

Supplementary Council Questions and Responses - 15 December 2020

Question	From/ To	Response
<p><u>Public supplement (2)</u> I appreciate the answer given Madam Mayor but the code is something members have to sign up to whereas the Anti-Bullying alliance pledge as passed by Sutton Council reaffirms that they actively seek to stop bullying as opposed to it being forced upon them.</p> <p>Perhaps it was unsurprising that in effect the answer was a no, when you have a Berrylands Councillor shouting residents down.</p> <p>An Alexandra Councillors abusing another elected Member including following them into a women's loo?</p> <p>A Canbury Councillor who I may be addressing now, taking to berating residents about China at a Full Council meeting.</p>	<p>From: James Giles To: Cllr Caroline Kerr</p>	<p>Of course we expect decent standards of actions from our Councillors and that is what we have. If you have complaints against a Councillor you know the procedure, your complaint will be submitted and will be fully investigated in accordance with our procedures.</p>

<p>So perhaps I can ask the Leader to do something a bit more simple and uphold the manifesto pledge in the Liberal Democrat Manifesto to ensure that action is taken against Councillors who do not uphold decent standards of professionalism when it comes to their actions and interactions.</p>		
<p><u>Member Supplement (1)</u> I was concerned to hear that Lib Dem Lord Matthew Taylor was now involved in lobbying on behalf of the site (Hook Park Village in Chessingtons Green Belt.)</p> <p>And as we've seen most recently a Chessington Councillor was in a Development Control Committee more intent on polishing her nails than dealing with the content of the Development Control meeting.</p> <p>And given that we have had previous occasions in the Lib Dem administration where lobbying</p>	<p>From: Cllr Falchikov-Sumner To: Cllr Rebekah Moll</p>	<p>We have a strict Code of Conduct and meetings can only happen with officers present. Every Member abides by this and declares interests as we have seen with the Mayor Councillor Margaret Thompson this evening.</p> <p>If there is any corruption then this needs to be dealt with seriously. All of us would agree with that and any evidence of corrupt behaviour would be reported to the police.</p> <p>With regards to a Lobbying Register I would have to get back to you on that but I am happy to do so.</p>

<p>companies carried out entertainment of Councillors?</p> <p>I would like Councillor Rebekah Moll and the rest of the administration to commit to my requests for a lobbying register?</p>		
<p><u>Member Supplement (2)</u> Will the Leader now tell us the latest date by which she commits to the new Kingston Town centre swimming pool being opened and will she confirm that she will resign as a Councillor if that date is missed?</p>	<p>From: Cllr Kevin Davis To: Cllr Caroline Kerr</p>	<p>The Committee Report to the Response and Recovery Committee on the 26th November had annexes which outlined the programme of delivery in relation to the replacement leisure centre at the Kingfisher site. As set out in that programme the construction phase takes us into 2023/2024. Once the necessary steps set out in that programme are achieved the Council will provide further information on opening dates.</p>
<p><u>Member Supplement (3)</u> What action is the Council taking to permanently house the borough's rough sleepers that were taken into temporary accommodation under the 'Everyone in Scheme' during lockdown?</p>	<p>From: Cllr Steph Archer To: Cllr Emily Davey</p>	<p>I'm pleased to report that Kingston continues to work with our former rough sleepers. We have been given £1.5million to spend on support and accommodation and is part of a long term programme. Many rough sleepers have led complex lives and have multiple physical and mental health problems, therefore we are supporting people throughout the process. We are moving people at the moment from emergency accommodation into interim accommodation in the private sector. They will receive the support that they need to enable them within two years or so to be able to live independently in the private sector. Our ambition is to make this a more permanent scheme so as one former rough sleeper leaves and lives independently in the private sector another one can be taken in. So it is not a question of everyone in only this once during Covid but in the future we will be able to help people who become rough sleepers and move them on so that they can live independently and maintain tenancies independently.</p>

The MHCLG announced funding on 17th July for the Next Steps Accommodation Programme to provide support to the rough sleepers accommodated under Everyone In. The overall objectives of the Next Steps Accommodation Programme are to reduce rough sleeping and to seek to ensure rough sleepers brought into emergency accommodation in response to Covid 19, do not return to sleeping rough. As Covid 19 remains a risk, it is also essential that people, particularly those sleeping rough who are at increased risk of severe illness, are kept safe.

Two funding streams; one for short term and interim revenue funding of £105m from MHCLG and long term funding of £66.7m from the GLA, was made available for councils to bid to source accommodation and support for rough sleepers. RBK made bids for both funds and has successfully been awarded £733k from MHCLG and £806k from the GLA. This will provide over 60 units of accommodation for rough sleepers with associated support to these clients. RBK has already begun to source accommodation and to plan support for rough sleepers with our partners, KCAH and SPEAR. This funding will ensure that those who sleep rough on our streets will have an opportunity for a safe home to live in and be offered support to ensure they are able to live independently.