

RESIDENTIAL AND WELLBEING SERVICES COMMITTEE
30 SEPTEMBER 2021

**AGENDA ITEM 5 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – ORDER IN WHICH THE
CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE WILL INVITE QUESTIONS BELOW RECEIVED
IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING**

1. From Mr Smith to the Chair of the Residential and Wellbeing Services Committee, Councillor Pendleton
2. From Miss Kennedy to the Chair of the Residential and Wellbeing Services Committee, Councillor Pendleton

FULL DETAIL OF THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IS DETAILED BELOW

Note, the Chair will:

- invite questions from members of the public who have submitted in writing their questions in line with the Council's Constitution;
- explain that the questions received will be answered by the Chair or other appropriate Members of the Committee
- confirm that Public Question Time allows Members of the public to ask one question at a time and that a maximum of one minute is allowed for each question.
- state that questions will be invited in the order in which they have been received and that if there is time remaining from the 15 minutes allowed for Public Question Time, questioners will be allowed to ask a supplementary question.

QUESTION ONE

From Mr Smith to the Chair of the Residential and Wellbeing Services Committee, Councillor Pendleton

In light of the Climate Emergency crisis, how does Arun plan to ensure all its housing stock has an EPC rating of C or better by 2030 as per Government guidelines. Has this work been costed and planned by the Council?

Response

Thank you for your question. The Council has undertaken a very high level desktop assessment in respect of both the EPC target for 2030 and the 2050 net zero carbon target. Over the coming months more detailed analysis will be undertaken which will inform the Council's strategic approach and the roadmap to how these targets will be achieved.

Supplementary Question

[After referencing data from the Royal Society about the future of the region] How seriously are you [the Council] going to take this?

Response from Chair

My personal opinion is that we are taking it extremely seriously and we have a large amount of Councillors who are also taking it very seriously. The targets we have set ourselves are very challenging.

Additional Response from Director of Services

We are working on this both in the way that you identify, which is through the housing stock and actually we were having meetings today talking about the issues you have raised and how to fund them, and also we have a strategy coming forward to Corporate Policy and Performance Committee in October regarding carbon reduction for the Council that will be debated and an action plan will come out of that. So, there is a lot underway. There is an enormous amount to be done and I think Officers and Members are really aware of that and see it as a great challenge and priority

QUESTION TWO

From Miss Kennedy to the Chair of the Residential and Wellbeing Services Committee, Councillor Pendleton

Could Arun District Council please advise the total cost of the outside showers that were installed in the grounds of Flax Mean House for the frail and elderly to go out in all weathers to use? From what I understand the showers and the waste tanks were there from March 2020 to September 2021.

Response

Thank you for your question. The total cost of the outside showers that were installed in the grounds of Flax Mean House was £59,700.

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