

COUNCIL – 23 SEPTEMBER 2026
MEMBER QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

Member Question submitted by Cllr Tony Riordan:-

“A recent Freedom of Information (FOI) request submitted by a resident revealed that £1975 of this council’s funds had been spent on three Social Media Influencers to promote event campaigns within the Borough.

The FOI response made clear that this Labour led Council were unable to provide any recorded reach, impressions, engagement, or performance metrics used to assess the effectiveness of the campaigns.

Does the Cabinet Member agree with me that promoting campaigns via Social Media Influencers and not being able to provide any measure of effectiveness is not a good way to be spending local taxpayers’ money.”

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QUESTION 2

Member Question submitted by Cllr Ted Strike:-

“On 18th March 2026 I put forward a motion regarding “Social Care”. The motion was passed and a letter written to the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, the response was not a positive one.

We now have a new PM and Chancellor and the PM is putting changes to the unfair Adult Social Care system, which I welcome.

My question to the responsible cabinet member is:

Now we have a new PM and Chancellor, will the cabinet resubmit the letter we sent to the then Chancellor following my motion at the March meeting?”

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QUESTION 3

Member Question submitted by Cllr Tony Riordan:-

“The Cabinet member will, hopefully, be aware of the finer financial details of the £30 million plus the local taxpayers have pumped into the Globe Theatre, whether that’s by way of borrowing, the use of annual revenue or dipping into the scarce reserves this Labour Led Council holds, They’ll also, hopefully be aware of the promises this Labour led Council made to the local taxpayer regarding the profit sharing agreement with the Ambassador Theatre Group from year 4 of opening. Can the Cabinet member please inform members how much this Labour Led Council has received from the profit share agreement from year 4 onwards?”

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