

Council
25 July 2023

QUESTION 1

Question from Councillor Alison Kelly to the Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Committee, Councillor Clive Woodbridge.

Does this council work with local housing associations to consider leaving the carpets (subject to cleaning and inspection) so the residents can benefit from a better furnished house at the start of their tenancy, and are there any other white goods or items which could remain in the property when it changes hands? If not, is this something that we could discuss with housing associations?

QUESTION 2

Question from Councillor James Lawrence to the Chair of the Standards and Constitution Committee, Councillor Liz Frost.

Whilst Chairpersons of policy committees can be approached to include items on agenda of their meetings, there is no specific provision in the Terms of Reference of policy committees to deal with issues affecting the wellbeing of local residents, specifically when the issue is an external influence in a geographical area which is affecting the quality of life of several residents. There is provision in the Council's Constitution for questions from the public, and petitions from the public, but would it be appropriate for the Standards & Constitution Committee to rethink the ToR of policy committees, or make provision for an emergency "wellbeing" item, so that such matters can be given more thorough and efficient consideration?

QUESTION 3

Question from Councillor Julie Morris to the Chair of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee, Councillor Steven McCormick.

When can councillors expect a detailed briefing on changes to biodiversity as potentially affected by development, small or large, which are required by central government this year, including explanations of the 10% net gain in biodiversity which is expected from some developments, and will that include a briefing on implications for development of Green Belt land currently proposed within the draft Local Plan?