

WYCOMBE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 10 December 2018

AGENDA ITEM 5

Questions from Members of the Public

1. Question from Mr N Vickery JP to the Leader of the Council.

Can the Leader of the Council please set out her and her Cabinets position on the future of Governance for the Town of High Wycombe post Unitary Authority launch in April 2020?

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

2. Question from Mr R Colomb to the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources.

In view of the impending demise of Wycombe District Council and its replacement by a Unitary Authority subsuming all the District and County Authorities, what steps is this Authority taking to ensure that the hard earned reserves that have been accumulated over the years and as you stated two Council Meetings ago are earmarked for projects within the District are in fact spent on these District projects and not lost to other priorities in other parts of Buckinghamshire?

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

3. Question from Mr P Crotty to the Cabinet Member for Housing.

In 2011 WDC sold assets including all of our council housing stock to Red Kite for just a few percent of its value.

What action does WDC propose now that Red Kite is proposing to sell some of those assets via subsidiary companies without having created the now overdue Star Block development under its contract with WDC?

Verbal reply to be given by Councillor Mrs J Langley (Cabinet Member for Housing).

4. Question from Dr L Derrick to the Leader of the Council.

WDC's website says it is the responsibility of councillors to "represent constituents and help with their enquiries".

Can Cllr Wood confirm that she believes that as a minimum Ward Councillors should respond when approached by local constituents?

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

5. Question from Mr A Walker to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development & Regeneration.

Would the Council be prepared to suspend the attempt to Compulsory Purchase the Brunel Shed in the forecourt of High Wycombe Station for up to three months, whilst a group of Community Based Organisations seek to develop an alternative plan for the re-generation and re-purposing of the Building?

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