

## MEMBER QUESTIONS

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Member Question submitted by Cllr Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council:-

"At the November meeting I submitted a motion and a question which were both rejected after the deadline.

My motion was submitted on the Friday morning and I received an email saying it had been rejected on the Monday.

My question was submitted on the Wednesday and rejected the Wednesday after the deadline a full week later.

During the many emails exchanged it became apparent that all questions and motions are not read until the day after the deadline, meaning any alterations to the questions or motions cannot be made if the Proper Officer finds them unacceptable.

I believe this is unacceptable and this practice should be changed, even if this means bringing forward the deadline to midnight on the Thursday.

Can this be put in place as the current practice leads to questions and motions being rejected without any opportunity to amend them?

I understand that another councillor also had a question refused."

**QUESTION**

Member Question submitted by Cllr Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council:-

"In view of the current financial situation what are the council's plans, in particular the already agreed borrowings of approximately £140m which as yet have not been drawn down?"

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Lynn Hall for response by the Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Culture:-

"A robust Winter Plan is essential to benefit and safeguard our residents.

Does the leader consider this year's plan executed to date was prepared in a timely way; facilitated members involvement and the dissemination of new information and initiatives were effectively shared?"

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Tony Riordan for response by the Leader of the Council:-

"Can the Leader please inform me how many Corporate Credit Cards, and Procurement Cards, are available to officers and staff on Stockton Borough Council, what is the maximum authorised spending limit on these cards, and can he offer the taxpayers of Stockton Borough reassurance that strong governance is in place to monitor and review the use of these cards.?"

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Ted Strike for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Housing:-

"Residents of new houses on The Rings are now having to pay an annual fee to a management company.

The management company for Permission on the Rings is Gateway.

Since being elected on the new North Ward I have received a large number of complaints, these include the poor service from Gateway, late payment fees if the maintenance fee is not paid on time, but the main complaint is that when they received their bill almost 90% of the bill is down to "Admin expenses ".

After 3 years residents can elect their own directors, but must employ a management company.

I believe that SBC could provide this service a lot cheaper than residents are paying now.

I do not believe this would cost council tax payers a penny and SBC could make a profit whilst reducing the price these residents are currently paying.

Would SBC look into the possibility of providing this service. There are of course numerous new build estates across the Borough in the same situation. This is not a problem unique to Ingleby Barwick?"

**QUESTION**

Member Question submitted by Cllr Niall Innes for response by the Leader of the Council:-

"Can the Leader of the Council inform me what the internal process the council uses to price repair/maintenance/project work?"

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Stefan Houghton for response by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Housing:-

"In addition to the successful Stockton South Levelling Up bid, finance was obtained by re-purposing section 106 funds to improve the popular play area at Preston Park. These improvements have been delayed, most recently by the larger capital programme.

As the years have passed since these funds were obtained to improve the play area, I would welcome an update for my benefit and all members whose residents will eventually have the opportunity to enjoy this completed project?"