



Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL

QUESTIONS FOR THE CABINET OR CHAIR
UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 17

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 11 July 2017

QUESTION NO 1

FROM: COUNCILLOR JULIE BIRD

TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL -
(WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR) PLANNING,
REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COUNCILLOR DONNA JONES

Our local paper 'The News' has recently reported that the building in Victoria Park, previously known as 'The Arts Lodge' is to be run as a charity for the homeless.

For over a year we have been under the impression that this was going to be a centre for Adult Learning Disabilities. Whilst undoubtedly a good, worthy and necessary cause what alternative provisions have been made for this and what prompted the change to assist a homeless charity.

QUESTION NO 2

FROM: COUNCILLOR COLIN GALLOWAY

**TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL -
(WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR) PLANNING,
REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COUNCILLOR DONNA JONES**

We note that the Victoria Park catering outlet has been given over to the Society of St James. The Society, we know, is primarily a homelessness charity, but we also have certain apprehensions about staffing the unit as homelessness is often associated with alcohol and substance abuse. Will you please explain the details of the infrastructure of the unit so that we can all rest assured that this will be a safe and healthy place to visit?

QUESTION NO 3

FROM: COUNCILLOR GERALD VERNON-JACKSON CBE

**TO REPLY: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL -
(WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR) PLANNING,
REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COUNCILLOR DONNA JONES**

When did the Fire Service last inspect Horatia and Leamington Houses before the fire at Grenfell Tower fire? What recommendations were made and were all recommendations actioned?

QUESTION NO 4

FROM: COUNCILLOR JULIE BIRD

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL
CARE
COUNCILLOR LUKE STUBBS

Fratton Councillors have recently received notification that 250 Fratton Road will become a drop in and rehabilitation centre. Bearing in mind that there is a known issue in the area with alcoholics and drug addicts and dispersal orders have previously been in place to try and mitigate these issues, could the Council please confirm why they have considered an area with existing issues situated behind a community centre, between three schools and directly opposite a public library a suitable premises for such a service.

QUESTION NO 5

FROM: COUNCILLOR COLIN GALLOWAY

TO REPLY: CABINET MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC &
TRANSPORTATION
COUNCILLOR SIMON BOSHER

Portsmouth has all the potential for being a “green” city. We are blessed with a city that benefits from being an island city with a relatively flat topography. It is good to see that the city is encouraging cycleways, however one major problem remains and that is the continued use of pavements designated for pedestrians being used and abused by uncaring and dangerous cyclists who show no regard for people as they cycle at them at great speeds. I ask the portfolio holder for Traffic and Transport if the problem is being addressed and how can this practice be brought abruptly to an end before there is a fatality?