

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

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15 MAY 2012

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

FROM CLLR NICK FOGG, MARLBOROUGH WEST DIVISION

TO CLLR LIONEL GRUNDY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Question 1

- a) Where would you say responsibility for OFSTED's finding of 'serious and significant shortcomings' in Wiltshire's care for at least some of its vulnerable children may lie?
- b) What precise steps are being taken to remedy these failings?
- c) Is the report in the Gazette & Herald of April 26th, 2012, which stated that care workers had not been invited to child protection meetings, even though they were best placed to represent the child's interests, correct?

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FROM CLLR DAVID JENKINS, WESTBURY NORTH DIVISION

**TO CLLR RICHARD TONGE, CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS AND
TRANSPORT**

Question 1

With regard to the car parking alterations made under HT-22-12 for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, it is important to the people and businesses of Westbury that Saturday the 2nd of June is included.

There will be a whole range of events taking place the Town which has been organised by the Town Council and other outside organisations for over two years. The events will vary in size, the numbers of people who attend and choice. They will run through the Saturday and into the evening. It is part of a comprehensive full four day programme of celebration, therefore in view of this can Saturday the 2nd of June be included in the alterations to parking arrangements?

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FROM CLLR CHRIS CASWILL, CHIPPENHAM MONKTON DIVISION

**TO CLLR TOBY STURGIS, CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE, PROPERTY,
ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SERVICES**

Question 1

Does the Council's agreement with ING for the redevelopment of the Bath Road site in Chippenham (a) include an expectation that ING will provide alternative facilities for youth service provision currently housed in the Bridge Centre (such as the cafe) or (b) require a cash payment in lieu?

Question 2

If (a) which facilities fall within the ING remit? Or if (b) can we be given an assurance that all the funds provide under this aspect of the agreement will be used for the re-provision of current youth services?

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FROM CLLR CHRIS CASWILL, CHIPPENHAM MONKTON DIVISION

TO CLLR JONATHAN SEED, CHAIRMAN LICENSING COMMITTEE

Question 1

- a) What progress has been made towards revision of the Council's Licensing Policy to take account of recent legislative changes and the Government's published Alcohol Strategy?
- b) Will that revision process include consideration of introducing Cumulative Impact Zones in Wiltshire towns?

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FROM CLLR CHRIS CASWILL, CHIPPENHAM MONKTON DIVISION

TO CLLR JANE SCOTT, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Question 1

As the Council now has the executive ability to act in licensing matters, and is not confined to a quasi-judicial role, will consideration now be given to including licensing policy in a Cabinet portfolio, and to a revision of officer responsibilities to provide for a more active approach?

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**TO CLLR LIONEL GRUNDY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S
SERVICES**

Question 1

- a) What services are now provided by Connexions in Wiltshire?
- b) How are those services being advertised?
- c) How are the services which are no longer being provided by Connexions being made available to the young people who need them?
- d) What steps are being taken to monitor the provision of these kinds of support services in Wiltshire secondary schools?

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FROM CLLR ERNIE CLARK, HILPERTON DIVISION

TO CLLR JANE SCOTT, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Question 1

What progress has been made to recover 'the enhanced element of severance' from the former Kennet staff members? Also, I understand that the auditor was of the opinion that the original 'non-pensionable honoraria' payments should not have been made. Accepting that this is the case, what steps are being taken to recover these payments? If no action is being taken could you please explain why.