



## COUNCIL MEETING – 8 July 2020

### Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

#### QUESTION 1

From: Councillor Lumby

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“Speeding and noisy vehicles, including motorbikes with modified exhaust pipes, is a longstanding issue on our rural roads and blights the lives of many. The environmental concerns are apparent. The problem has recently become particularly bad. However, technology is increasingly available to measure noise emissions and identify the vehicle causing emissions. Other councils elsewhere in the country have been investigating the use of PSPOs and CPNs with schemes being trialled, for example the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and Great Yarmouth Borough Council.

The powers being used are available to the Council. Hiring acoustic cameras to enforce these could be self-financing and even generate a surplus.

Will the Council investigate the use of these powers and consider proposals for the use of PSPOs and/or CPNs together with the deployment of appropriate technology to help tackle the problem of antisocial behaviour on our rural roads?”

#### Reply

“The council’s Community Safety team work closely with Hampshire Constabulary to ensure a partnership approach is taken in respect of local enforcement action.

Enforcement powers through PSPO’s and CPN’s alone can be a drawn out process and is normally delivered after the event often in the form of a fixed penalty notice with no endorsement on the license.

The District Commander is keen to work with district councils to explore local preventative measures such as the use of average speed cameras that already come with supporting legislation to prevent the use of speed and associated noise.

Chief Inspector Jon Turton (District Police Commander) is aware of other area discussions in respect of supporting technology to measure emissions but believes wider discussion with the Home Office and Road Policing Unit is needed to provide a joined up solution for speeding and noisy vehicles.”



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**QUESTION 2**

From: Councillor Laming

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management (Cllr  
Learney)

“Can the Cabinet Member please inform us how the assets that were purchased by the last entrepreneurial administration have performed in the last 12 months?”

**Reply**

“The Council has previously purchased The Bus Station, Friarsgate Medical Centre, 158-165 High Street and Coventry House (Vaultex) under its strategic asset purchase scheme. In the 2019/20 financial year, the assets purchased under the Strategic Asset Purchase Scheme (SAPS) returned a net deficit to the council of £144,000 after the cost of borrowing.

The council also transferred garages from the Housing Revenue Account to the General Fund with a net income of £269,000.

Overall, the assets acquired by the general fund generated a surplus of £125,000.”



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**QUESTION 3**

From: Councillor Mather

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management (Cllr  
Learney)

“The St Clements doctors surgery serves over 17,000 patients in the centre of Winchester. It is vital that the new surgery is built. Due to procurement rules, we cannot guarantee that development is built if we dispose of the freehold. In addition, future controls on this key site, for example, in relation to user, appearance and repair, will be much more effective if any disposal is through a leasehold route. This needn't include a ground rent although this would be added bonus for the council for the future. Given all the issues with a freehold disposal, will the Cabinet Member give reassurance to the surgery's patients and rule out a freehold sale?”

**Reply**

“I am fully committed to work with the St Clements Surgery to build medical facilities in the heart of Winchester of an exemplary standard. As I set out in the Cabinet Report CAB 3238 June 2020, offers are to be sought from developers for both freehold and long leasehold interests. The advantages and disadvantages of those offers will be carefully assessed to achieve the very best result for our residents.”



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**QUESTION 4**

From: Councillor Weir

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“Could the Leader update Council on the main challenges that Winchester City Council staff have faced in sustaining services to the public during the Covid-19 emergency since March, and how members of the public have responded?”

**Reply**

“One of the biggest challenges the Council faced was how to ensure our key services continued whilst at the same time, setting up new services with the majority of staff working from home. It was an extraordinary ask but officers and staff really stepped up to that challenge.

In a very short space of time a Local Response Centre was set up to help vulnerable residents; £26million of business rate relief grant went to all those businesses who qualified; our vulnerable housing tenants were contacted and safe homes provided where needed. We kept our parks and open spaces open, provided free parking for nHs staff and other key workers, continued to run full planning and building control services and cleared numerous fly-tips.

Members of the public have been and are continuing to express their thanks and appreciation for the way our waste crews have continued to provide a full service. In addition, we are also receiving many letters of thanks from residents who are extremely grateful for the way our staff have helped with delivering prescriptions and shopping where needed.

The sheer scale of the challenge we faced and are still facing, and the way our officers and staff have continued to respond has been extraordinary and I would like to thank each and everyone for their commitment and dedication for all they have done.”



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**QUESTION 5**

From: Councillor McLean

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management (Cllr  
Learney)

“Can we in Bishops Waltham please have a definitive start date for the depot Site? We visited the site some time ago with Councillor Learney and were assured all was well and progressing. Can the Cabinet Member assure me this has not fallen between the lines?”

**Reply**

“The Bishops Waltham redevelopment of new industrial units remains a priority scheme for WCC. Unfortunately, the current COVID-19 situation has had an impact on the ability to progress the scheme. A key piece of work by the electrical supplier SSE to alter the existing incoming supply was due to be undertaken in March could not take place whilst SSE remained focused on emergency works only. SSE are beginning to carry out non-essential work, and are due to return to site at the end of August. Following this the demolition of the existing buildings will commence, with the construction of the new units expected to start in October 2020, with completion Summer 2021. We will continue to keep local members and the Parish updated.”



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**QUESTION 6**

From: Councillor Clear

To: The Cabinet Member for Local Economy and Climate Emergency (Cllr Ferguson)

“Regarding the recent opening up of High Street businesses in our towns and villages. May I ask what the level of support was especially in the Market Towns for Enterprise M3 funding?”

Reply

“We are delighted to have been successful in our application to the Supporting High Street fund from Enterprise M3 LEP and were awarded £93,000, which combined with the Local Authority Reopening High Street Safely Fund allocation from government gives a pot of £242,000 to support our district centres. This will fund allow us to support all our urban centres including market towns and we are committed to work together over the coming six months to move from recovery to restoration extending and refining the support needed.

Specific measures were put forward in the application by the market towns including the following:

Wickham / Wickham Square

- Signage for social distancing / where to park / possible 30 or 60 minute timeframe for parking
- Tables / chairs / parasols at seven outside seating areas
- Temporary barriers to cordon off any parking spaces
- Building of decking with handrails

Alresford

- Social distance markings on all pavements within the Town.
- Sectioned off parking with water-filled barriers - sectioned off in West Street is the even number side of the road.
- Banners – message of social distancing on the front and Stay Alert Stay Safe on the rear.

- Information pods
- Cycling provision - cycle racks to encourage cycling 2metre

#### Denmead

- Implement footpath widening
- Foliage cutting

#### Bishops Waltham

- Signs to indicate the direction of the queue
- Parking barriers, signage, floor dots/feet
- Widen the pavements by placing temporary barriers and cones along the High Street to prevent car parking
- Red Lion Street - one-way advisory signs will be placed at these alley-ways
- Automatic hand sanitisers will be positioned at all entry points to the High Street

The following areas of work are included in the application and the funding will be used to provide support for our urban centres across the district:

#### Digital information

- On line platform for information and footfall digital monitoring and flow management
- Variable traffic signs
- Information Pods

Social distancing pavement stickers and markings / sanitisers

#### Creating spaces

- planters / barriers
- Seating / tables /pop up stalls
- Highway changes / public realm

Cycles lockers and sheffield cycle stands

Marketing campaigns”



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**QUESTION 7**

From: Councillor Gemmell

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“Could the Cabinet Member kindly explain why the enforcement team have not reacted to the significant number of cases raised with them in recent weeks?”

**Reply**

“I announced at Cabinet on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 that the Local Enforcement Plan had been updated following extensive dialogue with Parish Councils and consultation with all Members.

The new Local Enforcement Plan came into effect on 1 July 2020 and sets out how the council will monitor the implementation of planning permissions, investigate unauthorised developments, and take any necessary action.  
<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement/local-enforcement-plan>

The Enforcement Team has operated a business as usual service where possible during the Covid 19 outbreak. Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, in the Central Meon Valley Ward alone the Enforcement team has served 10 Enforcement Notices, 3 temporary stop notices and 2 stop notices in addition to handling a number of complex enforcement appeals. This shows that despite the difficult challenges presented by the pandemic we have managed to respond to cases where alleged breaches of planning control are causing significant harm in planning terms and to take robust action.

All alleged breaches of planning control are investigated in accordance with the Local Enforcement Plan. The Service Lead for Built Environment would be happy to meet you to discuss any specific cases where you are concerned about a lack of progress or action being taken.”



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**QUESTION 8**

From: Councillor Gottlieb

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management (Cllr  
Learney)

“Days before the Conservatives lost control of the Council in May 2019, they awarded a contract to Jones Lang LaSalle for “strategic place-making consultancy” services. The contract is worth £2,500,000. When I challenged this amount, I was advised that the fee would be capped at £600,000. I understand that this cap has now slipped up to £1,200,000.

Can the Cabinet Member please provide a comprehensive schedule detailing how much has been paid to JLL to date; how much more we are committed to pay for work already commissioned; and how much has been charged for what services on which projects?”

**Reply**

“JLL, with Arup as a partner, were procured in open OJEU compliant competition in line with approach and approval outlined in cabinet report CAB3105 – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Under this procurement approach the contract maximum value was specified as £2.5m

The contract is a call-off contract for specific advice and work in line with the specification as and when needed. The council is not committed to any level of expenditure with JLL. The current approved budget is £600k.

To date, the total spend is £244,771 and I have already provided information to the member on this matter.”



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**QUESTION 9**

From: Councillor Horrill

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“Would the Leader advise whether she, any of her Cabinet or any officers have met any other bodies to discuss the possibility of Devolution in the District/County, in the light of the need to manage budgets and reduce expenditure following the Covid pandemic?”

**Reply**

“I can confirm that we have not been to any meetings on devolution and I am aware that there has been a lot of speculation in the media about a Devolution White Paper being released in the Autumn. However, I am sure our residents will be pleased to know that we are focusing on delivering services during this time of crisis and getting our district back on its feet rather than thinking about what is in a conservative policy document that isn't even printed yet.”



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**QUESTION 10**

From: Councillor Evans

To: The Cabinet Member for Finance and Risk (Cllr Cutler)

“Could the Cabinet Member for Finance please inform me how the budget gap created by COVID-19 compares with other authorities?”

**Reply**

“All authorities in Hampshire have been adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and monthly returns are being submitted to government to give estimates on the scale of the deficits. Based on early indications it would appear Winchester is one of the more severely affected due to significant reductions in car parking income seen so far and estimated to the end of the financial year. However, there are authorities with larger investment property portfolios who are potentially carrying a greater risk and the true position on bad debts may take some time to become known.”



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**QUESTION 11**

From: Councillor Godfrey

To: The Cabinet Member for Service Quality and Transformation (Cllr Tod)

“What measures do you propose to take to prevent residents from putting garden waste in the black residuals bin when you introduce charging for the collection of garden waste later in this municipal year?”

**Reply**

“Cllr Godfrey has too cynical a view of district residents. The evidence of the current system is that people are most likely to take waste that they do not put in sacks to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). More garden waste is taken to HWRCs in our area than is collected in our sacks.

We have also consciously modelled our proposed system on the top-performing authority for garden waste collections in Hampshire. In 2018/19, Hart collected 112 kg of garden waste per year in their bins vs. the 98 kg per year we collected in our bags.

Our long-term goal is that we increase garden waste collections and cut waste in black residual bins with the new scheme. While there may a small decline during the transition, wheeled bins will be cleaner, have greater storage capacity and are easier and safer to move around. We will encourage people who live in smaller properties to share a bin and share the cost. Those residents who do not wish to do so will have a choice of composting garden waste themselves or taking it to a Household Waste Recycling Centre.

During the transition, we will have very clear information about how to dispose of garden waste in the future. Our contractor will be making ‘light touch’ checks to ensure that bins do not contain garden waste materials and providing feedback (which will include not collecting contaminated bins) to encourage people to do the right thing and maximise the amount of material that is recycled and composted.”



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**QUESTION 12**

From: Councillor Williams

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“Were the public toilets open in Winchester and in our market towns during the lockdown period?”

**Reply**

“Yes the public conveniences across the district have remained open during the pandemic the only exceptions being where temporary closures were needed for repairs or to deal with anti-social behavior.

The Council’s Contract Management team has worked closely with the cleansing contractor, Wettons, to review cleansing arrangements for each site. A number of measures have been put in place to manage use of the facilities including closing some cubicles, urinals and sinks, as well as controlling access in and out of the buildings and display of signage to reinforce messaging relating to social distancing.”



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#### QUESTION 13

From: Councillor Scott

To: The Cabinet Member for Service Quality and Transformation (Cllr Tod)

“During the recent briefing on the new Garden Waste collection scheme, Councillors were told that the current free Garden Waste collection service - which is used by most households - will be replaced by a scheme that residents will have to pay for. Those residents who choose to join the new scheme will have to pay an annual charge of £59 for a new large bin or £39 for a smaller bin. Many of the residents of my ward use the Garden Waste collection scheme. Where are they going to find the extra money to pay for this service and where are they going to store this new waste collection bin?”

#### Reply

“Even before the COVID-19 crisis, the council faced a major challenge to balance its budget over the medium term. The cost of the COVID-19 has made this challenge significantly worse.

The full cost of providing the garden waste service will be over £900,000 a year once the new contract is up and running. All other Hampshire authorities bar one already charge for garden waste so, like the majority of councils in England, we will be introducing an improved service based on a wheeled bin, with a charge for households which want to participate.

When the council consulted on budget options at the end of 2019, over 55% of responses to the budget survey supported charging for garden waste collections with 32% objecting.

We recognise that times are tight for many residents and our basic charge of £39 is nearly £8 less than the average charged by other Hampshire authorities.

Most residents in Stanmore have front or back gardens or side alleys suitable for bin storage. If residents wish to pay less than £39 they have three options:

- compost their garden waste using a compost bin. This can be home-made or purchased from our partner [getcomposting.com](http://getcomposting.com) for £19.
- share a bin with their neighbours
- take their garden waste to the Household Waste Recycling Centre.”



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**QUESTION 14**

From: Councillor Becker

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“Would the Leader agree that the anti-Islamic tweets allegedly made by a sitting Councillor are abhorrent and in no way reflect the views of Winchester City Council?”

**Reply**

“The city council is committed to supporting all our local communities, people of all colour and faith are equally valued members of our district.

Any sentiment that expresses opinions that are not in line with our commitment to inclusivity, tolerance and equality do not reflect this. I would like to state now that these are not the opinions of this Cabinet or this organisation.

In order to demonstrate our position on racial equality, the Guildhall clock was recently illuminated purple as a mark of respect to George Floyd following the distressing incident that led to his death in the USA.

The overwhelmingly positive response from members of public reassures me that we are communicating our views well, and we will continue to do so.”



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**QUESTION 15**

From: Councillor Read

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management (Cllr  
Learney)

“In a recent up-date briefing to members it was revealed that the Cabinet has agreed for temporary facilities to be provided due to the intended closure of the River Park Leisure Centre and would be paid for by the Council in general rather than the Winchester Town Forum. This effectively means that the residents across the whole District will be paying for those facilities which would normally be paid for by the local Parish or Town Council. How this disparity is fair and what steps will the Cabinet Member be taking to ensure that all areas of the district are treated equally?”

**Reply**

“The report to cabinet in June 2020 CAB 3242 detailed the next steps to be taken in respect of River Park Leisure Centre which includes removing access to facilities currently available to visitors to the wider North Walls park. The Leisure Centre is a district wide asset and so it is right that the measures to be taken as part of decommissioning the building, and any necessary interim measures, are part of the council’s overall budget not the limited responsibility of the Town Forum.

Use of the park is not restricted to residents of the unparished area and I very much welcome the way in which the Town Forum is not only working to provide permanent facilities but to improve and enhance that beautiful green space to the benefit of the district as a whole.”



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**QUESTION 16**

From: Councillor Power

To: The Cabinet Member for Local Economy and Climate Emergency (Cllr Ferguson)

“Could the Cabinet Member detail the steps we are taking to allow the use of highways to allow residents to shop safely and support retail and hospitality outlets?”

**Reply**

“A number of schemes have been put forward to Hampshire County Council for approval to use the highway for increased pedestrian areas. These were agreed in partnership with the market towns and includes Alresford and Bishops Waltham and the city centre. Barriers have been ordered and will be installed by the City Council. A supply of tables and chairs has been provided to Alresford and Wickham for use by local businesses to create additional outside seating areas. Additional cycle parking will also be provided. The initial priority was to accommodate the next phase of business opening from 4<sup>th</sup> July, and we are committed to work with the market towns and the city centre to refine what's needed as weeks develop. Additional support will be offered as we move from response to restoration over the next six months.

Schemes have already been installed in Jewry Street, North Walls and Hyde Street and the weekend closure of Great Minster Street. Work on adding further schemes will now be progressed and include City Bridge and extending the pedestrian area in The Square. Additional schemes currently being reviewed are Friarsgate, St George's Street and Upper High Street distancing measures. A number of pop up spaces for outside seating are also being identified, for example St Thomas Street, and we continue to speak with businesses about their needs and how best to operate these spaces.”



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**QUESTION 17**

From: Councillor Brook

To: The Cabinet Member for Local Economy and Climate Emergency (Cllr Ferguson)

“The Sky Believe in Better Building is an inspiration to us all. It is something to aspire to at Station Approach. Can this be achieved in Winchester in 2021?”

**Reply**

“The new Sky HQ in London, built under the ‘Believe in Better’ outreach programme is one of a number of buildings with a strong low carbon approach which the city council and future designers and developers should strongly take note of. This applies especially to the future progression of a scheme at Station Approach, the programme for which will be tied into future market studies, and a design review, in line with better understanding of the implications of Covid-19. The review needs to focus on both future working patterns and the market, as well as for an optimal solution for this site in line with stakeholder aspirations, the city’s economic strategy and vision for Winchester’.”



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#### QUESTION 18

From: Councillor Weston

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“We all appreciate the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 epidemic but does the council realise that the perception of the public especially in rural wards is that its performance is falling short even of its 76% manpower capacity and that it is underperforming with regard to vital services and support of its rural community with regards to planning, enforcement and environmental protection. Also by allowing usual standards of notification to be neglected particularly with regard to contentious planning applications much to the distress of neighbouring residents who find out they have not been informed and are advised that substantial conditions set by the planners are being breached the very next day, is the council content to allow this situation to slide further?”

#### Reply

“The Council’s Planning, Enforcement and Environmental Protection team have, so far as was practical, operated a business as usual approach during the COVID 19. I cannot agree that these services have under performed. Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, in the Central Meon Valley Ward alone the Enforcement team has served 10 Enforcement Notices, 3 temporary stop notices and 2 stop notices in addition to handling a number of complex enforcement appeals.

National legislation sets out the statutory notification requirement for planning applications and the Council has adopted its own statement of community involvement (SCI) which sets out how we will notify the public on planning matters. Neighbour notification for planning applications requires a site notice or letters to immediate neighbours but in accordance with the SCI the planning team do both.

The Service Lead for Built Environment would be happy to meet you to discuss any specific cases.

The Councils Environmental Protection team is aware of an issue regarding burning at a site in the Central Meon Valley Ward. The matter is complex and benefits from an exemption certificate from the Environment Agency. The Environmental Protection have been working closely with the Environment Agency to deal with this matter.”



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**QUESTION 19**

From: Councillor Cook

To: The Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Wellbeing (Cllr Porter)

“Recent Eastleigh Borough Local Politicians confirm there will be no new homes built in the Fair Oak and Bishopstoke area as part of their Local Plan. Is the Cabinet Member now able to confirm the location of New Build Homes in the Winchester District as part of the Local Plan?”

**Reply**

“In the middle of August Cabinet is due to consider a Strategic Issues & Options (SIO) document. The SIO is a very important first step towards preparing a new Local Plan, but it is not the actual draft Local Plan. The purpose of the document is to explore important issues that will influence how the Local Plan is developed, giving people an early opportunity to inform and shape the direction of the Plan before it is drafted. Subject to the above, consultation on the SIO document will take place in late September.

In accordance with the Local Plan timetable  
<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/winchester-district-local-plan-2018-2038-emerging/local-development-scheme> a draft Local Plan, which will take into consideration the results of the above consultation and allocate sites for development, will be published in Spring 2021.”



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**QUESTION 20**

From: Councillor Lumby

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management (Cllr  
Learney)

“The site of the existing River Park Leisure Centre is subject to a restrictive covenant, principally preventing its use for "industrial housing". There are questions as to the meaning of this and whether it remains enforceable.

Cabinet decided at its last meeting to defer consideration on the future use and plans for the site, given the current uncertainties. However, no complete and meaningful consideration can occur without certainty as to the meaning of the restrictive covenant and understanding on enforceability and strategies for its release. We requested that work on this aspect should therefore continue, to minimise any delay and to ensure any consideration when the time comes is as complete as possible. This request was refused by Cabinet.

Land held by the council is for the benefit of all residents of the District and maximising receipts should be an important consideration in looking at future uses and options. The wishes of local residents cannot be the only or determining consideration.

Will the Cabinet Member now confirm that the investigation into the meaning of the covenant, its enforceability and options for release will now be carried out at once and shared with members, so that proper consideration of all potential uses can be given when the time comes, for the benefit of all residents of the District?”

**Reply**

“In the Cabinet Report CAB 3242 of 24 June 2020, I set out that further work would be undertaken to determine the long term use of land at River Park but that we would not rush ahead now. We are in the middle of a pandemic; our economy is suffering the worst depression in 50 years. This administration will not make a decision over such a well loved area of our city without fully understanding the options and hearing the views of local people. The restrictive covenant is merely one aspect of our future considerations.”



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**QUESTION 21**

From: Councillor Gottlieb

To: The Cabinet Member for Housing and Asset Management (Cllr  
Learney)

“Can the Cabinet Member please kindly advise what fee the Council has agreed to pay to Turner Works for place making services in relation to Kings Walk in Silver Hill, and why JLL were not asked to do this work? Can the Cabinet Member also please provide a copy of the brief issued to Turner Works?”

**Reply**

“We have a bold ambition for Kings Walk to create a creative workplace and we are delighted that Turner Works, a company with a track record in delivering transformational change, were appointed to work with us following a competitive process. The brief for the work is to understand if there is market demand for a creative quarter focused primarily on the reuse of the Kings Walk buildings and associated public realm. The work will deliver a feasibility study for the use of Kings Walk buildings including consideration of strategy and vision, market analysis, site & locations, operations and financial matters. The agreed fee is £23,000. I will update members and others through the Central Winchester Regeneration Project Open Forum.”



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**QUESTION 22**

From: Councillor Gottlieb

To: The Cabinet Member for Sport Leisure and Communities (Cllr Prince)

“The leisure centre industry has been badly affected by the Corona crisis. In a recent BBC news report, it was estimated that as many as a third of existing centres might close. Given the implications for the Council’s financial wellbeing that might be caused by any one of a number of plausible scenarios, can the Leader please kindly advise of what risk assessment has been carried out and also ensure that members are given access to an unedited version of the completed operator contract for Bar End?”

**Reply**

“If Councillor Gottlieb is concerned that River Park Leisure Centre or Meadowside Leisure Centre will not open, then I can confirm that it is our intention to enable re-opening at an appropriate time guided by government advice, and operational risk assessments. Members will know from the news that indoor sports facilities are not permitted to open yet. As for our new Leisure Centre at Bar End, this is scheduled to open in Spring 2020. I have previously assured Councillors that I am satisfied with the operator contract and chaired a briefing for members that enabled them to discuss technical and legal matters with the councils advisors.”



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**QUESTION 23**

From: Councillor Gottlieb

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“The business of completing Members’ Registers of Interests has been made much easier by the new online facility, so could the Leader please take a moment to remind Members that the forms do need to be completed accurately and, in particular, that membership of qualifying external bodies, such as the Institute of Directors, Rotary, the Freemasons and the City of Winchester Trust need to be disclosed.”

**Reply**

“Members are aware of the requirement to register any non-pecuniary interests on the register of members interest form. Appendix A to the Code contains the current description of categories of non-pecuniary interests and definitions of “membership of a body”.

This confirms that a body of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management and which:- (a) exercises functions of a public nature, or (b) is directed to charitable purposes, or (c) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including and political party or trade union) is disclosable.

A member would need to consider each of these and how they apply to their membership of a body before deciding whether the interest is one which is disclosable. On an individual basis, and where required, the Monitoring Officer and her team are happy to assist.”