

Item14 – Questions Under Standing Order 23

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Dear Councillor

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the next meeting of the Council to be held on 19 July 2017, the following supplementary information that was unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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To receive questions from Councillors in accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 23.4(a), to be circulated separately.

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<p><u>Question 1 – Councillor Dianne Lloyd</u></p> <p>"A policy change paper, related to the borrow to invest in property strategy, has been produced and was presented for scrutiny to the Budget Scrutiny panel on 6th July. I ask the portfolio holder to tell Council the reasons for the exclusion of the back-bench in the development of this paper. Can he also give Council a revised time table for the implementation of the strategy, so that income from investments in property will replace the General Grant, that is predicted to be nil by the end of the Medium Term Financial Strategy period".</p>	<p>Councillor Pike</p> <p>The Policy paper produced is a draft that has captured conversations and previous papers that have been prepared by Havant Borough Council and learning from other authorities. It is a first draft produced by officers (as is the usual practice). It is now available to be commented upon/ enhanced by both the scrutiny panel (chaired by Cllr Hughes) and yourself (Cllr Lloyd) in the coming months. As the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee has previously indicated, any backbench member who wishes to understand more about the policy, or contribute to the debate and amendments, are welcome to participate.</p> <p>It would be highly unusual for Councillors to have drafted a proposition paper as a member of the Council. Therefore, as is normal practice, it has been drafted by the Director of Operations and Place Shaping. You could, of course, at any time have produced your thoughts and sent them through to either Mr Hassett or myself for consideration.</p> <p>The strategy timetable is the same as it was in January - we are looking to close the budget gap in the next financial year – and therefore I am aiming to have this policy agreed in time to achieve additional income from April 2018. However, the faster this is implemented the more security of income we will have for delivery of services for the Borough. Therefore, my aim is to bring it forward for agreement at Cabinet and Council in September once the Scrutiny Panel have made any recommendations they wish to make.</p>
<p><u>Question 2 – Councillor Mike Fairhurst</u></p> <p>"How long was the contract with Kingdom? Over the length of the Kingdom contract how many FPNs were issued by Kingdom? During the same period how many were issued by our own employees? How long have EHDC been supplying this service and how many FPNs have they issued?"</p>	<p>Councillor Briggs</p> <p>How long was the contract with Kingdom?</p> <p>7th May 2014 – 31st January 2017</p> <p>Over the length of the Kingdom contract how many FPNs were issued by Kingdom?</p> <p>7621</p>

	<p>During the same period how many were issued by our own employees?</p> <p>Less than 10 their focus is elsewhere dealing with abandoned vehicles, flytips, residents issues etc.</p> <p>How long have EHDC been supplying this service?</p> <p>18th April 2017</p> <p>How many FPNs have they issued?</p> <p>To date 552</p>
<p><u>Question 3 – Councillor Mike Fairhurst</u></p> <p>"There seems to be a lull in the public progression of local government reform both at national and regional levels, but I understand our staff are working, or have been working, on various models of reform to inform policy making in due course. What models are being looked at, which other authorities are being considered as partners in these investigations, what are the preliminary results and when is the work likely to come before the cabinet?"</p>	<p>Councillor Cheshire</p> <p>I can confirm that this Council is not undertaking any formal work on models for delivery in terms of future structures or to inform policy We aim to achieve outcomes for our Borough through the reviewed Corporate Strategy before the Council this evening as well as keeping a keen eye on our Medium Term Financial Strategy. It is these pieces of work, which are strongly focussed upon performance and results for our communities, that would inform policy and subsequently models of delivery. This Council, the Cabinet and Management Team are strongly focussed upon delivery of outcomes for our communities and we reflect strongly upon the evidence and data on our services in order to consider new policy, new services and any models required to deliver to our customers We are very proud of our partnership work and the mixed economy models already serving us well e.g. EHDC for shared management and services; Winchester/Test Valley/East Hants for Housing through Hampshire Home Choice; Portsmouth Fareham Gosport for our highly successful Coastal Service ‘Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership’; Capita/Vinci/Hart/Vale of White Horse/South Oxfordshire and Mendip for our 5 Councils Contract/6 Councils Partnership and this week the announcement of our new links with Waverley. The Plaza facilities and colocation of services across public organisations such as the County Council, Police and CAB is also a model of delivery which we aspire to further improve with greater integration across public services in the future in order to provide our customers with seamless service delivery.</p>

<p><u>Question 4 – Councillor Andy Lenaghan</u></p> <p>Following postings on social media I drove round Hayling Island this morning (Friday) and found over flowing bottle banks to be the general trend, not just on Hayling but the borough according to one a resident who posted. Somehow we need to be looking at the resources available at the depot or the quality of the management somewhere along the line. This should not be happening, I am sure you will agree. Along with the grass cutting etc we are being let down badly as Councillors and life being made unnecessarily difficult. I fail to understand how we get into this state, and would like to know how we are going to stop it happening and how it happened in the first place. Somebody must be responsible as a member of staff from some department must have walked past it. Maybe we should adopt the "who's problem is it scheme" and run a training schedule.</p>	<p>Councillor Briggs</p> <p>Councillor Briggs had received an explanation from Norse that the incident related to a period of unexpected staff resourcing difficulties and that other operatives had been brought in over the weekend in question to deal with this particular issue and to ensure that all sites were ultimately cleared. Norse management had accepted that the incident had been unacceptable and gave an assurance that the Council would be informed immediately with regard to any future staffing issues that may impact on service delivery and an explanation as to how resources would be reallocated in order to mitigate any potential problems that may arise.</p>
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