

COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2020

At 6.30 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING - ONLINE ACCESS,

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART I

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a) Ed Wilson of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Johnson, Leader of the Council:

Will the Leader of the Council advise what is the Council's vision for Furze Platt?

Written response: *The emerging Borough Local Plan sets out the Council's vision for future development within the whole Royal Borough. Within the emerging Borough Local Plan there are specific policies relating to areas where it is proposed to focus future growth. Furze Platt is not proposed to be an area of significant growth or change and so there are no specific policies relating to it. The future vision for the area is for it to be part of a thriving Royal Borough where people can live and work in a safe, healthy and sustainable environment.*

b) Ed Wilson of Clewer and Dedworth West ward will ask the following question of Councillor Hilton, Lead Member for Finance and Ascot:

The CIFPA Report under the Clewer & Dedworth Improvement Plan concludes that members were able to circumvent the Council's approved policies without appropriate challenge from officers. It also states that the plan was included after consideration at the Members Budget Steering Committee. Can he advise what challenge was made by officers at this meeting?

Written response: *There is no record of discussion of the Clewer and Dedworth Neighbourhood proposals in Budget Steering Group minutes and therefore no record of any challenge by officers.*

However, there is no doubt that the Dedworth and Clewer Neighbourhood scheme for roads and footway improvements did not go through the formal prioritisation process which ensures investment in roads maintenance is made based on greatest need. The Clewer and Dedworth proposals circumvented that process to the benefit of one ward. Not only did the roads maintenance avoid the prioritisation process but other schemes relating to works in parks and at a day centre were added to the scheme. It may be that these were approved by the then Managing Director but as detailed in the CIFPA report, the Monitoring Officer agreed that virements from the PAVE scheme, to pay for the parks and works to the Day Centre, were beyond the authority of the Managing Director and ultra vires

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