

MSDC COUNCIL – 20 MARCH 2024

ITEM 8 - QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Question 1 – Mr Steven Wells to Councillor Eburne, Cabinet Member for Finance

- 1) Given that the Green administration has created the Mid Suffolk Plan stating (taken from District Councillor Report presented by Cllr Penny) 'environmental and social responsibilities is at the heart of everything we do, helping to create thriving and resilient communities in Mid Suffolk this encompasses: Housing and infrastructure, Resilience, Community wellbeing; and Environmental sustainability; a key principle is to work collaboratively with communities.'; can the Cabinet member explain how increasing the charge to Parish Councils for emptying of Dog bins, considering their very finite budgets, without consulting them, is not contradictory to the Mid Suffolk Plan' heart?

Question 2 – Mr Steven Wells to Councillor Eburne, Cabinet Member for Finance

- 2) As a Council Tax payer it is very concerning that it appears the Council hugely underestimated and miscalculated the level of borrowing needed to fund the capital programme 2023 /24 resulting in borrowing appearing to be 335% more than initially intended and as such can the Cabinet member for Finance reassure we the public that the numbers for this budget are fully worked through, robust, reliable and have been checked to make sure the amounts are correct mitigating the risk of getting it so wrong again?