



Winchester
City Council

COUNCIL MEETING – 25 September 2019

Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 10

From: Councillor Gemmell

To: The Cabinet Member for Environment (Cllr Murphy)

“Has the Cabinet Member for the Environment relinquished the clothes bins to other charities not nominated by WCC and has the final payment been made to the original charities?”

Reply

“The clothes bins scheme as set up in 2014 is still receiving income and paying the agreed portion to the originally nominated charity of the Air Ambulance. No other charities are receiving income from this scheme.

We have received £127,368 to the end of 2018/19 relating to “textile income” from the clothes bins. We receive around £25k – 30k per annum. To date £32,000 has been paid to Air Ambulance (£8k per annum until the end of 2017/18).

The approved PHD 567 (27 March 2014) proposed that the balance of the textile income (less payment to the Air Ambulance) be ring fenced as additional money available for the community grants pot. Therefore £95,368 has been transferred to the community grants earmarked reserve.

Additionally in the 2014/15 financial year a contribution was proposed for the Salvation Army (£22,208) and TRAIID (£7,040) as one-off payments. The proposed contributions were based on a much higher forecast of income (initially forecast at c£90k per annum). Purchase orders were raised a number of years ago but invoices have yet to be received so work is underway to confirm these payments remain due and at the original agreed levels.”