

COUNCIL QUESTIONS

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Ted Strike for response by the Cabinet Member for Access, Communities and Community Safety (Cllr Norma Stephenson):-

"SBC are expanding their "Street Trading Consent " to cover the whole borough as of the 1st March this year. Despite raising my concerns at a cabinet meeting and Full Council meeting as well as emailing licencing I have not had any explanation of what this involves. IBCP's first market is April 13th and at the time of submitting this question I have had no clarification of what this new regulations entail.

On Friday evening I received a call from the organiser of SirenFest who was concerned as she had been sent a link and was confused. She spoke to an officer from licencing who advised that the cost would be £100 for up to 20 traders.

Having looked at this link can the cabinet member advise me:

Is my understanding correct,

- 1) That established markets are exempt? The Ingleby Community Market has been trading for 9 years, is that classed as an established market.
- 2) Fairs are exempt. Does this include our well established Christmas Fair?
- 3) Does the Family Fun weekend come under these rules?
- 4) Are events that charge to attend exempt?

If events that charge are exempt then why have SirenFest been advised they need to pay?

Could I have some clarity please and can you forward me a copy of the response?"

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Member Question submitted by Cllr Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council (Cllr Bob Cook):-

“The bad debt (impairment) provision for council tax was £15.4m as at 31st March 2023. £5.074m was released into the councils reserves at last month’s budget. I understand that the council must have a bad debt fund, but I believe there are no guidance on the amounts to be held for bad debt.

The fact that we could release over £5m last month means that this fund could grow and grow, surely the council should set a minimum and maximum level of funding for this funding?”

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Marcus Vickers for response by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport (Cllr Clare Gamble):-

“Analysis of all the SBC data by the Wolviston Community speedwatch group discovered over 870 vehicles speeding through Wolviston Village in the space of one week, this would equate to over 45,000 speeding vehicles in the village every year.

Will the Council review its policies and procedures in relation to traffic calming and speeding alongside the appropriate partners to look at keeping our communities safer.”

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Niall Innes for response by the Leader of the Council (Cllr Bob Cook):-

“The Powering Our Future report states at Point 4, that we will have ‘Communities Powering our future’. Can the Leader inform me what actual steps are being taken to ensure our residents are driving the change rather than be passengers with no say?”

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Ted Strike for response by the Leader of the Council (Cllr Bob Cook):-

“Given the difficult financial situation the council are in would it not be prudent to form a cross party "Budget Committee" of one or two members of the Conservative Party, who have 26 members and a representative from the eight Independents to work with the Labour on a united budget?

This would stop the unpleasant atmosphere that we saw last month as well as reducing significantly the time spent on the debates?”

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Paul Weston for response by the Leader of the Council (Cllr Bob Cook):-

“Could you please tell me how much the council tax support grant has been cut since Labour were last voted out?”

Could you tell what that is in both cash terms and in real terms if that's possible?

Specifically, can you tell me how much more would be in the budget if it was the same as 2010 plus inflation.”