

QUESTIONS TO THE MAYOR, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

To the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Environment:

1. Residents tell me there is no longer a facility to renew their brown garden waste subscription by phone and they must have an email address/account to do this. Residents say that the staff, although trying to be helpful, have asked such residents whether they can get help from someone to do it online. One resident in this position was a woman in her 80's who has never had children. Although her neighbours have been helpful in the past, she feels like 'she does not want everyone to know her business'. With so much in the media concerning elderly and other vulnerable people being victim to scams, I could sympathise with her view. I have heard of other cases where non digital customers get a neighbour/relative to set this up for them and then they give them the cash. Could I ask the portfolio holder:

Is there no facility for residents to pay for this service other than online?

If this is so, are staff advising residents to get members of the public to help them?

Cllr. Jacqueline Brown

To the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning:

2. The consultation on the main modifications stage of the Borough's Draft Local Plan ended on 17th December 2025. How many responses were received during the main modification stage and have these responses been forwarded to the planning inspector?

Cllr. Richard Gorton

To the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Town Centres and Growth:

3. The Cabinet sent a letter to Chancellor Rachel Reeves on August 1st 2025 outlining pressures on local authority finance, including business rate deficits, cost-of-living impacts on council income, unexpected cost of local government reorganisation and the rising cost of providing temporary accommodation for individuals and families made homeless.

Has the Portfolio Holder received a response from the Chancellor?

Cllr. Andrew Parker
