



Minutes

of the Meeting of the

The Council

Tuesday, 25th September 2018

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Meeting Commenced: 6.00 pm Meeting Concluded: 8.40 pm

Councillors:

P David Jolley (Chairman)

P Reyna Knight (Vice-Chairman)

A Elfan Ap Rees

A Felicity Baker

A Karen Barclay

P Chris Blades

P Mary Blatchford

P Peter Burden

P Charles Cave

P Robert Cleland

A Andy Cole

P John Crockford-Hawley

P Bob Garner

Colin Hall

A David Hitchins

P Jill Iles

P Tom Leimdorfer

P Richard Nightingale

P David Oyns

P David Pasley

P Marcia Pepperall

P Terry Porter

P Kate Stowey

P Richard Tucker

A Martin Williams

P Nick Wilton

P Nigel Ashton

P Jan Barber

P Michael Bell

A Ericka Blades

P Peter Bryant

P Mark Canniford

P James Clayton

P Sarah Codling

A Peter Crew

P Donald Davies

A Judith Hadley

P Ann Harley

P Denise Hunt

P Ruth Jacobs

P John Ley-Morgan

A Jerry O'Brien

P Ian Parker

P Dawn Payne

P Lisa Pilgrim

P David Shopland

P James Tonkin

P Liz Wells

P Roz Willis

P Deborah Yamanaka

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

Officers in attendance: Helen Bailey (Interim Chief Executive), Sheila Smith (Director of People and Communities), Nicholas Brain (Head of Legal and Democratic Services), Malcolm Coe (Head of Finance and Property), Joanne Butcher (Corporate Services), Sue Efford (Corporate Services), Jenny Ford (Development and

Environment), Alex Hearn (Development and Environment), Jonathan Kirby (Corporate Services), Paul Morris (Corporate Services), Richard Turner (Corporate Services), Sally Varley (People and Communities), Melanie Watts (Corporate Services)

COU 43 Public Participation: Matt Thomas, Local Resident – Establishment of a Joint Venture Arrangement with Bath and North East Somerset Council (Agenda Item 1)

Mr Thomas addressed the Council as a local resident and Chair of Nailsea Action Group on the matter of the proposed establishment of a joint venture arrangement with Bath and North East Somerset Council (B&NES). He referred to The Uplands in Nailsea, suggesting this was an area of open space of significant value to the local community, enjoyed by many local dog walkers. He noted the land had been included for development within the site allocation plan but referred to the history of the site and raised several concerns and questions in relation to its future development and whether the associated risks had been fully assessed.

Whilst recognising the potential benefits of the proposed joint venture arrangement, he urged members to vote against the proposal until the full details of the proposed arrangement could be considered, and the impact of future developments on local communities could be considered.

The Chairman thanked Mr Thomas for his address. The matter would be considered later in the meeting (agenda item 20 refers).

COU 44 Declarations of Interest by Members (Agenda Item 4)

None.

COU 45 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 July 2018 (Agenda Item 5)

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

**COU 46 Motions by Members (Standing Order No. 14)
Executive Member Term of Office (Councillor David Shopland) (Agenda Item 6.1)**

Motion: Moved by Councillor Shopland, and seconded by Councillor Davies

“That no Member of the Council shall serve more than four years as an Executive Member.”

Seven Members signified their support for a debate on the Motion.

Councillor Shopland spoke in support of the Motion. He referred to the long hours, responsibilities and physical and mental strain associated with the role of Executive Member. He suggested limiting the term of office to four years would improve the effectiveness of the Executive as well as giving other members the opportunity to develop their skills.

In considering the Motion the following issues were discussed: reference was made to a lack of democracy with a Leader/Executive model of governance and the benefits of returning to a committee system; the advantages and disadvantages of having a limited term of office for all councillors; the need to attract and retain good councillors and to encourage open debate; the flaws of the current electoral system; the need for a strong and stable Executive to develop knowledge and expertise and to build good working relationships with partner agencies and outside bodies; the entitlement of all political groups to select their own leaders, and for the Leader of the Council to select his/her own Executive.

On being put to the vote, the **Motion** was **LOST**.

**COU 47 Motions by Members (Standing Order No. 14)
Special Privileges for Senior Councillors (Councillor David Shopland)
(Agenda Item 6.2)**

Motion: Moved by Councillor Shopland, and seconded by Councillor Davies

“That this Council does not continue to provide Senior Councillors or Executive Members with perks denied to ordinary Councillors i.e. the special privilege of unlimited free parking throughout the District.”

Seven Members signified their support for a debate on the Motion.

Councillor Shopland spoke in support of the Motion. He stated he was not suggesting any impropriety but stressed the importance of openness and transparency to reassure the public that no special privileges were received by any councillors.

In considering the Motion the following issues were discussed: reference was made to reports in the press and the need to be mindful of public perception regarding special privileges; that no councillors should receive free parking permits for Council car parks and any parking costs incurred whilst undertaking council duties should be claimed back in the usual way. In response to the comments made Councillor Ashton explained the reason why he and the Deputy Leader had been given passes to park in Council car parks while on Council business and took exception to his integrity being challenged. He stated he would be happy to return his pass and to submit an expense claim for any future parking charges.

On being put to the vote, the **Motion** was **LOST**.

**COU 48 Motions by Members (Standing Order No. 14)
Property Board Amendments (Councillor Donald Davies) (Agenda Item 6.3)**

Motion: Moved by Councillor Davies, and seconded by Councillor Tonkin

“NSC has decided to invest in commercial property with an initial investment fund of £100m. Given the long term liabilities for NSC and the volatile market for commercial retail property and its risk to publicly funded investments, this council instructs the Head of Legal to make amendments to the council's constitution to give effect to the following proposals:

1. the Property Board becomes a standing working party of the council.
2. its terms of reference are to oversee commercial property investments on behalf of the council and to review and where appropriate make recommendations to Council or Executive regarding new investments, sale of existing portfolios or additional spending in excess of £25000 on the current portfolio.
3. membership shall consist of: Leader of Council, Deputy Leader of Council, Leaders of all other political groups, Executive member responsible for capital programme, with substitution in the same manner as for standing committees.
4. the working party to be supported by appropriate officers including the Chief Executive, Director of Development and Environment, and s151 and monitoring officers.”

Seven Members signified their support for a debate on the Motion.

Councillor Davies spoke in support of the Motion. He stated that given the commercial investments the Council was entering into, with significant long term financial implications, there should be wider representation on the Board.

In discussing the Motion the following issues were raised: the need for wider representation to allow for greater oversight and challenge at a formative stage in the process; the long term implications of such investments, extending well beyond the term of the current administration, and the importance of engagement with all members to achieve broad consensus; the advisory status of the Board, with previous recommendations coming before Council for decision; the commercial sensitivity of investment proposals and the need to retain confidentiality; the opportunity for officer briefings on proposed investments and for other groups to bring forward their own proposals; the absence of commercial expertise within the Council and disquiet around the use of public funds for this purpose; the need for proper scrutiny of any proposed investments.

On being put to the vote, the **Motion** was **LOST**.

COU **Motions by Members (Standing Order No. 14)**
49 **Parking Review (Councillor Mike Bell) (Agenda Item 6.4)**

Motion: Moved by Councillor Mike Bell, and seconded by Councillor Canniford

“North Somerset Council notes that the Leader of Council at the meeting of council on 9th January 2018 confirmed his intention to "set up a cross party working group in the Spring to undertake a review of parking across North Somerset." and that at the council meeting on 10th April 2018, the Leader indicated that he was "hoping to set up a meeting within the coming weeks to set the parameters for the review."

Council notes that no such cross-party review has yet been established by the Leader.

Given the continuing public concern about the council's parking policies in respect of charging, enforcement and scope and the need to address these concerns, council instructs the Solicitor to the Council to arrange a cross-party working group on parking strategy at the earliest opportunity with the remit to develop recommendations for the Executive and Council on the strategic and operational aspects of parking across North Somerset.

Strategic considerations should include the contribution parking can make to increasing retail and leisure footfall; connecting the day-time and night-time economy; encouraging visitors and maximising length of stay by visitors; parking provision for workers in employment areas; future parking needs taking account of growth and redevelopment proposals; the need to maintain a strong income base for the council.

Operational considerations should include the competitive offer of parking in North Somerset compared to other areas; the relationship between on street and off street parking; ticketing alternatives; tariff flexibility; traffic management and car park capacity and information; potential to increase income without raising prices through sponsorship and marketing; customer experience; business experience; the quality, condition and location of car parks; and the need for residents' parking zones.”

Seven Members signified their support for a debate on the Motion.

Councillor Bell spoke in support of the Motion. He stated that a parking review had been requested some time ago and asked the Leader to commence a wide ranging review at the earliest opportunity.

In discussing the Motion the following issues were raised: members recognised the importance of a wide ranging review to address the issues set out in the Motion along with others such as disabled access and cycle lanes; clarification was sought as to who would be heading up any parking review and reference was made to the importance of ensuring all councillors were given the opportunity to contribute, that there was engagement with all interested parties and that the process was transparent.

Councillor Ashton responded he had held two initial meetings with councillors from across the district to establish the range of issues to be addressed. He stressed the importance of ensuring a properly structured and comprehensive review was undertaken and reported that officers were currently working on this and he would meet with them shortly to finalise details. The review proposals would then be referred to the Strategic Planning and Economic Development Policy and Scrutiny Panel for consideration before going out for wider consultation. He apologised for the delay in moving forward with the review but stressed the importance of ensuring it was properly planned and structured. He gave assurances that all councillors would have the opportunity to contribute to the review process shortly.

In noting the assurances given by the Leader, Councillor Bell and Councillor Canniford, as mover and seconder of the Motion, indicated they were willing to withdraw the Motion.

COU Chairman's announcements (Agenda Item 8)

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The Chairman welcomed Oliver Rosner, a guest from Hildesheim, Germany who was here to promote an exchange of apprentices between the two towns.

The Chairman referred to the success of the recent Tall Ships experience and the positive results for the ten crew members who had taken part. He thanked all those members who had contributed to this experience. He announced he was now organising a trip to the Playhouse Theatre to see Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs for younger children in care, and sought members support for this too.

The Chairman announced that this Thursday would be the last Bike Night of the season with over 800 riders expected to parade from the Railway Station to Beach Lawns. He reported that throughout the year the riders had contributed to Lyn's Poppy Appeal and had raised over £110,000, with Somerset Legion House receiving some of these funds.

COU Leader's announcements (Agenda Item 9)

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Councillor Ashton congratulated the Chairman on the success of the Tall Ships experience. With reference to the problems experienced over recent months with the waste collection service he was pleased to report that the service was now showing improvement. He announced that he had invited the new Regional Director and the Chief Executive of Biffa to come to a briefing session for all councillors on 16 October to explain the reasons for the problems and to answer members' questions. He would confirm the time of the briefing as soon as possible.

He reported that Councillor Ap Rees had been unable to attend this evening's meeting for personal reasons and that in his absence officers would present the reports on his behalf.

COU Forward Plan dated 31 August 2018 (Agenda Item 11)

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Councillor Ashton presented the Forward Plan.

In response to a query as to the absence of an item on the Joint Spatial Plan/Local Plan it was suggested this was due to the timing of the consultation period, but Councillor Ashton agreed to raise this with officers.

With regard to the item on parks and street scene contracted services listed for Council in November reference was made to the reduced frequency of street cleaning now undertaken and a request was made for this to be re-evaluated as part of the new contract, and for consideration to be given to how best to engage with town and parish councils as part of the commissioning plan.

Resolved: that the Forward Plan be noted.

COU Question Time (Standing Order No. 18) (Agenda Item 13)

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Oral questions were directed to Members concerned and the summary notes and the topics involved are contained in Appendix 1.

**COU 54 Report and matters referred from Audit Committee – 26 July 2018
AUD4 Audit Committee Annual Report (Agenda Item 16.1)**

Councillor Blatchford presented the reference and the report of the Audit Committee.

In response to concerns raised regarding the absence of any reference within the report to the scrutiny of the financial irregularities relating to the management of the Tropicana, Councillor Ashton undertook to provide a report to councillors to clarify the position.

Resolved: that the Audit Committee’s Annual Report 2017/18 be received.

**COU 55 Report and matters referred from Licensing Committee - 9 August 2018
LIC3 Review of Taxi Licensing Policy (Agenda Item 16.2)**

Councillor Baker presented the reference and the report from the Licensing Committee. She stated the main policy changes were around safety checks, the introduction of a six monthly licensing regime for older vehicles and the licensing of electric and non-motorised vehicles.

Motion: Moved by Councillor Baker, seconded by Councillor Ashton and

Resolved: that the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2018-2023 be adopted.

**COU 56 Reports on joint arrangements and external organisations and
questions relating thereto: Avon Fire Authority (Agenda Item 17 (1))**

Councillor Garner reported on the matters discussed at recent meetings of the Avon Fire Authority. He referred to the significant interest payments included within the budget, concerns around interim senior officers being replaced by further interim appointments and to the ongoing improvements being made to address the requirements of the Home Office Inspection.

Councillor Wilton made a personal statement about his views on the Avon Fire Authority, suggesting no material changes had been delivered following the findings of the Home Office Inquiry.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

**COU 57 Reports on joint arrangements and external organisations and
questions relating thereto: West of England Joint Scrutiny Committee
(Agenda Item 17 (2))**

Councillor Blades reported on the recent meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee, outlining the five matters considered all of which had involved North Somerset Council on this occasion, namely: the Local Industrial Strategy, the WECA Business Plan, 2017/18 City Regional Deal Annual Performance, the Joint Spatial Plan Progress Update and the Metrobus

Progress Update. He referred to concerns raised regarding the Metrobus fare structure and reported this would be considered at a future meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee. He referred to the amount of paperwork provided for these meetings and stated members had asked for summary reports to be provided in future.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

COU 58 Appointments on Outside Bodies – Clevedon Business Improvement District (Agenda Item 18)

Councillor Ashton presented the report.

Motion: Moved by Councillor Ashton, seconded by Councillor Bryant and

Resolved: that Councillor Chris Blades be appointed as the councillor representative on Clevedon Business Improvement District Ltd.

COU 59 North Somerset Landscape Character Assessment Update 2018 (Agenda Item 19)

In Councillor Ap Rees's absence, a representative from the Development and Environment Directorate presented the report.

Members thanked officers for the report and for the clear and concise consultation process.

Motion: Moved by Councillor Ashton, seconded by Councillor Bryant and

Resolved: that the North Somerset Landscape Character Assessment update 2018, along with the amendments as set out in appendix 2 of the report, be adopted as a supplementary planning document.

COU 60 Establishment of a Joint Venture Arrangement between Bath and North East Somerset Council (Agenda Item 20)

Councillor Pasley presented the report.

In discussing the report the following issues were raised: questions were raised regarding progress with the Selworthy Road site in Weston-super-Mare and Councillor Pasley undertook to update the local councillor in due course; concerns were raised in relation to any development of the site at The Uplands, Nailsea given its historical importance and its value to local residents as public open space; concerns were raised in relation to the proposed joint venture arrangement with another authority without any development track record, and to the benefits of waiting until this council had its own development company in place; questions around governance and representation on the Aequus Board and the absence of any prior consultation with members; the need to maximise opportunities for affordable housing and options for increasing provision above 30%; spiralling land values and pressures on the government to allow councils to borrow money to build council housing for rent; the duty on the council to maximise the

value of its assets and to provide additional housing; the benefits for the Council in developing its own sites rather than selling the land to a housing developer.

Motion: Moved by Councillor Pasley, seconded by Councillor Bryant and

Resolved:

(1) that the principle of the establishment of a Joint Venture arrangement with Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES) for the delivery of local housing developments be approved;

(2) that the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Chief Executive, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer, be delegated authority to enter into the Joint Venture, subject to a satisfactory business case and establishment of appropriate governance arrangements; and

(3) that the allocation of up to £10,000 from the Council's revenue budget be approved to meet Council legal costs for the setup of the Joint Venture.

COU 61 Update and Contract Award for Strategic Council Priority Projects; Locking Parklands Primary, Foodworks, North South Link Road and Grant Acceptance; including Budget Setting (Agenda Item 21)

In Councillor Ap Rees's absence, a representative of from the Corporate Services Directorate presented the report.

In discussing the report reference was made to recommendation (1) and it was suggested the council was still some way off delivering 6,500 homes and 10,000 employment opportunities. A concern was also raised regarding the significant cost of the schemes.

Motion: Moved by Councillor Bryant, seconded by Councillor Pasley and

Resolved:

(1) that the significant progress made with regards to delivering strategic and ambitious capital schemes, as part of North Somerset Council's housing, economic development and infrastructure priorities to provide 6,500 homes and over 10,000 employment opportunities in the Weston Villages be noted;

(2) that construction contracts totalling £33.237m be awarded for the following schemes:

(a) Balfour Beatty CSUK (Registered No: 395826) for the construction of the North South Link Road - £12,941,747

(b) Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd (Registered No: 00768173) for the construction of the Foodworks Innovation Centre - £11.300million

(c) Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd (Registered No: 00768173) for the construction of Locking Parklands Primary School - £8.996million;

(3) that £9.900million be accepted from the Accelerated Housing Fund Grant scheme from Homes England towards the delivery of 4 sites in North Somerset, subject to viability assessments and agreement on grant terms and conditions. The final decision on the acceptance of this grant to be delegated to the Executive Member for Capital Finance, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and the Section 151 Officer;

(4) that it be noted that the Assistant Director for Place Making and Growth will be preparing development options for the 4 sites: North Somerset Council land at Locking Parklands, Uplands at Nailsea, Downside at Portishead and Selworthy Road, and that the sites at Uplands and Nailsea will be subject to a separate report;

(5) that the budget for these projects as outlined in table 1.1 within the report be approved to enable the award of contracts as detailed in resolution (2) above; and

(6) that the steps being taken by the Section 151 Officer and Head of Major Projects in relation to Project Management Governance Structures and processes for the North Somerset Council Capital Programme be noted.

Councillor Garner voted against the resolution and asked for this to be recorded.

Chairman

Appendix 1

North Somerset Council Council Meeting, 25 September 2018 Question Time (Agenda Item 13)

Question 1

From Councillor Oyns

To Councillor Bryant, Executive Member for Waste, Streets and Open Spaces

Waste Collection Service

Councillor Oyns referred to problems over recent months with missed collections and asked the Executive Member to provide an update on how this was being resolved.

Councillor Bryant was pleased to report that three months after re-routing the service improvements were now being seen. He reported that a new Business Director had now been appointed and additional drivers and loaders had been employed. As of today everything had been cleared. He thanked the Waste Team and fellow councillors for helping to placate local residents over recent months.

Question 2

From Councillor Tucker

To Councillor Ap Rees, Executive Member for Planning, Highways, Transport, Housing, Economic Development

Yellow Lines in Mansfield Avenue and Shaftesbury Avenue

Councillor Tucker stated that residents in Mansfield Avenue and Shaftesbury Road in Milton had been waiting three years for the yellow lines on the corner with Milton Road to be extended to ease access and congestion issues. The waste recycling lorry crews have also apparently reported that they experience similar problems at this junction.

Councillor Tucker stated that he had been informed by Highways that the lining works would be carried out by the end of summer but had recently learnt from senior Highways Managers that the Leader and Executive had now issued a directive that no further yellow lines were to be put down in the District because of the parking review. He asked the Leader if, in Councillor Ap Rees's absence, he could confirm if this was the case and advise residents in that area of Milton if, and when, they would be getting the work done.

Councillor Ashton responded that he would look at the detail of this case and see what could be done.

Question 3

From Councillor Clayton

To Councillor Ap Rees, Executive Member for Planning, Highways, Transport, Housing, Economic Development

Homelessness Strategy

Councillor Clayton stated that he understood the Government's homelessness strategy allocated money to councils on the basis of need, including emergency needs. In Councillor Ap Rees's absence he asked the Leader if he could assure members that North Somerset Council had applied for and would receive all available funds it was entitled to and tell residents how much this would be for 2018/19 and how the money would be spent.

Question 4

From Councillor Leimdorfer

To Councillor Pasley, Executive Member for Human Resources, Asset Management, Capital Programme, Transformation

Use of Bailiffs

Councillor Leimdorfer stated that in the first few months of the current financial year, North Somerset Council had issued over 6,300 court summonses with over 4,000 bailiff actions. He asked if the Executive Member was aware that Hammersmith and Fulham LBC no longer used bailiffs to collect council tax debt but used an ethical approach to debt collection in partnership with a company which gives debt advice and Financial Conduct Authority standards of debt collection. This had resulted in higher rates of collection and reduced stress for vulnerable residents. Several councils were looking at this and he asked Councillor Pasley if he would ensure this Council also explored this option.

Councillor Pasley responded he was aware of it. He stated that this Council had one of the highest collection rates in the country and it was unlikely that any changes would be made to current operations.

In a supplementary question he asked the Executive Member if he was aware of evidence which showed that heavy handed debt collection in the public sector was counter-productive: court action, bailiffs and lawyers were costly and created high levels of stress and anxiety in vulnerable families, adding North Somerset was one of the most unequal councils.

Councillor Pasley declined to respond further.

Question 5

From Councillor Yamanaka

To Councillor Bryant, Executive Member for Waste, Streets and Open Spaces

Changes to Waste Collection Service

Councillor Yamanaka asked Councillor Bryant if he could ensure that all councillors were advised of any changes to the waste collection service before they read it in the press to avoid misinformation being given to residents.

Councillor Bryant responded that councillors were top of his list and he would do so.

Councillor Yamanaka further commented that this had occurred twice recently and asked if this could be addressed.

Question 6

From Councillor Ley-Morgan

To Councillor Pasley, Executive Member for Human Resources, Asset Management, Capital Programme, Transformation

Re-instatement of Pool on the Seafront

Councillor Ley-Morgan referred to constant letters to the Mercury from local people and readers from further afield pressing the Council to re-instate a swimming pool on the seafront. He asked if they were deluding themselves and wasting their time or was there any chance of their wishes being granted in the foreseeable future.

Councillor Pasley responded there were no plans for a pool on the seafront but that a pool would be provided as part of the development at Hutton Moor.

In a supplementary question Councillor Ley-Morgan referred to The Blue Lagoon Indoor Water Park in Pembrokeshire which opened in 2008 and was open all year round, with a very large pool including flumes, a wave machine and a poolside café. It was privately owned, so popular that swimmers were restricted to three hours, and the wave machine was switched on for 15 minutes every hour, and the water was heated by a bio-fuel unit alongside serviced by a local farmer. He suggested similar buildings would not look out of place on the seafront. He asked the Executive Member if he and officers would look very carefully at this hugely successful facility and visit it to see for themselves.

Councillor Pasley responded that it would be totally inappropriate to commit public funds to something like that but suggested there was nothing to stop private developers coming forward with such a scheme.

Question 7

From Councillor Bell

To Councillor Ashton, Leader of the Council

Enforcement of Planning Conditions

Councillor Bell asked Councillor Ashton to comment on the impact of developments and construction works in terms of noise, hours of operation and use of heavy equipment on neighbouring residential properties and the apparent lack of enforcement and building control support to tackle them. He suggested this was particularly important as more developments came on stream in Weston town centre and referred to the negative experience of people living in Palmer Street recently as an example of this.

Councillor Ashton asked Councillor Bell to provide further details and agreed to look into it.

Question 8

From Councillor Crockford-Hawley

To Councillor Bryant, Executive Member for Waste, Streets and Open Spaces

Waste Minimisation/ Waste Collection Points

Councillor Crockford-Hawley stated that whilst most residents acted responsibly some were still putting bin liners of waste on to the streets and doing so before collection day which, with the aid of gulls and foxes, empty on to the streets and

pavements. He stated that he didn't blame Councillor Bryant for this anti-social behaviour but asked him what waste minimisation action he might be prepared to undertake, including a sufficiency of on-street bins and mini recycling centres, so that our streets might become a bit cleaner.

Councillor Bryant agreed this was an ongoing problem and responded that he was in regular discussion with officers to try and resolve the issue. He suggested collection points could be an option providing residents were prepared to carry their waste to the collection point.

Question 9

From Councillor Shopland

To Councillor Pasley, Executive Member for Human Resources, Asset Management, Capital Programme, Transformation

Remedial Works at The Tropicana

Councillor Shopland asked Councillor Pasley if he was aware that when he was Chairman he had been refused access to the Tropicana because it was deemed to be unsafe and too dangerous. Also this Council had received a report that the foundations were insufficient to support the structure and voted to pull it down. He asked the Executive Member if he could please notify all councillors in writing what remedial works and repairs had been carried out to the foundations to make the structure safe for public use, and the cost.

Councillor Pasley responded he would look into it.