

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC TO THE COUNCIL ON 25 JULY 2023

1. Mr B

In this year's budget I put forward an amendment which highlighted the need for a better level of road cleaning service for South Woodham Ferrers. Consequently, the Leader of the Council and others agreed that there was cause for concern over the quality of work done by the contractor. I had understood that the contract was due for review this summer and that bringing the service back in-house would be considered. Could Council confirm that the contract will not be renewed and that the road cleaning service will be brought in-house?

(I hope to put this question to the meeting personally)

2. Mr R

Capital, Programme Update Provisions Outturn 2022/23

I have noticed from the information provided in the report that there is only one item of capital expenditure for South Woodham Ferrers of £275,000, for replacing equipment at the swimming pool, this surely should properly fall under maintenance.

Clearly some of the £124+ million within the total figure is tied to Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 moneys.

Could you please tell me what this percentage/figure is and why SWF, which makes up around 10% of the district's population, is receiving less than 1/4 of 1% of the capital spend? Does the City Council have no future projects planned for our town which continues to pay one of the highest Council Tax rates in the district?

I intend to attend and ask in person

3. Mr D

Given the ever-increasing pressure on household budgets, will Chelmsford City Council commit to not introducing any surcharges for the collection of garden waste, as is now the case in Braintree, Brentwood and Maldon District Councils?

4. Mr G

My question is for the full council meeting on 25th July 2023 and is regarding the luxury development of 98 apartments at 1 Legg St

I will be unable to attend myself so please can it be read out on my behalf

These flats were previously marketed as for sale/let to the public.

All marketing has now been removed and the entire venue is now housing migrants for the Home Office

Can the council please confirm the following

Did the Home Office consult with the Council on these plans? If so, who was consulted?

Why did the Council choose to not make the use of this development public?

Are the identities of all residents known?

Are the council aware if the residents within the development arrived in the country by legal means, illegal means, or a mixture of the two?

Is the Council aware of criminal offences having been committed either within, or involving residents at this address since the use started, such as the recent sexual assault of a female, common assault and attempted murder that have all been committed by residents of the venue in the last few weeks

What steps are the Council taking to ensure the safe guarding of residents?

5. Mrs T

What is preventing the Council from fully renting out Avon Road allotments. I ask this question because there is frustration with the management and lack of engagement of the Council with plot holders over recent years, who seeing the state of things have offered to assist and been willing to help the Council accurately identify the empty plots and those that have been abandoned. I know for a fact we are not alone in our frustrations, Melbourne Park Allotments have the same frustrations with the Council and I expect there are others. I don't need to say how important allotments are for the Community of Chelmsford. I'm hopeful that this could change and the Council would now see that collaboration would be beneficial for them and for the ongoing welfare and good management of these allotments. This could only be good for everyone and ultimately encourage new tenants.

Thankyou.