

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – 17 FEBRUARY 2021

AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – ORDER IN WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL WILL INVITE QUESTIONS BELOW RECEIVED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

1. From Mr Cosgrove to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Dr Walsh
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THE FULL DETAIL OF THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IS DETAILED BELOW

NOTE: The Chairman 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 appropriate Members of the Cabinet or the Chairman of the Overview Select 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 Cosgrove to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Dr Walsh

Question

County closures of Family Centres and Youth Provision in the District

Has the County Council consulted this Council on the huge cuts being made to these services?

Will he consult urgently with Group Leaders etc to ensure Arun makes its concerns known?

Will he also urge County to look closely at its obligations as an LEA concerning statutory provision for under 18s in the 1996 Education Act, s508 as amended by the 2006 Education & Training Act 2006 which added s507a and 507b to the obligations placed upon the LEA? The effect of the cuts will be to almost completely remove youth provision, including Find-it-Out in Bognor Regis.

QUESTON TWO

From Mr Cosgrove to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Dr Walsh

Question

Resolution of the Council July 2018 re sites in Arun ownership

Will he agree that it is contrary to the principle of a level playing field concerning Bognor Regeneration that this Resolution remains in force given that it applies only to one of the Presenters in the recent series and also not to any leaseholder on the Regis Centre site with whom Arun has been attempting to reach any agreement? Also, that it runs counter to the requirement to obtain best value?

QUESTION THREE

From Mr Cosgrove to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Dr Walsh

Question

Coast to Capital application for funding for Place St Maur improvements

Did the Council inform C2C in its application process for the funding that it had had an offer of funding for this work from a private developer as part of a Regeneration scheme?

QUESTION FOUR

From Mr Cosgrove to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Dr Walsh

Question

Sale of Bognor Regis Town Hall

Will the Leader confirm that an offer to purchase Bognor Regis Town Hall was made by the Sir Richard Hotham project in correspondence with Officers and that a meeting was scheduled to discuss this but cancelled? What was the reason for the cancellation?

Was the Leader of the Council informed? Why were Councillors not appraised of this offer at the time? Will he confirm that the offer was to buy the building from the Council, undertake renovations and then lease-out as office/allied accommodation including lease-back of space for Council use, lease for the Town Council's needs and e.g. accommodation for voluntary bodies such as CAB?

Will he now commit to exploring that option properly so as to investigate this properly?

QUESTION FIVE

From Mr Cosgrove to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Dr Walsh

Question

Bognor Regis Masterplan and Cross-subsidy

Both Roger Nash and I, former Councillors, recall that the Masterplan 2004, which is currently valid as "Informal Planning Guidance" contained mixed-use including flats above ground-floor level for the Regis Centre and also on the Hothampton car park site.

Also, that subsequent to adoption Arun District Council resolved that the Council would not fund Regeneration but that this has to come from outside, specifically cross-subsidy between the Regis Centre and Hothampton car park sites.

The Council minutes for that period are not available online, access in person is also ill-advised at least, so can he tell me whether or not what I say is correct? If so, what would that mean for the Place improvement project as that space is designated as part of the Regis Centre site in the Masterplan?