## 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 from Cllr K J Gordon of the Leader of the Council, Cllr T G Cutmore:-
  - 1) As the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) came into force in 2010 (it is now 2015) and this Council has not adopted the charge, could you please explain why this is and when it will become part of the Council's planning policy?
  - 2) As this Council has not adopted the charge for the CIL, how much income has been lost that could have been generated for items such as flood alleviation, football and other sports pavilion refurbishments and road infrastructure improvements over and above S106 agreement works?
- 1.2 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.2, the following question has been received from Cllr K J Gordon of the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Cllr I H Ward:-

Cllr Ward, you appeared in the Echo on 10/06/2015 stating that residents should accept the application for the 500 new homes at London Road/Rawreth Lane, despite the fact that, after you had pre-application meetings with the developer, and your officers recommended approval of the application, you voted against the application (this is a matter of public record). This item has now been sent for appeal, with all associated costs and officers' time to be taken into account.

Could you please explain your reasons for, firstly voting to refuse the application and also this sudden change of heart? Also, do you have any idea of the costs to the Authority associated with the appeal? I also take it that, as you have now declared for the development, that you will not be voting at the next Development Committee meeting when this item comes before the Committee.

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## **Background Papers:-**

None.

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