

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 21 FEBRUARY 2017

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following question has been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 10, from Mr Kuszel of Godalming:-

“Why has Godalming once again received a disproportionately lower allocation of capital spending compared to Haslemere and Farnham in the proposed budget for 2017/18 when Waverley Borough Council seems to spend vast sums in other towns within the borough and ignore the needs of residents and visitors to Godalming?”

Response:

“Thank you for your question Mr Kuszel. Waverley’s capital programme has to balance the need to maintain existing assets with the need to spend on invest-to-save opportunities. The Council has to stretch its limited resources across a huge geographical area and receiving the news just before Christmas that we will lose £3.5m of New Homes Bonus over the next 3 years was a major blow to our investment plans. The priorities across the different locations within the Borough change from year to year and heads of service bid for funding based on need. I don’t know how you have arrived at your view about the allocation of the 17/18 capital budget but I can assure you that this Council does not ignore the needs of residents and visitors to Godalming.”