

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – IN ORDER RECEIVED

1.0 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 10, the following question had been asked:-

1.1 PHIL SHAW

To the Lead Member Resources, Climate Change and Economy, Cllr Michael Hoy

“I have noted from the Fees and Charges report, item seven on the Council agenda for 20th February, showing that costs have generally increased well above the current level of inflation of 4.2%, e.g. most notably car parking fees across the district. Hockley Woods shows an increase of 33.3% for up to one hour.

Can the Lead Member for Resources, Climate Change and Economy, please tell me what revenue is forecasted to be achieved across all areas as a direct result of these increases in comparison to 2023/24?”

1.2 ANGELINA MARRIOTT

To the Leader of the Council, Cllr John Mason

“Having listened to the answer to Cllr Efde’s question at last week’s full council . Can the leader explain why it will take until after the election to come forward with options for Rochford, despite the ADP which includes Rochford Assets, originally being discussed by the new administration back in September. Is it because as per subsequent reports, the Freight House is deemed cost prohibited and therefore will remain mothballed for the foreseeable future with no real plans to open this venue for the community?”

1.3 SIMON SMITH

To the Leader of the Council, Cllr John Mason

“A recent FOI request revealed that apart from officer attendance of actual meetings the council had no idea how much time had been spent of the conversion from a Portfolio administration to a committee administration. How can this be squared with openness and transparency, with the public being given such scant information about what is going on and what work has been held back and what has not done as a result of this process?”

1.4 CHRIS TAYLOR

To the Lead Member Resources, Climate Change and Economy, Cllr Michael Hoy

“Given that the Council has just announced spending £25k of the additional £114k Government final settlement on consultation with the public on regeneration of Rochford, and that the Local Plan employment assessment showed risk to jobs & services in Hockley, most notably at the Foundry Business park, will the Council commit to spending some of that Final settlement on a similar regeneration consultation in Hockley?”

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