

QUESTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

Wednesday, 21st November,
2018 at 2.00 pm

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Members

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Questions to the Executive, attached.

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DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

Summary of Questions to Executive Wednesday, 21st November, 2018



QUESTION	FROM	GROUP	TO	SUBJECT
1.	Councillor Fitzhenry	CON	Councillor Hammond	Care Homes – Removal of Budget Savings
QUESTION	Given the level of public and staff concern raised on the proposed closure of our care homes will the leader remove these savings proposals from their budget consultation immediately?			
2.	Councillor Fitzhenry	CON	Councillor Hammond	Care Homes – Third Party Organisation
QUESTION	Prior to these current savings proposals has a public or private third party organisation been approached in the last 3 months, to either take over or joint venture with the council on running our homes?			
3.	Councillor Hannides	CON	Councillor Chaloner	Care Homes – Improve Financial Positions
QUESTION	Exactly what measures have been taken to improve the financial positions of Glen Lee and Holcroft House and when were they taken?			
4.	Councillor Hannides	CON	Councillor Chaloner	Care Homes – Projected in year overspends
QUESTION	What are the current projected in year overspends for each home and what measures have been taken to improve this situation?			

CON = Conservative Group, LAB = Labour Group, IND = Independent

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5.	Councillor Hannides	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Alternative Options
QUESTION	Have you asked officers to explore and cost other options besides closure of the homes?			
6.	Councillor White	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes - Occupancy
QUESTION	What is the average occupancy of each home over the last two years?			
7.	Councillor White	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Level of occupancy at Glen Lee
QUESTION	The Levels of occupancy at Glen Lee have be low for some time. What actions have been taken to improve this?			
8.	Councillor White	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Glen Lee – External Consultancy Company
QUESTION	At Glen Lee following an inadequate rating SCC employed the services of an external consultancy company to run the home; how long did the contract run, what were the objectives and what was the increased costs?			
9.	Councillor Fuller	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Average cost of care
QUESTION	What is the average cost/person in the homes and how does that compare approximately with that currently commissioned for a similar service by SCC?			
10.	Councillor Fuller	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Staffing Budgets
QUESTION	Can you explain how the staffing budgets for Glen Lee and Holcroft House are almost identical given one is half full and the other at near capacity?			

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11.	Councillor White	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – ‘Top Up’ care packages
QUESTION	It has been indicated that should closure take place then SCC would 'Top Up' care packages for those displaced; what is the maximum figure expected?			
12.	Councillor White	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Medicine Management
QUESTION	Is the Cabinet member satisfied with the level of medicine management in Homes?			
13.	Councillor P Baillie	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Contingency Plans
QUESTION	What contingency plans exist should other providers close after Glen Lee & Holcroft House have closed?			
14.	Councillor J Baillie	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Policy – Long Term Admissions
QUESTION	Has not your policy of stopping new long term admissions to Glen Lee & Holcroft House not made their closure more likely?			
15.	Councillor Galton	CON	Councillor Fielker	Care Homes – Reason for Closure
QUESTION	When you shut Woodside Lodge you initially stated it was due to low occupancy, then because it wasn't modern enough and then we discovered you had planned to redevelop the site all along – what is the real reason for your plans to close the last 2 Council owned care homes now?			
16.	Councillor Fitzhenry	CON	Councillor Rayment	Itchen Bridge Fees
QUESTION	What is the justification for raising the fee's on the Itchen Bridge?			
17.	Councillor Fitzhenry	CON	Councillor Rayment	Charges on Citizens and Businesses
QUESTION	Does the Cabinet Member not accept that the Labour group have increased and have proposed to introduce			

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	practically every charge they can on the residents and businesses of this city and it is unfair to continue in this way?			
18.	Councillor Galton	CON	Councillor Leggett	Itchen Bridge – Effect of Charges
QUESTION	What will be the effect, of the increased charges on the Itchen Bridge, to the air quality along the existing AQMA in Bitterne Road West?			
19.	Councillor Galton	CON	Councillor Leggett	Itchen Bridge – Impact of extra charges
QUESTION	How much longer will it take people to find the extra coin to pay your proposed Itchen Bridge toll increase and what impact will this have on bridge queues and therefore air quality in the vicinity of the Itchen Bridge?			
20.	Councillor Galton	CON	Councillor Rayment	Itchen Bridge - Overpayments
QUESTION	How many people already over pay to cross the Itchen Bridge?			
21.	Councillor J Baillie	CON	Councillor Rayment	Itchen Bridge – Upgrading Payment System
QUESTION	Will the council be upgrading the payment system on the Itchen Bridge to take contactless payments?			