
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 M G Wilkinson to the Leader of the Council, Cllr S E Wootton:-
- 1.3 “A decision has been taken - to be ratified this evening by the Executive - to close the Mill Hall and Arts Centre on a permanent basis. On behalf of the residents who use this facility what, if any, consultation took place with those user groups to investigate the impact on them? In addition, why is this decision being taken now, during a period of national lockdown when attendance figures will be skewed due to the COVID pandemic? Would it not be better to wait until life returned to some degree of normality? Please can financial figures be provided to show the basis behind this decision. This decision has caused a great deal of alarm and so an explanation is therefore needed.”
- 1.4 “Item 8 also discusses the extension, by 3 years to the current contract with Fusion Lifestyle post March 2021. Have other companies been explored to see if we could achieve better service, and better value for money for the taxpayers? If not, then why has no tender process taken place and why has no other company been considered for this contract? I am aware that under regulation 32(2)(c) of the Public Contract Regulation 2015 - authorities are permitted to do this in cases of "Extreme Urgency". Seeing as we have known this contract was upcoming for some time now, how can this Council claim this is a case of "extreme urgency?"



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Background Papers:-

None.

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