

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING
28TH JULY 2010

QUESTION TIME AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Question 1 – From Councillor D Millis to Councillor M J Hart
Cabinet Member for Housing and Environmental Services

Following the Wyre Forest Car Parking Review where it is intended to make the car park in Vale Road, Stourport, chargeable from October, is it not a fact that this land was given by Thomas Vale for the benefit of the residents of Stourport-on-Severn and making it a chargeable car park is totally inappropriate?

Question 2 - From Councillor D Millis to Councillor J-P Campion
Leader of the Council

I note from the programme for the single Office Accommodation that the Option Appraisal (RIBA Stage B) should have been completed by 6th July 2010 and the Preferred Option agreed by the client, bearing in mind that there was no information available at the Transformation Board on the 6th July and Outline Design (RIBA Stage C) is programmed for completion by 6th August 2010, can Members be reassured that progress is being made and there will be sufficient time set aside for member consultation?

Question 3 – From Councillor J A Shaw to Councillor N J Desmond
Cabinet Member for Resources

Half-size recycling bins

With reference to Steve Brant's email of 12.07.10, should Councillors advise residents seeking a smaller bin that there exists a list to which they can add their names, presumably via the Hub, or should the advice be to await an announcement by the Council about availability?

Question 4 – From Councillor J A Shaw to Councillor M J Hart
Cabinet Member for Housing and Environmental Services

Lengthsman

With reference to Mike Parker's email of 9.7.10, do any of the tasks listed encompass the clearing of weeds from highways, footpaths and associated infrastructure?

**Question 5 – From Councillor F M Oborski to Councillor T Onslow
Cabinet Member for Community and Partnership Services**

Following an initiative from Monica Boehmer, a member of Greenhill TCC, local County Councillors (Fran Oborski, Graham Ballinger and Mumshad Ahmed) directed over £9,000 of County Councillors' Community Leadership for Health Fund monies towards the provision of "grey play" fitness equipment in Baxter Gardens Park.

The remaining £6,000 was donated by the Community Housing Group. Can the Cabinet Member please explain why each piece of equipment now bears a metal plate saying it was funded by a joint venture between Wyre Forest District Council, and the Community Housing Group?

**Question 6 – From Councillor F M Oborski to Councillor T Onslow
Cabinet Member for Community and Partnership Services**

With our Council agendas, Members received a leaflet about next year's Census. Can she tell me:

1. Has the Council appointed a Census Liaison Manager and Assistant Census Liaison Manager? If so who are they?
2. What efforts are being made to involve the knowledge of local members to help build the address register?
3. Do we have a Census Page on our intranet and website?
4. What steps are being taken to ensure the registration of the non English speaking migrant population?

**Question 7 – From Councillor M Price to Councillor A Hingley
Cabinet member for Legal and Corporate Services**

From the days when this Council first let a Bar Contract at Kidderminster Town Hall it was always accepted that if a Hirer wished to operate a pay bar at an event they were bound to use the services of the holder of the bar contract.

However hirers using for example the King Charles Room to host Private Parties, Reception or, for instance local Clubs and Societies holding AGMs and wish to give their Guests/Members a free drink or drinks were free to purchase their drink from wherever they chose and bring it on to the premises. The new Town Hall bar contract forces all hirers to purchase their drink at the highly exorbitant charges levelled by the Bar Contractor (typically £12.99 for wine which can be purchased for £3.99 in local supermarkets.

Can I please be told exactly which Elected Members approved this change in the contract and on what date and at which meeting this change was approved?