



Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET OR CHAIR UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 17

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QUESTION NO 1

FROM: COUNCILLOR ALICIA DENNY

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE AND
SPORT
COUNCILLOR LINDA SYMES

Now that the Centros development project for the Northern Quarter has been abandoned, can the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport tell the people of Portsmouth how, where and when the Richard Lancelyn Green bequest of Sherlock Holmes and Conan Doyle memorabilia will be put on suitable public display? Does she agree that this extremely valuable collection should be available for all to appreciate and as a priceless addition to the tourist attractions of our historic city?

QUESTION NO 2

FROM: COUNCILLOR LYNNE STAGG

TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR DONNA JONES

I would like to put a question to the Leader of the Council at the next full council meeting. The question is "When is the leader of the council going to apologise for erroneously claiming to the media that the new Mountbatten Centre pool was 2 ins. short of the 50 metres needed for an Olympic pool?"

QUESTION NO 3

FROM: COUNCILLOR GERALD VERNON-JACKSON

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT &
COMMUNITY SAFETY
COUNCILLOR ROB NEW

What will the arrangements from April be for people who have bulky items to get rid of but who cannot afford the council's charge for removal of these items?

QUESTION NO 4

FROM: COUNCILLOR STEPHEN HASTINGS

TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR DONNA JONES

Could the Leader please give us an update on what is happening with regard to the banning of Legal High's since letters were sent by herself and UKIP to ministers and how soon we can expect these substances to be off our streets for good.

QUESTION NO 5

FROM: COUNCILLOR COLIN GALLOWAY

TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR DONNA JONES

Now that the ownership of South Parade Pier is no longer a secret, is the Leader able to explain what system is in place for monitoring the urgent remedial repair work as set out in the Repairs Notice served on the pier owners so that we can all be assured that the pier will be restored to its safe and former glory?

QUESTION NO 6

FROM: COUNCILLOR MICHAEL ANDREWES

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, LEISURE AND
SPORT
COUNCILLOR LINDA SYMES

What is the usage of Southsea Library in terms of book loans, visits and use of computers and will the Cabinet Member look again at the proposal to cut its opening hours particularly as there may be more demand for computer and IT resources in public libraries if and when Universal Credit is fully introduced?

QUESTION NO 7

FROM: COUNCILLOR MICHAEL ANDREWES

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES
COUNCILLOR LEE MASON

Will the cabinet member for resource bring a report to his next portfolio meeting on the problems with payments of housing benefit by banking transfer at the beginning of January, make sure that any lessons are learnt from this including communicating timely updates on the problem by social media and ensure that all claimants are aware that the council may refund bank charges incurred as a result of the problem if necessary by writing to those affected?

QUESTION NO 8

FROM: COUNCILLOR MICHAEL ANDREWES

TO REPLY: CHAIR OF THE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY PANEL
COUNCILLOR DAVID HORNE

To ask the Chair of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel whether this panel will look at the problems reported with Accident and Emergency at QA?

QUESTION NO 9

FROM: COUNCILLOR MICHAEL ANDREWES

**TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL
CARE
COUNCILLOR FRANK JONAS**

To ask the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care whether he will bring a report to his next portfolio meeting on how the council as a whole and public health help reduce pressure on Accident and Emergency in particular can encourage patients where appropriate to use resources other than A&E, and support develop and publicise initiatives in conjunction with the NHS such as Safe Space and Dry January?