

Question 1

To be asked by Councillor Sweeney

Would the portfolio holder explain what the following statement that appeared on the 23rd July 2014 Cabinet agenda item 18 Contract for Corporate Cleaning Services paragraph 5.3.1 means?

“The budget shortfall will be met by re-aligning funds from the building cleaning holding account to meet both the 10% saving identified in 2.7 above and the projected 10% saving identified 5.1 above”

Question 2

To be asked by Councillor Sweeney

The following item appeared on the cabinet of 10th September 2014. Item 4 Performance Management Report Appendix A

“Overtime budget is overspent as no changes have yet been implemented to deliver the 2014/15 savings target of £100000”

Can the portfolio give an update on the latest position?

Question 3

To be asked by Councillor Loades

Can the portfolio holder confirm that the current skilled staffing in Streetscene is adequate to not only meet the needs of the council but also to support the recent desire to attract outside contracts for this department to tender for

Question 4

To be asked by Councillor Holland

According to the Sentinel (21 August 2014), the Borough Council has "phased out zero hour contracts". In fact, the Council employs three members of staff at the Borough museum on zero-hour contracts.

Would the Leader say that this is too many, not enough, or about the right number of staff for the Council to be employing on zero hours?

Question 5

To be asked by Councillor Holland

The Leader of the Council has an important role in guiding the work of the Council, including the taxation of the hardworking people of our Borough, and the provision of public services.

When will the Leader be moving from the City of Stoke-on-Trent, where he lives and pays Council Tax, to the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme?