

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

8.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR R.MILLS TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE - COUNCILLOR GODDARD:

Would the Cabinet Member please advise the progress made in distributing Additional Restrictions Grants to local businesses within the Borough?

8.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR DUNCAN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE - COUNCILLOR BIANCO:

The Council bought Packet Boat House and sold the flats to first time buyers. Following the discovery of major building faults all residents were moved out at Council expense to privately rented properties while remedial work was carried out. Residents have still not been able to move back into their homes. The Council have now approached them offering to buy them out at an enhanced price but one that does not buy them a comparable home as house prices have risen more than the enhanced price offered. Will the Cabinet Member please inform Council if it is the intention to increase the offer to allow these residents to purchase a comparable home or tell us what other options it is considering to compensate them?

8.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR EGINTON TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE - COUNCILLOR GODDARD:

Detailed information related to the financial position of the Council is essential to ensure proper accountability and scrutiny by Members and our residents. This is particularly the case with central Government funding for local government so constrained.

However, the detailed Budget Monitoring report to Cabinet this month has been reduced to only a shadow of previous versions. Can the Cabinet Member ask for future Budget Monitoring reports to Cabinet to provide the detailed information as in earlier months?