

Additional Questions Received

To consider the following additional question received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.3

(iv) By Councillor D Stallan to Councillor D Jacobs, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Protection

“Can I refer the Portfolio Holder to his answer to the question asked by Councillor Mrs Whitehouse at the Council meeting on 21 February 2006 where he said in relation to the use of Environmental Protection Act 1990 powers that “it is therefore proposed to bring that report to Cabinet at its April meeting” and could he now state why this report was not made as promised, therefore denying the Cabinet the chance to debate this issue, and could he assure me this was not withdrawn purely for political reasons because of the sensitivity of the subject?”

(v) By Councillor S Metcalfe to Councillor D Jacobs, Portfolio Holder for Environmental Protection

“Can the Portfolio Holder tell me, following the introduction of the alternate weekly collection in Chigwell and Lambourne:

- (a) what the level of recycling was in both percentage and tonnage terms for the first three waste/recyclables collections;
- (b) what the level of recycling was in both percentage and tonnage terms, after we stopped collecting side waste;
- (c) how many complaints he received from the residents of Chigwell and Lambourne between the introduction of the alternate weekly collections and the ending of collection of side waste; and
- (d) how many complaints he received in the period since the ending of collection of side waste?”

(vi) By Councillor K Faulkner to Councillor J Knapman, the Acting Housing Portfolio Holder and Finance and Performance Management Portfolio Holder

“Does the Portfolio Holder -

- (a) recall that a few years ago members were told that the Council had accumulated £5 million from the sale of Council houses under the “Right to Buy” scheme and that under a Government directive, as I understood it, the Council was able to keep this money in its Housing Account provided it was spent within a certain time on housing regeneration or else it would be returned to central government;
- (b) recall that it was therefore decided that, as Loughton Broadway still remained in the Housing Account after its transfer from the old G.L.C., this money could be used to fund the regeneration of that centre,
- (c) know that this scheme has recently been costed at a figure of £3 million, leaving a balance of £2 million;

(d) recall that at the last Cabinet meeting in answer to a question to officers it was suggested that this balance had been used to supplement the general housing account; and

(e) agree that, if true, this has very worrying implications for future Council Tax in that that sort of deficit on the housing account casts doubt on where the additional funding will come from when the £2 million has run out

and can he therefore please clarify the situation?"