

COUNCIL 20 FEBRUARY 2024

AGENDA ITEM 8 – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

1. Question from Councillor Lucius Vellacott to Leader of the Council, Cllr Anna Bailey, in her capacity as the Council's Combined Authority Board Member:

The CPCA Mayor is set to raise the precept by 200%, and whilst a service linking Soham and Cambridge is welcomed, residents in Wicken will not see the benefit. Those living in the village need to access all their local services in Soham. With access to Soham train station, just one bus would link Wicken with the world, and the world with an internationally important Nature Reserve at Wicken Fen (and the excellent Maids Head pub).

Will the Leader of the Council push the Mayor to examine the viability of a two-hourly service linking Wicken and Soham in his new proposals?

2. Question from Councillor Cllr Bill Hunt, Stretham Ward, to Chair of F&A Committee Cllr Alan Sharp:

At the meeting of the Finance and Assets Committee on 25th January 2024 doubt was cast on whether or not Stretham Parish Council had provided a letter of support for The Link project by Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust. Indeed, I noted that all the Liberal Democrats at that meeting, with the exception of one abstention, voted against providing funding for this project which includes a new GP Surgery. Can the Chairman of the Finance and Assets Committee confirm that Stretham Parish Council did in fact provide a letter of support for the project?

3. Question from Councillor Martin Goodearl to Councillor Anna Bailey:

Myself and the residents of Littleport and in the wider area are upset to hear that Stagecoach are making large reductions to the No.9 bus service in April. This will mean a massive loss of service to the residents of Littleport especially those, who cannot drive, requiring to get to an appointment at the walk in medical facilities at the former RAF hospital or to access Ely for day to day tasks, as shopping or visiting friends and family. I am aware that Councillor Bailey has been in discussions with Officers at the CPCA. Can the leader of the Council please give us an update on what the CPCA is planning to do to restore the service for my residents and the residents of the other wards on this route?