

Full Council – 30 January 2020

Questions from Councillors

1 Councillor David Carter to Councillor Mark Ingall (Leader of the Council):

The Great British Spring Clean is taking place this year from 20 March until 13 April. Can I ask the Leader if the Council is taking part again like last year?

Reply from Councillor Mark Ingall (Leader of the Council):

The Council will be taking part this year. Last year's Spring Clean was a huge success with around 1,900 people taking part and over 400 bags of litter collected. As a result, the Council is a finalist for the Great British Spring Clean Award at the Keep Britain Tidy Network Awards on 6 February 2020. I'm sure all Councillors are extremely proud of this, and I would like to once again thank all the residents, Officers, Councillors and HTS staff who made this possible.

I am delighted that we will be taking part again. Harlow Council began its promotion this week and I would invite all Councillors to take part and raise the event's profile within the town so that this year's Spring Clean is even bigger.

Supplementary Question from Councillor David Carter:

Who will be the lead Councillor this year?

Supplementary Reply from Councillor Mark Ingall, Leader of the Council

In the first instance ask me, I will then delegate work to other Councillors.

2 Councillor Joel Charles to Councillor Danny Purton (Portfolio Holder for Environment):

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment confirm what lessons were learnt by Harlow Council after it was forced to re-tender the current waste and recycling contract?

Reply from Councillor Danny Purton (Portfolio Holder for Environment):

To always seek, despite problems with the process, the best possible outcome for our community

Supplementary Question from Councillor Joel Charles:

Has the Council recovered the costs associated with the initial tendering process?

Supplementary Reply from Councillor Danny Purton, Portfolio Holder for Environment:

Discussions over the recovery of costs are still ongoing. There is a need to get rid of compulsory competitive tendering.

3 Councillor Joel Charles to Councillor Danny Purton (Portfolio Holder for Environment):

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment confirm when he first became aware of alleged workplace bullying and health and safety issues at Veolia Harlow?

Reply from Councillor Danny Purton (Portfolio Holder for Environment):

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Supplementary Question from Councillor Joel Charles:

Does he agree with the accusations that he was lying about when he became aware of the allegations?

Supplementary Reply from Councillor Danny Purton, Portfolio Holder for Environment:

This is another of Councillor Charles' allegations. It is fake news. Once we became aware we held a meeting with the Union and Veolia within one working day.