

Councillor questions on notice - Council 17 October 2023

Council procedure rule 11

I. Question from Councillor Jane Austen

“Waverley Borough Council recently disclosed that it is the third worst performing Council in the country for staff turnover in its planning department. The national average for District and Borough Councils is 16%. Waverley's planning team currently has a staff turnover of 47%. Our partner Guildford Borough Council follows close behind at 40%. Would the Planning Portfolio Holder please advise of the actions being taken to improve the staff turnover issue and also confirm the current numbers of interim/agency staff versus full time members of staff in the Waverley Planning team?”

II. Question from Councillor Barker-Lomax

“We welcome that Waverley is working with Woolmer Hill Sports Association to enable the community to enjoy the pitches at The Edge. We welcome too the progress that is being made on re-opening The Hall at The Edge. Further to the meeting arranged by Jeremy Hunt with Waverley's leader, plus Tom Horwood of Waverley Borough Council and Tim Oliver of Surrey County Council, will the Leader now confirm:

1. That the hall at The Edge will re-open this calendar year?
2. That the community clubs, who have done so much to raise funds for The Edge, will be given the right to enjoy the sporting facilities at and in The Edge?
3. That Waverley will work with the community clubs to find long term solutions to the financial viability of The Edge, such as disability funding?”