

## **Question for Full Council Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012**

### **Question 1**

#### **Question to Councillor Caswell from Councillor Davies**

Since the publication of the Beasley Report what steps have you taken to implement the recommendations? When will all the recommendations be fully implemented? How do you intend to monitor enterprises performance?

#### ***Response***

*An action plan has been produced which will ensure each and every recommendation arising from the Beasley report is addressed. Governance arrangements have also been reviewed to ensure tighter and more robust contract management, which will include monitoring the action plan implementation and its impact. Meetings have taken place with EMS' regional management to ensure their complete commitment to putting things right and driving improvement and to also deal with some of the underlying causes of many of the problems that were highlighted in the report.*

**Cllr J Caswell**  
**Cabinet Member for Environment**

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### **Question 2**

#### **Question to Councillor Bottwood from Councillor Palethorpe**

How many agency staff have NBC employed since April 2012?

#### ***Response***

*The number of agency workers employed by the Borough Council since April 2012 averages at 87 per month.*

***Cllr A Bottwood***  
***Cabinet Member for Finance***

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### **Question 3**

#### **Question to Councillor Eldred from Councillor I Choudary**

The Conservative Administration says it wishes to carry out consultation on the selling of Egyptian statue. Have you consulted yet with "Save Sekhemka Action Group (SSAG)?"

#### ***Response***

*The council's formal consultation on the proposed disposal of Sekhemka has now closed. We are of course still happy to receive further feedback. We have not directly contacted the 'Save Sekhemka Action Group', although we know from visiting the SSAG web site that the group is aware of our consultation. Also, I understand that the chair of SSAG is also the chair of the friends of the museum, so would be aware of the consultation for that reason also.*

**Cllr Eldred**  
**Cabinet Member for Community Engagement**

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### **Question 4**

#### **Question to Councillor Markham from Norman Adams**

The Local Government Association (LGA) and others have made a reasoned case for relaxing the borrowing cap. In a recent report 'Let's get building - The case for local authority investment in rented homes to help drive economic growth.

As the Portfolio holder for housing:

- Have you read the report?
- If so do you support the relaxing of the borrowing cap?

#### ***Response***

Being able to borrow to invest in the existing housing stock and to provide new social housing is of paramount importance to the delivery of a successful and forward-thinking housing service. I and this administration as a whole support moves to remove the borrowing cap, which would allow any decisions on local democracy to be taken locally.

**Cllr M Markham**  
**Cabinet Member for Housing**

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### **Question 5**

#### **Question to Councillor Markham from Norman Adams**

Could you PLEASE inform me as to the cost(s) of the venue (room) bookings for the Housing Options Project to date?

#### **Response**

£1240

***Cllr M Markham  
Cabinet Member for Housing***