

COUNCIL MEETING – 22 JULY 2021

QUESTIONS FROM ELECTORS UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 9

1. From Mr Steven Gillingwater to Councillor Swindlehurst

“Last year, SBC introduced a new council tax policy making it so that everyone must pay some contributions towards their bill; you, as Leader, said that a council tax hardship fund would to be introduced to assist residents struggling to meet the cost of their contribution. Please state the numbers for how many residents have applied for this assistance, and how many have received it to date; furthermore please explain what legal advice SBC has received about the legality of it's decision to make residents pay who have "no excess income", and about not including "pet expenditure" as "permitted expenditure" even for those residents who have a guide dog or a medical assistance dog for their physical or mental health needs?”

2. From Mr Charlie Olsen to Councillor Swindlehurst

“As the world is recovering form the pandemic Slough is no exception.

For any kind of recovery to be successful, you must first accept the events and/or failures that resulted in the need to recover. Successful recovery, without doubt, requires a strong framework/set of rules to adhere to.

Within Slough Borough Council a strong set of rules/framework already exists, The Constitution. The Constitution is a vital document that provides the necessary framework for Slough Borough Council to maintain a strong democracy.

As the chair of the cabinet can Councillor Swindlehurst confirm that all the cabinet members operate within the constitutional framework/set of rules, as adopted by the council, and can he tell me how, as the chair, he ensures conformability?”

3. From Rehan Hafeez to Councillor Hulme

“As the lead member for children services, please can councillor Hulme tell me how she is going to recover the failing children’s services and how she will protect the most vulnerable members of our town?”

4. From Christine Bamigbola to Councillor Swindlehurst

“In what way will the residents of Slough be provided with greater transparency and accountability, in future, regarding the business and investment operations of Slough Borough Council?”

5. From Sharon O'Reilly to Councillor Swindlehurst

“Please could the Cabinet Member responsible for financial governance confirm what arrangements the Council has in place to ensure the Council manages its financial affairs in line with expected standards to protect the public purse from both fraud and negligence, and why such arrangements have failed to protect the Borough from the issue of a section 114 Notice.”