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QUESTION 1

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

What is the level of funds held by EEBC as a result of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and when is the next round of bids for these funds to commence?

QUESTION 2

Question from Councillor James Lawrence to the Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Steve Bridger.

Can the Chair confirm that all future correspondence from either the LGO (Local Government Ombudsman) or the ICO (Information Commissioner's Officer) will be tabled at meetings of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee or circulated electronically to members of that Committee?

QUESTION 3

Question from Councillor Alison Kelly to the Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor Humphrey Reynolds.

Can this council please review its policy/practice of informing "neighbours" concerning planning applications which might affect them, since in my experience councillors are asked by residents why they haven't been informed about an application when their neighbour was, as just meeting our legal obligations is not always satisfactory?

QUESTION 4

Question from Councillor Julie Morris to the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen.

Can the Chair assure us that every effort is made in future to start official meetings, training sessions, briefings, panels and working groups after 6pm and preferably at 7.30pm and to give as much notice as possible when an "emergency" meeting is found to be necessary, in order that it does not preclude those councillors who work from being involved?

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QUESTION 5

Question from Councillor James Lawrence to the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, Councillor Neil Dallen.

Would the Chair please confirm the status of the replacement "Martial Arts" building in Alexandra Recreation Ground, the previous building having been demolished some months ago?

QUESTION 6

Question from Councillor Alison Kelly to the Chair of the Environment Committee, Councillor John Beckett.

Can this council please investigate with Surrey County Council the possibility of increasing the number of local recycling facilities in the borough, especially for small electricals (the pink bin scheme), with a view to installing them in locations accessible to pedestrians, as access to the Blenheim Recycling Centre excludes cyclists and pedestrians.

QUESTION 7

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

Can we please circulate a list of official meetings and panels which includes information if they are transmitted via Youtube or another means, if they are to be recorded and how long these channels or recordings are available in the public domain.

QUESTION 8

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

How many properties in the borough are charged an empty property premium and have we explored the options to use these properties via the council's Private Sector Leasing scheme?