RESPONSE FROM THE LEADER TO QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

to
COUNCIL
13 FEBRUARY 2020

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

2.1   The following questions were received from Mr Tom Kelly of Midguard Way, Maldon on Tuesday 11 February 2020:

2.2   Question One:

"Why is Maldon District Council putting forward proposals to raise fees for barges well above the current rate of inflation, and is this connected to the North Quay Development proposals?"

2.3   Question Two:

"Can MDC please clarify the 'state of play' concerning the current failure of all concerned to make infrastructure Health Improvements considering the largescale new housebuilding and therefore increasing population pressures on Health Facilities?"

3.   RESPONSE FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

3.1   Question One response:

The discount applied to barges at the Hythe Quay has not been re visited for several years. Officers have met with barge operators to discuss berthing fees which has resulted in a recommendation to maintain the base 'discounted figure' but apply a 10% increase in 2020 / 21. The Council has pledged to meet operators again to discuss future years ahead of the 2021 / 22 budget cycle. This matter is not connected to the North Quay proposal.

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3.2   Question Two response:

The MDC Local Development Plan includes an infrastructure delivery plan, which includes the health infrastructure that was identified as required to meet the population growth resulting from new homes. For example, the delivery of the North Heybridge Garden Suburb will include a new health centre, to be developed alongside the housing delivery. We welcome the news Maldon District was recently rated as the 5th best place in the country to live and we are working to ensure facilities are maintained and extended, to build further on that.