

Questions by Members under paragraph 19.3 of Part 2 (The Council and District Council Members) of the Constitution, notice of which have been duly given.

(a) Question from Cllr. Gilbert to the Cabinet Member for Safe Community

1. If the Council takes professional advice which is then reported on gold paper as being confidential, should Cabinet Members & officers comply with that advice in their public statements?
2. If Cabinet Members or officers contradict specialist legal or other professional advice taken by the Council and retained as confidential, without first securing alternative specialist advice which supports a contradictory view, what remedies are available to ensure that the full true picture becomes known to the public to prevent misunderstanding?

(b) Question from Cllr. Underwood to the Leader

Would the Leader confirm that the allocation of committee seats has been done under the Widdecombe rules and that all parties and political groups have been duly credited accordingly to their allowance and have all such seats been accepted?

