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agenda

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

Please find attached the following reports which were marked "to follow" on the agenda for the above meeting:

7. Members' questions (Pages 3 - 4)

To receive any Members' questions.

Please bring these papers with you to the meeting next Wednesday

Yours faithfully

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MEETING : COUNCIL
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
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TIME : 7.00 PM

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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

Question 1

Councillor Mrs M H Goldspink to ask the Leader of the Council:

What is this Council's policy on the sending of First or Second Class Mail if the letters are not of an urgent nature? How is the keeping of the Policy monitored?

Question 2

Councillor J O Ranger to ask the Leader of the Council:

Would the Leader agree that with our need to cut or restrict some services or increase costs during the next four years we should be very open about this and give maximum publicity to the necessary changes and give clear reasons why? Would the Leader also agree that all Councillors, irrespective of party or of no party, should be fully supportive of the actions the Council has to take even if they are likely to be unpopular with the public?

Question 3

Councillor A M Graham to ask the Executive Member for Community Development, Leisure and Culture:

Can the portfolio holder confirm that the vacancy of the arts development officer has been advertised and if not when will it be done? Can the portfolio holder confirm or explain if the arts development budget has been cut and are cuts or savings being considered by officers in this area? Can the portfolio holder update the Council that the Castle Hall capital project is on target and that the timeline is on schedule and if not what are the implications financially to the Council?

Question 4

Councillor M Wood to ask the Executive Member for Resources and Internal Support:

Can the Executive Member advise how much was spent on Consultant fees in the financial year 2009/10 and for comparative reasons 2008/9?

Question 5

Councillor Mrs M H Goldspink to ask the Leader of the Council:

- (1) With reference to Bishop's Stortford Market, please could the Leader give me his assurance that no Market trader, who currently has a stall in South Street, will be compelled to move to North Street in the future if that is against his/her wishes ?*
- (2) Can the Leader tell me how many Shopkeepers and Retailers in South Street, Bishop's Stortford were consulted about the proposals to move the Market to North Street? Is there a written record of their comments?*
- (3) Can the Leader tell me if the Market Traders in Bishop's Stortford have been asked for their ideas on improving the Market and, if so, is there any written record of meetings and ideas?*

Question 6

Councillor V Shaw to ask the Leader of the Council:

Could the Leader explain for the sake of transparency and acceptable practice, why did the Markets Task and Finish Group not have sight of the grant application for the move of the market in Bishop's Stortford? And why did the £47,000 for that move come from the Town Enhancement Budget?

Question 7

Councillor T Milner to ask the Leader of the Council:

Does the Leader share my disappointment at the recent resignation of two independent members of this Council. Mr and Mrs Clark have publicly stated they are on a "break" and this might suggest that they intend to stand again in May next year. Could the Leader tell me, if they were to stand again, how much this couple's "holiday" is going to cost the taxpayers of East Herts?