

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Item 6. Questions from Members of the Public

1. The following question has been received from Daniel Kuszel, Godalming:

“Could the Portfolio Holder give their assessment of the state of street cleaning in Godalming High Street and the town generally. Also, does the Portfolio Holder believe it is reasonable for residents to take the time to report graffiti on Council owned property but to not see this removed even though 8 weeks have passed since it was reported?”

2. The following question has been received from Brian Edmonds, Farnham:

“The question is sustained by statutory guidance issued under the Local Government Act 2003 that allows the public to assess a local authority’s total risk exposure because of its investment decisions.

The losses incurred by Waverley BC Leisure Centres from 2020 until 2022 advised by FOI request A12/4759 were understood to be £3,246,000 million with external support of £754,000 reducing the net impact to £2,492,000. Please advise why business interruption insurance did not mitigate these losses and who approved sustaining these losses by considering them an appropriate burden for council taxpayers?

The Statement of Accounts is the principal means by which the council is accountable to its electorate. However, it is understood that “the latest draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 is available on the Council’s website, subject to conclusion of the audit.” Recognising this limitation, what management controls are now in place to either prevent or mitigate similar substantial Waverley BC Leisure Centre losses?”

3. The following question has been received from Chris Grimes, Chairman of Sport Haslemere:

“The Council will be aware of the concerns Sport Haslemere has expressed on behalf of the clubs who use The Edge and the lack of certainty about their future use of the Building. To this end we have organised a petition entitled “Protect The Edge” which has over 2,500 signatures and we would

like to present this at the meeting. We would also like to ask a question - can the Council give the clubs a categoric assurance that The Edge will re-open for Community Use by no later than 1st October 2023 so that they can plan their future activities?"