 and HP11 of the Rochford District Replacement Local Plan (LP), adopted in 2006. However, as I have not been provided with information to indicate whether these policies have been saved, I propose to deal with the appeal on the basis of Planning Policy Statement 1 Delivering Sustainable Development (PPS1) and Planning Policy Statement 3 Housing (PPS3)."

What has gone wrong here?

(4) From Councillor C I Black to the Leader of the Council:-

According to the report on Sweyne Park to the recent Executive Board meeting:

"3.1 Following the completion of the leisure centre, an arrangement was made with Wimpey Homes, who are building on the opposite side of the site, for them to locate their compound on the "pitches site" on a temporary basis. In return, Wimpey agreed not only to remove all their equipment/rubble etc., but also to reinstate the area of land that they occupied, undertaking ground works which left the area in a state ready for seeding"

On whose authority was this decision made? Who has benefited from it?

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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