

COUNCIL QUESTIONS

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Ted Strike for response by the Cabinet Member for Health, Leisure and Culture (Cllr Steve Nelson):-

“During the last two winters Stockton Council have supported the use of "Warm Spaces" with financial grants due to the high cost of fuel.

With Ofgen announcing an increase of 10% on gas and electric and the withdrawal of the Winter Fuel Allowance for the vast majority of pensioners "Will Stockton Borough Council be providing this facility again this winter?"

QUESTION

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

“Can the Leader of the Council inform me of the total amount this Council has spent on Interim staff from January 2023 to date?”

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

“Considering all Councillors receive a generous basic allowance plus special responsibility allowance where applicable, does the Leader of the Council believe it is right Councillors can claim additional expenses that are not in the interest of local residents?”

QUESTION

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

“A recent press article following a briefing to a journalist, that you were present at, regarding the vision and regeneration for Stockton Town Centre and the Teesdale area, disclosed to members and the council taxpayers in the Borough, that this Council had purchased the previous Debenhams department store on Stockton High Street.

As the Leader of Stockton Borough Council do you think it is appropriate that members should discover about such a significant purchase via the press, and that the decision to do so was not recorded on the Council's register, which is open to the public?”

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

“Despite this council agreeing on the 24th of January 2024 to request Stockton Hotels Company Ltd to publish their Profit and Loss Accounts and Directors Statements, and further questions raised by myself in this chamber on the 29th of May and the 24th of July regarding the publication, these have still not been published on the Council Website (7th September).

Will the leader agree with me, despite the Council’s wishes and the reassurances he has given to these questions, particularly on the 29th of May, when he said “This work has now been completed, and the additional documentation is available on the council’s website” (which was clearly incorrect) the lack of publication is indefensible and raises questions as to why there appears to be a reluctance to publish the documents?”

QUESTION

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

“Can the Leader of the Council, outline in detail, what action has to been taken to address the sex workers plying their trade on the streets of the Ropner and Town Centre wards?”

QUESTION

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

“Can the Cabinet Member advise me how many buildings SBC own or rent in the Borough?”

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Lynn Hall for response by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport (Cllr Clare Besford):-

“Why did the Cabinet hold the September 'drop- in' session reported in the Leader's Blog, by the Strategic Waste Management Team about waste and recycling behind closed doors?

All Councillors need to be involved in the policy making and implementation as we move to a new waste collection model. How can you achieve this without our input? We were told it was to discuss the key milestones for the service plan and delivery as it will affect our residents or is it yet another policy implemented without consultation.”

QUESTION

Member Question submitted by Cllr Lynn Hall for response by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (Cllr Lisa Evans):-

“Does the Cabinet Member agree with me that Safeguarding training is essential for senior staff as well as front line staff and members and is she assured the systems are robust and fit for purpose?”