

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
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Fiona Marshall

02 November 2017


Dear Councillor

COUNCIL – 2 NOVEMBER 2017

Please find enclosed the following reports, for consideration at the above meeting, which were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

6. **Public Questions** (Pages 3 - 4)

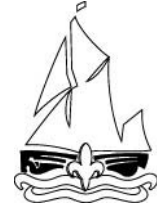
Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'F. R. Marshall', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

Chief Executive

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THE MEETING



RESPONSE FROM THE LEADER TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

to
COUNCIL
2 NOVEMBER 2017

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

1.1 In accordance with the Council's public speaking protocol the following questions were received from members of the public.

2. QUESTIONS

The following questions were received from Mr T Kelly of Iona, 2 Midguard Way, Maldon on Tuesday 24 October 2017.

- “1. In view of recent problems, can I ask if finance is available, assured, and guaranteed for a replacement HOIST at Blackwater Leisure Centre.?”
2. Without Consultation. with the business owner or the public, Post Office Ltd, partly owned by Govt, has withdrawn years of the sub post office supplying collectors and the public with New Issues and Pictorial Sets of Commemorative Events (e.g. Queen's Jubilee,) Themes such as birds, castles etc etc, on the FALSE basis of 1. lack of counter space (unchanged after revamp) 2. When challenged about 1., then claimed "Lack of Footfall". CAN I ASK THAT MDC MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AT GOVT LEVEL. PLEASE, as this policy damages both the Revenue of the business and my personal COLLECTION?
3. As the Chairman of Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group considers challenging on Finance as Political, and our local NHS receives less funding than entitled under Govt Criteria, leading to a historical deficit of £millions, should the Govt not be asked to create a "level playing field" and allow an NHS Precept on same basis as exists for Local Govt, Fire Service etc etc?”

3. RESPONSE

From the Leader of the Council:

Question 1:

The Council is currently consulting with Baracuda's Swimming Club and the Council's leisure management provider, Places for People Leisure Limited, for the

replacement of the hoist at the Blackwater Leisure Centre. This matter will be considered at the November meeting of the Finance and Corporate Services Committee.

Question 2:

Post Office Counters is a private company and therefore the Council has no influence over what is sold in Post Offices. However, Commemorative covers and special additions are available online from the Post Office Shop.

Question 3:

The Council has previously written to Government to challenge the inconsistent funding per capita paid to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across the country and the fact that Mid Essex has a recognised shortfall compared to neighbouring CCGs.

I agree that this is a subject that should continue to raise with our Member of Parliament (MP) to seek a level playing field and I will raise with our MP when we meet him tomorrow.