MEMBER QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

1 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

- 1.1 The Proper Officer reports that, pursuant to Executive Procedure Rule 3.1, the following Member questions have been received:
- 1.2 From Cllr A G Cross to the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning & Assets, Cllr I H Ward:-

"The Council prioritised the interventions in its Investment Plan with 60% on E4, Enhancing existing cultural, historic & heritage institutions. The Investment Plan did not need to specify individual projects. Please provide specific projects that are earmarked for these funds."

1.3 From Cllr M Hoy to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economy & Climate, Cllr Mrs D S Belton:-

"To deliver the 2022/23 UKSPF Projects the Council will need to commission third party consultants or service providers.

Considering that the Council spent around 30% of the levelling up fund on consultants to produce a generic report, can it be guaranteed that considerably less will be spent on consultants and reports with this fund, and the monies will be actually spent on the ground directly benefitting the District?"

1.4 From Cllr M Hoy to the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Economy & Climate, Cllr Mrs D S Belton:-

"Paragraph 3.13 gives a table of where money is budgeted to be spent. E1 shows £300,000 for improvements to town centres and high streets. Historically spending on these areas have been restricted to Rochford, Rayleigh and Hockley.

Can you guarantee that money from this budget will be available to the smaller centres such as Hullbridge and Great Wakering?"

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Andrew Hunkin Interim Director of People & Governance

Background Papers:-

None.

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