

## QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL MEETING –20 July 2017

### **Question from Councillor Lear to Councillor House:**

- 1) Given that the Borough does not have an adopted Local Plan, can the Leader guarantee that the application for 99 homes north of Broad Oak, in Botley will fail?

### **Questions from Councillor Grajewski to Councillor House:**

- 2) Is Eastleigh Borough Council's members' "Register of gifts and hospitality" as referenced in the Council's Publication Scheme 2014, complete, up-to-date and available for inspection by the public? Should this register be available on the Council's web site?
- 3) Does the Leader agree with me that whilst the DCLG requires that all residential buildings over 18-metres be assessed for fire safety, there is now wider public interest in and concern about the safety of all buildings which are clad?
- 4) Can the Leader please explain why on 29th June Eastleigh Borough Council released an "Assessment of fire safety at Eastleigh Borough Council owned buildings" to councillors and on its web site which included the statement "*We have inspected all the high rise buildings within our property portfolio in light of the recent guidelines. We can confirm that the cladding on these buildings, which include our main council offices, Eastleigh House and Wessex House, is not made of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) panels*" and then, less than 24 hours later, changed that statement to read "*We have inspected all the high rise buildings within our property portfolio in light of the recent guidelines. We can confirm that some of the cladding on these buildings, which include our main council offices, is made of Aluminium Composite panels*"?
- 5) In October 2015, Cabinet received the "Ageas Bowl Project Review" prepared by the Chief Executive which included comprehensive details of the project's history and the financial deal put in place including rent levels, risk analysis, buy-back options etc. This report was and still is clearly in the public domain. Are all of the financial arrangements detailed in that report still in place?

**Questions from Councillor Atkinson to Councillor House:**

- 6) Does Eastleigh Borough Council have a complete register of all open spaces that it owns in the Borough, including small pockets of land in built up areas which often provide additional green spaces for the residents and 'unofficial' play space for many children? Do these sites have value? And what is Eastleigh Borough Council's policy on selling such open spaces?
- 7) As both Eastleigh House and Wessex House have aluminium composite cladding added to their external walls, and we await further information from Council as to whether other Council owned buildings also have this cladding, what are Eastleigh Borough Council's plans to either replace this cladding or introduce any additional safety measures for the buildings affected?
- 8) How much is it costing Eastleigh Borough Council to engage the external consultants it is using to help Eastleigh prepare its Local Plan?