PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND MEMBER QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

1 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.2, the following questions have been received from Cllr Mr M Hoy:-

(a) Of the Portfolio Holder for Council Tax Collection, Benefits and Strategic Housing Functions:-

The Council's Homelessness Strategy 2011-14 states on page 16:-

"The majority of households accepted as homeless by the Council are people with dependent children."

Would the Portfolio Holder advise me:-

- a) How many children are currently housed in temporary B&B, Hostel or similar accommodation provided by this Council?
- b) Of those children, how many are housed in temporary B&B, Hostel or similar accommodation outside of the District?
- c) What is the average time children will spend in temporary B&B, Hostel or similar accommodation before permanent accommodation is found?

(b) Of the Portfolio Holder for Environment, Leisure, Arts and Culture:-

Would the Portfolio Holder please confirm the cost to this Council, in terms of Officers' time and actual spend, to recover information such as, but not limited to, users of Council facilities and income received from those users held by Fountains but not made available to this Council at the time the contract ceased and since that time?

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Head of Legal, Estates and Member Services

Background Papers:-

None.

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