

## **COUNCIL 19 OCTOBER 2023**

### **AGENDA ITEM 8 – QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

#### **1. Question from Councillor Lucius Vellacott to Leader of the Council:**

Soham and Wicken High Streets are frequently affected by excessive speeding, as well as illegal parking, so I welcome the introduction of a new enforcement scheme by the Police to address this. Could the Leader of the Council provide the latest update on the scheme's development?

#### **2. Question from Councillor Christine Colbert to Chair of Operational Services Committee:**

What plans does this Council have to enter into the Business Waste market?

#### **3. Question from Councillor Christine Whelan to Chair of Operational Services Committee:**

At the current time there are many houses that are run by Sanctuary housing, some that are empty and have been for over a year.

Will Cllr Huffer invite Sanctuary Housing to a meeting of Operational Services Committee to answer questions from members regarding the empty housing they have in the district?

#### **4. Question from Councillor Mark Inskip to the Chair of Operational Services committee on ECSS governance**

At the full Council meeting on 21 February a member expressed concern about the proper governance of the East Cambs Street Scene should the Council's Director Operations also be an ECSS Director. Explaining that in effect this would mean that the Council Officer responsible for monitoring the delivery of the company's improvement plan would also be a Company Director.

Cllr Huffer told the Council on 21 February that she had "no such reservations" about the proposed appointment of the Director of Operations as an ECSS Director.

On 29 September the Chief Executive briefed members that "to provide greater separation and clarity between the roles and responsibilities of the Council and ECSS, particularly at senior management level... [the] Director, Operations will... resign from the ECSS Board".

Has Cllr Huffer had opportunity to reflect on her earlier statement?

**5. Question from Councillor Charlotte Cane to Leader of the Council:**

Cllr Bailey told Council on 21 February that "She disagreed with the assertions of poor governance [at ECSS]"

On 29 September the Chief Executive briefed Members that "there are governance failures..."

Has Cllr Bailey had opportunity to reflect on her earlier statement?