

STRATEGIC SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

23 JULY 2020

ITEM 6 : QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS ON COVID-19

Questions to the Leader - Councillor Bialyk

Questions from Committee Members

1. **Councillor C Buswell** - 'The Pandemic has had a huge, far reaching impact. It made unprecedented demands in short order on all elements of society, and none more so than the public sector, including this Council. Can the Leader please explain how the Council was able to respond so quickly and stay on top of the demand to sustain services, at the same time as launching new initiatives such as the co-ordination of community support?'

Questions from Non-Committee Members

1. **Councillor T Oliver** - Can you tell us how the Place Board has helped with the Covid crisis and recovery?
2. **Councillor T Oliver** - What are you doing to improve the diversity and inclusivity of the Place Board?
3. **Cllr Alys Martin** - Clear messages and consistent information is critical during any crisis. Although we may not have had the clarity or consistency we would have liked from the Central Government, can the Leader give some idea what the Council has been doing regarding information and clear communications?

Questions to the Portfolio Holder for –Climate and Culture - Councillor Sutton

Questions from Committee Members

1. **Councillor D Moore** - As part of the city centre recovery would the portfolio holder consider assessing the viability of moving the Farmers market from its current location, which is a harsh site in winter, to a more prominent High Street location and increasing the days its operates and the scope of a market offer?
2. **Councillor D Moore** - The RAMM has undertaken some great online work over the period. What can the Council do - either with its council housing tenants or with the wider community to address the digital divide?
3. **Councillor D Moore** - The Visit Exeter website has a section on travel but no strong message about prioritising active travel or public transport above road or flying - please could this messaging be reviewed?
4. **Councillor D Moore** - At the Exeter City Futures open conversation about mobility participants expressed low confidence in the Councils' ability to act to tackle carbon emissions from transport, tackle congestion or improve air quality. Can the portfolio holder explain what specific discussions have been held and actions agreed with Devon County Council to implement lasting changes to address these

problems?

Questions from Non-Committee Members

1. **Councillor K Mitchell** - Can the committee have more details on the issues related to the Air Handling System within RAMM?
2. **Councillor K Mitchell** - When will Chief Crowfoot's regalia be repatriated to its native home of Canada and have RAMM created a register of any further items which might need to be considered for repatriation in the future?

Questions to the Portfolio Holder for –City Planning and Development - Councillor Foale

Questions from Committee Members

1. **Councillor D Moore** - The Council agreed to review the CIL charging structure last year. Has the emergency delayed this work and please can the Portfolio holder provide an update on progress.
2. **Councillor J Moore** - How many CIL payments and S106 agreements have been renegotiated and has expected community investment been put on hold because of this? If so, please can you give details of any major planned projects which will now be delayed?

Questions from Non-Committee Members

1. **Councillor K Mitchell** - Can the Portfolio Holder please update the Council on the progress towards reviewing the Council's existing policies towards the University's explanation, Purpose Built Student Accommodation (PBSA's) and Housing Multiple Occupation (HMO's)?