

COUNCIL – 30 JANUARY 2018

QUESTIONS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 10

6-17 TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL FROM COUNCILLOR MANN (RECEIVED 17.11.17)

“What has been the cost thus far to slough taxpayers for the recently aborted review commissioned by yourself-please include officers time and hours. How did you decide which agency to initially appoint to conduct this review and with which senior officers was this discussed?”

Reply

This was a question sent to the former Leader of the Council, Cllr Munawar, and I am answering as the new Leader of the Council having been elected by Council on 28th November some 11 days after the question was received.

So far the cost to Slough taxpayer has been £0. The company was here for a few hours over a couple of days – during which time any officer time spent liaising with the consultant was undertaken during office hours within existing workloads. Neither has the Council yet received an invoice, under the terms of the initial contract, from the consultancy firm that was originally procured to undertake the work.

It is my understanding that none of the current directors were involved in the appointment and this was decided through discussion between the then Leader of the Council and the former interim Chief Executive.