

QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL MEETING – 25 FEBRUARY 2021

(1) Question from Councillor Parker-Jones to The Leader:

The Independent group were deeply saddened to learn the Council decided to lay off staff from its 'The Point' and 'The Berry' theatres and countryside services/parks just prior to Christmas 2020, rather than extend the Government's furlough scheme. These staff, on zero hour contracts, were the most vulnerable in respect to their employment status. Would you please let us know how many members of staff were affected? What opportunities were offered to these staff for redeployment? And; how much will be the real cost (based on total costs such as advertisement, staff interview timing etc) to reappoint to these positions in the future?

(2) Question from Councillor Tidridge to Councillor Airey:

Has any work taken place to model carbon emissions (tonnes CO₂e) arising from changes in type and number of flights expected to result from the extension of Southampton Airport's runway (if planning permission is granted)? And if so, what results are expected by 2030 compared to 2019 when this Council declared its climate and environmental emergency?

Can the Council compare expected changes to the IPCC's statement that aviation growth should be limited to 25% by 2050 in the UK? Has the Council done any work to find out what the total increase in flights by 2030 will be nationally, given that Southampton Airport will be contributing increases to that number?