

CABINET MEETING – 6 FEBRUARY 2017

AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – ORDER IN WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF CABINET WILL INVITE QUESTIONS BELOW RECEIVED IN WRITING IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

1. From Mr Butcher to the Leader of the Council - Councillor Mrs Brown
2. From Mr Tandy to the Leader of the Council - Councillor Mrs Brown
3. From Mrs May to the Leader of the Council – Councillor Mrs Brown

THE FULL DETAIL OF THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IS DETAILED BELOW

NOTE: The Chairman will:

- invite questions from members of the public who have submitted in writing their questions in line with the Council's Constitution;
- explain that the questions received will be answered by the appropriate Members of the Cabinet
- confirm that Public Question Time allows Members of the public to ask one question at a time
- state that questions will be invited in the order in which they have been received and that if there is time remaining from the 15 minutes allowed for Public Question Time, questioners will be allowed to ask a supplementary question.

QUESTION ONE

From Mr Butcher to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mrs Brown

Question

Does the Leader/Cabinet agree that given the scale of the ongoing development at Hampton Park in the North of Littlehampton, which is currently being built out at a very fast rate, any new health development at the North of the town - whether at Morrisons or another location - should in fact be a new facility to serve the increase in population of Littlehampton, rather than a replacement for the Arun Medical Group surgery in the Town Centre, which should actually be replaced within the vicinity of the town centre for those patients who were displaced?

QUESTION TWO

From Mr Tandy to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mrs Brown

Question

What considerations and progress have been made on enforcement action against Morrisons Supermarkets plc and its agents over the failure to comply with Condition 3 of Planning Application LU/271/11, the discharge of which was refused by application LU/156/13?

QUESTION THREE

From Mrs May to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mrs Brown

Question

What recent discussions and meetings have Arun District Council/the Cabinet had with Coastal West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group regarding both the business case for the development of a business case for a GP surgery at Morrisons, and also NHS Section 106 contributions, following the CCG's failure to respond to invitations to participate in the Section 106 negotiations for Planning Application LU/173/16.

Response

Thank you for your questions.

The Council is very committed to trying to facilitate a solution which will provide the health facilities that both the existing residents of Littlehampton need but also the future residents of new developments on the outskirts. That is why in September there was cross party support for a motion at Full Council which stated

The Council notes with concern the increasing health crisis across Arun and notes in particular the failure of health bosses at Coastal West Sussex CCG and NHS England over several years to progress plans for the location of general practice services to the Morrison's site in Wick, which has now led to one practice in Littlehampton giving notice of closure, as well as the absence of any plans for the old Littlehampton hospital site. This Council further notes the increasing demand and pressure on existing practices as a result of current and planned house building across the Arun area; and secondly the Council immediately calls on Coastal West Sussex CCG to work with Officers of this

Council to expedite the delivery of the long promised improved general practice, mental health and outpatient facilities in the East Arun Area.

At that meeting I also announced that I wanted to be a position as soon as possible to invest the necessary capital funds to assist with the delivery of these much needed facilities. I am frustrated that it has still not been possible to yet get agreement to the Council's offer. There is an undoubted commitment and willingness from all to deliver a new surgery but I would encourage all parties to urgently move forward to resolve the outstanding issues for the benefit of residents.

Regarding the enforcement situation, that you have highlighted, for the Enterprise Hub the Council has undertaken a lot of preparatory work to support any enforcement action for non-compliance with the planning condition which has been referred to and also the accompanying section 106 agreement. Whilst dialogue continues the Council needs to consider the appropriate timing for formal proceedings. The proposal to convert part of the building into health facilities has been a complicating factor. If the Council believes that progress has completely stalled then it reserves the right to continue with enforcement action.