
ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING 9 July 2013 Order Paper

Agenda Items

13(b) Written Questions (standing order 16.11.3)

1. By Councillor J Reeves of the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning

'The Deanes School - Castle Point

Intake numbers – Can other schools accommodate the numbers being suggested; but first and foremost, what are the true figures? There is no mention of mid-term admissions (54 average over the last two years) and what about expulsions as there were 5 from King John this year?'

2. By Councillor J Reeves of the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning

'The Deanes School - Castle Point

Glenwood Rebuild – It is being suggested that school governors are looking at Academy or Free School Status. If they take this option, what impact will this have on the urgent need to build the New Glenwood Special School?'

3. By Councillor R Howard of the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning

'The Deanes School - Castle Point

Is the land on which Deanes is built, freehold or leasehold and if it is leasehold, when does the lease expire?'

4. By Councillor I Henderson of the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning

‘The news that the funding is no longer to be provided to allow Harwich and Clacton's Behaviour Education Support Team (BEST) to continue its valuable and excellent work has caused much concern and will leave many families without the vital support that BEST has provided.

Will the Portfolio Holder please advise these families how this support is to be provided when BEST closes in August and can he please give an assurance that the necessary action is being taken to ensure that this support will be available immediately?’

5. By David Kendall of the Leader of the Council

‘Financial Inclusion

Following many months of work by the Financial Inclusion Task and Finish Group, the members of the former Economic Development, Environment and Highways Policy and Scrutiny Committee put forward a number of recommendations to the Cabinet regarding "Financial Inclusion" earlier this year. Would the Leader of the Council please clarify the following points in relation to each of those recommendations:

(1) Which specific recommendations have already become the policy of this Council and how are they being taken forward?

(2) Which specific recommendations are in the pipeline and what is their timeline for implementation?

(3) Which specific recommendations will not be taken forward by this Council; what are the reasons for the decision to take no action on each one?

(4) What other action has your administration taken to show that you are taking the issue of "Financial Inclusion" seriously?’

6. By David Kendall of the Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Infrastructure

"Live Local, Love Local" Voucher Booklet

Would you please answer the following questions regarding the "Live Local, Love Local" voucher booklets:

- (1) How many of these booklets have been produced?
- (2) How much does each book cost to produce?
- (3) How much have these books cost Essex County Council?
- (4) Have these books been distributed to every Borough / District / City Council in Essex?
- (5) If one of my residents wanted to pick up one of these books in Brentwood where could they get one from?

7. By Councillor J Whitehouse of the Leader of the Council

Telephone Numbers;

1. What [a] 0345 and other 03xx numbers and [b] 0845 and other 08xx numbers are used by Essex County Council to receive calls from residents and other callers?
2. For which of these numbers is a geographic number [e.g. starting with a geographic code such as 01245 / 01206 / 01992] also advertised with similar prominence?
3. How much service charge income is received for each number? If no income is received directly, how is the service fee taken into account in the contract with the telephone services provider?

8. By Councillor S Robinson of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

‘What processes are involved when carrying out "robust risk assessments" when reports of Highway defects are made?’

9. By Councillor M Ellis of the Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling

Could the Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling provide the purchase cost of the land upon which the Waste Treatment Plant in Courtauld Road, Basildon stands, as the Land Registry figures, whilst being a legal obligation to provide, seem lacking?

10. By Councillor N Le Gresley of the Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling

Could the Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling provide the registered address and names of the Directors of Integra Developments Limited who were the beneficial owners and joint applicants along with Essex County Council and Basildon Borough Council, for the £100m Waste Treatment plant in Courtauld Road, Basildon?