MEMBER QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – IN ORDER RECEIVED

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

1.2 CLLR MRS J R GOODING

To the Leader

'Please can the Portfolio Holder/Leader outline any recent or planned investments made by Fusion at Clements Hall, especially any facilities for disabled users.'

1.3 CLLR J L LAWMON

To the Leader

'I welcome the fact that the Mill Hall in Rayleigh has reopened, but can the Leader please give an insight into his vision and also reassurance on the sustainability for this important community facility.'

1.4 CLLR MRS L SHAW

To the Leader

'Given concerns which have been widely reported in the media about finances in Thurrock Council, can the Leader please provide reassurance that there is financial resilience within Rochford District Council.'

1.5 **CLLR MRS T L CARTER**

To the Leader

'Can the Leader please clarify the arrangements in place for Rochford District Council to work with the NHS to accommodate the NHS breast screening unit within the District.'

1.6 CLLR J E NEWPORT

To the Leader/Deputy Leader

'Could either the Leader or Deputy Leader tell us how many FTE and PTE vacancies there currently are at Rochford District Council?'

1.7 CLLR A G CROSS

To the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Assets & Leisure

'We acknowledge that the re-commissioning and six-month appraisal of the potential for the Mill Arts & Events Centre is underway and some aesthetic improvements have been completed. Will the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Assets & Leisure tell Council the outline plans for the next phase of the refurbishment, in particular the scoping, the assessment and the costings.'

1.8 CLLR D W SHARP

To the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning

'The new Local Plan presents the Council with its biggest challenge. It is now 4.5 years since the previous consultation (Issues and Options), but the Planning Policy Committee meetings are few and far between. Will the Portfolio Holder commit to holding regular all Councillor briefings on the progress of the Local Plan?'

1.9 CLLR ROGER CONSTABLE

To the Portfolio Holder for Environment

'I was pleased to hear that the Council successfully prosecuted an individual for a dark smoke offence recently with a fine higher than any penalty for an offence of this kind before. Now that the litter strategy has been agreed and the contract with Norse is underway, can we expect Rochford District Council to take the same strong approach to fly tippers in the area?'

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