

Questions for Full Council Monday 13th July 2009

Question 1

Question for Cllr. Beardsworth from Mr N Adams

As the tender document for 'The provision of Asbestos sampling' has been issued, would the portfolio holder assure tenants that full findings from the survey(s) would be made available on request?

Response

The findings of the survey will be made available to individual tenants where asbestos has been identified in their home.

However, the Asbestos Register cannot be released in its entirety owing to the requirements of the Data Protection Act. Information, excluding personal and excluded data, will be published.

Sally Beardsworth
Portfolio Holder for Housing

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Question 2

Question for Cllr P Varnserry from Cllr M Golby

In regards to Duston Day in the Park, an annual event in my ward which is funded by Duston Parish Council and run entirely by volunteers, can you please explain why the council could not support this event, and insisted on charging £25 for the use of Errington Park.

Response

The £25 administration fee reflects the following services provided by council officers:

1. Approval and advice relating to the event's organisation, including but not restricted to, risk assessments, public liability and food safety.
2. Fulfilling the council's duty to inform the Performing Rights Society (PRS) that music was being played at the event.
3. Informing and advising the Northampton Safety Advisory Group, which brings together representatives from local Police, Ambulance and Fire authorities, and Northamptonshire County Council.

Paul Varnserry
Portfolio Holder for Communities

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Question 3

Question for Cllr A Woods from Cllr C Malpas

Would the leader agree that the introduction of a 'motion update' item on future council agendas would help councillors monitor the progress of motions passed by this council, and if so will he pledge to introduce such an item?

Response

This was something that we requested while in opposition so would be supportive of in principle. A rolling 'motion update' document appended to every council agenda might, however, not be the best way of implementing this.

I would be happy to explore methods of achieving this – for example by uploading such a document on the council's website, available to all councillors, residents and employees.

Tony Woods
Leader of the Council

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Question 4

Question for Cllr A Woods from Beverley Mennell

Will Council explain whether their refusal to accept a booking for a democratic and representative group of tenants to meet at the Guildhall is because they want sham and unrepresentative consultations with tenants chosen by themselves, so they can get adverse decisions through?

Response

No.

On 4th February 2009, Cabinet approved a new way to engage with tenants at both Borough-wide and local levels, following a report by the Priority Estates Partnership (PEP). The report will be considered again by Cabinet later in the year, following consultation with residents.

Tony Woods
Leader of the Council