

**WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Monday 16 July 2018**

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**Questions from Members**

**1. Question from Councillor R Raja to the Leader of the Council**

Draft accounts for 2017/18 show that Bucks County Council ran a £52.8M deficit on provision of services and the other 3 District Councils in Bucks together ran a deficit of £10.1M, while WDC ran a surplus of £10.5M.

WDC's useable reserves are currently £74.4M, about the same as the other 3 District Councils combined. In the event of a unitary authority, WDC's useable reserves risk being consumed to fund deficits elsewhere.

What precautions is the Leader taking now to ring-fence these useable reserves to ensure they will be used for the benefit of Wycombe District residents?

**Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).**

**2. Question from Councillor M Knight to the Leader of the Council**

The government dictates how many new homes we should be building in our District, and will continue to do so through the revised National Planning Policy Framework.

Do you think this focus on the quantity of housing we should be delivering is helpful, or even necessary?

**Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Ms K Wood (Leader of the Council).**

**3. Question from Councillor A Hill to the Cabinet Member for Community**

Can you please tell us when the correct wording is going to be put into place for our P.S.P.O. (Public Spaces Protection Order) to take effect in the town centre, as the problems seem to be escalating?

**Verbal reply to be given by Councillor G Peart (Cabinet Member for Community).**

**4. Question from Councillor M Hanif to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration**

It's been a torrid few days for our High Street as two more shops have closed or are about to close their doors to customers.

Our High Street has to contend with unfair planning regulations, war on motorists, unfair competition from on-line businesses who avoid their taxes, intense competition from the giant supermarket chains, post-Brexit slowdown in consumer spending and high inflationary pressures squeezing profit margins.

What measures do WDC have in mind to stop more boarded-up shops in our High Street?

**Verbal reply to be given by Councillor S Broadbent (Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration).**

**5. Question from Councillor K Ahmed to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources**

Would the cabinet member for Finance please confirm what are the total reserves that WDC has accrued to date?

**Verbal reply to be given by Councillor D Watson (Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources).**