

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(1) QUESTION FROM DAVID WEBB TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND TOURISM

Last year I asked about how much it would cost to put 2 benches in chase park this would a total of £1,600 pounds (£800 per bench), self-assessment for tarmac to be put down and if it is feasible for to small spring bikes, small metal tunnel for small children and a teenager exercise bike.

Is there any spare money in the budget from last year or this year for 2 new benches and the items for young and older aged children by September as this is the only green park area in Westborough and is accessed by 8,000 residents and families?

Response:

Thank you for your question, Mr Webb. I am afraid we do not have sufficient budget at present to provide new seats, as well as play equipment but your comments are noted for the future

(2) QUESTION FROM DAVID WEBB TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND PARKING

In Prittlewell ward what roads have fully or partially been resurfaced and footpaths have been resurfaced and how much has it cost in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023?

Response:

Thank you for your question, Mr Webb. A schedule detailing footway and carriageway resurfacing works undertaken in the Prittlewell ward for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date) is attached.

(3) QUESTION FROM JUDITH MCMAHON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT AND INWARD INVESTMENT

In the document that is being considered regarding waste, I am unable to locate the cost analysis that identifies the financial cost of remediating the dumped waste throughout the City if restricting the quantity residents are permitted to have disposed of via street collections, albeit either weekly or by weekly collections. Without such a cost breakdown how is it possible to evaluate the benefit for residents whose monies will pay for any service chosen?

Response:

Thank you for your question, Mrs McMahon. The paper under review presents the results of the waste collection 'initial engagement exercise' which provided additional understanding and clarity from the market on several issues including financial sustainability. The detailed cost analysis referenced in the question will be submitted by suppliers who formally tender for the waste collection contract and will then be evaluated through the procurement process.

(4) QUESTION FROM JUDITH MCMAHON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY, REGENERATION & HOUSING

In agenda item 6 I note there will be ' A new local Tackling Poverty Strategy for Southend.' Is this planned to have comprehensive package of support to assist people to take up the thousands of job vacancies which is at least, one of the strongest strands to the success of such a strategy?

Response:

Thank you for your question, Mrs McMahon. Supporting residents into good jobs, ones that provide development opportunities and financial independence, is certainly a vital component of any approach to tackling poverty. The Council currently delivers a range of employment projects to support residents into work and works with other agencies to ensure that our residents have preferential pathways to work to jobs in the city and further afield. We also support residents to gain new vocational and functional skills through Southend Adult Community College and work with other learning providers to ensure that skill delivery in Southend meets the needs of local businesses and employers.