

Council – Supplementary agenda No.2

A meeting of the Council will be held on:

Date: 17 October 2013

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: St George's Centre, Pembroke Road, Chatham Maritime, Chatham
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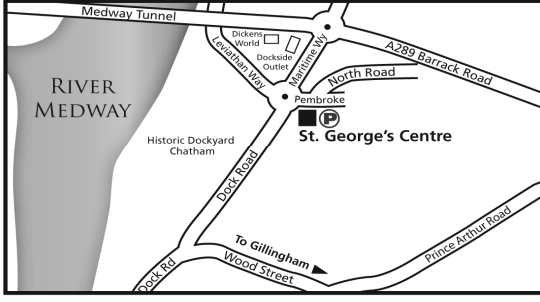
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Council 17 October 2013 – Schedule of written responses to supplementary questions not dealt with at the meeting.

Question No.	Name	Question/Response
E	Darren Welch	<p>Supplementary question to the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Councillor Jarrett:</p> <p>Mr Welch asked if Councillor Jarrett could tell the public the name of all the organisations involved in the Rochester Airport Masterplan, in its design going forward, which of those organisations had no financial benefit in its ongoing success?</p> <p>Councillor Jarrett stated that he could not answer the supplementary question without researching the matter and undertook to respond in writing.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Medway Council has chosen the preferred Masterplan option to ensure that the area is well planned and laid out, to realise a capital receipt for the disposal of land for commercial development, in addition to the advantages that come with the creation of local employment. If BAE Systems chooses to release land back to Medway Council that it currently leases, it would rightly expect to benefit from doing so. The consultant engaged to undertake the Masterplan has done so on a fee basis. Both Medway Council and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council will have the opportunity to charge Non Domestic Rates to businesses that occupy land detailed in the masterplan.</p> <p>Other neighbouring landowners may benefit indirectly from the positive effects of commercial development brought forward by the Masterplan. For example, the owner of Woolmans Wood Caravan Park may be in a position to redevelop its site for higher value commercial uses</p>

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M	Michael Fowler	<p data-bbox="193 226 264 1653">Supplementary question to Portfolio Holder for Strategic Development and Economic Growth, Councillor Chitty:</p> <p data-bbox="304 226 448 1653">Mr Fowler asked with the extra concentration of flights from the paved runway and the recommended cap on air movements to 50,000 per year, could Councillor Chitty explain how Medway Council would be able to protect the community from the intensification of flights on an ongoing basis for 25 years when there were no statutory laws to protect residents.</p> <p data-bbox="488 215 560 1653">Councillor Chitty stated that she had no figures as to the precise number of flights that would be taking place and undertook to investigate further and answer in writing.</p> <p data-bbox="600 1487 632 1653">Response:</p> <p data-bbox="671 226 815 1653">The airport's proposals, including their voluntary cap on flight numbers will be formally documented at the planning consent stage and via the Civil Aviation Authority's approval. Amongst other things, as part of consideration of the planning application, the planning system will consider any environmental impacts likely to result from the proposals and the Civil Aviation Authority will consider safety issues.</p>

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10D	Councillor Igwe	<p data-bbox="193 300 225 1677">Supplementary question to the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance, Councillor Jarrett:</p> <p data-bbox="301 264 368 1677">Councillor Igwe asked if he could be told how much in legal fees would it cost the Council to recover debts associated with this?</p> <p data-bbox="411 338 443 1677">Councillor Jarrett stated that he would provide a written answer to the supplementary question.</p> <p data-bbox="486 1509 518 1677">Response:</p> <p data-bbox="561 197 628 1677">We endeavour to recover our current arrears in-house, using our housing management team as much as possible, thus avoiding legal costs.</p> <p data-bbox="671 208 775 1677">The budget used for all our legal costs for the last two full years and spend for the year to date is set out below. This budget also covers our legal costs for other court action such as anti social behaviour cases.</p> <p data-bbox="818 1442 850 1677">Budget details:</p> <p data-bbox="893 667 925 1677">Budget for 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 is the same: £22,038.</p> <p data-bbox="968 1565 1000 1677">Spend:</p> <p data-bbox="1043 1469 1075 1677">2011: £11,294</p> <p data-bbox="1075 1469 1107 1677">2012: £14,684</p> <p data-bbox="1107 1279 1139 1677">2013 (year to date): £8,044.</p> <p data-bbox="1182 927 1214 1677">Where we incur court costs we recharge the tenants.</p>

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