

## **Questions pursuant to Council Procedure 11.2**

The following questions have been received, on notice, from Members:

### **Question One**

**From Councillor Andy Pemberton to Councillor Michael Talbot, Portfolio Holder for the Environment:**

#### **"Beach Litter**

*What is going on with this beach contract?*

*We are starting to look very silly, and this is doing nothing to enhance the image of our town. I look forward to your comments on this."*

### **Question Two**

**From Councillor Ivan Henderson to Councillor Neil Stock OBE, Leader of the Council:**

*"I am sure that every member of this Council is angry and disgusted at the knowledge that modern slavery exists and is a growing issue within society. To this end, will the Leader of the Council arrange for Tendring District Council to sign up to the Co-operative Party's Charter on Modern Slavery which confirms that signatories will:*

*Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.*

*Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.*

*Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.*

*Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.*

*Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.*

*Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.*

*Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.*

*Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.*

*Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.*

*Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually."*

### Question Three

**From Councillor Laurie Gray to Councillor Paul Honeywood, Portfolio Holder for Housing:**

*"Taking into consideration the new Government green paper on social housing, together with the Armed Forces Covenant, I would like to seek assurances on the level of support and advice council staff, in particular, within housing services, are providing ex-service personnel.*

*I have been approached by retired members of our armed services who are suffering either mental or physical injuries or an accumulation of both.*

*According to the Home Office Covenant, Government and local authorities have a legal obligation to assist ex-service personnel with friendly advice and maximum assistance in enabling them to secure safe and affordable housing.*

*Taking these facts into consideration, I respectfully request that an officer be assigned as a specialist in this field, giving the ex-service personnel a genuine contact. Thus providing them with a friendly face that they feel they can trust, especially given the fact that a lot of these people may be suffering from invisible injuries such as P.T.S.D.*

*Due to the increasing number of homeless ex-service personnel, I think this would be a very welcome and humane move on the part of this Council, perhaps leading the way for other Councils to follow.*

*What assurances can you give me in response to my request?"*

### Question Four

**From Councillor Mark Stephenson to Councillor Neil Stock OBE, Leader of the Council:**

*"Could the Leader of the Council please give an update on the following carried motions concerned with Road Safety in Tendring?"*

*I only ask as I have seen little to no action by Essex County Council or by Highways England despite this Council's formal requests for action on either area described in the motions.*

*For reference, I have included the wording of the motions as agreed by Council.*

5th April 2016 - Urgent Matters for Debate - Motion submitted by Councillor Mike Brown on the grounds of the recent fatalities on the A133 and ensuring the safety of the travelling public.

*“That this Council –*

- Is appalled that another serious accident has occurred on the A133 on the Weeley and Little Clacton by-pass last week leading to another fatality. In the last ten months there have been a total of 5 fatalities;*
- Demands that the Highways Authority take urgent action to investigate the causes of these accidents and implement all, and any, safety measures as soon as practicable.; and*
- Calls on the County Council and local Members of Parliament to support this motion and to do everything possible to ensure that the A133 Weeley and Little Clacton by-pass is made safe for all road users.”*

9th May 2017 - Motions to Council - Presented by Councillor Zoe Fairley - Proposed Road Safety Measures at Brickmans Bridge on the B1352

*A. “This Council calls upon Essex Police Serious Collision Unit to prioritise and disclose the causation report into all the serious injury and fatal collisions at Brickman’s Bridge, on the B1352 between Mistley and Bradfield.*

*B. Furthermore, this Council calls upon Essex County Council to provide all necessary structural amendments to the bridge, together with supportive traffic calming measures, advance warning signs and speed limit reductions, which will take full cognisance of the Essex Police report and provide improved safety conditions for motorists, passengers and all other road users.*

*C. This Council implores Essex County Council to introduce these changes and improved safety measures without delay and at the earliest possible opportunity.*

*D. This Council nominates its own representative to work with Essex County Council in order to bring about these improvements to the highest standards.””*